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CM to visit Murshidabad in May, promises compensation and support

MI News Service, Goaltore: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee nounced on Tuesday that she would visit the riot-torn areas of Murshidabad district in the first week of May to assess the situation following recent violence over the Waqf Act. Banerjee claimed that 'outsiders' were responsible for inciting the unrest, which affected two wards of Dhulian town. Addressing an administrative program in Midnapore, the Chief Minister condemned the violence, describing it as "unfortunate.' She emphasized that the state government does not support riots and made it clear that the perpetrators would be exposed. "We do not want riots. Some outsiders orchestrated this violence, and we will expose them and their conspiracy,' Banerjee stated.

The violence, which resulted in casualties and extensive damage, has raised concerns across the state. In response, Banerjee assured the families of the victims that they would receive a compensation of ₹10 lakh each. Additionally, she promised to rebuild the homes of those affected



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated solar power generation facility in presence of State Chief Secretary Manoj Pant and eminent foreign delegates at Goaltore in Paschim Medinipur on Tuesday.

Mamata Banerjee's vision for Bengal Inaugurates key development projects

MI News Service, Goaltore: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata recent visit PaschimMedinipur was marked by the inauguration of several significant projects aimed at boosting infrastructure, disaster preparedness, and clean energy in the state. The event underscored her government's commitment to sustainable development and the welfare of its citizens, as she extended the benefits of various flagship schemes to 8,44,327 residents under the Ma, Mati,

Manush government. One of the key system. The plant aims to contribute highlights of the visit was the inauto the state's renewable energy targuration of Eastern India's largest gets while generating employment solar power facility at Goaltore. for the local youth. In her speech, Spanning 430 operational acres Banerjee responded to political critwithin a 950-acre project zone, this ics who downplay such initiatives as mere "stories." She asserted that state-of-the-art plant has been developed at a cost of ₹750 crore with an every successful project has its own 80:20 partnership between the state narrative and that these "stories' serve as a source of inspiration for government and the German KfW Bank. With an installed capacity of change. She noted that her own life 112.5 MW, the project will be exjourney, filled with struggles and panded by another 100 MW and fea-

India-Saudi Arabia ties have limitless potential, says PM

MI News Service, New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has hailed Saudi Arabia as one of India's most values partners, and a trusted friend and ally, while describing the current period as promising times for their ties having a "limitless potential". Ahead of his twoday visit to the country, he told Arab News in an interview that "India and Saudi Arabia will keep moving forward together - for peace, progress and prosperity, not just for our people, but for the entire world.

Noting that the two countries are working on a Bilateral Investment Treaty, he said the proposed Free Trade Agreement between India and the Gulf Cooperation Council has immense potential to transform the economic relationship between India and Saudi Arabia, and the region in general.

Describing the India-Saudi Arabia partnership as having a "limitless potential" Prime minister Modi said the Saudi kingdom is a trusted and strategic ally of India."In a world full of uncertainties, our bond stands strong, as a pillar of stability," Modi said prior to his third visit to the Kingdom since 2016. The PM emphasized that bilateral relations



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since the creation of the Strategic Partnership Council in 2019. "Our partnership has limitless potential," he said. Modi described Saudi Arabia Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman as a strong advocate of bilateral ties with India, a visionary who has inspired global admiration through the reforms under Vision 2030 and a leader admired by the Indian diaspora.

"Every time I met him, His Royal Highness has left a deep impression on me. His insights, his forwardthinking vision, and his pas-sion for fulfilling the aspirations of his people are truly remarkable," he said. Modi spoke of shared economic ambitions and said bilateral trade had grown amid global challenges, with

tilizers as key sectors. The two countries have exhibited deep engagement in emerging sectors like green hydrogen and technology, with the PM noting that Indian companies have maintained a strong presence across various sectors in Arabia.The PM Saudi termed the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC), launched during the G20 Summit in September 2023, "a key catalyst of commerce, connectivity, and growth in the entire region" and congratulated the Kingdom for winning the bids to host World Expo 2030 and FIFA World Cup 2034. He further stressed growing defence cooperation and landmark joint military exercises as signs of increasing strategic

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee participated in a public distribution programme, where she extended the benefits of various state government schemes and services to the people, including children, at Goaltore in Paschim Medinipur on Tuesday.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee plays a drum during a state government event at Goaltore in Paschim Medinipur on Tuesday.

Tea garden in crisis, jobless workers forced into 'business,' rescued

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: Economic hardship in Jalpaiguri's tea gardens has driven some to illicit activities, as evidenced by a recent police raid in Belakoba. The operation uncovered a local liquor (cholai) production unit, with the wife of the accused admitting poverty and lack of work, despite state schemes, pushed them into the illegal trade. The raid yielded 20 liters of liquor and production equipment. While the husband remains at large, his wife's statement and local complaints of social harm underscore the desperation behind the crime, prompting police to pursue the couple and intensify ef-

forts against such activities. Authorities in Jalpaiguri have dismantled an illegal liquor (cholai) production unit in the Belakoba area, shedding light on the economic hardships faced by the local tea garden community. A raid conducted by the Belakoba outpost police, under the Rajganj police station, at the residence of Janata Orao in Fulatipara, Shikarpur gram panchayat, liters of illicit liquor and equipment used in its manufacture, including copper and aluminum vessels. During the operation, the accused, Janata Orao, evaded arrest. However, his wife,

stated that the family was compelled to engage in the illegal liquor trade due to a lack of employment opportunities in the tea gardens and perceived insufficient benefits from state government schemes, such as the Lakshmi Bhandar initiative for women. She explained that her husband's sporadic work in leaf cutting was inadequate to sustain their livelihood. Local residents had reportedly raised concerns about the detrimental impact of this illegal activity, citing issues such as youth substance abuse and escalating domestic disputes. Police investigations revealed that Janata Orao and his wife had been involved in the illicit brewing and sale of liquor for an extended period, allegedly prioritizing personal gain over public health and social stability. In the aftermath of the raid, a formal case has been registered against the absconding couple. Police have launched a search for their apprehension and have affirmed their commitment to collaborating with crime and maintain peace in the region. Authorities have assured that legal action will be taken against the perpetrators, and similar operations are expected

Digha park locked amid temple inauguration protest

to continue.

Banerjee's upcoming inau-

guration of the Jagannath

MI News Service, Digha: The New Digha Biodiversity Park, a popular three-acre green oasis built in 2022 with a ₹2 crore investment, has been locked for nearly three weeks, leaving tourists and locals disappointed. As Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's visit for the Jagannath Temple inauguration nears, demands are growing to reopen the park, a haven of diverse flora and fauna, including a lotus pond and migratory birds. Digha-Unnayan Shankarpur Sangstha (DSDA) cites an ongoing lease process for improved management as the reason for the closure, educators and visitors emphasize the park's educational and recreational value, urging for its immediate reopening and further development with boating and restaurant facilities to boost tourism.

The New Digha Biodiversity Park, a significant attraction in the Digha tourism circuit, has been inaccessible for approximately three weeks, prompting disappointment among tourists and local residents. The closure of the three-acre park, established in 2022 through the Digha-Shankarpur Unnayan Sangstha (DSDA) with a ₹2 crore grant from the Indian Oil Corporation, coincides with anticipation for Chief Minister Mamata

Temple in Digha later this month. The park, situated in Chapaboni Mouza, New Digha, is recognized for its diverse collection of flora, including coconut, palm, mango, and various medicinal and deciduous trees. Its features, such as aesthetically placed seating, lotus ponds, and wetlands that attract both native and migratory avian species, offer a natural retreat within the urban landscape. Nandagopal Patra, a local educator, emphasized the park's educational value for students and advocated for its immediate reopening. Echoing this sentiment, tourist Shivshankar Pal expressed his dismay at finding the popular destination closed. According to the DSDA, the temporary closure is attributed to administrative procedures related to the impending lease of the park to a private entity. Chandan Karmakar, an official with the DSDA, stated that this measure aims to enhance the park's quality and management. Meanwhile, local stakeholders and tourists are urging for the park's swift reopening and advocating for the introduction of additional amenities, such as boating and restaurant facilities, to further stimulate tourism and benefit the Digha region.

BJP leader vows attacks on TMC after defection

MI News Service, Cooch Behar: A BJP leader in Cooch Behar after defecting to TMC made a startling declaration, vowing to "attack" TMC members. Her move, she claimed, was driven by alleged past harassment and attacks by TMC, a claim that left even TMC members present visibly surprised. The incident occurred following a BJP protest march, where the leader switched allegiance and was welcomed into the TMC fold.

A significant political development unfolded in Cooch Behar on Monday as a prominent BJP leader from the Natabari Assembly constituency defected to the Trinamool Congress (TMC). Jawa Devi, president of the BJP's Natabari No. 5 Mahila Morcha Mandal, joined the TMC at the

party's district office following her participation in a BJP protest march. Devi's defection was

marked by an unusual declaration. Contrary to typical narratives of party switching, where defectors cite internal dysfunction, Devi asserted that her move was motivated by alleged persistent harassment and attacks from TMC members. Speaking at a press conference alongside TMC district president Abhijit Deb Bhowmik, she stated, "This time I will see which Trinamool person comes and attacks me," indicating a resolve for retaliation. Devi detailed instances of alleged attacks on her and her daughters, which she attributed to her affiliation with the BJP. These claims reportedly caused visible

surprise among TMC members present. TMC district president Abhijit Deb Bhowmik attempted to mitigate the situation, characterizing Devi's remarks as reflective of past grievances. "Whatever she said is all from the past," he stated, adding that Devi's participation in the BJP march was pre-planned as her final act with the party. He then formally welcomed her into the TMC. The incident highlights the volatile political climate in the region, with allegations of inter-party violence and intimidation. This defection and the accompanying statements have sparked considerable attention, raising questions about the dynamics of political alle-giance and conflict in Cooch Behar.



Teachers and non-teaching staff who lost their permanent jobs after the Supreme Court verdict took part in a protest. Tuesday marked the second day of the protest at SSC Bhawan in Salt Lake, Kolkata.

Titumir's descendant injured in a rod attack

MI News Service, Baduria: In Baduria, North 24 Parganas, Syed Mir Madat Ali, reportedly a descendant of the revolutionary Titumir, was severely injured on Monday morning after being struck with an iron rod by an individual described as mentally unstable. While riding his bike in the Narkelberia area, Mr. Ali was attacked from behind and fell unconscious. Local residents apprehended the alleged assailant and subsequently handed him over to the Baduria police. Following initial treatment at Rudrapur Hospital, Mr. Ali was transferred to Basirhat District Hospital for further care. Witnesses described the sudden and seemingly random nature of the attack by the "madman." Syed Mir Madat Ali, identified as a descendant of the revered revolutionary Titumir, sustained serious injuries in Baduria, North 24 Parganas, on Monday morning. The incident occurred in the Narkelberia area under the jurisdiction of the Baduria police station. According to reports, Syed Mir Madat Ali was riding his bicycle when he was allegedly attacked from behind with an iron rod by an individual described by witnesses as

mentally unstable.

Burqa removal leads police to bust major racket

MI News Service, Malda: In a novel liquor smuggling operation uncovered by the Katihar Railway Police, a woman was apprehended in Malda's Harishchandrapur area while allegedly attempting to transport a significant quantity of liquor to Bihar concealed beneath her burqa. The arrest, which also involved a young man, exposed a suspected organized gang utilizing women, particularly those from impoverished backgrounds, to circumvent the liquor ban in neighboring Bihar. The woman, reportedly a resident of the Bihar border region, was en route to Mania via Kumedpur when the concealed bottles were discovered. Authorities believe a larger network is implicated in this cross-border smuggling activity, which has allegedly been ongoing since Bihar's prohibition in 2016. Authorities in Malda have intercepted a novel attempt to smuggle liquor from West Bengal into neighboring Bihar, where alcohol is prohibited. The Katihar Railway Police apprehended a woman in the Harishchandrapur police station area,

bordering Bihar, who was

allegedly using a burqa to

conceal a significant quantity of liquor bottles. The arrest occurred during a search operation aimed at curbing the illicit flow of alcohol across the state line, a practice reportedly prevalent in the Harishchandrapur region since Bihar's liquor ban in 2016. A young man was also taken into custody in connection with the incident. While the identities of the arrestees are currently under investigation, police sources indicate that the liquor was ingeniously concealed on the woman's person. The woman is believed to be a resident of the Bihar border area and was reportedly en route to Mania in Bihar via Kumedpur, Malda, where the contraband was intended to be transferred. Bihar Police sources suggest the involvement of a substantial organized network in this smuggling op-

Law enforcement officials assert that this network is exploiting women, particularly those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, to facilitate the illegal transportation of alcohol. The investigation is ongoing to dismantle the entire smuggling ring.

Autopsy reveals shocking details in sick mother's death

MI News Service, Bhangar: A shocking incident in Bhangar , South 24 Parganas has led to the arrest of a son and daughter-inpressive. law for allegedly strangling the son's ailing mother, Kajal Mondal (56.) Neighbors grew suspicious after Kajal Devi's sudden death on April 18, promoting a police investigation and autopsy that revealed the horrifying truth, Authorities believe the elderly woman had become a "burden" to her family leading to this alleged act. The accused, Raju Mondal and Soma Mondal were present in court today leaving the community in grief and outrage as police continue their investigation for any further involvement. A distressing incident has unfolded in Beota village, Bhangar, South 24 Parganas, with the arrest of Raju Mondal and Soma Mondal in connection with the death of Raju's mother, Kajal Mondal (56). Neighbors reportedly raised concerns following the sudden demise of the elderly woman on April 18, prompting an investigation by the Hatisala police. Initial uncertainty surrounding the cause of death led to a post-mortem examination, the findings of which had been strangled. Subsequently, authorities appreher son and hended football. daughter-in-law. Sources suggest that the victim's ailing health may have been a contributing factor to the al-Cubs (Futsal format) leged crime, with the implication that she was perceived

Two Bangladeshis Held for Lack of **Valid Papers**

as a familial burden.

MI News Service, Howrah: Two individuals from Bangladesh, identifying themselves as husband and wife but lacking valid entry documents, were apprehended at Howrah station by Golabari police and presented in court on Tuesday. Preliminary questioning revealed they had entered India some time ago, initially traveling to Odisha and then Mumbai for work before arriving in Howrah. Their suspicious movements near the station prompted police inquiry, leading to the discovery of their nationality and illegal entry. Authorities are currently investigating their purpose in India and have initiated legal proceedings against them. Bangladeshi nationals, identified as Abdullah and Farida Begum, were arrested at Howrah Railway Station on Tuesday by the Golabari Police for entering India without valid travel documents. The individuals, who claimed to be husband and wife but could not provide supporting documentation, were subsequently before presented Howrah court. Initial police interrogation revealed that the pair had entered India some time prior to their apprehension.

Aparup Futsal School Joins Liga Nacional de Futbol Sala, Spain to Bring 'School Futsal Development League' in Bengal



MI News Service, Kolkata: Mr Javier Lozano, President of the LNFS (Spanish Futsal League), is overjoyed to announce that Proindia School Futsal Development League, in conjunction with the LNFS, is an initiative spearheaded by Aparup Chakraborty, the 'Futsal Man' and 'our sole representative in India.' He adds, "introducing AIFF Blue Cubs in the FUTSAL format and engaging over 100+ government schools to create a Football ecosystem for over Aparup

1,00,000+ children without charging any fees is very im-Chakraborty, AIFF Match Commissioner, IFA Futsal Committee member, and the League Founder, has been a pioneer in Bengal grassroots and Futsal since 2014. According to him, "we are just trying to take AIFF Blue Cubs to remote areas for absolutely free so that we can get maximum participation and involvement from kids aged 8 to 12. It's incredible that this is an IFA-approved event, which means that talented children will have a structured pathway following this league. Special thanks to Slum Soccer and the Jhelum Foundation for their support of this Futsal project.' Joshuah Vaz, the present Coach of the Indian National Futsal Team (both Men and Women) has joined Aparup Futsal School as the Technical Consultant. "despite few obstacles, Aparup had been working hard to promote Futsal selflessly. AIFF Blue Cubs will get a new identity through futsal in districts. know he will face many difficulties regarding infrastructure where he won't be able to rigidly follow FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game but involvement of so many kids will do wonders to grassroots

This program is divided into two phases: # Round 1: AIFF Blue

1. Intra-School Competition: Introduce AIFF Blue Cubs in Futsal format, with

league matches as per specification by AIFF. 2. Knockout Stages: Progress to knockout stages, fostering a competitive environment in the Inter-School phase. **3. Scouting** and Evaluation: Utilize both physical scouts and Football Analytics to evaluate player performance and potential.

Round 2: Elite Team Selection and Development through Aparup LNFS Futsal School

1. Selecting the Best: Choose the top 25 kids from each school from Round 1 to form an elite U13 teams & School Teams.

Program Objectives:

For U13 & U15: Aparup Futsal School will invite IKF (Indian Scouting platform) to scout various U13 & U15 clubs participating in the AIFF & STATE Youth Leagues and elevate them to main stream football. They've already partnered with premier division clubs like Bhawanipore FC Ileague and AII Futsal champions Minerva Academy.

What They Said: Mr. Subrata Dutta, IFA Chairman: Aparup's efforts are original and outstanding. I am glad to be a part of this initiative. We will send scouts to some of the matches. Mr. Srinjoy Bose, Former General Secretary of Mohun Bagan: We wish Aparup and his crew continued success in their efforts to promote Futsal and develop future talent. This effort has the potential to have a significant impact on the Indian grassroots. Mr. Chandan Roy Chowdhury, President, Bengal Olympic Association: I've known Aparup for over a decade. He is a faithful Futsal soldier. Hopefully, Futsal will be added as an Olympic disci pline, and we'll need individuals like him to handle the show. Mr. Chandi Charan Samanta, Head of Coordinator in Midnapore District: We organized a Train the Trainers' program for 50 PE teachers, who are now wellequipped to teach the essentials to children during and

Ashuranjan and Angshuman-Published by Nurul Islam Khan





MI News Service, Kolkata: Ashuranjan Chakraborty has been writing for a long time. He has mainly gained wide fame by writing rhymes. He has received numerous honors as a prominent rhyme writer and poet. He has also gained quite a reputation in the reading community by writing rhymes for children. His creations have made a place in the minds of readers in the literary community. He has been editing the magazine 'Chhotar: Dabi' for a long time. The author's first poem, Chhota Ravi, was published in 1957, at the Anandabazar Patrika Ananda Mela. His rhymes reflect the burning image of society. This year, his book 'Chhara Samagura', containing 350 rhymes, was published at Ashuranjan Chakraborty's Book Fair. His extraordinary talent is captured in all those rhymes. The author has mainly written stories, articles, and novels as a child writer. His writings have been published in numerous magazines including Dainik Basumati and Shuktara. He has received the Yamini Kanta Soma Smriti Literary Award, the Raygunakar Bharatchandra Smriti Award and several other awards. The West Bengal government has also honored the author. All in all, the book is worth giving to children. Complete collection of poems, Ashuranjan Chakraborty, Ananda Prakashan, price 450 taka. On the other hand, journalist and poet Angshuman Chakraborty's new book, Prabhande 52, was published on Poyala Baishakh. The book, which contains a total of fifty-two important articles by the author, is quite popular among the reading community. It has received a wide response. Published by Deep Prakashan. Price only 300 taka.

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Heatwave conditions likely in parts of Bengal, temp to cross 40 C

MI News Service, Kolkata: Southern West Bengal is set to experience intense heatwave conditions, with temperatures expected to soar beyond the 40°C mark in several districts, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) warned on Tuesday. The heatwave is predicted to last until April 26, with a significant rise in day temperatures by three to five degrees Celsius over the next three days. The IMD specifically highlighted that Birbhum, Purulia, Jhargram, Bankura, and Paschim Bardhaman districts are likely to face the brunt of the heatwave. The scorching temperatures, combined with high relative humidity, are expected to cause considerable discomfort for the residents in these regions. The IMD further stated that maximum relative humidity along the coastal areas could reach 80 to 90 percent, while interior districts might experience humidity levels between 70 to 80 percent, exacerbating the oppressive heat. The rise in temperatures has already started affecting daily life, with people experiencing discomfort weather.

during both day and night. The combined effect of the rising mercury and high humidity is expected to significantly impact those in outdoor settings, increasing the risks of heatrelated illnesses such as heatstroke and dehydra-

Authorities have urged the public to take precau-tions, especially when venturing out during the hottest parts of the day. They have recommended staying hydrated, wearing light and loose-fitting clothes, and avoiding prolonged exposure to the sun. Vulnerable groups, including the elderly and children, are being advised to stay indoors as much as possible during peak heat hours. The IMD also suggested that the heatwave conditions could continue to intensify over the next few days, urging the local administration to be prepared for any adverse effects on health and daily activities. As the heatwave sweeps across southern West Bengal, the public is advised to stay informed and take necessary precautions to safeguard their health against the extreme

Tensions escalate between police and agitating teachers; police issue warning

MI News Service, Kolkata: In the wake of a heated altercation between police personnel and protesting jobless teachers on Monday evening, Bidhannagar Deputy Commissioner of Police Anish Sarkar on Tuesday issued a stern caution to the agitators, urging them not to obstruct law enforcement officials in the execution of their duties.

Addressing the media, DC Sarkar emphasized, "Our officers were simply performing their duty. We have no objection to peaceful demonstrations. However, yesterday evening, when officers were on duty, they were physically obstructed by a section of the protesters. Attempts were made to block their entry and exit. Such interference with the police in the line of duty is not lawful and should not be repeated." The controversy stems from claims that officials of the Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate allegedly tried to enter the SSC building late Monday night. According to the agitating teachers, police were attempting to escort SSC Chairman Siddhartha Majumdar out of the building. When officers tried to intervene, they were met with resistance from the

protestors, who alleged that some of them were manhandled. The police, however, categorically denied all allegations of assault.

Elaborating on the inci-

dent, DC Sarkar said, "We follow protocol. A shift change was in progress, and one of our plainclothes officers was exiting the premises when he was mistaken for an SSC official. We later clarified the situation with the protest leaders, who acknowledged the misunderstanding. The situation was defused amicably." He fur-ther noted that he himself was briefly prevented from leaving the area. "I was also officers arrived soon after. There was some shoving, but we handled it responsibly. Protest leaders also cooperated in calming the crowd." Later, a protesting teacher reiterated to the media that the agitation is not aimed at the police. "We will not allow SSC officials to leave the building, but we do not oppose police movement," he clarified. The standoff highlights the growing tension between unemployed SSC aspirants and authorities, even as protests over recruitment irregularities continue to grip

Guv shifted to pvt hosp for advanced cardiac and orthopedic care

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Governor Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose has been transferred from the Command Hospital in Alipore to a renowned private hospital located off EM Bypass for advanced medical treatment, following the detection of multiple health complications including a cardiac blockage and a shoulder issue that may require surgical intervention. Governor Bose had suddenly fallen ill on Sunday, prompting immediate medical attention. Preliminary tests indicated blockages in his heart, raising concerns among state and hospital authorities. He was admitted to the Command Hospital on Monday for further evaluation and observation under a team of military medical professionals. Sources close to the Raj Bhavan confirmed that the Governor had expressed a preference to be treated at a private medical facility, where access to multi-disciplinary experts and infrastructure is more robust. On Monday, a team of doctors from the private hospital visited the Command Hospital and conducted a thorough physical assessment. Based on their evaluation, a decision was taken to transfer the Governor to the private facility on Tuesday.

While no official medical bulletin has been released by the hospital as of now, sources indicate that, in addition to his cardiac condition, the Governor has also been experiencing severe discomfort in his shoulder. Surgical procedures in both areas are being considered, though final decisions will depend on further diagnostic imaging and specialist consultations. The Governor's medical situation has drawn significant political attention. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee visited him in hospital on Monday morning, spending some time by his side and extending her wishes for a speedy recovery.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addresses the public during the inauguration programme of a solar power generation facility at Goaltore in Paschim Medinipur

Mamata assures job security for protesting teachers, calls for return to work

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday appealed to the protesting teachers who lost their jobs following a Supreme Court ruling, urging them to return to their duties with the assurance that their salaries would be protected. Thousands of teachers continued their protests outside the West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) headquarters in Salt Lake, expressing frustration over the recent judgment that invalidated the appointments of nearly 26,000 teaching and nonteaching staff. At an administrative program in Midnapore, Banerjee reassured the teachers, saying, "You don't need to worry about who is tainted and who is not. What matters is whether you have your job and whether you're getting your salaries on time. The list identifying tainted and untainted teachers is with the Minister emphasized that their jobs would remain secure for the time being and that they would receive their salaries without interruption. "Please return to your schools and resume classes. We are with you, and I have spoken about this many times since last night," she added.

Banerjee also stated that a review petition would be filed before the Supreme

Court on behalf of the Group C and Group D staff who had lost their jobs. "Keep your faith in us until then," she said, urging the teachers to trust the state government's efforts in resolving the issue. In a strong message, Banerjee warned the teachers not to be swayed by external provoca-teurs. "Had I been in Kolkata, I could have solved the issue within seconds. Do not pay heed to those who are trying to provoke you. Let the state government handle this," she asserted. Comparing the situation in West Bengal with similar developments in Uttar Pradesh and Tripura, where large-scale job losses had occurred without any recovery, Banerjee cautioned the teachers not to let that happen in the state. "People in those states lost their jobs in huge numbers and never got them back. Don't let that happen here," she warned. The teachers had gathered at the Supreme Court's April 3 ruling, which cited "widespread irregularities" in the 2016 recruitment process. They demanded the publication of a list of those appointed on merit and those allegedly involved in bribery. The protests have condespite the government's tinued assurances of job security and support for the affected staff.



Hindu Suraksha Manch organised a protest rally, 'Dharamtala Chalo', demanding justice for the displaced, oppressed, and voiceless victims. The rally concluded at Dharamtala in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Trolley murder horror: Woman's body found with face taped

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a chilling rerun of a recent murder case in Madhyamgram, yet another mysterious death has rocked the city. On Tuesday morning, panic gripped Baguiati's Deshbandhu Nagar area after local residents discovered a black trolley bag abandoned near a garbage-strewn, deserted plot of land. Upon arrival, the police recovered the body of a young woman inside the suitcase, her face grotesquely covered with brown adhesive tape. The discovery has sent shockwaves through the community. Officers from Baguiati Police Station immediately cordoned off the area and launched a full-scale investigation. Preliminary findings suggest that the woman was likely murdered elsewhere and her body later dumped in this locality to avoid

detection. The identity of the deceased remains unknown. Investigators are working tirelessly to trace her background, as it is believed that determining her identity could be the key to unraveling the motive and the individuals behind this brutal act. Forensic experts and homicide officers are examining the body and surrounding area for clues. The trolley, its contents, and nearby surveillance cameras are under close scrutiny. Police sources confirm that residents living near the scene are being questioned. Given the method of disposal and the taped mouth, authorities are not ruling out the possibility of premeditated murder with an intent to silence or torture. The body has been sent for post-mortem to determine the exact cause and time of death.

Bratya Basu appeals for calm amid SSC protest, urges cooperation

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amid intensifying protests by terminated SSC-appointed teachers, West Bengal Education Minister Bratya Basu on Tuesday made a direct appeal to the agitators, urging them not to obstruct the legal process of review or the functioning of the School Service Commission (SSC). Speaking to reporters on the second day of the protest at Karunamoyee in Salt Lake, Basu emphasized that disruptive actions could jeopardize ongoing legal efforts and appeals for reinstatement. "Please do not take any action that might hinder the filing of a review petition. The Education Department is doing everything within its power to ensure salaries are paid and legitimate jobs are protected," the minister stated. Questioning the blockade of SSC officials, Basu added, "You are not allowing the very people who can restore your jobs and process your salaries to work." The minister reaffirmed that the Education Department Is working based on Supreme Court directives, especially in matters concerning non-tet-qualified candidates. "The Supreme Court has already made it clear who is eligible to attend school. We are following that direction. Disturmay complications in the review petition," he warned.

Basu also expressed concern over reports that the SSC Chairman was not being allowed to eat or carry out his duties. However, he noted that the protestors later softened their stance. Citing the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education's affidavit affirming the eligibility of 17,206 candidates, Basu appealed to qualified teachers to resume work. Since the Supreme Court's verdict led to the dismissal of nearly 26,000 teachers and staff. protest demonstrations have rocked the state. Recent protests included locking up District Inspector offices and staging hunger strikes.

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under the state's 'Banglar Bari' housing scheme. "We will rebuild their houses, and I will personally visit in May to evaluate the situation," she confirmed. Banerjee also announced that the state would take full responsibility for the education of the children from riot-hit families. A survey was being conducted to assess the damage to shops and businesses, with the government pledging financial assistance for restoration. "We will also identify the shops that have been damaged and ensure they are helped. The families affected will receive financial support, and I will visit them in May to do the rest," she added. While addressing the public distribution program, Banerjee unveiled several development projects worth several thousand crore rupees in the region. These projects are expected to contribute to the economic growth and welfare of the district.

In addition to responding to the violence, the Chief Minister reaffirmed her commitment to tackling the root causes of unrest in the state, vowing to bring the full details of the conspiracy to light. "A riot has taken place. It is unfortunate. We will expose how outsiders, with the help of some local residents, triggered the clashes," Banerjee concluded. Her visit to Murshidabad in the coming weeks will be an important step in addressing both the immediate needs of the affected communities and broader concerns surrounding the violence.

India-Saudi Arabia ties have limitless potential, says PM

trust. Since 2014, PM Modi has transformed the trajectory of India's relations with Saudi Arabia and Gulf countries. This is his third visit to Saudi Arabia, while all PMs before him together visited Saudi Arabia three times in seven decades. This is also his 15th visit to a country in the Gulf region. A number of agreements will be inked between the two sides following talks between Prime minister Modi and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, the Ptime minister's visit follows the State Visit of Mohammed bin Salman to New Delhi in September 2023 to attend the G20 Summit and co-chair the first meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council. India's relations with the oil rich Kingdom have evolved into a stronger and enduring partnership in the past decade, expanding into many strategic domains, with growing investment commitments, broadening of defence cooperation and intensive high-level exchanges across sectors, the MEA statement said. The visit of PM Modi reflects the importance India attaches to its bilateral relationship with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

It will provide an opportunity to further deepen and strengthen our multifaceted partnership, as well as to exchange views on various regional and international issues of mutual interest, according to the MEA. The Prime Minister's upcoming visit comes at a time when the US and Iran are holding talks with Washington seeking a deal on the latter's nuclear programme and tensions in West Asia with the Hamas-Israeli conflict. PM Modi's visit also comes ahead of the expected visit of US President Donald Trump to Saudi Arabia next month. India and Saudi Arabia established diplomatic relations in 1947. In 2010, the bilateral relationship was elevated to a Strategic Partnership. Saudi side exexcellent

cooperation during Operation Kaveri for the evacuation of Indian citizens from Sudan via Jeddah.Riyadh is also seat of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). India and GCC secretariat have maintained good relations and regular dialogues at official level. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited Riyadh in September 2024 to co-chair the first India-GCC Ministerial Meeting. Saudi Arabia is India's fifth largest trading partner and India is Saudi Arabia's

second largest trade partner. During FY 2023-24, India's imports from Saudi Arabia reached USD 31.42 billion and exports to Saudi Arabia were worth USD 11.56 billion. In 2023-24, bilateral trade stood at USD 42.98 billion, with Indian exports at USD 11.56 billion and imports at USD 31.42

Major commodities of export from India to Saudi Arabia include engineering goods, rice, petroleum products, chemicals, textiles, food products, ceramic tiles. whereas, major commodities of import for India from Saudi Arabia are crude oil, LPG, fertilizers, chemicals, plastic and products thereof. Indian investment in Saudi Arabia has increased in recent years reaching approximately USD 3 billion (August 2023). The total Saudi investment in India has been about USD 10 billion.). These investments are across diverse sectors such as management and consultancy services, construction telecommunications, infor-

mation technology, financial services and software development and pharmaceuticals. Saudi Arabia remained India's third largest Crude and Petroleum products sourcing destination for 2023-24. India imported 33.35 MMT of crude oil in 2023-24 from Saudi Arabia, accounting for 14.3 per cent of the India's total crude oil imports. In 2023-24, Saudi Arabia was the third largest LPG sourcing destination for India, accounting for 18.2 per cent of the total LPG imports of India for 2023-24. Another area of partnership is the India-Saudi Arabia defence ties that have strengthened

in recent years. The first ministerial visit on the defence side in over 12 years took place when the then MoS (Defence) Ajay Bhatt visited Riyadh for the World Defence Show in February 2024. India and Saudi Arabia enjoy extensive naval cooperation and two editions of the bilateral naval exercise, 'Al Mohed Al Hindi', have been concluded so far. Additionally. both sides have close cooperation in defence industries and capacity building.

Indian community Saudi Arabia is 2.7 million strong and is a living bridge between the two countries. Indian diaspora contribution to the economic development of Saudi Arabia is widely recognized. Number of Indians in Saudi Arabia is increasing steadily. Over the last year, an estimated one lakh Indians came to Saudi Arabia for employment, the MEA sources

Mamata Banerjee's vision for Bengal Inaugurates key development projects

triumphs, mirrors the perseverance required for such large-scale undertakings. "Many people say these are just stories, but I say listening to stories is Important. From these stories come new ideas, and sometimes, these very stories lead to the creation of industries," Banerjee remarked. The Chief Minister also took steps to enhance the state's disaster preparedness by inaugurating 25 high-capacity water bowsers, each with a 14,000-litre capacity, and remote-controlled fire monitors at the newly established Dainhat Fire Station in PurbaBardhaman. These assets will bolster the state's response to emergencies and natural disasters.

Additionally, Banerjee launched 110 major projects worth ₹1,850 crore in the district. Among the key projects are a 132 KV substation at Goaltore (₹79 crore), a 132 KV doublecircuit transmission line (₹49 crore), and a Water Treatment Plant and

Reservoir in Midnapore (₹33.85 crore). She also highlighted the completion of 264 rural roads under the PathashreePrakalpa scheme (₹269.35 crore), as well as a 154.61-km twolane highway connecting Midnapore and Bankura (₹263.26 crore).

In a further bid to enhance infrastructure, the Chief Minister laid the foundation for 212 new projects worth ₹393 crore, including a water supply initiative, a 330-metre bridge in Sabang, and a new ITI in Sabang. "These initiatives mark another leap towards a stronger, greener, and inclusive Bengal," Banerjee stated, emphasizing her administration's focus on progress that reaches every citizen. 'Progress must touch every life. Jai Hind! Joy Bangla!" she concluded. Through these projects, Mamata Banerjee continues to shape Bengal's future with a firm commitment to economic growth, environmental sustainability, and social

Name Change

I, Uttam Jana S/o Tapas Jana residing at Vill+P.O – Kritankhali, P.S- Sagar, Dist - South 24 Pargana declare that in my Admit Card and Pass Certificate of Madhyamik Exam, my father's name has been recorded as Tapas Kumar Jana. By virtue of Affidavit dated 26.12.2025 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Alipore Court I shall be henceforth known as son of Tapas Jana. Uttam Jana S/o Tapas Jana and Uttam Jana S/o Tapas Kumar Jana both are same and one identical

Change of Name

Sk Nasiruddin (Old Name) S/o Ala P.o - Jayer, P.s - Pandua, District-Hooghly, Pin- 712149 West Bengal have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Nasir Uddin (New Name) as declared before the Ld.Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Hooghly vide affidavit no 2948 Dated 16-04-2025. Sk Nasiruddin (Old Name) and Sekh Nasir Uddin (New Name) both are same and one

Change of Name

Tahara Bibi alias Tahara Mondal (Old Name) W/o Abijul Mondal Residing at Vill - Sonekpur, P.o - Sonekpur, P.s - Gopalnagar, District North 24 Parganas, Pin-743701 West Bengal have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tahuri Bibi Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) Bongaon, North 24 Parganas vide affidavit no 3832 Dated 04-04-Tahara Bibi, Tahara Mondal (Old Name) and Tahuri Bibi Mondal (New Name) both are same and one

Sova Rani Biswas (Old Name) W/o Late Dasharath Biswas Residing at Vill - Sanekpur, P.o - Sanekpur, P.s -Gopalnagar, District - North 24 Parga-nas, Pin - 743701 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Shobha Biswas (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 25/2025 Date 22-04-2025. Sova Rani Biswas (Old Name) and Shobha Biswas (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Change of Name

I, Tapan Kumar Nandan (Old Name) S/o Baski Nandan Residing at Gholsara, Sinet, Dadpur, District -Hooghly, Pin - 712305 West Bengal, India. shall henceforth be known as Tapan Nandan (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 26/2025 Date 22-04-2025. Tapan Kumar Nandan (Old Name) and Tapan Nandan (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Change of Name Ashoke Baneriee alias Asok Monoranjan Banerjee S/o Late Banerjee Residing at 7, Banerjee Para Lane, P.o - Dhakuria, P.s - Kasba, District - Kolkata, Pin- 700031 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Ashok Banerjee. I declare that Ashoke Banerjee, Asok Banerjee and Ashok Banerjee is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 22-04-2025.

Change of Name

Anindya Shubhra Dutta alias Aninda Subha Dutta S/o Late Pratul Chandra Dutta Residing at Samiran Appt, Flat- 402, 4th Floor, 68, Dumdum Park, P.o - Bangur Avenue, Ps - Lake Town District - South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700055, West Bengal India shall henceforth beknown as Anindva Subhra Dutta, I declare that Anindya Shubhra Dutta, Aninda Subha Dutta and Anindva Subhra Dutta is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 22-04-

Name Change

Medda Menda Das Jagabandhu residing 13/1 Lal Bihari Lane Salkia, Howrah-711106 Babudanga declare that in my Passport being No. K4907854 my name has been recorded as Amita Menda D/o Jagabandhu Menda inplace of my Actual name Amita Medda Das D/o Jagabandhu Menda. That Amita Menda D/o Jagabandhu Menda and Amita Medda Das D/o Jagabandhu Menda both are same and one identical person vide affidavit Sl no. 1914 dated 19.04.2025 before the Notary Public at Barasat Dist North 24

Name Change I, PIKU PAUL S/o - Late Mangal Pal resident of Vill-Birohi (Halder para), P.O.-Birohi, P.S.-Haringhata, Dist-Nadia shall henceforth be known as PIKU PAL as declared before the court of Ld.A.C.J.M-II (1st class) Kalyani, Nadia dated 24th March 2025. PIKU PAL and PIKU PAUL both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I,Amit Kumar(Old Name),Son Of Gobind Parsad Singh, Residing At Jogiyara Jale,Ps - Jaley,Darbhanga 847303,Bihar,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Amit Kumar Singh(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 17/04/2024. That Amit Kumar And Amit Kumar Singh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person Person.

Name Change

Bidyut Jana (old name) S/O Prafulla Jana, residing at Chorepalia, Chorepalia, East Midnapore, Pin-721448, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bidyut Kumar Jana (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 17/04/2025. Bidyut Kumar Jana (new name) and Bidyut Jana (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I.Biplab Kovar.Son Of Krishna Arrah, Po-Amarun Bazar, Ps-Bhatar, Purba Bardhaman- 713125, Koyar And Biplab Konar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I,Hira Koyar,Wife Of Krishna Deb Konar, Residing At Dakshin Arrah, Po-Amarun Bazar, Ps-Bhatar, Bardhaman-713125. West Purba Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hira Konar(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/04/2025, That Hira Koyar And Hira Konar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Radha Koyar, Wife Of Biplab Konar, Residing At Dakshin Arrah, Po-Amarun Bazar, Ps-Bhatar, Bardhaman-713125, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Radha Konar(New Name) Vide An it Sworn Before The Public At Kolkata On Notary 22/04/2025,That Radha Koyar And Radha Konar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person

Name Change

Nilanjan De Sarkar(Old Name),S/O Prasad Mukhopadhyay,R/O 553, Hemanta Mukherjee Sarani, Po Sarat Bose Road, Kolkata-700029, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nilanjan Dey Sarkar (New Name), Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/04/2025, That Nilanjan De Sarkar And Nilanjan Dey Sarkar All Are The Same And One Identical

Name Change

Pratap Dey Sarkar(Old Name),S/O Sanat Kumar Mukherjee, R/O 553 Hemanta Mukherjee Sarani,Po - Sarat Road, Kolkata-700029. West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Šiba Prasad Mukhopadhyay(New Name), Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/04/2025, That Pratap Dey Sarkar And Siba Prasad Mukhopadhyay All Are The Same And One Identical Person

Name Change

I, Shikha Agrawal Wife Of Vineet Kumar Goel R/O 92A, Sarat Bose Road Kolkata 700026,Wb Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shikha Goel Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public Kolkata On 24th January 2022 At Kolkata. That Shikha Agrawal And Shikha Goel Both Are Same And One Identical Person Not Two Different Person.

Name Change

Nilima Bibi (old name) W/O Sk Rafik, residing at Vill.-Kanibamani, P.O.- Dutta Pulia, P.S.- Dhantala, Dist.- Nadia, Pin- 741504, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lilima Khatoon (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 22/04/2025. Lilima Khatoon (new name) and Nilima Bibi (old I name) both are same and identical of Ashok Kumar Balmiki, residing

Name Change I, Debashis Majumder (Old Name) son of Nihar Ranjan Mazumdar, Dhakuria. Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known Dhiraj Balmiki (Old Name) both are as Debashis Mazumdar (New Name) s declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 22/04/2025. Debashis Mazumdar (New Name) and Debashis Majumder (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

I Rajina Bibi,W/O Firoj Uddin Mondal, R/O Malayapur, Maleapur, Raghunathpur Baduria, North 24 743401, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rozina Bibi, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/04/2025,That Rajina Bibi And Rozina Bibi All Are The Same And One Identical Person

Manasree Bose (old name) W/O Nandan Kr Bose, residing at 59B, Ramkanta Bose Street, P.O.-Baghbazar, P.S.-Snyampuni P.S.-Snyam India, have changed my name Manusree Bose (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 22/04/2025. Manusree Bose (new name) and Manasree Bose (old name) both are same and identical

Name Change

Reena Gupta (old name) W/O Rajesh Shaw, residing at 68/1, Swinhoe Lane, Kasba, Kolkata-700042, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall winhoe Kasba, nenceforth be known as Rina Shaw new name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at kolkata, dated 01/04/2025. Rina Shaw (new name) and Reena Gupta (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Md Noushad Alam (old name) S/O Shahe Alam, residing at 11/H/7, P.O.- Kaiyar, P.S.- Khandaghosh Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 22/04/2025. Naushad Alam (new name) and Md Noushad Alam (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Jhantu Karmakar (old name) O Jiban Krishna Karmakar, residing at South Srirampur Purbasthali, Purba Bardhaman, Pin-741316, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jhantu Krishna Karmakar (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 22/04/2025. Jhantu Krishna Karmakar (new name) and Jhantu Karmakar (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

. Jashimuddin Mondal (old name Deb Konar, Residing At Dakshin S/O Abul Fazal Mondal, residing at Vill-Laskarpota Pantua, P.O. Bhatar, Purba Bardhaman- 713125, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743247, West As Biplab Konar (New Bengal, India, have changed my name Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/04/2025,That Biplab as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 22/04/2025 . Jasimuddin Mondal (new name) and Jashimuddin Mondal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Amir Ali (old name) S/O Kerama Ali, residing at Gadi Uttar, Sabsit P.S.- Bagnan, Dist.- Howrah- 711303 West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Amir Ali (new name) a declared before the notary public a kolkata, dated 22/04/2025. Sk Ami: Ali (new name) and Amir Ali (old name) both are same and identica

Name Change

I, Shyam Singh (old name) S/O Durga Gowala, residing at 33, South Baksara Village Road, P.O.- Baksara P.S.-A.J.C Bose, Howrah-711110 West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shyam Gowala (new name) as declared before the Ld 1st class judicial magistrate at Howral (Affidavit No 4), dated 22/04/2025 Shyam Gowala (new name) and Shyam Singh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Moni Kumari (old name) D/C Shyam Gowala, residing at 33, South Baksara Village Road, P.O.- Baksara P.S.- A.J.C Bose, Howrah- 711110 West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Moni Gowala (new name) as declared before the Ld 1st class judicial magistrate at Howrah (AFFIDAVIT No 4), dated 22/04/2025. Moni Gowala (new name) and Moni Kumari (old name) both are same and identical person. Name Change

Yeshwant Jaiswal (old name

S/O Bijay Jaiswal, residing at 33 Biplabi Anukul Chandra Street, P.S.-Bowbazar, Kolkata- 700072, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Yashwant Jaiswal (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 22/04/2025. Yashwan Jaiswal (new name) and Yeshwant Jaiswal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Monalisha Bari (old name W/O Sanju Bari, residing at VILL Mahishadal, East Medinipur- 721628 West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Monalisa Bera Bari (new name) as declared before the notary publić at kolkata, dated 22/04/2025 Monalisa Bera Bari (new name) and Monalisha Bari (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

. Dhirai Balmiki (Old Name) son at 49/5/H/181, Karl Marx Sarani, South Port, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known a Dhiraj Kumar Balmiki (New Name as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata-700031, West at Kolkata, dated 22/04/2025. Dhira same and identical person.

Name Change

Samima Begum (old name) W/O Lt. Aquil Ahmad, residing at G-223, battikal 2nd lane ,Garden Reach kolkata 700024, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shamima before the 1st Class Judicial at Alipore, dated 10/04/2025. Shamima Khatoon (new name) and Samima Begum (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Sekh Naosera Ali S/O- Sekh Fakir Mohammad resident of Vill- Puriha, P.O.- Kaiyar, P.S. Khandaghosh, Dist-ruion Bordhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713423, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'SEKH NOWSER ALI' vide an affidavit before the Notary public at and shall henceforth be known as Purba Bardhaman on 10/04/2025. That Sekh Naosera Ali and Sekh Nowser Ali both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I , SK Kanchan S/O- SK Nurul Islam resident of Vill- Sanko, P.O.-Sanko, P.S.- Galsi, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713141, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'KANCHAN SEKH' vide an affidavit before the Notary public at Purba Bardhaman on 21/04/2025. That SK Kanchan and Kanchan Sekh both are same and one identical

Name Change

I , Hasna Begam W/O- Sekh Nowser Ali resident of Vill- Puriha, Topsia Road, Gobinda Khatick, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Circus Avenue, Kolkata-700046, West Bengal, PIN-713423, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'HASNABANU SEKH Naushad Alam (new name) as vide an affidavit before the Notary public at Purba Bardhaman on 10/04/2025. That Hasna Begam and Hasnabanu Sekh are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Hamida Begum, D/o Late Md. Hanif and W/o Md Nurul Islam Khan residing at 4H/2, Convent Lane, P.O- Tangra, P.S- Entally, Kolkata – 700015 declares that Ihave change my name from Jugnu Begum to Hamida Begum and henceforth shall be known as Hamida Begum vide affidavit no. 7764 dated 22.04.25 before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore. That Hamida Begum and Jugnu Begum both are same and one identical person.

Cancellation of trains for track maintenance work in Katwa -**Azimgani** section

MI News Service, Kolkata: For track maintenance work on Down Main Line between Bazarsau & Tenya and Teny a& Salar stations in Katwa - Azimganj section of Howrah Division, 24 days Traffic & Power Block has been planned on every Tuesday , Thursday and Saturday between 24.04.2025 & 17.06.2025. Consequently, 53018 Azimganj – Katwa passenger, 63020 Azimganj – Katwa MEMU, 53017 Katwa Azimganj passenger and 63019 Katwa - Azimganj MEMU will remain cancelled on every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 24.04.2025 & 17.06.2025 (24 days).

Special mid-night **Metro for IPL T-20 lovers on Saturday**

MI News Service, Kolkata: Responding to the requests of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) and M/s Game Plan Sports Pvt. Ltd. (on behalf of Kolkata Knight Riders), Metro Railway is pleased to announce to operate special Metro services in Blue Line and Green Line-2 after the IPI T-20 match of Kolkata Knight Riders, which will be played at Eden Gardens on 26.04.2025 (Saturday) night for the benefit of the cricket lovers of Kolkata and suburbs.

The booking counters will remain open only at Old Esplanade Metro station and New Esplanade Metro station for the sale of Smart Cards, Tokens and Paper Based QR

A surcharge of Rs. 10/- per ticket will be levied in addition to the normal fare for these special

No. of train	Departure	Arrival		
Spl.1	Esplanade 00:00 hrs.	Dakshineswar 00:33 hrs.		
stop at a	ll stations on the w			
	tion – towards K	avi Subhash		
DN direct No. of train	Departure	Arrival		
No. of				

B. GREEN LINE 2:

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

Empowering Education: Ambedkar-Inspired Aid Transforms Birbhum's **Backward School**

MII News Service, Kolkata: The

134th birth anniversary of Bharat

Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was cel-

ebrated at the Income Tax Office at Esplanade East. The event was organized by the All India Income Tax SC/ST Employees Associa-Khatoon (new name) as declared tion (ITSEWA), West Bengal Unit. The program was inaugurated on Tuesday by Faggan Singh Kulaste, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on SC/ST Welfare. Also present at the event was Neeraj Kumar, Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax for the West Bengal and Sikkim region. Speeches highlighting the life and contributions of Dr. Ambedkar were delivered by Dr. Susnata Das, Professor at Rabindra Bharati University, and Basudev Das, recipient of the Akademi Translator Award. Faggan Singh Kulaste stated that Babasaheb Ambedkar emphasized the spread of education and encouraged the upliftment of the poor and marginalized through unity. He added that Ambedkar's thoughts and principles remain extremely relevant in today's society. Kulaste urged everyone to work for the welfare of society by following Babasaheb's ideals. In keeping with Babasaheb's vision, the organizers handed over a financial aid of ₹50,000 to Dayanandamayi Mataji, the head of the Sri Sri Ramkrishna Sarada Mission Trust in Kapastikuri village of Birbhum. Mataji is dedicated to empowering underprivileged and socially backward girls by providing them with both formal and technical education, as well as cultural training, to help reintegrate them into the mainstream of society. The event was presided over by Šanjay Aibra, Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, and was coordinated by Sudip Majumdar, General Secretary of the association

DECLARATION

Sampriti Roy, daughter of Santosh Kumai Roy and Mili Roy; resident of 138/2 West Kodalia, New Barrackpur Kolkata 700131, West Bengal India and Hong Seungjae, son of Hong Tae Sun and Lee Jn Kyung resident of Seoul, South Korea intend to register our Marriage at the Embassy of India, Seoul Under the Foreign Marriage Act, 1968 of India. Objections, If any, may be conveyed to the Consulate General of India, Seoul within

SER observes Fire Safety Week



Demonstration on Fire Suppression Systems during the observance of "Fire Safety Week" in presence of Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway and other staff & officers on 22.04.2025.

Kolkata: South Eastern Railway has started observing Fire Safety Week from 21.04.2025 to 26.04.2025 following the laid down guidelines of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in coordination with the Directorate, General Fire Services, Civil Defense, Home Guards and Union Ministry of Home Affairs to enhance awareness, preparedness and compliance with Fire Safety Norms across the Health Care Facilities Na-

The theme "Unite to Ignite, a Fire Safe India" started off with a demonstration on Fire Suppression System by

the local fire brigade authorities in front of the Main Administrative Building which was witnessed by Sri. Anil Kumar Mishra, GM/SER, Sri. Soumitra Majumdar, AGM/ SER, Dr. Anjana Malhotra, PCMD/SER, entire Medical Fraternity of the Headquarters together with all Principal Head of the Departments and their staff. This event was followed by a Pan India pledge taking ceremony which was administered by Secy. Health, Ministry Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi, through a Webinar, which was attended by the medical authorities at the Central Hospital Auditorium and the divisions of SER and also by

PHODs and their officers and staff in their respective departments at the HQ.

Miscellaneous

Kalighat's Kaku gets

bail extension in

recruitment scam case

MI News Service, Kolkata:

The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday extended the in-

terim bail of Sujay Krish-

na Bhadra, known as 'Ka-

lighat's Kaku,' involved in

the ongoing recruitment

corruption case. The exten-

sion was granted until June

after Bhadra's lawyer cited

health issues as the rea-

son for his request. Justice

Shubra Ghosh approved the

plea, allowing the bail period

to continue, while also di-

recting the Central Bureau of

Investigation (CBI) to verify

whether Bhadra is comply-

ing with all bail conditions.

A report on his compliance,

along with his health status,

is expected to be submitted

This is not the first time

that Bhadra, a key figure in

the high-profile recruitment

scam, has sought an exten-

sion of his bail on health

grounds. Earlier requests had been rejected by the CBI

on several occasions, despite

Bhadra's claims of deterio-

rating health. However, af-

ter persistent appeals, the

Calcutta High Court granted

him bail in February of this

year. At that time, the divi-

sion bench of Justices Arijit

Banerjee and Apurba Sinha

Ray set several strict condi-

tions for his release, includ-

ing a restriction on leaving

In March, Bhadra once

again approached the High

Court, seeking an extension

of his bail due to health com-

plications. After reviewing

the area.

by the CBI on June 16.

The week-long gramme will have more Webinars on fire safety compliance and regulatory requirements. Day long fire mock drills at all Divisional Railway Hospitals as well as Central Hospital, Garden Reach have also been planned.

The programme will end with a poster making competition and a fire safety quiz. The entire exercise has been planned to take significant steps towards a Fire Safe India by re-enforcing our collective commitment to fire

Upgradation of safety in passenger running loop line over **SEALDAH** Division

sion has 60 nos. of stations where passenger loop lines are available. Railway is giving emphasis on upgradation in maintenance of loop lines to enhance safety of trains while passing through them.

Earlier, maintenance of passenger running loops were done manually. Now, maintenance of passenger loops are being done through machines to improve track parameter standards. The work includes machine packing, ballasting, deep screening by ballast cleaning machine (BCM) of plain track/ turn outs, welding of unavoidable rail free joints and ensuring 100% proper fittings, re-spacing of sleepers etc. are the major works included for enhancing the track parameters of passenger running loop lines.

Railway has sanctioned approx. 59 Cr. For up gradations of passenger running loop line for SEALDAH division. Passenger running loop lines of 13 stations

Malda: In a continued ef-

fort to enhance safety mea-

sures and strengthen infra-

structure, Malda Division

organized a media tour at

Sabour and Jamalpur Rail-

way Stations today. The

event was aimed at provid-

ing the media a first-hand

view of the on-going devel-

opments that are focused on

improving track safety and

facilitating smooth, efficient,

under the guidance of key

officials, including PWI/Sab-

our, Station Superintendent/

Sabour, and CMI/Bhagalpur

at Sabour Station, and PWI/

Jamalpur, Station Superin-

tendent/Jamalpur, and CMI/

The tour was conducted

and safer train movements.



Jn., KrishnaNagar City Jn., Bethuadahari, Chandpara, Deula, Debogram, Ghutiari Sharif, Hotor, Majhdia, Sonarpur Jn., Muragachha, Madhyamgram) have already been covered and by Dec'25 upgradation work of all passenger loop lines will be completed in a mission SEALDAH division is run-

ning approx. 1000 trains on daily basis to carry passengers for their destinations. We are committed for their safe and smooth journey. In this direction, SEAL-DAH division is taking up major safety related works like elimination of level crossing gates, interlocking

Malda Division Conducts Media Tour at

Sabour and Jamalpur Stations to Showcase

Safety and Infrastructure Enhancements

of non-interlocking level crossing gates, provision of buzzer in road user signal at LC gates, provision of sliding barriers at LC gates, improving signal visibility, provision of guard repeater signal, elimination of critical mast and leaning mast, vertical fencing at unauthorized trespassing locations, monitoring of yards through CCTV, upgradation of signalling system, upgradation of track by laying thick web switch and weldable CMS crossing. In addition to this to cater human aspects reg-ular counselling, training of railway employee was also done frequently. Counselling of normal passengers and habitants residing nearby track was also done to avoid any unusual occur-

rences.

his medical condition, Justice Arijit Banerjee's bench agreed to extend the bail until April 30. However, with the expiration of that period looming, Bhadra returned to court for yet another extension, which was granted by Justice Shubra Ghosh on The court emphasized that the CBI must ensure Bhadra's adherence to all bail conditions and provide a detailed report on his compliance. Bhadra's case continues to draw attention as it remains at the center of a significant recruitment scam involving multiple allegations of corruption in public sector job appointments. The next hearing is scheduled for June 16, when the court will evaluate Bhadra's health re-

These upgrades mark another step toward modernizing the rail network and enhancing the passenger experience. Sealdah Diviport and assess whether he has followed the stipulated sion continues its dedication to better infrastructure, Safety standards and more

to enhance track stability,

Points & Crossings (X-ings) and Thick Web Switches

(TWS), designed to ensure

smoother train movements

and higher operational

speed, contributing to in-

The media representa-

tives were also introduced to

the Ultrasonic Flaw Detec-

tion (USFD) system, which

plays a crucial role in pro-

actively detecting internal

flaws in rails, welds, Switch

Expansion Joints (SEJs),

and turnouts. This non-de-

structive testing method

uses high-frequency sound

waves to examine the in-

ternal structure of the rail,

identifying potential issues

creased line capacity.

Daycare surgeries now covered under health insurance MI News Service, Kolkata: In a

landmark development set to benefit thousands of patients, even minor surgeries that do not require hospitalization known as "daycare surgeries" - will now be covered under medical insurance policies. This was confirmed on Monday following a crucial meeting between the West Bengal Health Regulatory Commission and representatives of 11 health insurance companies.

Daycare surgeries, which typically include cataract removal, extraction of foreign bodies from the eye, minor oral or tongue surgeries, treatment for piles or fistula, and similar procedures, were previously excluded from standard insurance policies. Patients often had to be forcibly admitted to hospitals just to qualify for claims, which led to inflated bills and unnecessary hospitalization.

Justice (Retd.) Asim Kumar Banerjee, Chairman of the West Bengal Clinical Establishment Regulatory Commission, stated, "The system around daycare surgeries has remained opaque for too long. Until now, insurance coverage was only extended if the patient was hospitalized, which led private hospitals to manipulate records, forcing doctors to write admission recommendations even when not medically necessary.'

At the meeting, attended by senior commission members Dr. Makhanlal Saha, Binod Kumar, Dr. Maitreyee Banerjee, Secretary Arshad Hussain Warsi, and Third Party Administrators (TPAs), insurance companies confirmed that daycare surgeries will now be brought under insurance coverage across the board.

Furthermore, the commission addressed another long-standing issue: the non-reimbursement of consumable items such as gauze, cotton, masks, surgical gloves, and injection syringes. These items were previously categorized as non-medical and hence excluded from insurance claims — often leaving patients with hefty out-ofpocket expenses.

delegation was shown the Jamalpur at Jamalpur Stabefore they can lead to rail tion. These stations are curfractures or accidents. on-going Loop Line Deep Sealdah division to run AC EMU soon

rently undergoing vital in-

frastructure upgrades aimed

at reducing accident risks

and improving overall safety

At both Sabour and Ja-

malpur stations, the media

for passengers and staff.

Kolkata: To fulfil the growing requirements of comfortable journey for the suburban passengers, Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division is preparing to run AC EMU locals soon. Two (02) such AC EMU trains are under construction and testing phase at Integral Coach Factory, Chennai. The routes and fares for run-

ning the AC EMU trains in Sealdah Division is under consideration and will be worked out based on the feasibility, requirements and passenger patronisa-

The salient technical features of these AC EMU rakes are as

All the coaches of these trains will be fully Air-Conditioned. The coaches are made of Stainless steel body with straight side walls. All the 12-coaches of the rake are end to end connected by sealed wider vestibule gang-

All the AC EMU coaches have 04 electrically operated double leaf automatic sliding doors in each side. The coaches having wide and large double sealed



glass windows providing panoramic view. 3 seater stainless steel seats are provide in all the coaches. Total seating capacity of the rake is approximately 1100. All the coaches are covered by CCTV surveillance. Wear resistant rubber floor top, Aluminium extruded modular luggage rack & GPS based LED displays for passenger information and announcement system are provided in each coach of the rake to enhance passenger amenity and comfort.

The doors of the train will open only after arriving at sta-

tions and will close before departing from the stations and remain close while on run for safety reasons. The control of the door will remain with the Driver/Guard who will operate the doors of the train compart-This initiative is a part of Eastern Railway's endeavour for

improving passenger comfort. The two (02) rakes of the new AC EMU trains which are expected in Sealdah Division will surely satisfy the expectations of the passengers for a cosy journey

Cleanliness awareness drive conducted at Ballygunge station

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a continued effort to maintain clean station premises and reinforce its commitment to the Swachh Bharat Mission and sustainable cleanliness practices, Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division organized a Cleanliness Awareness Campaign at Ballygunge Railway Station on 21st April 2025. The campaign aimed to sensitize passengers, vendors, and other stakeholders about the importance of maintaining cleanliness in and around railway premises.

The primary focus of the initiative was on proper waste disposal, discouraging littering, and prohibiting spitting within the station premises. Posters, leaflets, and onground demonstrations were used to effectively convey key messages to the public and promote responsible behavior while using railway facilities. The event witnessed active



participation and coordination from health staff, RPF personnel, Senior Section Engineer/ Work and the cleaning staff of Ballygunge, all of whom contributed significantly to the success of the programme. Their joint efforts highlighted the importance of community involvement in achieving and sustaining a clean and hygienic railway environment.

Eastern Railway remains dedicated to upholding high standards of cleanliness and hygiene across its network and continues to engage with both passengers and staff in promoting civic responsibility

place earlier on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the

Home Minister Amit Shah

and Jammu and Kashmir LG

Manoj Sinha departed for

Srinagar in the wake of the

Pahalgam terrorist attack on

also termed the targeting of

innocent civilians as "highly

"Deeply anguished by the news of the terrorist at-

tack in Pahalgam, Jammu &

Kashmir. The brutal target-

ing of innocent civilians in

this cowardly attack is highly

reprehensible. The Modi Gov-

ernment follows a Zero-Toler-

ance Policy against terrorism.

Those involved in this heinous

act will not be spared," Nadda

is visiting the affected area,

and the Hon. Prime Minister

is personally monitoring the

to supporting all the affect-

all necessary assistance," he

l lamilies and will provide

Earlier today, Defence

Minister Rajnath Singh also

on innocent civilians is an act

rehensible. My thoughts and

prayers are with the innocent

victims and their families.

'The Union Home Minister

Union Minister JP Nadda

tourists.

reprehensible"

said on X.

added.

"Shocking and painful": President Murmu condoles death of tourists in J-K's Pahalgam, Amit Shah leaves for Srinagar

MI News Service, New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday paid "heartfelt" condolences to the families who have lost their dear ones in the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam and also prayed for the quick recovery of the injured ones.

In a post on X, the Rashtrapati Bhavan handle said that the terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam of Jammu and Kashmir is shocking and painful.

"The terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, is shocking and painful. It is a dastardly and inhuman act which must be condemned unequivocally. Attacking innocent citizens, in this case tourists, is utterly appalling and unpardonable, the post reads.

"My heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost their dear ones and my prayers for the quick recovery of the injured," it added.

Earlier today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tues-EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice (Open Tender) No. F-Mfg-various items-250 BVCM, dtd. 21.04.2025. Dy. CME (Mfg), Eastern Railway Locomotive Workshop, Jamalpur, Dist. – Munger, Bihar, Pin-811214 invites E-Tenders against Tender No. F-Mfg-various items-250 BVCM. Bidders will be able to submit their bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards Farnest Money only through payment modes available on IREPS oortal like Net Banking, Debit Card, Credit Card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque. Deposit receipts. FDR etc.

are not allowed. Name of work & location: Supply, fitment & commissioning of various items, polyamine Epoxy Resin flooring on floor of inside cabin and fleet Graphics Film in Cabin-Interior under SI.No. 1 to 15 of Annexure-A in single set for manufacturing of 250 BVCM Wagon at Jamalpur Workshop. Advertised value: Rs. 6.33.84.375/-Bid Security: Rs. 4,66,900/-. Cost of tender document: Nil. Period of completion: 12 months. Date & of uploading tender 23.04.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Tender closing date & time: 19.05.2025 at 12.00 hrs. Validity of offer: 60 days. Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen etc. www.ireps.gov.in hyperlinked with www.er.indianrailways.gov.in and Dy. CME (Mfg) office, Eastern Railway any working day. (MISC-24/2025-26)

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day "strongly" condemned the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam and paid condolences to those who have lost their loved ones.

In a post on X, PM Modi stated that those responsible for this heinous act will be brought to justice.

"I strongly condemn the terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. Condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. I pray that the injured person recovers as soon as possible. All possible assistance is being provided to those affected," PM Modi said.

"Those behind this heinous act will be brought to justice...they will not be spared! Their evil agenda will never succeed. Our resolve to fight terrorism is unshakeable, and it will get even stronger," he

The attack, which targeted tourists in the Pahalgam area situation. We are committed of Anantnag district, took

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER For and on behalf of President of India, the Chief Engineer (Con)/S/GRC, South Eastern Railway, Kolkata-700043 invites e-Tender for the following works : SI. No. : (1); e-Tender Notice No. : 4562-GRC- reacted to the incident, stat-CE-C-SO-12-2025; Brief Description of ing, "Deeply anguished by the work: Composite work for Extension of news of the terrorist attack in covered ROH shed and Sick line shed and Pahalgam (Jammu & Kashconstruction of new service building with mir). This dastardly attack enovation of power supply arrangements including provision and commissioning of of cowardice and highly repall Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Telecom vorks for ROH shed Adityapur Jharkhand) South Eastern Railway under urisdiction of Dy. CE(Con.)/Tatanagar Approx. Cost: ₹32.17 Crore; Bid Security : ₹17,58,700.00; Completion period: 12 months; Closing Date 15.05.2025. Following tender has been uploaded on website www.ireps.gov.ir The tender will be closed at 12:00 Hrs on due date. Interested tenderers may viwebsite <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u> for full details description/specification of the tender: and submit their bids online. In no cas accepted, NB: "Prospective Bidder may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to

participate in all other tenders." (PR-68) EASTERN RAILWAY

<u>AUCTION CATALOGUE</u>

Admin Unit/Zone: Sealdah Division - Commercial, DRM Building, Kaizer Street Sealdah, Kolkata-700014. Auction Catalogue No.: SDAH-PARCEL-41. Auction Authority: Sr. DCM/SDAH. Auction Start (all Lots): 02.05.2025, 11.00 hrs. Auction close date/time: 02.05.2025, 11.50 hrs. Auto Extension Zone: 120 seconds Auto Extension duration: 120 seconds. Initial Cooling Off Period: 30 minutes Successive Lots closing interval: 10 minutes. Maximum Auto Extensions: 10 times. Description: Parcel space in SLR coaches (single compartment). Seq No. Lot No./Category, Trips/Days, Close date/time are as follows: AA/1, 13165 SLR-F1-SDAH-SHC-25-1 (Parcel - SLR), 209, 02.05.2025/11.30 hrs. AA/2, 13105-SLR-F1-SDAH-BUI-24-1 (Parcel - SLR), 312, 02.05.2025/11.40 hrs. AA/3, 13105-SLR-F2-SDAH-BUI-24-1 (Parcel - SLR), 312, 02.05.2025/11.50 hrs. Rate Unit: Per trip licensing fee. Min. Incr (%): 0.2 for all. EMD: 10% for all. Lot Status: RP (SDAH-24/2025-26)

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Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Asansol division, Asansol Station Road, Pin-713301 invites e-Auction through IREPS portal vide website www.ireps.gov.in for awarding the contract as under: Category of Auction: Commercial Publicity (Advertising). e-Auction Catalogue No.: ASN-ADVT-07-05. Auction start date & time: 07.05.2025 at 12.00 hrs. Name of station/Location: RDN: (i) At Panagarh: Inside station. (ii) At Durgapur: Inside station. North side Booking office and adjacent to Foot Overbridge near Howrah end. OOH: (i) At Andal : Outside station. (ii) At Simultala : North side circulating area. (iii) At Simultala: South side circulating area. Total 5 Assets: No. of RDN assets - 2. No. of OOH assets - 3. All prospective bidders are advised to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in for full details and to participate against the above mentioned e-Auction on 07.05.2025 at 12.00 hrs.

(ASN-24/2025-26) Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Asansol

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Howrah Division: A Pillar of Industrial Heritage

MI News Service, Kolkata: As the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway celebrates its centenary in 2025, it stands as a key link not only in India's railway network but also in the country's industrial heritage. The Howrah Division, the oldest in Eastern Railway, has played an essential role in connecting several major industrial hubs, facilitating the movement of goods, and contributing significantly to India's industrial growth. The first material transport by rail from Asansol, Dhanbad, and Raniganj to Howrah occurred on August 15, 1857.

Earlier, Dwarkanath Tagore, a prominent Bengali businessman and the enterprising grandfather of Rabindranath Tagore, had envisioned connecting Raniganj to Howrah by rail, but faced opposition from the East India Company. However, ten years after his death in 1855, his desire of building a rail connection between Raniganj and Howrah was realised.

During the year 1855-56, after the East Indian Railway had extended the line up to Raniganj, 100,000tons of coal were transported from Raniganj to Calcutta. By 1860, however, 50 collieries were



Coal being loaded into a wagon

functioning, producing about 282,000 tons of coal annually in the Raniganjarea.In order to meet foreign competition and to increase the consumption of Indian coal by other railways and by various mills and factories, the East Indian Railway reduced the rate for leads over 300 miles from 5.4 to 4.5pies per ton mile. As the production of coal increased, with simultaneous increase in the demand

for Indian coal and gradual extinction of foreign imports, haulage rates continued to be progressively reduced by the railways.

Eastern Railway has been one of the major Railways. Be-fore creation of East Central Railway, this Railway used to load about 80 Million Tonnes of freight every year which was about 19% of the total loading of Indian Railways. Apart from

coal and coke, this Railway also transports Iron and Steel from Durgapur and Burnpur, Bauxite and Stone from Pakur, Rajgramand Jamalpur, Cement from Durgapur and host ofother merchandise including Jute, Tea, Textile, Automobiles, etc. to Calcutta through Howrah line.

Howrah Division's strategic connections to industrial powerhouses such as Durgapur, Asansol, Dhanbad, and Raniganjhave made it the backbone of the eastern region's industrial development. These stations are at the heart of India's steel, coal, and heavy manufacturing sectors. The rail routes facilitated by Howrah Division have enabled the smooth transportation of raw materials and finished goods, making it an indispensable part of India's industrial supply chain.

Over the decades, Howrah

Division has not only contributed to the economic growth of eastern India but has also played a key role in supporting the national economy. As we celebrate 100 years of this vital division, we acknowledge its significant impact on India's industrial landscape and its continued role as a lifeline for commerce, industry, and

Running of EMU special trains
MI News Service, Kolkata: In view of demand of the passengers, the following special EMU trains will run as per schedule given

(i) Train no. 08113/08114 Howrah-Digha -Howrah EMU Special. (W.E.F. 26.04.2025 to 04.05.2025)

08113 Howrah-Digha		Station	08114 Digha-Howra	
13.10	d	Howrah	a	22.35 arr
13.19	d	Tikiapara	d	21.30
13.24	d	Dasnagar	d	21.20
13.27	d	Ramrajatala	d	21.15
13.32	d	Santragachi	d	21.10
13.37	d	Mourigram	d	21.05
13.40	d	Andul	d	21.00
13.43	d	Sankrail	d	20.55
13.46	d	Abada	d	20.52
13.49	d	Nalpur	d	20.50
13.53	d	Bouria	d	20.46
13.56	d	Chengail	d	20.43
13.59	d	Fuleswar	d	20.40
14.03	d	Uluberia	d	20.35
14.08	d	Birshibpur	d	20.30
14.12	d	Kulgachia	d	20.26
14.17	d	Bagnan	d	20.22
14.20	d	Ghoraghata	d	20.18
14.24	d	Deulti	d	20.15
14.29	d	Kolaghat	d	20.12
14.35	d	Mecheda	d	20.08
14.41	d	Nandaigajan	d	20.03
14.44	d	Bhogpur	d	20.00
14.50	d	Narayan PakuriaMurail	d	19.50
15.02	d	Raghunathbari	d	19.38
15.10	d	Rajgoda	d	19.32
15.13	d	SaheedMatangini	d	19.26
15.19	d	Tamluk	d	19.23
15.38	d	Nandkumar	d	19.10
15.44	d	LavanSatyagrahSmarak	d	19.03
15.55	d	Deshapran	d	18.55
16.10	d	Henria	d	18.40
16.18	d	Nachinda	d	18.30
16.30	d	Kanthi	d	18.21
16.38	d	Sitalpur Bengal	d	18.15
16.42	d	Sujalpur	d	18.12
16.46	d	Ashapurna Devi	d	18.08
16.50	d	Badalpur	d	18.05
17.00	d	Ramnagar Bengal	d	17.55
17.05	d	Tikra	d	17.49
17.35	a	Digha	d	17.45

Train no. 08115/08116Paskura-Digha-Panskura EMU Special (W.E.F. 26.04.2025 to 04.05.2025)

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08115 Panskura-Digha		Station	08116 Digha-Panskura		
04.45	d	Panskura	a	10.20	
04.53	d	Raghunathbari	d	09.45	
04.59	d	Rajgoda	d	09.39	
05.04	d	SaheedMatangini	d	09.34	
05.07	d	Tamluk	d	09.28	
05.16	d	Nandkumar	d	09.12	
05.23	d	LavanSatyagrahSmarak	d	09.05	
05.35	d	Deshapran	d	08.52	
05.50	d	Henria	d	08.26	
06.00	d	Nachinda	d	08.18	
06.20	d	Kanthi	d	08.06	
06.28	d	Sitalpur Bengal	d	08.01	
06.35	d	Sujalpur	d	07.58	
06.40	d	Ashapurna Devi	d	07.53	
06.43	d	Badalpur	d	07.50	
06.50	d	Ramnagar Bengal	d	07.43	
06.55	d	Tikra	d	07.39	
07.25	9	Digha	d	07.35	

PUBLIC NOTICE LOSS OF ORIGINAL MOTHER DEEDS (SALE DEED AND DEED OF DECLARATION

, PARAS Alias PARAS NATH SHAW, son of Late Ramprit Sah, residing at, 50, Swinho Lane, P.S. Kasba, Kolkata- 700 042 and also residing at, Village Barasi, Post Office & Police Station- Khejuri, District- Balia, State: Uttar Pradesh, hereby declare that the Two Original Deed (1) Sale deed for the property situated at 50. Swinho Lane, P.S. Kasha, Kolkata-700 042, vide Book no. I, Volume No. 91, Pages from 266 to 270, being no. 6213 for the year o 1960 date of registered on 30.07.1960 and another (2) Declaration deed fo property situated at 50, Swinho Lane, P.S. Kasba, Kolkata-700 042, vide Book no. I, Volume No. 81, Pages from 9 to 11, Being no. 2267 for the year of 1975 registered on 25.04.1975, is lost. The said deed was in my possession till recently but despite my best efforts. I have not been able to trace the same and at present it has been lost. I declare that I have not deposited the said Deed as security by way of equitable mortgage or otherwise with anybody nor have given it to anybody for any purpose. Any person or institution deali with the document will be doing so at their own risk. Anyone who has found or is in possession of the document is requested to return it to the above address with in 15days of this Notice. Contact no. 97952 45066

Shreya Shil Red. No. F/2180/2506/2019

Jamna Gram Panchayat

Raijamna, Pandua, Hooghly Notice Inviting e-Tender (3rd Call) NieT No.: 021/JGP/2024-25 a-Tender is hereby invited from the experienced and resourceful bidders for work(s) under 5th SFC Tied fund & details mentioned below:-

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SI.	Name of Work	Estimated Amount	Earnest Money
1.	Solar Street Lighting Installation at Sansad III to IV.	540273.00	2% of the Tender Amount
for	Submission Closing Date (Online): 01.05.2025 up Technical Proposal (Online): 05.05.2025 at www.wbtenders.gov.in & undersigned GP Office.	12:00 PM. F	

Bhanderhati (2) Gram Panchayet Vill.: Chinagori, P.O.: Bhanderhati, P.S.: Dhaniakhali, Dist.: Hooghly

Notice Inviting e-Tender

e-Tender is hereby invited from the Experienced and resourceful, GST registered bidder for execution of 07 nos. development works vide Memo No: 205/BHT-2/2025 & NIT No.: WB/HG/DNK/BHT-2/NIT-01/ 2025-26, Date: 21.04.2025. Bid Proposal Submission Start Date (Online) 22.04.2025 from 10:30 AM. Bid Proposal Submission End Date (Online) 29.04.2025 up to 05.30 PM. Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Online): 02.05.2025 at 02:30 PM. For more details visit <u>www.wbtenders.gov.in</u> undersigned GP Office.

> Prodhan Bhanderhati (2) Gram Panchayet

Minister Ashish Sood urges people of Delhi to save power on Earth Day

News Service, Delhi: On the occasion of World Earth Day, Delhi Education Minister Ashish Sood on Tuesday urged the residents of the national capital to switch off all electrical appliances for five minutes from 8:00 pm to 8:05 pm, as a symbolic gesture to promote environmental awareness. In a video message, the Delhi Education Minister said the initiative aimed to spread a powerful message in support of the environment and serve as a collective message of environmental consciousness.

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"They will not be spared": PM Modi strongly condemns terror attack in J-K's Pahalgam geted tourists in the Pa-

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday "strongly" condemned the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam and paid condolences to those who have lost their loved ones.

In a post on X, PM Modi said, those behind this heinous act will be brought to justice.

"I strongly condemn the terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. Condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. I pray that the injured recover at the earliest. All possible assistance is being provided to those affected," PM Modi said.

"Those behind this heinous act will be brought to justice...they will not be spared! Their evil agenda will never succeed. Our resolve to fight terrorism is unshakable, and it will get even stronger," he

The attack, which tar-

"Annadata farmer to now become Urjadata": Union Minister Nitin Gadkari at 'Save the Earth Conclave'

MI News Service, New Delhi: Union Minister for Road Iransport and Highways Nifor a transformative shift in rules. the agricultural sector, urging that farmers transition from 'Annadata' (food providers) to 'Urjadata' (energy providers), emphasising their pivotal roles in India's future energy ecosystem.

Speaking at the 'Save the Earth Conclave' organised in New Delhi to celebrate World Earth Day 2025, Nitin Gadkari said, "To stop the import of petroleum worth Rs 22 lakh crore, the 'Annadata' must now become 'Urjadata'. By protecting the environment and strengthening the economy, I firmly believe that in the next five years, our energy-importing country will definitely become an energy-exporting nation.

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Patharpratima Panchayat Samit Ramganga, South 24-Parganas

halgam area of Anantnag district, took place earlier on Tuesday.
Earlier today, Union
Home Minister Amit Shah

condemned the terror attack on tourists in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam and said the perpetrators would face the harshest consequences. He added that he would be visiting Srinagar to hold a securi-

ty review meeting.

In a post on X, Shah said, "Anguished by the terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. My thoughts are with the family members of the deceased. Those involved in this dastardly act of terror will not be spared, and we will come down heavily on the perpetrators with the harsh-

est consequences."

He added, "Briefed PM Narendra Modi Ji about the incident and held a cerned officials via video tion.

conferencing. Will shortly leave for Srinagar to hold an urgent security review meeting with all the agen-

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also reacted to the incident, stating, Deeply anguished by the news of terrorist attack in Pahalgam (Jammu & Kashmir). This dastardly attack on innocent civilians is an act of cowardice and highly reprehensible. My thoughts and prayers are with the innocent victims and their families."

Political leaders across parties have strongly condemned the firing incident reported in the Pahalgam area of south Kashmir, calling it an attack on peace and the region's tourism sector.

Meanwhile, Security forces and police personnel rushed to the site immediately after the attack. Ambulances were meeting with the con- also rushed to the loca-

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EARMARKED LADIES COACH INCREASED IN ALL EMU LOCALS ACROSS SEALDAH DIVISION

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Millions of passengers are transported through EMU train services in Sealdah Division. For this purpose all EMU services in Sealdah Division has been converted from 09 coaches to 12 coaches. Further it has been observed that during the course of time, female passengers are increasing significantly

in all the suburban routes. To offer safety, security and comfort at the time of train journey to female passengers, it has been decided to increase the earmarked coaches for ladies. Accordingly general part of third coach (vendor coach) from both ends have been additionally earmarked for ladies passengers along with existing accommodation of full second coach from both ends in all EMU locals plying in Sealdah Division.

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Sun King Welcomes Bollywood Star RajkummarRao as Brand Ambassador to Light Up Lives Across India

Sun King, one of the world's leading solar energy and energy-efficient electrical products brands, is proud to announce Bollywood actor RajkummarRao as its new brand ambassador. The partnership brings together a household name in Indian cinema and a trusted name in clean energy, with a shared belief in practical solutions that make a difference.

Sun King's solar-powered and energy-efficient electrical products - used by millions across India - bring light, power, and comfort to homes that lack relielectricity. RajkummarRao onboard, the brand aims to reach even more people who want dependable energy without the high cost, or smart, cost-effective, environmentally friendly appliances.

Known for his powerful performances in Stree, Newton, Shahid, and Srikanth, and Rajkummar has earned a reputation for authenticity, empathy, and a deep connection with everyday people, values that resonate with Sun King's mission. "I've always believed in the

kind of change that improves peo-



"Sun King's RajkummarRao. solar and electrical products do exactly that - they bring reliability and peace of mind to homes and families who need it most. I'm proud to support a brand that's

helping India shine, sustainably." From solar home lighting systems to powerful rooftop solar systems and energy-efficient appliances, such as bulbs and fans, Sun King's range is designed for families who want long-lasting, affordable energy they can count on. The partnership with

RajkummarRao will help raise awareness of these solutions and the real impact of Sun King's products.

"RajkummarRao stands for the same things we do - realworld impact, trust, and accessibility," said Surabhi Sharma, Head of Marketing - Asia at Sun King. "Together, we'll tell stories that reflect the hopes and realities of households across India, and show that sustainable energy is for everyone.

"Bollywood inspires millions

across India, and RajkummarRao stands out for his sincerity and connection to real, human stories," said SahilKhanna, General Manager for Asia and Latin America at Sun King. "He's the perfect voice to help us share how reliable solar power and smart, energy-efficient appliances can transform everyday life.

The announcement comes as Sun King prepares to launch a fresh wave of customer-focused campaigns, starting at the South Asia Forum for Distributed Energy in New Delhi this week. The nationwide campaigns aim to showcase Sun King's diverse product range, and will culminate later in the year with a special highlight: a meet-and-greet event with RajkummarRao, where Sun King's top-performing distributors and partners will get the exclusive opportunity to meet the celebrated actor in person.

The collaboration is about more than just visibility. It's about a shared purpose-delivering clean, reliable energy to homes that have been left in the dark for too long, and doing so with honesty, heart, and impact.

extinction, birds underwent a

period of incredible change. Birds

now live all over the world and

their beaks are adapted to each

We see beak shapes for eating fruit, netting insects, piercing

and tearing meat, and even sip-

ping nectar. The majority follow

the power cascade growth rule.

While rare, a few birds we

studied were rule-breakers. One

such rule-breaker is the Eurasian

spoonbill, whose highly spe-cialised beak shape helps it sift

through the mud to capture aquatic life. Perhaps its unique

feeding style led to it breaking this

rule-breakers like the spoonbill.

On the contrary, this further high-

lights how informative the power

cascade truly is. Most bird beaks

grow according to our rule, and

those beaks can cater to most

like the spoonbill break the power

cascade growth rule to catch their

But occasionally, oddballs

We are not upset at all about

common rule

feeding styles

place in very special ways.

Pride anticipation envelope US **Second Lady Usha Vance's** native village in **Andhra Pradesh**

Vadluru (Andhra Pradesh) Pride and anticipation has swept through Vadluru village in Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari district as Usha Vance, wife of US Vice President JD Vance has accompanied him on his visit to the country, along with their three children.

Vance and his family have embarked on a four-day visit to the country starting Monday.

The US Second Lady's ancestors belong to Vadluru village in East Godavari district, a region endowed with greenery and nour-ished by the plenteous waters of River Godavari.

Vance, accompanied by dian-origin Second Lady Indian-origin UshaChilukuri, and their three children-- sons Ewan, Vivek and daughter Mirabel, landed in Delhi on a largely personal four-day visit to India that comes amid growing global tensions over the US' tariff war.

'We all came to know that Usha has come to Delhi today. We, on behalf of the residents of Vadluru, eagerly expect her to come to this village to see her ancestors, temples... we are all eagerly waiting for her," PV Ramanaiah, a villager told PTI

V Badrinath said that since Vadluru is the US Second Lady's ancestral village, everybody here is elated and hopes that she will visit them.

However, Vadluru does not feature in the itinerary of Usha Vance, prompting locals like P SrinivasaRaju, a former sarpanch of the village, to be better prepared next time.

"We didn't know that this (Usha's visit) would be such a sudden programme," Raju told PTI, adding that over the last 10 days, intelligence and revenue department officials kept visiting Vadluru to gather information on her roots.

According to Raju, Vadluru was earlier located in the undivided West Godavari district but now falls in East Godavari district under Undrajavarammandal.

Vance's visit about a fortnight or a month earlier, our village elders would have set off to meet her in some city like Hyderabad or Chennai where she would be visiting," he said.

'Had we known about Usha

Raju said they would have also taken the help of Tourism Minister and Nidadavolu MLA KandulaDurgesh to meet Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu to reach out to Usha Vance.

Similarly, C Santhamma, a nonagenarian relative of Usha Vance, said she is very happy to see her relative rising to a great position. Santhamma said she would not only love to meet Usha Vance but also give her an oppor-

Why don't humans have hair all over their bodies: A biologist explains our lack of fur



Pittsburgh: (The Conversation) Why don't humans have hair all over their bodies like other animals? - Murilo, age 5, Brazil

Have you ever wondered why you don't have thick hair covering your whole body like a dog, cat or gorilla does?

Humans aren't the only mammals with sparse hair. Elephants, rhinos and naked mole rats also have very little hair. It's true for some marine mammals, such as whales and dolphins, too.

Scientists think the earliest mammals, which lived at the time of the dinosaurs, were quite hairy. But over hundreds of millions of years, a small handful of mammals, including humans, evolved to have less hair. What's the advantage of not growing your own fur coat? I'm a biologist who studies

the genes that control hairiness in mammals. Why humans and a small number of other mammals are relatively hairless is an interesting question. It all comes down to whether certain genes are turned on or off. Hair benefits

Hair and fur have many important jobs. They keep animals warm, protect their skin from the sun and injuries and help them blend into their surroundings. They even assist animals in sensing their environ-ment. Ever felt a tickle when something almost touches you? That's your hair helping you detect things nearby.

Humans do have hair all over their bodies, but it is generally sparser and finer than that of our hairier relatives. A notable exception is the hair on our heads, which likely serves to protect the scalp from the sun In human adults, the thicker hair that develops under the arms and between the legs likely reduces skin friction and aids in cooling by dispersing sweat.

So hair can be pretty beneficial. There must have been a strong evolutionary reason for people to lose so much of it.

Why humans lost their hair The story begins about 7

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"deed," listing key details of the

pope's life and papacy that is placed in his coffin. It's written in

Latin by the master for papal litur-

gical celebrations. A copy is kept

Who are the scrutineers?

This is the document, or

What is a rogito?

during the conclave.

in the Vatican archives.

million years ago, when humans and chimpanzees took different evolutionary paths. Although scientists can't be sure why humans became less hairy, we have some strong theories that involve sweat.

Humans have far more sweat glands than chimps and other mammals do. Sweating keeps you cool. As sweat evaporates from your skin, heat energy is carried away from your body. This cooling system was likely crucial for early human ancestors, who lived in the hot African savanna.

Of course, there are plenty of mammals living in hot climates right now that are covered with fur. Early humans were able to hunt those kinds of animals by tiring them out over long chases in the heat - a strategy known as persistence hunt-

Humans didn't need to be faster than the animals they hunted. They just needed to keep going until their prey got too hot and tired to flee. Being able to sweat a lot, without a thick coat of hair, made this endurance possible. Genes that control hairiness To better understand hairiness in mammals, my research team compared the genetic information of 62 different mammals, from humans to armadillos to dogs and squirrels. By lining up the DNA of all these different species, we were able to zero in on the genes linked to keeping or losing body hair. Among the many discoveries we made, we learned humans still carry all the genes needed for a full coat of hair - they are just muted or

switched off. In the story of "Beauty and the Beast," the Beast is covered in thick fur, which might seem like pure fantasy. But in real life some rare conditions can cause people to grow a lot of hair all over their bodies. This condition, called hypertrichosis, is very unusual and has been called "werewolf syndrome" because of how people who have it look

A secret mathematical rule has shaped the beaks of birds and other dinosaurs for 200 million years ers After surviving the mass

Sydney (The Conversation) Bird beaks come in almost every shape and size - from the straw-like beak of a hummingbird to the slicing, knife-like beak of an eagle. We have found, however,

that this incredible diversity is underpinned by a hidden mathematical rule that governs the growth and shape of beaks in nearly all living birds. What's more, this rule even

describes beak shape in the long-gone ancestors of birds - the dinosaurs. We are excited to share our findings, now published in the journal iScience.

By studying beaks in light of this mathematical rule, we can understand how the faces of birds and other dinosaurs evolved over 200 million years. We can also find out why, in rare instances, these rules can be broken.

When nature follows the rules Finding universal rules in biology is rare and difficult - there seem to be few instances where physical laws are so pervasive across all organisms.

But when we do find a rule. powerful way to explain the patterns we see in nature. Our team previously discovered a new rule of biology that explains the shape and growth of many pointed structures, including teeth, horns, hooves, shells and, of course, beaks.

This simple mathematical rule captures how the width of a pointed structure, like a beak. expands from the tip to the base.



We call this rule the "power cas-

very interested in how the power cascade might explain the shape

like Tyrannosaurus rex, have a robust snout with pointed teeth. But some dinosaurs (like the emu-Ornithomimusedmontonicus) did

In theropods, the group of dinosaurs that T. rex belonged to, beaks evolved at least six times. Each time, the teeth were lost and the snout stretched to a beak shape over millions of years.

After this discovery, we were of bird and other dinosaur beaks. Dinosaurs got their beaks more than once Most dinosaurs.

not have any teeth at all and instead had beaks.

But only one of these impeccable dinosaur groups survived

the mass extinction event 66 million years ago. These survivors eventually became our modernday birds. The early bird catches the rule To investigate the power cascade rule of growth, we researched 127 species of theropods. We found that 95% of theropod beaks and snouts follow

> Using state-of-the-art evolunary analyses through computer modelling, we demonstrated that the ancestral theropod most likely had a toothed snout that followed the power cascade rule.

> Excitingly, this suggests that the power cascade describes the growth of not just theropod beaks and snouts, but perhaps the snouts of all vertebrates: mammals, reptiles and fish.

The rule followers and break-

species of

Now that we know that most bird and dinosaur beaks follow the power cascade, the next big step in our research is to study how bird beaks grow from chick to adult.

If the power cascade is truly a foundational growth rule in bird beaks, we may expect to find it hiding in many other forms across

From 'conclave' to 'white smoke ' glossary of terms used in papal transition

Vatican City: A change in popes through death or resignation - is a complicated process, with centuries-old rituals involving the transition in leadership for both the spiritual head of the global Catholic Church and the Vatican's head of state.

These are the need-to-know terms - some of them in Latin - to help make sense of news in the coming days:

Who is the Vatican camer-

This is the "chamberlain" the cardinal in charge of formally verifying the pope's death - and then sealing his room and study. Between then and the election of the new pope, the camerlengo administers the "goods and temporal rights" of the Holy See. The current one is the Irish-born American Cardinal Kevin Farrell.

Who is in the College of

Cardinals? There are 252 cardinals worldwide, and as a body, they are in charge of the Holy See's affairs in-between popes, albeit with limits. Of them, 135 are "cardinal electors," who gather in the Vatican to choose the new pope. For centuries, they have chosen one of their own. The vast majority of the electors - 108 - were made cardinals by Pope Francis, according to Vatican statistics.

What is the conclave? This is the closed-door meeting of the cardinal electors to choose the new pope in the Sistine Chapel. Its name, literally "with a key," was used in the 13th century

to describe the process of locking up the cardinals until the election is completed. It must begin no more than 20 days after the death or resignation of a pope. The electors are sequestered from all outsiders for the duration; the last three popes were chosen within

Who is the dean of the

College of Cardinals? The current dean is Italian Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re. He is the head of the College of Cardinals who informs the rest of the cardinals and the ambassadors to the Holy See of the pope's death once he learns of it from the camerlengo. He convenes the conclave and presides as the electors take their oaths. Once a new pope is chosen, the dean asks him if he accepts and what name he wants to be called.

What is the Domus Santa

This Vatican guesthouse, built in 1996, specifically houses cardinals during a conclave and is used at other times as a hotel for visiting priests and Vatican officials. Pope Francis never moved out after he was elected pope, choosing to live in suite 201, rather than the papal apartments in the Apostolic Palace.

What does extra omnes

A Latin phrase for "all out," it's spoken by the master for papal liturgical celebrations, currently Italian Archbishop Diego Ravelli, to ask all those present except the cardinal electors to leave the



Sistine Chapel to begin the voting process during the conclave.

Why is the pope's ring called the fisherman's ring?

Each pope gets this ring at the Mass marking the beginning of his pontificate. It bears this name because Jesus told St. Peter, the first pope, that he would be "a fisher of men." Until the 1990s, it was destroyed upon a pope's death. Now, it's "annulled," or marked in such a way that it can't be used as a seal.

What are the General Congregations?

This is the name given to the gathering of all members of the College of Cardinals after the pope's death and before the start of the conclave to discuss major church affairs. All cardinals who aren't infirm take part in this meeting in the Vatican's Apostolic Palace. They also discuss preparations for the conclave, under oath and in secret. What does it mean when

they say, HabemusPapam'?

This Latin phrase translates to "We have a pope." These are the words used by the "protodeacon" of the College of Cardinals to announce from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica that a new pope has been elected. He then says the new pope's birth name and the name he has chosen to use as pope, also in Latin. The current protodeacon is French Cardinal Dominique Mamberti.

Who are the infirmarii? These are the three cardinals, chosen by a random drawing

from the electors, who are

charged with gathering the ballots

of any electors who are ill during

motto miserandoatqueeligendo'

phrase that Francis chose as his

motto when he was elevated to

bishop and kept as his papal seal.

It was drawn from the homilies of

St. Bede the Venerable, an 8th

century monk. It comes from the

Gospel narrative of St. Matthew, a

tax collector whom Jesus called to

Who are the revisers?

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What does Pope Francis'

This is Latin for "having had

the conclave.

mean?

These are the three cardinals, chosen by random drawing from the electors, who are charged with reviewing each ballot and announcing it to the assembled conclave after each round of voting. They then tally the votes - to win the election, two-thirds of the votes are necessary - and they also burn the bal-

What does the saying sedevacante' mean?

This is Latin for "vacant seat," the period between the pope's death or resignation and the election of a new one. What is St. Mary Major?

This is the basilica in Rome where Pope Francis said he wants to be buried. Francis is breaking with the tradition of his predecessors who are buried inside the Vatican, saying he wanted to be near his favorite icon of the Virgin Mary, the SalusPopuli Romani, a Byzantine-style painting of the Madonna draped in a blue robe, holding the infant Jesus who in turn is holding a jeweled golden book. The icon is located in the church first built in the 5th century and devoted to the Virgin Mary.

In his will, Francis said he wanted a simple underground tomb with only "Franciscus" written on it. What does the text

 $Universi Dominici Gregis'\ contain?$

This Latin phrase means "the Lord's whole flock." It's the Vatican constitution that regulates the processes from a pope's death until a new one is elected. St. John Paul II issued it in 1996 during his papacy, and Pope Benedict XVI twice amended it, most significantly by removing John Paul's provision that after about 12 days of balloting a simple majority could elect a new pope rather than a two-thirds majority. If the conclave lasts that long, the top two vote-getters go to a runoff, with a two-thirds majority required to win. Neither of the top two candidates casts a ballot in

What does white or black smoke mean during a papal tran-

After each round of voting in the Sistine Chapel, the ballots are burned in a special furnace to indicate the outcome to the outside world. If no pope is chosen, the ballots are mixed with cartridges containing potassium perchlorate, anthracene (a component of coal tar), and sulfur to produce black smoke. But if there is a winner, the burning ballots are mixed with potassium chlorate, lactose and chloroform resin to produce the white smoke. Bells also are rung to further signal there is a new pope.

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Baba Ramdev's 'sharbat jihad' remark shocks court's conscience: HC

hi High Court strongly criticized Yoga guru Ramdev for his alleged "sharbat jihad" remark against Hamdard's popular drink, Rooh Afza, calling the statement shocking and indefensible.

observation was made by Justice Amit Bansal during a hearing on a plea filed by Hamdard National Foundation India against Patanjali Foods Ltd, associated with Ramdev.

Justice Bansal expressed deep concern over the remark and warned Ramdev's legal counsel to seek clear instructions from his client, stating that failure to do so could result in a strong judi-

followed submissions by Hamdard's counsel, who informed the bench that while promoting Patanjali's rose-flavored drink, Ramdev had suggested that profits from Rooh Afza were being used to fund madrasas and mosques.

Senior advocate Mukul appearing for Rohatgi, Hamdard, argued that the issue was not just about product disparagement but was an instance of promoting communal disharmony. He asserted that Ramdev's comment constituted hate speech. "This is not a business rivalry anymore. He says it is a 'sharbat jihad'. Why is he targeting us? Let

In defense, Ramdev later claimed he had neither named any specific brand nor targeted any religious community. Despite this, the court found the remarks disturbing enough to warrant

serious judicial scrutiny.
As the advocate scheduled to argue for Ramdev was unavailable, the court decided to adjourn the matter temporarily and indicated it would take it up later. The case now centers on whether Ramdev's statements crossed the legal boundary from commercial competition into communal provocation, a charge that, if upheld, could have broader implications for public speech in

Haryana Police arrested Inspector **Radhey Shyam for harassing Muslims**

Haryana Police arrested Inspector Radhey Shyam, a suspended Station House Officer (SHO), in connection with a case of custodial torture at Palwal city police station. The incident, which dates back to December 2024, involved the alleged brutal abuse of an accused fraud suspect from Rajas-

Instead of conducting a lawful investigation, Radhey Shyam—already known for previous allegations of custodial violence and a pattern of targeting Muslims-allegedly subjected the detainee to severe torture. According to the complaint, he beat the accused, forced him to consume chilli paste, and inserted the substance into his private parts using

An internal investigation concluded on April 16 found

ous misconduct, prompting Hindutva the Inspector General of the Rewari Range to suspend him the same day. However, he remains under scrutiny in a separate inquiry involving two cybercrime suspects who also alleged custodial

Radhey Shyam previously headed the Special Cow Protection Task Force in Nuh and is said to be closely associated with right-wing Hindu groups such as the Bajrang Dal and individuals like Bittu Bajrangi, who has a history of inciting violence against Muslims in the region.

Senior Congress leader and Nuh MLA Aftab Ahmed welcomed the arrest, stating, "Radhey Shyam is a habitual offender. He has committed horrific abuses, especially targeting Muslims. His removal is a necessary step toward justice. Those supporting him are defending unlawful actions."

Despite the suspension, ment.

have reacted aggressively. Bittu Bajrangi, a self-styled cow vigilante previously convicted in lynching cases, announced plans for statewide protests. He accused political leaders like Aftab Ahmed of pressuring authorities into suspending Radhey Shyam and claimed that such actions hinder efforts to combat cow smug-

gling.
"If our demands aren't met by Sunday, we'll block the Mathura Road highway with public demonstra-tions," Bajrangi warned. Bajrangi warned. While he claims not to know Shyam personally, he expressed support for his past actions against alleged cow smuggling.

The case continues to stir tensions, highlighting communal divides and raising serious concerns about custodial violence and political

RSS organises arms training at **Christian College campus in Kerala**

Thiruvananthapuram: The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh organised an arms training camp at Mar Ivanios College ground in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram sparking controversy over the grounds on which it was permitted.

The training which began on April 17 was organised for a RSS Officers' Training Camp slated for May 2. After a media channel named MediaOne released a video oi tne iootage, tne incident came to be known and sparked objections. It is yet to be confirmed whether the college management or the church authorities approved

Criticising the college



Student Federation of In-trying to divide educational dia (SFI) stated, "Student spaces and create unrest." groups are not even allowed to bring flags to campus. How come an arms training camp by the RSS is allowed?" The organisation's stitutional and dangerous. authorities.

management for organis- In the statement released by ing the training camp, the the body, it alleged, "RSS is

While cases were registered against Muslims for wearing a black band in silent opposition against the Waqf Bill, the police is yet to district committee said that take any action against the the arms training is uncon- organizers and the college

Pope Francis' Final Message: "There can be no peace without freedom of religion and thought"

Vatican: In what is being described as his final major address to the global community, Pope Francis delivered a powerful message of peace, freedom, and human liberty. dignity, reaffirming the core principles of coexistence in an increasingly fractured world. Speaking from the 88-year-old Vatican, the pontiff issued a heartfelt appeal for an immediate ceasefire in conflict zones and the unconditional release of hostages held in

various parts of the world. "There can be no peace without freedom of religion, without freedom of thought and conscience," Pope Fran-cis declared. "The dignity of every human being, regardless of their faith, belief, or background, must be upheld if we are to build a just and

lasting peace."

In his address, the Pope emphasized the urgent need for a global moral awakening amid escalating wars, deepening humanitarian crises, and growing intolerance. He strongly con- but the presence of justice,

as a tool of division and violence, urging religious leaders and governments alike to protect the sacred right to believe — or not to believe – as fundamental to human

The pontiff also made a direct plea for an immediate ceasefire in all active war zones. Without naming specific countries, his words were widely interpreted as referring to ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, Africa, and Eastern Europe. He called on political leaders to prioritize dialogue over destruction and compassion over conquest.

"Stop the bloodshed," he said. "Release the hostages. End the cycle of revenge. Choose life, not death. Choose dialogue, not domination.'

The Pope's message also touched on the plight of refugees, victims of religious persecution, and those silenced for expressing dissenting views. He reminded the world that true peace is not the absence of conflict demned the use of religion freedom, and mutual re-

This poignant speech is being seen as Pope Francis' spiritual legacy — a final call for humanity to embrace compassion, uphold freedom, and strive for peace through understanding. The Vatican has confirmed that the Pope will gradually step back from public life due to health reasons, though he will continue to offer guidance in a limited capacity.

As his words echoed across the world, many leaders, faith groups, and civil society organizations hailed his message as a moral compass in troubled

"His Holiness has spoken not just as the head of the Catholic Church, but as a voice of conscience for all humanity," said one inter-

faith leader in response. In an era marked by growing polarization and violence, Pope Francis' final appeal serves as a sobering reminder of what is at stake - and what must be done to ensure a future rooted in peace, freedom, and human

Earthquake of magnitude 4.1 strikes Tajikistan

Dushanbe: An earthquake of magnitude 4.1 on the Richter Scale struck Tajikistan on Tuesday, a statement by the National Center for Seismology (NCS) said. As per the NCS, the earthquake occurred at a shallow depth of 10km, making it susceptible to aftershocks. In a post on X, the NCS

said, "EQ of M: 4.1, On: struck the region.

22/04/2025 10:34:19 IST, Lat: 39.07 N, Long: 70.67 E, Depth: 10 Km, Location: Earlier on Tajikistan." Monday, three earthquakes struck the region. "EQ of M: 4.0, On: 21/04/2025 11:47:05 IST, Lat: 38.09 N, Long: 68.83 E, Depth: 10 Km, Location: Tajikistan," NCS stated. Another earthquake of magnitude 4.0

In a post on X, NCS said, "EQ of M: 4.0, On: 21/04/2025 02:04:36 IST, Lat: 39.10 N, Long: 70.60 E, Depth: 30 Km, Location: Tajikistan." In the wee hours of Monday, another earthquake occurred in Tajikistan.

"EQ of M: 4.2, On: 21/04/2025 01:50:34 IST, Lat: 39.08 N, Long: 70.62 E, Depth: 10 Km, Location: Tajikistan," as per NCS.

Israeli PM vows 'forceful response' to Houthi attacks

min Netanyahu said that Israel would deliver a "forceful response" to repeated attacks by Yemen's Houthi

Netanyahu made the threat on Monday during a public speech in Tel Aviv, which he said addressed "the Houthis and all those who wish us harm," vowing that "any attack against Israel will not go unanswered. There will be a forceful response.

The prime minister did not specify in what form the response would be made, but said Israel would not tolerate continued attacks on its territory, Xinhua news agency reported.

He also noted that the Houthis in Yemen, "who keep firing at Israel," have already taken "heavy blows from Israel and American

Yemen-based Houthi forces have launched dozens of long-range missiles and drones toward Israel and targeted Israeli-linked shipping in the Red Sea since the tober 2023, to show solidarity with Palestinians under Israeli bombardment.

Both the Israeli military and a US-led naval coalition stationed in the Red Sea have responded with several deadly airstrikes in Yemen, targeting Houthi-controlled areas and infrastructure to deter the group.
Earlier on Thursday Ye-

men's Houthi leader Abdulmalik al-Houthi said that his group had launched 26 attacks against Israel and 33 strikes on the US aircraft carrier and warships in the Red Sea since March 15.

In a televised speech aired by the group's al-Masirah TV, the Houthi leader said the attacks on Israel were carried out using "30 ballistic missiles and drones," while those targeting the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier and its escorts involved "122 ballistic and cruise missiles,

as well as drones". However, the Israeli military has reportedly intercepted many of the Houthi projectiles before they

Seven Muslims arrested for posters calling for boycott of Israeli products

News Narauli: Seven individuals were arrested in Sambhal district's Narauli town in Uttar Pradesh for posting posters in solidarity with Palestine. The posters included the list of products to be boycotted which fund or support Israel. The posters also allegedly called Muslims to buy from Muslims.

Asim, Saif, Rahees, Matloob, Fardeen, Arman and Arbaz were arrested after analysing the CCTV footage and by speaking to them, confirmed by the police.

The right wing group, Bajrang Dal reacted to the incident sharply alleging that the posters were not just in solidarity with Palestinians but were a deliberate attempt to disrupt communal harmony. Nitin Sharma, a local Bajrang Dal member claimed, "These are not just posters. They embody a harmful mentality that's spreading through the district. We are witnessing attempts to incite communal divisions by urging Muslims to buy only from Muslims."

Sharma also threatened that his organisation and other right wing groups would take matters in their own hands if the authorities do not take the "necessary steps." However, police are yet to specify the sections under which the individuals have been booked.

Meanwhile, the death toll in Gaza has risen to 51,200 as Israel kills 39 more in the last 24 hours. With global support for Palestine as Israel continues to unleash its deadly attacks on Palestinians, the incident has sparked controversy with many raising objections to the members of right wing groups for alleging that the posters were an attempt to destroy peace and harmony in the district.

UP Police books more than 50 Muslims for protesting against Waqf Bill; serves notices to hundreds across state

Bagnpat: As the protests continue to escalate across the nation, the Uttar Pradesh Police has booked more than 50 Muslims for protesting against the controversial Waqf Amendment Bill.

After Friday prayers, on 18 April, Muslims staged a powerful protest against the Bill in Bilaspur village of Baghpat. Outside a local mosque in the village, demon-strators held placards, banners and raised slogans demanding the Bill's withdrawal.

The video of the peaceful protest went viral on social media. However, Police acted swiftly by registering cases against more than 50 individuals, 21 named and 35 unnamed individuals under the Sections 189 and 292 of the Indian Penal Code. These sections deal with "unlawful assembly and the potential for public

Service, The protestors have also been demanded to provide a surety of ₹2 lakh each. Earlier, sevindividuals were booked and were served notices to furnish bonds of ₹1 lakh for wearing black bands in silent protest against the bill. Several others have also been served such by the police across the state.

The protestors expressed their deep disappointment and shock over the police action, which they believe targets their constitutional right to protest against the draconian laws.

The UP police's actions raise questions about the protection of constitutional freedom and the state's commitment to safeguarding rights of minorities. With the nationwide agitation against the Waqf Bill, it's important to observe the response of the authorities — wheth-er they choose to listen or silence the rising dissent.

Protest meeting in Ghutiari



Nurul Islam Khan Several speakers, includ-A rally was held in Ghutiari Šharif on Tuesday against the new Waqf Bill. A large crowd gathered at this meeting to make the brigade rally on April 26 a success. A female speaker also spoke at the meeting.

ing Pirzada Syed Nazim Uddin Hossain of Furfura Sharif, Maulana Anwar Hossain Qashemi, Chotan Das, Bilkis Banu, Hossain Gazi, lawyers Abdul Momin and Suman Mollah, delivered speeches.

"Attack on visitors an abomination": J-K CM Omar Abdullah condemns terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam

Srinagar: Some civilians were reportedly injured after terrorists opened fire in the Pahalgam area of South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Tuesday afternoon. However, the state government has not released any official statement on casualties or injuries so far.

JK Chief Minister Omar Abdullah said, "The death toll is still being ascertained, so I don't want to get into those details. They will be officially conveyed as the situation becomes clearer. Needless to say, this attack is much larger than anything we've seen directed at civilians in recent years.'

The CM expressed deep sorrow and outrage at the incident.

"I'm shocked beyond belief. This attack on our visitors is an abomination. The perpetrators of this attack are animals, inhuman & worthy of contempt. No words of condemnation are enough. I send my sympathies to the families of the deceased," he said.

He added that arrangements were being made at

"I've spoken to my colleague; Sakina Itoo & she has moved to the hospital to oversee arrangements for the injured. I'll be flying back to Srinagar immediately," he said.

Political leaders across parties have strongly condemned the firing incident reported in the Pahalgam area of south Kashmir, calling it an attack on peace and the region's tourism sector. Congress leader Vikar Ra-

sool Wani condemned the incident and raised concerns about its impact on the local economy. "We strongly condemn this...Why are they attacking the tourists? The economy is totally dependent on tourists. This is a part of a big conspiracy to attack tourists, and the government should investigate

the incident...," Wani said. National Conference leader Imran Nabi Dar called it a "dark day" for Kashmir's tourism. "This is a dark day for Kashmir and Kashmiri tourism. The tourism season was just about to start, and unfortunate incident took place. We unequivocally condemn this incident... Kashmir is known for hospiadministration to find out who is behind these inci-

dents...," he said. Reacting to the incident reported in Pahalgam, BJP leader Ravinder Raina said the attack was carried out by "Pakistani terrorists" targeting innocent tourists in

south Kashmir. Speaking in Nowshera, Raina said, "Pakistani terrorists have carried out a cowardly terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam, South Kashmir. Cowardly Pakistani terrorists cannot face the brave soldiers of the Indian Army, Jammu and Kashmir Police and our paramilitary forces."

He said that unarmed civilians were deliberately targeted, saying, "These cowardly terrorists have targeted unarmed, innocent tourists who had come to visit Kashmir. Some tourists have been admitted to the local hospital in an injured condition," he added.

Meanwhile, Security forces and police personnel rushed to the site immediately after the attack. Ambulances were also rushed

Murder case filed in Bangladesh over death of Hindu leader Bhavesh Chandra Roy

Dhaka: A murder case has been filed over the death of Hindu leader Bhavesh Chandra Roy in Bangladesh's northern district of Dinajpur, police said on Tuesday.

'Swapan Chandrea Roy, son of the late Bhavesh Chandra Roy, has filed a murder case in connection with his father's death", Police officer Md Abdus Sobur told ANI over the phone.

"No one has been arrested yet", he added, without elaborating.

Earlier on Sunday, the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council, the largest minority group in the country, issued a statement strongly condemning recent incidents of communal violence across the

These include the murder of Bhavesh Chandra Roy in Biral, Dinajpur; the forced resignation of school head- inals and strict under the law.

master Kantilal Acharya in Sitakunda, Chattogram; and the rape of a Marma girl in Kaukhali, Rangamati, the statement said.

The statement also mentioned that in March, around fifty violent incidents took place across the country. "These include murder, rape, attacks on temples,

arrests on charges of religious defamation, attacks on indigenous people, and looting of homes and businesses", the statement said. The council leaders, Ush-

atan Talukder, Nim Chandra Bhowmik, Nirmal Rozario, and Acting General Secretary Monindra Kumar Nath, said these events are increasing fear and worry among minority communities during this period of unrest and communal tension.

They demanded the immediate arrest of the criminals and strict punishment

According to the reports, the postmortem of Hindu community leader Bhavesh Chandra Roy, who was allegedly abducted from his home and beaten to death earlier this week in Dinajpur district's Biral upazila, has been completed, police confirmed on Saturday.

Bhavesh had received a phone call around 4:30 pm on Wednesday. His wife, Shantana Roy, told the local media outlet The Daily Star that the call was allegedly made by the perpetrators to confirm his presence at home. About 30 minutes later, four men arrived on two motorcycles and forcibly took him from the premises.

Eyewitnesses Bhavesh was taken to Narabari village, where he was brutally assaulted. Later that evening, the attackers reportedly returned his unconscious body to the

Uzbekistan eyes UAE collaboration at upcoming UNESCO Conference: Ambassador MI News Service, Abu was formalised during the efforts to safeguard cultur-Dhabi: Abdulaziz Akkulov, visit of President Shavkat- al heritage.

Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the UAE, said that ties between the UAE and Uzbeksiaan have seen rapid development in recent years, marked by strong cooperation in international organisations and joint preparations to host the 43rd session of the UNESCO General Conference in Sa-

markand later this year. His remarks came during a dialogue session held on Monday at the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy, which focused on Uzbekistan's contributions to UN-ESCO initiatives and efforts to align with the UAE in advancing sustainable devel-

opment goals. The session was attended by NickolayMladenov, Director-General of the Academy, along with senior officials from both sides.

The ambassador said that the strategic partnership Mirziyoyev of Uzbekistan to the UAE in January 2025.

"Uzbekistan and the UAE enjoy dynamic and mutually enriching cooperation in the cultural sphere, marked by a shared commitment to preserving heritage and fostering intercultural dialogue," he stated.

The ambassador also praised Uzbekistan's annual participation in the Sheikh Zayed Festival, where it showcases traditional arts and crafts through its national pavil-

He highlighted that leading museums in both countries are working together on joint exhibitions and professional exchanges. In March, Uzbekistan became the ninth member of ALIPH the International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas – a step he said reinforces joint Asia-EU Summit (2025).

He welcomed the launch of ALIPH's regional call for projects in April 2025 to protect Central Asia's heritage from climate threats, underscoring the active role of both Uzbekistan and the UAE in these efforts.

Akkulov also said that Uzbekistan is preparing to host the Second Summit of the Central Asian Countries and the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, scheduled for 5th May in Samarkand.

He noted that Samarkand, one of the world's oldest cities, has become a prominent international hub for conferences, tourism, and business, having hosted events such as the SCO Heads of State Summit (2022), the 25th Session of the UN World Tourism Organisation General Assembly (2023) and the Central

Vatican announces funeral for Pope Francis on Saturday

MI News Service, Vatican : The body of the late Pope Francis will be transferred to St. Peter's Basilica on April 23 to lie in state until his funeral on Saturday morning, the Vatican announced on Tuesday.

The Vatican has also released images of Pope Francis in an open coffin, dressed in a red robe with the papal mitre on his head and a rosary in his hand. The pictures were taken in the chapel of the Casa Santa Marta, Pope Francis's residence at the Vatican.

The Holy See Press Office announced today that Pope Francis' funeral Mass will take place on Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 AM in St. Peter's Square, the open ground in front of St Peter's Basilica. Cardinals had met this morning to decide on the date of the funeral.

The dean of the College of Cardinals, Giovanni Battista Re, will lead the funeral service. At the end of the funeral, Cardinal Re will deliver the final commendation-a con-

cluding prayer in which the Pope will be formally entrusted to God-and the body will be moved to St. Mary Major for

On Wednesday, the coffin containing the Pope's body will be carried from the chapel of the Casa Santa Marta to St. Peter's Basilica for the faithful to pay their respects, the Vatican

said. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Holy Roman Church, will preside over the rite of translation on April 23, which will begin at 9:00 AM with a moment of prayer. The procession will pass through Santa Marta Square and the Square of the Roman Protomartyrs, according to the

Holy See Press Office. The procession will then exit through the Arch of the Bells into St. Peter's Square and enter the Vatican Basilica through the central door. At the Altar of the Confession, the Cardinal Camerlengo will preside over the Liturgy of

the Word, at the conclusion of which the visits to the body of the Roman Pontiff will commence.

World leaders are likely to attend the funeral. U.S. President Donald Trump indicated on Monday that he and First Lady Melania Trump will attend the Pope's funeral at the Vatican.

"Melania and I will be going to the funeral of Pope Francis, in Rome," Trump posted on his social media platform Truth Social on Monday afternoon. "We look forward to being there!". He added: "He's a very good man who loved the world And he especially loved people that were having a hard time.

And that's good with me.' The Director of the Directorate of Health and Hygiene of the Vatican City State, Dr. Andrea Arcangeli had on Monday evening released the official medical report on the death of Pope Francis, which was confirmed through electrocardiographic thanatography.

ISL 2024-25, MUMBAI CITY FC SEASON REVIEW: STRUGGLES, SETBACKS AND A SEARCH FOR ANSWERS

After an exceptional Indian Super League (ISL) 2023-24 campaign where Mumbai City FC (MCFC) finished second in the league and went on to lift the ISL Cup, expectations were sky-high heading into the 2024-25 season. The Islanders had established themselves as one of the powerhouses of Indian football in recent seasons, known for their free-flowing attacking football and a squad brimming with domestic and international talent. However, the latest campaign saw a dramatic fall from grace, as per the official website of ISL.

Mumbai City FC managed to finish sixth in the league standings with 36 points, just enough to squeeze into the playoffs on the final Matchday of the season. Their playoff qualification was confirmed with a 2-0 win over Bengaluru FC in their final league match. That result not only sealed their place in the top six but also knocked Odisha FC out of the playoff race, with the Kalinga Warriors finishing seventh with 33

However, the joy was shortlived. In a one-legged knockout

Petr Kratky's men suffered a crushing 5-0 defeat at the hands of Bengaluru FC, the very team they had beaten in their previous game. The humiliating exit summed up their season, inconsistent, disjointed and underwhelm-

One could say that one of the key reasons behind Mumbai City FC's regression this season was the high turnover in personnel. The team saw the departure of several key players, most notably last season's joint top scorer Jorge Pereyra Diaz, captain and longserving defender Rahul Bheke, midfielders Alberto Noguera and Lalengmawia Ralte, as well as influential foreign stars Greg Stewart and Rostyn Griffiths. The loss of such experienced and quality players disrupted the core of

The new recruits, while promising on paper, struggled to replicate the impact of their predecessors. The chemistry that was so central to MCFC's success last season seemed to be missing, and the team lacked the same flair and

For a club that had raised the bar with a League Winners Shield in 2022-23 and an ISL Cup in 2023-24, this was a massive underachievement.

six, and lost nine games in their 24 matches. One thing the Islanders did get right this season was their

Mumbai have won nine, drawn

defence. The Islanders kept 10 clean sheets - the joint-second highest tally in the league alongside Bengaluru FC. They also had the third-best defensive record. conceding only 28 goals across the league stage - a big reason they stayed in the playoff hunt till the

very end.
While the defence held firm,

MCFC's attack failed to hit the same heights as last season. The Islanders scored just 29 goals in the league, a significant drop from the 42 goals they notched up in the previous campaign. The lack of a cohesive attacking unit was evident throughout.

New signing Nikolaos Karelis notched 10 goals in his debut

Pakistan, Bangladesh players rise in

support in attack. The build-up play often lacked urgency, and Mumbai City FC rarely resembled the formidable attacking force they were just a season ago under

One of the biggest talking points was the stark dip in contributions from Indian players. In the 2023-24 season, domestic players scored an impressive 26 goals-this season, the number dropped to just 12. The likes of Lallianzuala Chhangte, Vikram Partap Singh, and Bipin Singh were unable to consistently influence games, which added to the

Spanish defender Tiri played a pivotal role in this, marshalling the backline with authority and calm. He was arguably MCFC's consistent performer throughout the season. Not only did he help the team keep nine clean sheets, but he also contributed going forward with a goal and two assists, showcasing his all-round ability.

Full-back Nathan Rodrigues also emerged as one of the season's big positives. The 20-yearpaign, slotting into the backline with maturity beyond his years. He ended the season with three clean sheets, three goals, and one assist: eye-catching numbers for a young defender still finding his feet at the top level.

Mumbai Ĉity FC are a team in transition and there were moments this season when their football looked promising. However, to challenge for titles again, the Islanders need to strengthen their attack, both in terms of depth and quality.

Injuries played their part, but Mumbai City FC's real problem was the lack of reliable goalscorers. New signings failed to settle quickly and without match-winners, the team struggled in front

They also need to extract more from their Indian attackers. Captain Lallianzuala Chhangte, Bipin Singh, and Vikram Partap Singh - all of whom have shown their ability in the past - need to take more responsibility in front of the goal. The club will need to ensure these players are placed in

Ajmina Kujur reveals her "biggest motivation" of playing hockey ahead of India's tour of Australia



PERTH [AUSTRALIA] : Ajmina Kujur revealed her "biggest motivation" of playing hockey as she stands in contention of making her much-awaited senior India team debut soon after being included in their squad for the upcoming five-match tour against Australia.

India is set to play matches against Australia A on April 26 and 27, followed by crucial encounters against the Australian senior team on May 1, 3, and 4 at the Perth Hockey Stadium.

Upon landing in Australia the 23-year-old said, as quoted from Hockey India, "I am grateful that they have given me a chance to play now, so I have to give my 100 per cent. Two years ago, I was in the senior team camp, but I didn't make it into the team. Now that I have been given this chance, I am going to ensure I make the most of it.

Ajmina had been training in the senior national camp in SAI, Bengaluru, since March 23 in preparation for the tour. About her experience training with the senior players, she stated, "Training with the seniors has been a wonderful experience. I am learning a lot, and I am excited to play with them ahead. Everyone has enjoyed training with each other, and now it is time for us to give it our best against Australia.

"The senior players are really helpful, especially Sushila di, who has supported me a lot during the camp. She tells me every time I make a mistake and has taught me how to play to my strengths. I also tend to think a lot when I make an error, but the senior players have helped me cope with it, and I am a lot more confident now," she added.

At the start of the year, Ajmina played a crucial role in the Hero Hockey India League (Women) as she played all seven matches for runner-up JSW Soorma Hockey Club.

Next, she played in the 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025 for Hockey Association of Odisha, and although the team was knocked out in the pool stage of Division A, Ajmina gave a stand-out performance in the

When asked about the reason behind her good form, Ajmina replied, "I have been focusing on my fitness a lot

more, which I think has really helped me improve my game."

Although this is the first time Ajmina will play for the Indian senior team in field hockey, she is no stranger to representing the country at the international stage. In 2024, Ajmina was part of India's Hockey5s team that reached the final of the FIH Women's Hockey5s World Cup.

Although the team lost to the Netherlands 2-7 in the final, India had a tremendous campaign as they defeated Poland, Namibia, USA, New Zealand and South Africa in the lead-up to the final. Ajmina also contributed three goals in the tour-

Talking about her experience, Ajmina highlighted how beating the USA was her highlight of the competition since they had defeated the Indian Senior team before in the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, which caused India to miss out on the Paris 2024 Olympics.

"It was a special feeling to represent India at the Hockey5s World Cup. Although we lost the final against the Netherlands, the team played really well. After beating the USA, our confidence level increased a lot because it felt like we made the senior team proud," she said.

Ajmina started playing hockey at the age of 11. Coming from Sundargarh district in Odisha, which is famous for its rich hockey culture, the sport has always been a part of Ajmina's life. She was first introduced to hockey when she saw her father and brothers play in their village. Ajmina's father was a huge supporter of her hockey, but unfortunately, he passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021.

"My father used to play and so did my brothers, so I watched them and my interest in the sport grew. Now that my father is not there, I am playing hockey for him, to make him proud. This is my biggest motivation," Ajmina shared.

Talking about her goals ahead, Ajmina stated, "The plan is to play well, at every opportunity I get during this tour in Australia so that I stay in the squad for the upcoming FIH Hockey Pro League matches. In terms of my game, since I am a midfielder, I am working harder on my passing and I am trying to scan faster and play the ball



Cup which will take place later this year, as per the ICC official The two Asian sides won their place at this year's 50-over showcase by finishing in the top two spots during the recent ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2025, and a host of their players were rewarded in the

rankings update. Left-arm spinner Nahida Akter

lowing their exceptional perform-

ance in booking their side's spot

in the ICC Women's Cricket World

on the updated rankings for ODI bowlers and reached a new career-high rating following her six wickets for Bangladesh during the Qualifier.

There's also a new career-best rating for Pakistan left-arm spinner Sadia Iqbal as the 29-year-old improved five spots to 17th on the rankings for ODI bowlers after nine scalps at the Qualifier, while teammates Fatima Sana (up five places to equal 27th) and Diana Baig (up three rungs to 35th) also make ground on the same list.

West Indies all-rounder Hayley Matthews was the leading wickettaker at the Qualifiers with 13



scalps and maintained her place inside the top 10 of the ODI bowler rankings (ninth), with teammates Afy Fletcher (up three spots to 21st) and Karishma Ramharack (up five rungs to 25th) making some eye-catching improvements despite the fact the Caribbean side narrowly missed out on earning a top two position at the event. Matthews also rose in the latest rankings for ODI batters as she climbed two spots to fifth overall on the back of her 240 runs at the Qualifiers, while Ireland right-hander Gaby Lewis (up five spots to 17th) and Pakistan veteran Sidra Amin (up five places to 18th) were reward-

ed for their efforts.

There were gains in the rankings for ODI batters for Sharmin Akhter (up eight spots to 21st) and Ireland's Amy Hunter (up seven places to 27th), while Scotland captain and Player of the Tournament Kathryn Bryce reached a new career-best rating after improving eight positions to equal 35th.

Bryce also gained 13 spots to move to 30th on the updated rankings for ODI all-rounders, with Ireland's Orla Prendergast (up three spots to 11th) and Sana (up 10 places to equal 15th) among the biggest winners on this

"Need to have an intent to take it down": Aaron Finch on Venkatesh lyer's struggle against spin



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Former Australia skipper Aaron Finch took a dig at Kolkata Knight Riders' (KKR) left-hand batter Venkatesh Iyer for his lack of intent during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 clash against Gujarat Titans (GT) at the Eden Gardens on Monday.

Venkatesh came out to bat at number four in the sixth over when the Knight Riders' score was 43 for the loss of two wickets. The southpaw struggled against the spinners and was sent back to the pavilion after scoring just 14 runs off 19 balls.

Speaking on ESPNcricinfo's Time Out about the 30-year-old's performance, Finch said, "You need to have an intent to take it (spin) down. You can't hit a six or a boundary if you're not trying to, if your first instinct is to just knock it into the leg side and run one. Then you're on a hiding to nothing and it was just mesmerising, the lack of intent," Finch said on ESPNcricinfo's Time Out. The defending champions, KKR, went with nine batters in the 39th encounter of the ongoing cash-rich league but were unable to chase down the target of 199 runs at their home ground.

Speaking on Kolkata's batting, the former World Cup-winner noted, "They had nine batters in their team," Finch said. 'That automatically tells me they are going to be ultra aggressive at the start, try to get up to or ahead of the [required] run rate, so that when the wicket deteriorates, there's room for error. For me, that was just a poor calculation of how to go about a run chase of 200. There are nine batters, you don't need to rebuild anything.

"The game was over after ten [overs], wasn't it? They just let the required run rate get so far out of hand. It was so strange to watch them just trying to knock it around. Very, very strange innings. They went out with the attitude not to lose by 100 runs. It was almost like, 'You know what, let's get 160, and we'll walk off. We'll be okay with that.' That was a horrible batting display," the former opener added.

Coming to the match, KKR won the toss and opted to bowl first.

A 114-run stand between Sudharsan (52 in 36 balls, with six fours and a six) and Gill, who went to scored 90 in 55 balls, with 10 fours and three sixes, served as a solid foundation for a big score. Then a 58-run stand between Gill and Jos Buttler (41* in 23 balls, with eight fours) took GT to 198/3 in their 20 overs. Vaibhav Arora, Varun Chakravarthy, and Andre Russell got a wicket each for KKR. During the run-chase, KKR, except for their skipper Ajinkya Rahane (50 in 36 balls, with five fours and a six), failed to put up much of a fight as superb spells from Prasidh Krishna (2/25) and Rashid Khan (2/25) reduced them to 159/8 at the end of their 20 overs. Gill was given the 'Player of the Match' for his knock

Shubman Gill's masterclass at Eden draws praise from Rayudu as GT extend winning streak

KOLKATA (WEST BENGAL) : On a challenging Eden Gardens pitch that offered little to stroke-makers, Gujarat Titans (GT) skipper Shubman Gill produced a batting masterclass to guide his side to a convincing 39-run win over Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL). Gill's elegant 90 off 55 deliveries, studded with 10 boundaries and 3 sixes, helped GT post a formidable total that proved beyond KKR's reach.

Former India batter and JioStar expert Ambati Rayudu lauded Gill's knock, highlighting how the young opener adapted to the sluggish surface and turned the momentum in Gujarat's favour. "It all started with Harshit Rana bowling those two wide deliveries--Gill was struggling a bit before that. But after that, he really found his rhythm," Rayudu said on JioHotstar.

"We saw some incredible shots--pure cricketing strokes. That slog sweep against Sunil Narine was especially impressive. It wasn't an easy shot to execute, and he managed runs all around the pitch. That shows batsmanship--boundaries along the ground, intelligent placement. It speaks to the quality he has, and the strength of the top-order partnerships. That's how you bat on a slow, sluggish pitch. Incredible batting by Shubman Gill," he added. Gill, playing against his former franchise, looked in control once he got going, anchoring the innings with grace while accelerating at key moments. His effort laid the foundation for Gujarat's total, which was well-defended by their bowlers despite KKR's firepower.

The result marked Gujarat's third win on the trot, while KKR slumped to their fifth defeat of the season, further denting their title defence aspirations. As the league



stage intensifies, GT's skipper continues to lead from the front--once again proving why he's considered one of India's brightest batting talents.

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KKR have slipped to seventh spot with three wins and their fifth loss, while GT maintain their supremacy at top with six wins and two losses, giving them 12 points.

"FAR FROM FINISHED": HASAN ALI SENDS STRONG MESSAGE; EYES COMEBACK TO PAKISTAN TEAM

KARACHI [PAKISTAN] : Karachi King's speedster Hasan Ali sent a strong message to the selection committee by assuring he is "far from finished" and wants to contribute "more" to Pakistan by carrying his scorching form in Pakistan Super League to national duties.

With his indefatigable spells, Hasan has served as Karachi's pace spearhead in the 10th edition of the PSL. A simple bowling action, variable pace, and a blend of variations have been the prime factors behind his success in Pakistan's premier T20 tour-

The 30-year-old, who has been out of favour since last representing Pakistan in the T20Is on May 14, 2024, against Ireland, is eyeing a comeback with a strong will to contribute more to the

national team. "I'm 30, far from finished. I want to contribute more to Pakistan, but I know selection depends on performance. My job is to keep delivering," Hasan said while speaking to Geo News.

He has dazzled with the white ball for Karachi with his influential spells and is the second-highest leading wicket-taker in the tournament with 10 scalps from five innings, averaging 16.00 while maintaining an economy of 8.00

While decoding the ingredients behind his success, Hasan attributed his technical enhancement to rigorous sessions under the guidance of Pakistan's coaching staff at the National Cricket Academy (NCA).

"I identified flaws in my bowling, worked on my basics, and modified or remodified a few things," he explained. "Simultaneously, I focused on my diet and injury management, which collectively made a big impact," he said.

Hasan, a key member behind Pakistan's success in the Champions Trophy 2017, emphasised the importance of domestic cricket for players who are aiming to re-earn their spot in the national

"When you're dropped, domestic cricket is your only path back. I've been through that phase, and it's where you prove yourself again," he said.

Hasab is currently operating under David Warner's leadership and gaining valuable experience. He made his captaincy ambitions clear by claiming that he would embrace the opportunity with both hands whenever the opportunity presented

"If I'm ever considered for captaincy, I'll embrace it with both hands. Right now, I'm gaining valuable experience under Warner's leadership," he said.

