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**CM to visit Murshidabad in May, promises compensation and support**

**MI News Service, Goaltore:** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced 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

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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 Banerjee's recent visit to 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 highlights of the visit was the inauguration of Eastern India's largest solar power facility at Goaltore. Spanning 430 operational acres within a 950-acre project zone, this state-of-the-art plant has been developed at a cost of ₹750 crore with an 80:20 partnership between the state government and the German KfW Bank. With an installed capacity of 112.5 MW, the project will be expanded by another 100 MW and feature a 52 MWh battery storage

system. The plant aims to contribute to the state's renewable energy targets while generating employment for the local youth. In her speech, Banerjee responded to political critics who downplay such initiatives as mere "stories." She asserted that every successful project has its own narrative and that these "stories" serve as a source of inspiration for change. She noted that her own life journey, filled with struggles and

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## 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 two-day 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 had expanded significantly



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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 forward-thinking vision, and his passion 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 energy, agriculture, and fer-

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 Saudi Arabia. The PM 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.

## 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 (chulai) 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 efforts against such activities. Authorities in Jalpaiguri have dismantled an illegal liquor (chulai) 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 Orai in Fulatipara, Shikarpur gram panchayat, resulted in the seizure of 20 liters of illicit liquor and equipment used in its manufacture, including copper and aluminum vessels. During the operation, the accused, Janata Orai, evaded arrest. However, his wife,

Tumpa Orai, candidly 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 Orai 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 local communities to curb crime and maintain peace in the region. Authorities have assured that legal action will be taken against the perpetrators, and similar operations are expected to continue.

## Digha park locked amid temple inauguration protest

**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. While the Digha-Shankarpur Unnayan 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

Banerjee's upcoming inauguration of the Jagannath 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 serene 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 Bhownik, 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



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

## 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-in-law for allegedly strangling the son's ailing mother, Kajal Mondal (56). Neighbors grew suspicious after Kajal Devi's sudden death on April 18, prompting 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 revealed that Ms. Mondal had been strangled. Subsequently, authorities apprehended her son and daughter-in-law. Sources suggest that the victim's ailing health may have been a contributing factor to the alleged crime, with the implication that she was perceived as a familial burden.

## Two Bangladeshis Held for Lack of Valid Papers

**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. Two 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 presented before the Howrah court. Initial police interrogation revealed that the pair had entered India some time prior to their apprehension.



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 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 Kumudpur 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 Kumudpur, Malda, where the contraband was intended to be transferred. Bihar Police sources suggest the involvement of a substantial organized network in this smuggling operation. 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.

## 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 1,00,000+ children without charging any fees is very impressive." Aparup 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." Joshua 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. I 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 football."

**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 AIFF 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 discipline, 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 well-equipped to teach the essentials to children during and after school.

## 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 Samagra', 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 Basumat 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.



# 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

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 heat-related illnesses such as heatstroke and dehydration. Authorities have urged the public to take precautions, 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 weather.

# 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 incident, 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 further noted that he himself was briefly prevented from leaving the area. "I was also blocked. A group of women 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 West Bengal.

# 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 on Tuesday.

# 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 non-teaching 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 government and the courts." The Chief 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 provocateurs. "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 WBSSC headquarters following 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 continued despite the government's 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-qualified candidates. "The Supreme Court has already made it clear who is eligible to attend school. We are following that direction. Disturbances may invite 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.

# CM to visit Murshidabad in May, promises compensation and support

**From PG 1** 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 the broader concerns surrounding the violence.

# India-Saudi Arabia ties have limitless potential, says PM

**From PG 1** 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 extended excellent 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 billion. 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 projects, telecommunications, information 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 in 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 said.

# Mamata Banerjee's vision for Bengal Inaugurates key development projects

**From PG 1** 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 bowzers, each with a 14,000-litre capacity, and remote-controlled fire monitors at the newly established Dainhat Fire Station in Purba Bardhaman. 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 double circuit 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 two-lane 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 equity.



**Name Change**  
I, Lalita Singh W/O Brij Kishore Singh, M/O sgt Nishi Kant R/O A/F Kalaikunda, PS Khargapur (L), Dist Paschim Medinipur declare vide affidavit No. 1059/25 on 21.04.25 before Notary at Midnapore that I have changed my name from Lalita Singh to Lalita Devi. Lalita Singh & Lalita Devi both are same, One & identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Uttam Jana S/o Tapas Jana residing at Vill+P.O – Kritankhali, P.S- Sagor, 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 before 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 person.

**Change of Name**  
I, Sk Nasiruddin (Old Name) S/o Ala Uddin Sekh Residing at Vill - Jayar, Po - Jayar, 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 identical person.

**Change of Name**  
I, Tahara Bibi alias Tahara Mondal (Old Name) W/o Abijul Mondal Residing at Vill - Sonkepur, Po - Sonkepur, P.s - Gopalanagar, 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) at Bongaon, North 24 Parganas, vide affidavit no 3832 Dated 04-04-2025. Tahara Bibi, Tahara Mondal (Old Name) and Tahuri Bibi Mondal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Change of Name**  
I, Sovra Rani Biswas (Old Name) W/o Late Dasharath Biswas Residing at Vill - Sanekpur, Po - Sanekpur, P.s - Gopalanagar, District - North 24 Parganas, 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. Sovra 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**  
I, Ashoke Banerjee alias Asok Banerjee S/o Late Monoranjan Banerjee Residing at 7, Banerjee Para Lane, Po - 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**  
I, Anindya Shubhra Dutta alias Aninda Subha Dutta S/o Late Pratul Chandra Dutta Residing at Samiran Appt, Flat-402, 4th Floor,68, Dumdum Park, Po - Bangur Avenue, P.s - Lake Town, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700055, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Anindya Subhra Dutta. I declare that Anindya Shubhra Dutta, Aninda Subha Dutta and Anindya Subhra Dutta is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 22-04-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Amita Medda Das D/o Jagabandhu Menda residing at 13/1 Lal Bihari Lane Salkia, Babudanga Howrah-71106 declare that in my Passport being No. K4907854 my name has been recorded as Amita Medda D/o Jagabandhu Menda in place 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 SI no. 1914 dated 19.04.2025 before the Notary Public at Barasat Dist North 24 Parganas.

**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 Jogiwara Jale, P.s - 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**  
I, Bidyut Jana (old name) S/O Prafulla Jana, residing at Chorepalia, Chopchalia, 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 Koyar, Son Of Krishna Deb Konar, Residing At Dakshin Arrah, Po-Amarun Bazar, Ps-Bhatar, Purba Bardhaman- 713125, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Biplab Konar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/04/2025, That Biplab 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, Purba Bardhaman-713125, West 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, Purba Bardhaman-713125, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Radha Konar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 22/04/2025, That Radha Koyar And Radha Konar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I Nilanjan De Sarkar (Old Name), S/O Siba 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 Person

**Name Change**  
I Pratap Dey Sarkar (Old Name), S/O Sanat Kumar Mukherjee, R/O 553 Hemanta Mukherjee Sarani, Po - Sarat Bose Road, Kolkata-700029, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Siba 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**  
I, 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 name ) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Debashis Majumder (Old Name) son of Nihar Ranjan Mazumdar, residing at 43/2, Jheel Road, Dhakuria, Kolkata-700031, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Debashis Mazumdar (New Name) as 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.

**Name Change**  
I Rajina Bibi, W/O Firoj Uddin Mondal, R/O Malayapur, Malcapur, Raghunathpur Baduria, North 24 Parganas, 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

**Name Change**  
I, Manasree Bose ( old name) W/O Nandan Kr Bose, residing at 59B, Ramkanta Bose Street, P.O.- Banglabazar, P.S.-Shyampukur, Kolkata- 700003, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manusee Bose (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 22/04/2025. Manusee Bose (new name) and Manasree Bose (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Reena Gupta ( old name) W/O Rajesh Shaw, residing at 68/1, Swinhow Lane, Kasba, Kolkata-700042, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth 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**  
I, Md Noushad Alam ( old name) S/O Shahe Alam, residing at 11/H/7, Topsis Road, Gobinda Khatick, Circus Avenue, Kolkata- 700046, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Naushad Alam (new name) 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**  
I, Jhantu Karmakar (old name) S/O Jiban Krishna Karmakar, residing at South Sirirampur 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**  
I, Jashimuddin Mondal (old name) S/O Abul Fazal Mondal, residing at Vill-Laskarpota Pantua, P.O.- Bargharia, P.S.- Swarupnagar, Dist-North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743247, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jasimuddin Mondal (new name) 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**  
I, Amir Ali ( old name) S/O Keramat Ali, residing at Gadi Uttar, Sabait, P.S.- Bagan, Dist.- Howrah- 711303, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Amir Ali (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 22/04/2025. Sk Amir Ali (new name ) and Amir Ali (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Shyam Singh ( old name) S/O Durga Gowala, residing at 33, South Bakarsa Village Road, P.O.- Bakarsa, 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 Howrah (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/O Shyam Gowala, residing at 33, South Bakarsa Village Road, P.O.- Bakarsa, 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**  
I, 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. Yashwant Jaiswal (new name) and Yeshwant Jaiswal (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Monalisha Bari ( old name) W/O Sanju Bari, residing at VILL-Jhau Pathra, P.O.- Champi, P.S.-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 public at kolkata, dated 22/04/2025. Monalisa Bera Bari (new name ) and Monalisha Bari (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Dhiraj Balmiki (Old Name) son of Ashok Kumar Balmiki, residing at 49/5/H/181, Karl Marx Sarani, South Pt, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dhiraj Kumar Balmiki (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 22/04/2025. Dhiraj Kumar Balmiki (New Name) and Dhiraj Balmiki (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

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

**Name Change**  
I , Sekh Naosera Ali S/O- Sekh Fakir Mohammad resident of Vill- Puriha, P.O.- Kaiyar, P.S.- Khandagosh, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, 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 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 person.

**Name Change**  
I , Hasna Begam W/O- Sekh Nowser Ali resident of Vill- Puriha, P.O.- Kaiyar, P.S.- Khandagosh, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713423, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ‘HASNABANU SEKH’ 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**  
I, 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 I have changed 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 – Azimganj 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 IPL 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 Tickets.

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

**A. BLUE LINE:-**

<b>UP direction - towards Dakshinewar</b>		
No. of train	Departure	Arrival
Spl.1	Esplanade 00:00 hrs.	Dakshinewar 00:33 hrs.
The train towards Dakshinewar from Esplanade will stop at all stations on the way.		

<b>DN direction - towards Kavi Subhash</b>		
No. of train	Departure	Arrival
Spl.2	Esplanade 00:00 hrs.	Kavi Subhash 00:33 hrs.
The train towards Kavi Subhas from Esplanade will stop at all stations on the way.		

**B. GREEN LINE 2 :-**

<b>Towards Howrah Maidan</b>		
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

MI News Service, Kolkata: The 134th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated at the Income Tax Office at Esplanade East. The event was organized by the All India Income Tax SC/ST Employees Association (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 Sanjay Aibra, Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, and was coordinated by Sudip Majumdar, General Secretary of the association.

**DECLARATION**  
Sampriti Roy, daughter of Santosh Kumar Roy and Milly Roy, resident of 138/2 West Kodalia, New Barrackpur Kolkata 700131, West Bengal India and Hong Seungjae, son of Hong Tae Sun and Lee Un 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 30 days.

## 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.

MI News Service, 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 Nationwide.

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 Principals 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.

The week-long programme 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 safety.

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

MI News Service, Kolkata: SEALDAH division 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 (Barrackpore, Baruipur



Jn., Krishnanagar City Jn., Bethuadahari, Chandpara, Deula, Debogram, Ghatiari 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 mode.

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

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 regular 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 occurrences.

These upgrades mark another step toward modernizing the rail network and enhancing the passenger experience. Sealdah Division continues its dedication to better infrastructure, Safety standards and more efficient train operations.

## Malda Division Conducts Media Tour at Sabour and Jamalpur Stations to Showcase Safety and Infrastructure Enhancements

MI News Service, Malda: In a continued effort to enhance safety measures and strengthen infrastructure, Malda Division organized a media tour at Sabour and Jamalpur Railway Stations today. The event was aimed at providing the media a first-hand view of the on-going developments that are focused on improving track safety and facilitating smooth, efficient, and safer train movements.

The tour was conducted under the guidance of key officials, including PWI/Sabour, Station Superintendent/ Sabour, and CMJ/Bhagalpur at Sabour Station, and PWI/ Jamalpur, Station Superintendent/Jamalpur, and CMJ/ Jamalpur at Jamalpur Station. These stations are currently undergoing vital infrastructure upgrades aimed at reducing accident risks and improving overall safety for passengers and staff.

At both Sabour and Jamalpur stations, the media delegation was shown the on-going Loop Line Deep Screening, a vital measure 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 increased line capacity. The media representatives were also introduced to the Ultrasonic Flaw Detection (USFD) system, which plays a crucial role in proactively detecting internal flaws in rails, welds, Switch Expansion Joints (SEJs), and turnouts. This non-destructive testing method uses high-frequency sound waves to examine the internal structure of the rail, identifying potential issues before they can lead to rail fractures or accidents.

The salient technical features of these AC EMU rakes are as follows:

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 gangways.

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.

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## Sealdah division to run AC EMU soon

MI News Service, 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 running the AC EMU trains in Sealdah Division is under consideration and will be worked out based on the feasibility, requirements and passenger patronisation.

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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 compartments.

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 experience.

## Kalighat's Kaku gets bail extension in recruitment scam case

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday extended the interim bail of Sujay Krishna Bhadra, known as 'Kalighat's Kaku,' involved in the ongoing recruitment corruption case. The extension was granted until June after Bhadra's lawyer cited health issues as the reason for his request. Justice Shubra Ghosh approved the plea, allowing the bail period to continue, while also directing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to verify whether Bhadra is complying with all bail conditions. A report on his health status, is expected to be submitted by the CBI on June 16.

This is not the first time that Bhadra, a key figure in the high-profile recruitment scam, has sought an extension of his bail on health grounds. Earlier requests had been rejected by the CBI on several occasions, despite Bhadra's claims of deteriorating health. However, after persistent appeals, the Calcutta High Court granted him bail in February of this year. At that time, the division bench of Justices Arijit Banerjee and Apurba Sinha Ray set several strict conditions for his release, including a restriction on leaving the area.

In March, Bhadra once again approached the High Court, seeking an extension of his bail due to health complications. After reviewing 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 Tuesday.

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 report and assess whether he has followed the stipulated conditions.

## 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.



## 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 on-ground 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 and sustainable habits.

## "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-



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 unshakable, and it will get even stronger," he added.

The attack, which targeted tourists in the Pahalgam area of Anantnag district, took

place earlier on Tuesday. Meanwhile, the Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Jammu and Kashmir LG Manoj Sinha departed for Srinagar in the wake of the Pahalgam terrorist attack on tourists.

Union Minister JP Nadda also termed the targeting of innocent civilians as "highly reprehensible"

"Deeply anguished by the news of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir. The brutal targeting of innocent civilians in this cowardly attack is highly reprehensible. The Modi Government follows a Zero-Tolerance Policy against terrorism. Those involved in this heinous act will not be spared," Nadda said on X.

"The Union Home Minister is visiting the affected area, and the Hon. Prime Minister is personally monitoring the situation. We are committed to supporting all the affected families and will provide all necessary assistance," he added.

Earlier today, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also reacted to the incident, stating, "Deeply anguished by the news of the 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."

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### LOSS OF ORIGINAL MOTHER DEEDS (SALE DEED AND DEED OF DECLARATION)

I, **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- Ballia, State: Uttar Pradesh, hereby declare that the Two Original Deed (1) Sale deed for the property situated at 50, Swinho Lane, P.S. Kasba, Kolkata- 700 042, vide Book no. I, Volume No. 91, Pages from 266 to 270, being no. 6213 for the year of 1960 date of registered on 30.07.1960 and another (2) Declaration deed for 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 ill 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 I have given it to anybody for any purpose. Any person or institution dealing 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 Advocate**  
Red. No. F/2180/2506/2019

#### Jamna Gram Panchayat

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**Notice Inviting e-Tender (3<sup>rd</sup> Call)**  
NIT No.: 021/JGP/2024-25  
e-Tender is hereby invited from the experienced and resourceful bidders for execution of the work(s) under 5<sup>th</sup> SFC Tied fund & details mentioned below:-  
Sl. Name of Work Estimated Amount Earnest Money  
1. Solar Street Lighting Installation at Sansad III to IV. 540273.00 2% of the Tender Amount  
Bid Submission Closing Date (Online): **01.05.2025 up to 12:00 PM.** Bid Opening Date for Technical Proposal (Online): **05.05.2025 at 12:00 PM.** For details visit **www.wbtenders.gov.in** & undersigned GP Office.  
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Jamna Gram Panchayat

#### Bhanderhati (2) Gram Panchayat

VIII.: Chinagori, P.O.: Bhanderhati, P.S.: Dhanikahali, 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 **www.wbtenders.gov.in** & undersigned GP Office.  
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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. Before 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, Rajgram and Jamalpur, Cement from Durgapur and host of other 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 Raniganj have 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 growth.

## 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 below:

(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-Howrah
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	Ghoraghat	d 20.18
14.24 d	Deulti	d 20.15
14.29 d	Kolaghat	d 20.12
14.35 d	Medcheda	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	Ashapura 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

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

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	Ashapura 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 a	Digha	d 07.35

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

MI News Service, New 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.

## Abridge Tender Notice

NIT No-WB/PM/CHP/EO/NIT\_01/2025-26  
E-Tenders are hereby invited by Executive Officer on behalf of Chandipur Panchayat Samity, Last Date of submission of tender is on **24th April, 2025 up to 17:00 hrs.** All other details will be available in **www.wbtenders.gov.in** or in the office notice board during office hours up to maintain date.

Sd/- Executive Officer,  
Chandipur Panchayat Samity  
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For more details please visit office notice board  
Sd/- Executive Officer  
Patharpratima Panchayat Samiti  
Ranganga, South 24-Parganas

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### Notice Inviting e-Tender

e-Tender of the following works are invited by Chairman, Serampore Municipality from experienced and resourceful, GST registered bidders for execution the works vide NIT No. - **WB/MAD/ULB/SRMP/NIT-03/2025-26, Date: 22/04/2025**, Name of Work- Const. of Proposed Car Parking and Washing Center at Plot No- 1194, Khatian No- 7600, Mouza- Mahesh, Ward No- 27 under Serampore Municipality. Bid Submission Start Date (online): **22/04/2025 at 06.00 PM.** Bid Submission Closing Date (online): **15/05/2025 at 06.00 PM.** Bid Opening Date for Technical Proposals (online): **17/05/2025 at 06.00 PM.** For details of the project go through <http://wbtenders.gov.in> and [www.seramporemunicipality.net/tenders](http://www.seramporemunicipality.net/tenders)

Sd/-  
Chairman  
Serampore Municipality

## Bhanderhati (1) Gram Panchayat

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### Notice Inviting e-Tender

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## EARMARKED LADIES COACH INCREASED IN ALL EMU LOCALS ACROSS SEALDAH DIVISION

No.: CC3/Addl Train/Pt.IV Date: 21.04.2025

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.

Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah

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## EASTERN RAILWAY

### AUCTION CATALOGUE

Admin Unit/Zone : Sealdah Division - Commercial, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014. Auction Catalogue No. : SD/AH-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 pending for all. (SDAH-24/2025-26)

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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 reliable electricity. With 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, 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 people's everyday lives," said



RajkummarRao. "Sun King's 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 - real-world 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.

## 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 nourished by the plentiful waters of River Godavari.

Vance, accompanied by Indian-origin Second Lady 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 Videos.

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.

"Had we known about Usha 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.

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 environment. 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

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 hunting.

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

**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.

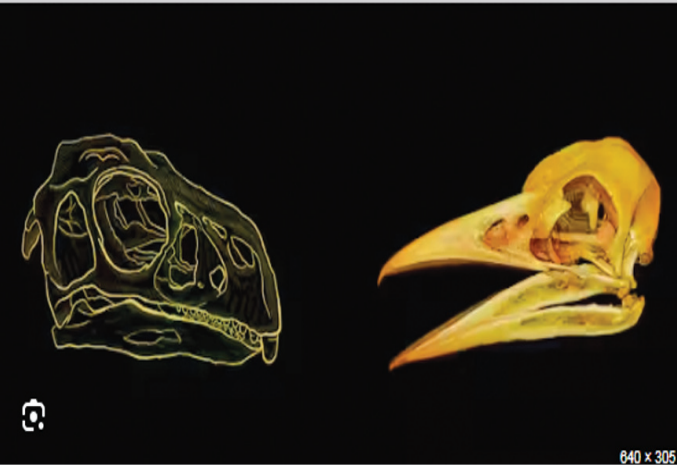
What's more, this rule even describes beak shape in the long-gone ancestors of birds - the dinosaurs. We are excited to share our findings, now published in the journal iScience.

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, it's a 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 cascade".

After this discovery, we were very interested in how the power cascade might explain the shape of bird and other dinosaur beaks.

Dinosaurs got their beaks more than once. Most dinosaurs, like Tyrannosaurus rex, have a robust snout with pointed teeth. But some dinosaurs (like the emu-like dinosaur Ornithomimusedmontonicus) did not have any teeth at all and instead had beaks.

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.

But only one of these impeccable dinosaur groups survived

the mass extinction event 66 million years ago. These survivors eventually became our modern-day 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 this rule.

Using state-of-the-art evolutionary 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-

ers After surviving the mass extinction, birds underwent a period of incredible change. Birds now live all over the world and their beaks are adapted to each place in very special ways.

We see beak shapes for eating fruit, netting insects, piercing and tearing meat, and even sipping 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 specialised beak shape helps it sift through the mud to capture aquatic life. Perhaps its unique feeding style led to it breaking this common rule.

We are not upset at all about rule-breakers like the spoonbill. On the contrary, this further highlights how informative the power cascade truly is. Most bird beaks grow according to our rule, and those beaks can cater to most feeding styles

But occasionally, oddballs like the spoonbill break the power cascade growth rule to catch their special "worms".

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 the tree of life.

## 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 camerlengo?

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 days.

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 Marta?

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' mean?

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 the conclave.

What does Pope Francis' motto miseraoatqueeligendo' mean?

This is Latin for "having had mercy and choosing him" - a 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 a Gospel narrative of St. Matthew, a tax collector whom Jesus called to follow him.

Who are the revisers?

These are the three cardinals, chosen by random drawing from the electors, who are

charged with reviewing the ballots during the conclave.

What is a rogito?

This is the document, or "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 liturgical celebrations. A copy is kept in the Vatican archives.

Who are the scrutineers?

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 ballots.

What does the saying sede-vacante' 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.







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

**MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) :** 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 points.

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

clash that followed shortly after, 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 underwhelming.

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 long-serving 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 side.

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 ruthlessness in attack.



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.

Mumbai have won nine, drawn six, and lost nine games in their 24 matches.

One thing the Islanders did get right this season was their 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

campaign, but lacked consistent 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 Kratky.

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 team's woes.

Spanish defender Tiri played a pivotal role in this, marshallng the backline with authority and calm. He was arguably MCFC's most 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-year-old had a breakthrough campaign, 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 City 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 of goal.

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 systems that bring out their best.

## 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 two matches against Australia A on April 26 and 27, followed by three 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 midfield.

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 tournament.

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 quickly."

# Pakistan, Bangladesh players rise in latest ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings

**DUBAI [UAE] :** Pakistan and Bangladesh players moved up in the latest ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings on Tuesday following their exceptional performance in booking their side's spot in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup which will take place later this year, as per the ICC official website.

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

climbed two places to 10th overall 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 wicket-taker 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 24th overall on the back of her 240 runs at the Qualifiers, while Ireland right-hander Gabby 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 list.

## "Need to have an intent to take it down": Aaron Finch on Venkatesh Iyer'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.

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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 Chakravathy, 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 of 90 runs.

## 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 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 quickly."

"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 team.

"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 itself.

"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.

