

Not only attackers but behind the scene people would also be punished: **Rajnath**

MI News Service, New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held an emergency meeting with CDS Lt Gen A Chauhan regarding the Pahalgam attack. Rajnath showed diatribe on the conspirators and said that this type of dastardly attack demands ruthless counter action. The demand would be fulfilled. "We lost many innocent lives in the cowardly act in Pahalgam. We are deeply distressed. I express my condolences to the families who lost their loved ones... I want to repeat India's resolve against terrorism. We have a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism... I want to assure the countrymen that the government will take every necessary step. We will not only reach the perpetrators of this act but also the actors behind the scenes. The accused will soon see a loud and clear response, I want to assure the country," said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Pahalgam attack: Govt appoints officers at State Emergency Operations Center

MI News Service, Srinagar: In the wake of the terrorist attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, two officers have been appointed to assist affected citizens from Maharashtra at the State Emergency Operations Center (Ministry Control Room), informed Disaster Management Director Satishkumar Khadke. Manager of the State Emergency Operations Center, Visheshkar Suryawanshi, and Control Room Officer Nitin Masale have been appointed at the Ministry Control Room. In light of the incident, Mr. Khadke has urged citizens or their relatives seeking assistance to contact the Ministry Control Room through the following numbers:
Landline: 022-22027990 / 22794229
Mobile (also WhatsApp): 9321587143
Emergency Helpline (Toll-Free): 1070000

SC Judges condemn Pahalgam terror attack

MI News Services, New Delhi: SC Judges condemned the Pahalgam terror attack on tourists at Pahalgam as a "diabolical and mindless act of violence" and termed it a "stark reminder of brutality and inhumanity that terrorism unleashes". Judges and lawyers paid tributes to those killed by observing 2-minute silence. SC resolution said, "The attack on tourists, who were merely enjoying the natural beauty of the Crown Jewel of India, i.e. Kashmir, is undoubtedly an affront to the values of humanity and the sanctity of life, and this Court strongly condemns the same."

Mamata monitors Pahalgam attack aftermath, assures full support to the families of victims from Bengal



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a tragic turn of events, the serene region of Pahalgam in Kashmir was struck by a brutal terrorist attack on Tuesday afternoon, claiming the lives of at least 26 people. Among the deceased are three individuals from West Bengal, confirmed Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee via her official X (formerly Twitter) handle. In her statement, the Chief Minister expressed deep anguish, saying, "The dastardly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, has left me stunned. My heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones. The perpetrators must not go unpunished." She further affirmed that she is personally monitoring the situation and that senior officials are actively engaged in coordinating re-

lief measures. The victims from Bengal have been identified as Bitan Adhikari from Baishnabghata (Kolkata), Samir Guha from Sakher Bazar (Behala, Kolkata), and Manish Ranjan Mishra from Jhalda (Purulia). "No words can suffice in expressing our sorrow. My heart goes out to their families. We stand by them in this hour of grief," the Chief Minister said in her post. Mamata Banerjee also assured that the West Bengal government is extending every possible assistance to the bereaved families. The state administration, through the office of the Resident Commissioner in Delhi, has been in constant contact with the family members. Arrangements have been made at Delhi Airport to support them during their transit. The fami-

lies are scheduled to arrive in Kolkata by air at approximately 8:30 PM on Wednesday evening. In the immediate aftermath of the incident, Minister Aroop Biswas visited the residence of Bitan Adhikari in Tollygunge, as per instructions from the Chief Minister. Mamata Banerjee also personally spoke to Bitan's wife over the phone to convey her condolences. Meanwhile, Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim visited the home of deceased Samir Guha on Wednesday morning and strongly criticized the central government's failure to prevent such attacks, while assuring the family of all necessary support. The West Bengal government's swift response underscores its commitment to standing beside its people in moments of crisis.

Focus on TRF: Security agencies release sketches of Pahalgam attack suspects

MI News Service, New Delhi/Srinagar: Security agencies Wednesday released the sketches of three men suspected to be involved in the terror attack that killed 26 people, mostly tourists, near Pahalgam in south Kashmir. The men, all three Pakistanis, are Asif Fauji, Suleman Shah and Abu Talha, officials said. They had code names -- Moosa, Yunus and Asif -- and were involved in terror attacks in Poonch.

The agencies have prepared a sketch with the help of survivors. From the pencil sketches, in black and white, they appear to be young and have beards. The Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow outfit of the banned Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba terror group, claimed responsibility for the attack on Tuesday afternoon. TRF is believed to operate as a front for Hafiz Saeed, the founder of Muridke-based Lashkar-e-Taiba and the alleged mastermind behind the 26/11 attacks, with suspected backing from Pakistan's intelligence agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence. TRF cited opposition to "demographic changes" in Jammu and Kashmir as justification for the violence.

"More than 85,000 domiciles have been issued to non-locals, creating a pathway for demographic change in Indian-occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK). These non-locals arrive posing as tourists, obtain domiciles, and then begin to act as if they own the land. Consequently, violence will be directed toward those attempting to settle illegally," TRF said in a statement.

Formed in 2019, TRF emerged following the revocation of Article 370, initially functioning through



online platforms before developing a physical presence. Its leadership included Sajid Jatt, Sajjad Gul and Salim Rehmani, all of whom were associated with LeT, according to the South Asia Terrorism Portal.

TRF declared its existence through encrypted messaging app, Telegram, by claiming responsibility for a grenade attack on 12 October 2019, at Srinagar's Lal Chowk. The attack injured eight civilians. In 2020, Army chief, General M.M. Naravane said that he preferred to call TRF as the 'Terror Revival Front'.

The ministry of home affairs declared TRF a terrorist organisation under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in January 2023. This designation came amid growing concerns over the group's involvement in terror recruitment, cross-border arms and drug smuggling, and spreading propaganda aimed at inciting unrest.

According to an analysis by Observer Research Foundation, TRF's, which claims to be homegrown, attacks minorities, non-locals, police and security personnel, and domiciled individuals who migrate to Kashmir.

In December 2020, TRF claimed the killing of a jeweler named Satpal

Nichal and justified the murder on Facebook for 'aiding the colonial project in Kashmir and for being an agent of RSS'. TRF claimed the attack on Makhan Lal Bindroo and justified his killing for 'posing as a medical professional' and for 'organising RSS meets clandestinely'. But authorities view the TRF as an extension of Lashkar-e-Taiba. A senior official explained that the name change was likely an attempt by Pakistan to distance militant activity in Kashmir from overt religious affiliations, instead projecting it as an indigenous "resistance" movement, per a report in the Indian Express.

TRF has claimed responsibility for numerous attacks, often taking credit for incidents previously attributed to more outfits such as Jaish-e-Mohammad and Hizbul Mujahideen. Investigations have uncovered weapon stockpiles near the line of control and revealed that the group actively recruits young people to join its ranks.

In 2022, TRF-linked militants accounted for the highest number of casualties among insurgents in the valley, according to police records, highlighting the group's increasing footprint in the region's militant landscape.

WORLD REACTS TO ISLAMIC TERROR

Heartbreaking, atrocious, merciless: Israel ambassador

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israeli ambassador to India, Reuven Azar, condemned in the strongest words the dastardly terrorist attack which took place in Pahalgam. He assured India of continued cooperation in areas such as technology, methodology and intelligence in the fight against terrorism.

Ambassador Azar said, "It's a heartbreaking attack. It's atrocious, and the stories we've been hearing coming out from there are terrible. It's a merciless savage attack".

He underscored, "We condemn it and we hope and pray for the survivors' speedy recovery."

Speaking on the issue of terrorism, Azar said, "Terrorism is an international problem and we must all work together in order to fight it. Thankfully, we are in close contact with the authorities here. First of all, we thank them for the cooperation in sharing with us the information, because we're concerned that there might be some Israeli nationals there; so far, we haven't seen any victims from Israel. But on a broader context, we cooperate all the time on methods on how to deal with terrorism."

Terrorism remains gravest

threats to humanity: Saudi crown prince
MI News Service, Riyadh: Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman have stressed that terrorism and violent extremism remain among the gravest threats to humanity and there cannot be any justification for any act of terror for any reason whatsoever.

I'm appalled by the senseless deaths of so many: NZ PM C. Luxon

MI News Service, Wellington: Prime Minister of New Zealand Christopher Luxon said, "Having woken in London to news of the shocking terrorist attack in Kashmir, I'm appalled by the senseless deaths of so many. New Zealanders' thoughts are with the people of India at this difficult time."

Ukraine stands in solidarity with India: Ukrainian min
MI News Service, Kiev: "We strongly condemn the heinous attack in Pahalgam, Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, which took many lives. When innocent people are killed, it causes unbearable pain. Such violence has no justification. On this grim day, Ukraine stands in solidarity with India," said minister of foreign affairs of Ukraine.

Pahalgam attack deeply disturbing: Trump
In the mean time, US President Donald Trump called the attack "deeply disturbing" and expressed strong support for India. "The United States stands strong with India against Terrorism. We pray for the souls of those lost, and for the recovery of the injured," Trump wrote. He extended full support and sympathies to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the people of India.

Attack a 'brutal crime': Putin
Russian President Vladimir Putin condemned the attack as a "brutal crime" and called for justice. "We expect that its sponsors and perpetrators will face a deserved punishment," he said in a message sent to the Indian President and Prime Minister. He reiterated Russia's commitment to increasing cooperation with India in counter-terrorism efforts.

Deeply saddened by terrorist attack: Italian PM Meloni
Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni also expressed her condolences. "Deeply saddened by the terrorist attack that occurred today in India, which caused numerous victims. Italy expresses its closeness to the families affected, the injured, the Government

and all the Indian people," she said on X (translated).

Attack extremely horrific: UK PM Starmer
UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer also condemned the attack. "The horrific terrorist attack in Kashmir today is utterly devastating. My thoughts are with those affected, their loved ones, and the people of India," he wrote on X.

Dastardly attack: French Ambassador
Thierry Mathou, the French Ambassador to India, strongly condemned the "dastardly attack" and said France stands in solidarity with India in the fight against terrorism.

A heinous terrorist attack in every sense: German Chancellor Scholz
German Chancellor Olaf Scholz condemned the "heinous terrorist attack" and extended condolences to the families of the victims, along with wishes for a speedy recovery for the injured. In the mean time, Sri Lanka issued a strong condemnation, expressing "heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims" and reaffirming its commitment to regional peace and the fight against terrorism.

NIA starts action at Pahalgam

MI News Pahalgam: A team of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) led by an Inspector General on Wednesday reached terror-hit Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir, official sources said. The team would provide assistance to the local police probing Tuesday's dastardly terrorist attack in which 26

people, mostly tourists from different parts of the country, were killed in cold blood, the sources said. The anti-terror agency's team visited the Baisaran meadow near Pahalgam, the spot of Tuesday's deadly terrorist strike, they said. A group of terrorists on Tuesday afternoon gunned down

male tourists milling around eateries, taking pony rides or just picnicking with their families at the meadow touted as 'Mini Switzerland' for its serene beauty. Security agencies have released sketches of three men suspected to be involved in the gruesome attack. The trio, identified as Pakista-

nis, are Asif Fauji, Suleman Shah and Abu Talha, officials said. The sketches were prepared with the help of the survivors' description of the attackers, they said. The Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow outfit of Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist group, claimed responsibility for the attack.

Hindu right-wing groups form alliance with British Far-right orgs to counter Islam: Reports

MI News Service, London: A report in a British newspaper on alleged links between "Hindu right wing groups" and far-right groups has sparked a controversy with Hindu groups complaining to the UK's media watchdog. The newspaper arti-

cle quoted a police intelligence report which British Hindu groups said lacked inputs and clarifications from the community. The media watchdog cleared the British newspaper, but the matter has now been escalated to its complaint's

committee. A renowned British newspaper reported that British "Hindu rightwing groups" were joining hands with far-right groups over their "shared anti-Muslim views". Hindu groups in the UK

called the report baseless and misleading and lodged a protest with the media watchdog. The key area of concern for the Hindu groups was the explanation, "Hindu extremism — which is known as Hin-

ductva," in the paper report. Insight UK, an advocacy group, said, "This article is not just misleading; it is a textbook example of how biased framing, selective omission, and ideological lens can manufacture a moral panic around a

peaceful religious community." It called the article a "factually flawed hit job on British Hindus". "The article repeatedly conflates Hindutva with 'extremism', reducing a

Pahalgam Terror Tragedy: CM Mamata speaks to victims' families; Bengal mourns its lost sons

MI News Service, Kolkata: A wave of grief and outrage has swept through West Bengal following the tragic deaths of several Bengali citizens in a militant attack at a resort in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday personally reached out to the families of victims who were killed in the gruesome terrorist ambush that rocked the Baisaran Valley near Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir. The deceased have been identified as Bitan Adhikari, 40, a Florida-based software engineer, was killed in front of his wife Sohini and their toddler son. The three landed in Kashmir on April 16 and were scheduled to on April 24. They reached Pahalgam just hours before the attack. While Bitan was shot dead by terrorists, his wife and son survived the attack who are now on their way back home. Bitan was reportedly shot while shielding his son. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee also speaks to his family, in a post on X, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee wrote, "One of the victims, Sri Bitan Adhikari, is from West Bengal. I have talked with his wife over the phone. Though no words are enough to console her in this hour of grief, I have assured her that my Government is taking all steps to bring back his mortal

remains to his house at Kolkata. My deepest condolences to all the families who have lost their loved ones in this inhuman act of terror."

As per sources, the Chief Minister's Office also contacted Mishra's younger brother, Vineet Mishra, around 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday. "Didi called me personally. She was deeply distressed and offered her heartfelt condolences. She promised us the full support of the state and said we will not face this darkness alone," Vineet told reporters at their family home in Jhalda, Purulia. He added that Mamata Banerjee assured them that necessary government aid, including possible compensation and administrative support, would be arranged swiftly. Mishra, who served in the Ministry of Home Affairs' Intelligence Bureau and was posted in Hyderabad, had travelled to Kashmir with his wife, children, and elderly relatives for a family holiday. They had plans to visit Vaishno Devi after Kashmir. Those plans were shattered when heavily armed terrorists, reportedly identifying non-Muslims by religious markers such as sindoor and kalava threads, began executing tourists at the resort. Sameer Guha, from Sakherbazar in Behala, Kolkata, also perished in the massacre. All three victims' bodies are undergoing autopsy at a Srinagar hospital and are expected to be flown to Kolkata under official arrangements. The state government has

"No one will be spared": Sukanta Majumdar on Pahalgam terror attack

MI News Service, Purulia: BJP West Bengal chief and Union Minister of State for Education, Sukanta Majumdar, on Wednesday issued a strong warning in response to Tuesday's terror attack in Pahalgam, saying that those responsible will face severe consequences and that "no one will be spared" in connection with the gruesome act. The aftermath of the tragic attack, Majumdar condemned the act and said that India had responded strongly to terror in the past and will continue to do so under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He noted that it was a "planned" attack on the Hindus, implying that the terrorists enquired about the victim's religion before killing them.

"This is a tragic incident... The way they were killed after enquiring if they were Hindus shows that it was a planned attack on us... We have seen such incidents and attacks in India before, and we have given a befitting reply to those attacks... Terrorism is a big curse for the whole world, and we will end this under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Action will be taken against everyone who is guilty of this incident," he said.

His comments come a day after terrorists opened fire on a group of tourists in the Baisaran meadow

Night watchman hacked to death, tension grips English bazaar

MI News Service, Malda: A fatal attack occurred in the Sikandarpur area under the English Bazar police station in Malda district, resulting in the death of one village night watchman and critical injuries to another. The deceased has been identified as Shibu Mondal, while the injured is Surya Mondal.

According to preliminary reports, the two young men were conducting night watch duties in the village when they were assaulted by unidentified individuals wielding sharp weapons. The incident has triggered significant unrest in Sikandarpur, with local residents staging protests

into the village, allegations of theft, and claims of inappropriate behavior towards female residents. Villagers suspect that the attack on the two watchmen may be a direct consequence of these community-led security efforts.

The police have commenced an investigation to identify the perpetrators and ascertain the motive behind the attack. Authorities have also heightened security measures in the area to prevent any further escalation of tensions. A substantial police force remains deployed in Sikandarpur to ensure the maintenance of peace and order.



A seminar on Vedanta was organized by the Swami Vivekananda Vedanta Society of India at the Turiananda Hall of the Golpark Ramakrishna Mission. The event was formally inaugurated by Swami Suparnanda Maharaj, the Principal of the Golpark Mission. The chairman of the organization, Dr. Tarit Kumar Dutta, AIIMS physician Professor Dr. Ashok Kumar Mukherjee, and Swami Suddhantanandaji Maharaj were also present. The two-day seminar conveyed the message of communal harmony and forgetting the differences between people and moving forward on the path of spiritual consciousness during this time of unrest. Various speakers presented informative speeches on various topics of Vedanta at the event.

Groom's pandal refusal turns violent, axe attack on businessman

MI News Service, West Midnapore: A groom upset after a pandal trader in the Dandipur area of Ghatal police station refused to provide a wedding pandal due to prior commitments, allegedly attacked the trader with an axe. The incident escalated after the groom and his father reportedly assaulted the trader. The injured trader is now in critical condition in the hospital and his mother has filed a police complaint demanding server punishment for the accused.

A violent incident unfolded in the Dandipur area under the Ghatal police station in West Medinipur district, where a groom allegedly attacked a pandal trader with an axe following a dispute over wedding arrangements. According to reports, Sanjay Dolai, a local young man preparing for his upcoming marriage, had approached a neighboring pandal trader, Pritam Ghosh, to commission the construction of a pandal for the event. However, Pritam Ghosh reportedly declined the request, citing prior rental commitments for the pandal. Subsequently, Mr. Dolai, accompanied

Suspected thief harassed, tied to tree, brutally beaten

MI News Service, Malda: A young man in Malda's English Bazaar area was publicly tied to an electric pole and brutally beaten by villagers following accusations of attempted theft in Kazigram. The incident, which reportedly stemmed from a "village trial," saw the plastic carrier bag collector from Kaliachak's Sujapur area allegedly caught trying to enter a residence. Police intervened to rescue the youth, who has since been hospitalized under police custody, leading to tensions with the local villagers.

A young man employed as a plastic carrier bag collector in the Kazigram area of Malda was subjected to public humiliation and physical assault after being accused of attempted burglary. The incident occurred in the English Bazaar area, where the individual, identified as a resident of Sujapur in Kaliachak, was allegedly apprehended

TMC leaders arrested, 10,000 yaba tablets seized

MI News Service, Cooch Behar: In Cooch Behar, a significant drug bust by the State Task Force (STF) has led to the arrest of five individuals, including two prominent Trinamool Congress (TMC) leaders. Mafuzar Rahman, TMC chairman of the Gitaldaha area, and Serajul Mia, a panchayat member, were apprehended along with 10,000 Yaba tablets, valued at approximately 20 lakh taka. The arrest of Rahman, whose wife is the deputy head of the Gitaldaha 1 gram panchayat, has triggered a political reaction, with the BJP holding a press conference and the TMC swiftly expelling the implicated leaders.

A coordinated operation by the State Task Force (STF) in Cooch Behar has resulted in the apprehension of five individuals, including two prominent members of the Trinamool Congress (TMC), on charges of drug trafficking. The operation, conducted following intelligence reports, culminated in the seizure of approximately 10,000 Yaba tablets, with an estimated market value of ₹20 lakh.

TMC leader's son killed mysteriously

MI News Service, Hanskhal: TMC Booth level leader's son found murdered. Bloodyed body recovered from bamboo grove. The young son of a TMC booth level leader that returned home from Uttar Pradesh a few days back on leave, was found murdered. The body was recovered a little away from home on Wednesday morning. The family has lodged a complaint against a few local youth. Police have initiated an investigation. A chilling incident in the Hanskhal area of Nadia district has left the local community in shock. Abhijit Sarkar, a 24-year-old youth and the son of a local Trinamool Congress booth president, was found dead under mysterious circumstances on Wednesday morning. His bloodyed body was recovered from a bamboo grove not far from his home, triggering widespread tension in the area. According to family sources, Abhijit had returned home to Chandpara from Uttar Pradesh on leave, where he worked in a factory.

Sources said that on Tuesday night, a group of his friends allegedly called him. So he went out of the house with them. As he didn't return and became unreachable over the phone, the fami-



Interview neglected 2022 Primary Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) passed candidates took part in a protest rally demanding for their permanent jobs, at Salt Lake in Kolkata.

State introduces water helpline to address acute drinking water crisis amid heat wave

MI News Service, Kolkata: In response to the growing drinking water crisis caused by an intense heatwave across West Bengal, the Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department has launched a dedicated helpline for citizens facing water shortages. From now on, residents can register their complaints via WhatsApp on two newly introduced numbers: 8902022222 and 8902066666.

With mercury levels soaring and water scarcity worsening in several districts, the PHE Department has swiftly formed Quick Response Teams (QRTs) in each block to ensure rapid intervention in areas experiencing supply disruptions. These teams, consisting of junior engineers and operational staff, will be immediately dispatched to affected regions upon receiving complaints to restore normalcy within a defined timeframe. In

Police clash over unpaid compensation

MI News Service, Bolpur: A confrontation erupted in the Shibpur Mouza of Bolpur on Wednesday evening as local farmers clashed with police officers over the planned removal of oil pipelines belonging to the PDCL (likely a petroleum or pipeline distribution company). The incident escalated when villagers, alleging unpaid financial compensation for their land used by the PDCL, staged a protest by obstructing a police vehicle and detaining several police personnel for an extended period.

According to local sources, the dispute centers around the acquisition of land from farmers in the area to facilitate the laying of PDCL's oil pipelines. While the farmers purportedly permitted the installation, they claim that the agreed-upon financial compensation for the use of their land has not been disbursed. Consequently, the community collectively resolved to resist the removal of the pipelines until the compensation issue is resolved.

The immediate trigger for the confrontation occurred when officers from the Bolpur police station reportedly attempted to take a local farmer into custody from their residence. Villagers asserted that this action was taken without the presentation of a First Information Report (FIR) or a formal arrest warrant. This attempt to detain a community member ignited the villagers' anger, leading them to block the police vehicle and surround the officers present.

The situation remained tense for a significant duration as the protesting villagers refused to allow the police vehicle to move. Eventually, reinforced-

Woman loses entire savings after being duped by impostor

MI News Service, Murshidabad: A shocking case of ATM fraud has come to light on Wednesday from Hariharpara market, where a woman from Bhawanipur lost her entire savings after being deceived by a miscreant posing as a helpful stranger. As per sources, the victim, Fatema Khatun Bibi, had visited an ATM booth in Hariharpara on Monday to withdraw Rs 40,000 — a group loan amount she had recently secured — to release her sister's gold jewellery that had been pledged.

Unaware of the impending fraud, Fatema requested help from a young man standing nearby as she struggled with the ATM interface. Trusting his seemingly polite demeanor, she handed him her ATM card. However, the man cleverly swapped her original card with another and vanished from the booth within moments. Shortly afterward, Fatema realized the devastating truth — the entire Rs 40,000 had been withdrawn from her account at another ATM booth, and the fraudster had disappeared without a trace. The emotional toll on Fatema and her family has been severe. Her husband works as a migrant labourer in another state, and the family had pinned their hopes on this money. With dreams of repaying their debt and reclaiming their sister's gold, the sudden loss has cast a dark shadow over the household.

In tears, Fatema lodged a formal complaint at the Hariharpara Police Station. Law enforcement authorities have since launched an investigation into the incident and are reviewing CCTV footage from



The annual function scheduled to be held in the Assembly on Wednesday was postponed following the tragic incident in Pahalgam. As every year, the Assembly staff had eagerly awaited this celebration. However, in light of recent events, the program was both postponed and ultimately cancelled. Speaker Biman Banerjee stated that under the current circumstances, it is not appropriate to participate in any kind of celebration. "It is not possible to celebrate in such a situation," he said. Several dignitaries were present at the venue, including MP JUNE Malia, Saayoni Ghosh, Kanchan Mallick, Aditi Munshi, Sayantika Banerjee, Lovely Maitra, and Soham, along with other officials.

Hindu right-wing groups...

From PG 1
rich philosophical tradition to a caricature. Hindutva, quite simply, is the outward expression of Hindu identity." Insight UK said on April 1.

The Hindu Community Organisations Group (HCOG) Leicester placed a formal complaint with the Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO). The IPSO, however, has cleared the Mail on Sunday report, according to The Times of India.

The letter by HCOG Leicester was about the

Madhyamik results likely on April 30, uncertainty looms

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Board of Secondary Education (WBBSE) is gearing up to announce the Madhyamik Examination 2024 results on April 30, marking the completion of the result compilation process just 68 days after the exams concluded. However, the official declaration date carries a degree of uncertainty, as the inauguration of the Jagannath Temple in Digha is also scheduled for the same day, potentially leading to logistical or administrative delays.

This year's Madhyamik examinations began on February 10 and concluded on February 22, spanning just under two weeks. A total of 9,84,894 students appeared for the examination across the state—an increase of over 62,000 candidates compared to the previous year—making 2024 one of the most attended Madhyamik sessions in recent times.

The exams were conducted at 2,683 designated centres across various districts of West Bengal, under tight security and surveillance to ensure smooth and fair proceedings. Despite challenges including an increased candidate load, the West Bengal Board has managed to streamline the evaluation process effectively, enabling a relatively swift publication timeline.

Sources within the Board suggest that the re-

Mail's claims, which discussed British Hindu extremists forming alliances with far-right groups in Europe over their common hatred of Muslims, without "credible or verifiable evidence," TOI reported.

The intelligence report compiled by the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) was accessed by the news paper, written by the National Community Tension Team, came two months after the Home Office submitted its rapid sprint on extremism in Britain.

Five from Bengal shine in UPSC, CM Mamata congratulates achievers

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a proud moment for West Bengal, five candidates from the state have secured positions in the prestigious UPSC Civil Services Examination 2024 merit list, as announced on Tuesday. Among the 1009 successful candidates nationwide, the performances of these individuals stand out not only for their personal achievements but also for the role played by the West Bengal government in supporting them through state-run coaching initiatives.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee congratulated the achievers and highlighted that all five rank-holders from Bengal received coaching assistance from the state-sponsored Satyendranath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre, an initiative aimed at democratizing access to elite services. In a statement shared via her official X handle, she wrote, "Congratulations and best wishes to the candidates who have achieved brilliant results in the UPSC Civil Services Examinations, 2024 from West Bengal, after getting coaching assistance from our centre."

The five achievers from Bengal are: Meghna Chakrabarty – Rank 79, Sahars Kumar – Rank 153, Paramita Malakar – Rank 477, Rajdeep Ghosh –

Rank 789 and Praveen Kumar – Rank 837.

All are now poised to enter top-tier civil services such as the IAS, IPS, or other Group A positions in central administration.

CM Mamata Banerjee further emphasized, "They have brought laurels to the state and have shown how institutional support can make a difference in national-level achievements. There are others too from Bengal who have succeeded in this all-India exam and they deserve equal appreciation." She reiterated the government's continued commitment to supporting aspirants in future attempts.

The 2024 Civil Services Examination saw Shakti Dubey securing All India Rank 1, followed by Harshita Goel at Rank 2. This year's UPSC results reflect a diverse demographic and geographical representation, underscoring the growing inclusivity of India's premier examination.

With the rise of government-backed educational initiatives, West Bengal is steadily establishing itself as a nurturing ground for future civil servants. As CM Banerjee aptly summed up: "Kudos boys and girls for these feats. Government of West Bengal is with you!"



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

TMC calls statewide candlelight march on April 25 to protest Pahalgam terror attack

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a strong and unified response to the brutal terror attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam, the All India Trinamool Congress has announced a statewide silent candlelight march on Thursday to honour the victims and register its protest. The announcement was made by the party on Wednesday, calling for public participation across every district of West Bengal.

The Pahalgam terror attack, which took place on Tuesday afternoon, has so far claimed the lives of 26 individuals, including three from West Bengal — Baisnabghata's Bitan Adhikari, Behala's Sameer Guha, and Purulia's Manishranjan Mishra. Many others were injured in what is being described as one of the most heinous assaults in the region in recent years.

The Trinamool Youth Congress will lead the initiative, holding candlelight vigils in all districts as a mark of mourning and solidarity. The party has appealed to people to come forward peacefully and pay their respects to the victims, while also voicing a collective condemnation of terrorism.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, deeply moved by the incident, expressed her grief and solidarity through a social media post early Wednesday. She wrote: "The brutal terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir has left me shocked. I offer my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. Justice must prevail, and the perpetrators must not be spared under any circumstances." Banerjee has assured that her government is actively tracking the situation and will provide every form of assistance to the affected families. Family members of the deceased from Bengal are expected to return to Kolkata by Wednesday night. Trinamool's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee also spoke out against the attack, calling it an "unforgivable act of savagery" and urged for national unity against terrorism.

The tragic incident, which took place in the picturesque and tourist-heavy Pahalgam region — often dubbed "Mini Switzerland" — has shocked the entire nation. TMC's statewide protest is aimed at not only honouring the departed souls but also reiterating the demand for strong and uncompromising action against terrorism.

Youth Congress President Azhar Mallik joins TMC, cites faith in Mamata

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant political development ahead of the crucial electoral phase in West Bengal, state Youth Congress president Azhar Mallik joined the Trinamool Congress (TMC) on Wednesday afternoon. The move marks a major defection from the Congress ranks and further consolidates Trinamool's positioning as the principal anti-BJP force in the state.

Mallik was formally welcomed into the party by senior Trinamool leader and cabinet minister Aroop Biswas, who handed over the party flag to him at the Trinamool Bhavan in Kolkata. The induction comes days after Mallik had penned a letter to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, expressing his wish to align with her leadership and ideology.

In his letter, Mallik made a striking political statement: "Only Mamata Banerjee, not Rahul Gandhi, has the strength and credibility to defeat the BJP." He lauded the Chief Minister's enduring struggle and personal sacrifices, saying, "Your long-standing battle and unwavering spirit inspire us to fight. Across India, and particularly in West Bengal, only you have consistently challenged the BJP." Taking a direct swipe at the Congress leadership, Mallik accused Rahul Gandhi of contributing to the BJP's ascendancy. "The inaction of the Congress and Rahul Gandhi's blunders have led to the BJP's rise. The West Bengal Pradesh Congress is among the worst examples of this failure," he wrote.

Motivated by Mamata Banerjee's "generosity and principles," Mallik conveyed his willingness to join the Trinamool Congress along with 14 district youth Congress presidents and 17 other members of the state committee. "We want to be part of this meaningful fight against the BJP," he declared.

Party insiders have confirmed that Mallik had also met with Trinamool Youth Congress President Saayoni Ghosh in a recent meeting, signalling ongoing dialogue before his formal entry.

Azhar Mallik's defection is seen as both a symbolic and strategic boost to TMC, positioning the party not just as West Bengal's dominant political force, but also as a national contender against the BJP under Mamata Banerjee's leadership.

Pahalgam terror attack: Firhad Hakim visits victim's family

MI News Service, Kolkata: In the wake of the heinous terrorist attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam, Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim visited the residence of Samir Guha in Behala, one of the three victims from West Bengal. Describing the attack as a "cowardly act," Hakim interacted with grieving family members and directly targeted the Centre for what he described as lapses in national security.

Three individuals from Bengal have been officially confirmed dead in the Pahalgam attack: Samir Guha from Behala, Bitan Adhikari from Baisnabghata-Patuli in Kolkata, and Manish Ranjan Mishra from Jhalda, Purulia. Bitan's widow, Sohini Adhikari, received a personal call from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who expressed her condolences and assured full support. "I stand with you in this darkest hour," Mamata told her.

Manish Ranjan, originally from Purulia, was serving as an Intelligence Bureau (IB) officer and resided with his family in Hyderabad. His inclusion in the list underscores the widespread impact of the attack, which has been described as one of the most severe acts of terrorism on Indian soil since Pulwama.

Initial government-released lists did not include Samir Guha's name, though his death has since been officially confirmed. Meanwhile, Bitan and Manish were among the earliest identified victims.

Unofficial estimates suggest at least 26 people have lost their lives in this brutal attack, and the death toll may rise further as several victims remain in critical condition in hospitals. This makes it one of the deadliest attacks in recent history. According to intelligence sources, the deceased include two foreign nationals—reportedly from Nepal and the United Arab Emirates—highlighting the global scale of the tragedy.

Among the confirmed dead is 26-year-old Indian Navy Lieutenant Vinay Narwal, adding to the emotional gravity of the loss. Victims hail from across India, including West Bengal, Karnataka, Haryana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and Odisha, painting a grim picture of national vulnerability.

The West Bengal government continues to coordinate with central agencies and local authorities in Kashmir to extend every form of assistance. CM Mamata Banerjee remains personally involved, vowing to ensure the families receive justice and support in every possible way.



TMC councillor Monalisa Banerjee organised a solidarity program in front of Surandra Nath College, Sealdah, condemning the Pahalgam terrorist attack on innocent civilians of India..

Contempt petition over 26,000 school jobs challenged in Cal HC

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Education Department on Wednesday questioned the admissibility of a contempt petition filed before the Calcutta High Court over the non-compliance of a previous court order regarding the controversial termination of 26,000 teaching and non-teaching staff in the state's government schools. The petitioners alleged that the department has failed to upload the Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) sheets of the terminated candidates, as mandated by the High Court. These jobs were nullified following a Supreme Court ruling that upheld an earlier High Court verdict with certain modifications. Representing the Education Department, the government counsel argued before a division bench comprising Justice Debangsu Basak and Justice Md Shabbir Rashidi that a contempt plea should be filed only before the Supreme Court, as it has altered some of the directives passed by the High Court. The counsel asserted that the matter no longer falls within the jurisdiction of the High Court for contempt action. The legal representative of the West Bengal School Service Commission (WBSSC) echoed the same position, also challenging the maintainability of the petition. However, counsel for the petitioners contended that since the Supreme Court made no substantial changes to the High Court's directives, the original bench retains jurisdiction over the contempt plea. The core of the petition focuses on the alleged failure of the Education Department and WBSSC to publish the OMR sheets of the 26,000 candidates online. These sheets, according to the petitioners, are stored in three hard drives and were ordered by the Court to be uploaded "forthwith" for public access, a direction the petitioners argue has been ignored. The High Court had passed its order on April 22, 2024, which was subsequently modified by the Supreme Court on April 3 and April 17.



BJP Minority Morcha National President Jamal Siddiqui addresses a press meet on minority concerns at Press Club in Kolkata on Wednesday.

Partha Chatterjee hospitalised again amid worsening health conditions

MI News Service, Kolkata: Former West Bengal Education Minister Partha Chatterjee, currently in judicial custody in connection with the high-profile school recruitment scam, has once again been admitted to a private hospital in Kolkata following deterioration in his health. He was taken to the medical facility on Tuesday evening, sources confirmed.

Chatterjee, who has been battling multiple chronic health issues including respiratory problems, was previously hospitalised on January 20 at SSKM Hospital, where he had been placed in the Intensive Cardiac Care Unit (ICCU). At that time, doctors

within the correctional facility had raised alarms about his worsening condition, which led to his temporary transfer to a state-run hospital for advanced treatment.

This latest admission comes just a few months after his last hospitalisation, raising fresh concerns about his health condition behind bars. According to hospital officials, Chatterjee was admitted around 4:30 PM after exhibiting aggravated symptoms related to his pre-existing ailments. Sources within the correctional system confirmed that recurring issues, believed to include cardiac and respiratory complications, had escalated

once again, necessitating urgent medical intervention.

Chatterjee, a once-powerful Trinamool Congress leader and cabinet minister, has been in judicial custody since his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in July 2022 in connection with the West Bengal School Recruitment Scam. He has repeatedly applied for bail, citing health reasons and medical vulnerability, but all pleas have been rejected so far.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has described him as the "mastermind" behind the recruitment scandal, in which massive irregularities were unearthed in the

appointment of teaching and non-teaching staff in state-run schools. The CBI has strongly opposed his release, citing his influence and the risk of tampering with evidence or intimidating witnesses, should he be granted bail.

Chatterjee remains incarcerated under judicial remand, even as his legal team continues to push for bail on humanitarian and medical grounds. Meanwhile, his latest hospitalisation is expected to renew debates over prisoner healthcare in high-profile cases and the broader legal implications of prolonged custody amid deteriorating health conditions.



Name Change
I, Pratime Dey, D/O. Mantu Adhikary, wife of Debraj Dey (S/o. Late Swapan Kumar Dey), Resident- 112/1, D. H. Road, Kolkata- 700008, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare before the Metropolitan Magistrate Calcutta vide affidavit number 1541 dated 16 August 2025. That before marriage I was known, called and recognised as Pratima Adhikary which is recorded in some documents, but in my bank account my name has been recorded as Protime Adhikary. That after my marriage my name has been designated as Pratima Dey, according to surname of my husband. That henceforth I would be designated as Pratima Dey. That Pratima Adhikary, Pratima Dey and Protime Adhikary is identically one and same person and not three different person.

Name Change
I, Master Faizan Mohammed Rushdi (Old Name) S/o Wasi Ahmed Residing at 45/H/7, Kari Marx Sarani, Ps - Ekbalpore, District- Kolkata, Pin - 700023 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammed Faizan (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 06/2025 Dated 26-03-2025. Master Faizan Mohammed Rushdi (Old Name) and Mohammed Faizan (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Mostafa S/o Late Osman Sekh Residing at Khan Saheb Abad, P.o - Khunsahabad, P.s - Sagar, District- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743373 West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Golum Mostafa as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Alipore, vide affidavit no 47462 Dated 20-12-2024. I declare that Sk Mostafa and Sk Golum Mostafa both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, ABDUL MOTALIB (OLD NAME), S/O- ABDUL JABBAR MONDAL, Residing at Vill-Tentulia, P.O- Chhoto Jagulia & P.S-Duttapukur, Dist- North 24 Pgs. W.B.PIN- 743294, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ABDUL MOTALIB ALI (NEW NAME) as declared before the First Class Executive Magistrate Barasat Court,North 24 Parganas,West Bengal vide affidavit no 4235 Dated 22/04/2025. ABDUL MOTALIB (OLD NAME) and ABDUL MOTALIB ALI (NEW NAME) both is same and identical person.

Name Change
I, NUR ALAM (OLD NAME), S/O- BABAR ALI MONDAL, Residing at Ekdilshah Purbansha, P.O-Kazipara & P.S-Barasat, Dist- North 24 Pgs. W.B.PIN-700125, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as NUR ALAM MANDAL (NEW NAME) as declared before the First Class Executive Magistrate Barasat Court,North 24 Parganas, West Bengal vide affidavit no 4246 Dated 22/04/2025. NUR ALAM (OLD NAME) and NUR ALAM MANDAL (NEW NAME) both is same and identical person.

Name Change
I, MOHAMMAD SHARIFUDDIN (OLD NAME), S/O- ABDUL MOTALIB ALI, Residing at Vill-Tentulia, P.O-Chhoto Jagulia & P.S-Duttapukur, Dist- North 24 Pgs. W.B. PIN- 743294, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD SHARIF UDDIN(NEW NAME) as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate Barasat Court,North 24 Parganas, West Bengal vide affidavit no 1442 Dated 19/04/2025. MOHAMMAD SHARIFUDDIN (OLD NAME) and MD SHARIF UDDIN (NEW NAME) both is same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sekh Akkash Uddin S/O Sekh Roup Alias SK Roup residing at village & P.O.-Tajpur, P.S.-Amta, District-Howrah, Pin- 711413, India, have changed my mother name Laili Begam(old name) instead of Laili Begum (New Name) declared before the Ld.Judicial Magistrate (1st class) at Amta Howrah, dated 08/04/2025. Laili Begum (new name) and Laili Begam (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Asima Roy (old name) D/O Late Kanai Lal Roy W/O Tapan nandy Residing at vill+Po-South Jhapor-dah (Hazra Para), P.S- Domjur, Dist-Howrah name and shall henceforth be known as Asima Roy Nandy as declared before the court of Ld.Executive Magistrate vide affidavit no 813/24 dated 22.01.2024.Asima Roy and Asima Roy nandy bothe are the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Bimal Chandra Saha, S/O- Satish Chandra Saha, Residing at Jirania Birendra Nagar, P.O.- Birendra Nagar, P.S.- Jirania, Dist- West tripura, Pin- 799045 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bimal Saha as declared before the Notary Public Agartala Court, Tripura vide Affidavit No. 1899 dated 18/04/2019 Bimal Chandra Saha and Bimal Saha both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Pulok Das S/o. Late Narendronath Das R/o. 338/2, Subhas Nagar Bye Lane, Kolkata-700065, P.O. Rabindra Nagar P.S. Dum Dum that my name has been wrongly mentioned, in my daughter's (Megha Das) Birth Certificate, Registration Certificate, Madhyamik Pass Certificate as "Pulak Das" instead of "Pulok Das". So, "Pulak Das" & "Pulok Das" are same & one identical person as per affidavit of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Barrackpore Court dated 25/03/25.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD RAJIB HOSSAIN S/o- MONIRUL ISLAM, Residing at, Vill- Narikelbari, Post- Sompara, Ps- Saktipur, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742163, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD RAJIB HOSSAIN TO RAJIB HOSSAIN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) RAJIB HOSSAIN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 April 2025, RAJIB HOSSAIN and MD RAJIB HOSSAIN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ALOKE KR ROY S/o- LATE RISHIKESH ROY, Residing at, Vill- Suhari(Mahadebbati), Post- Rampur, Ps- Tapan, Dist- Dakshin Dinajpur, Pin- 733140, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ALOKE KR ROY TO ALOK ROY (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ALOK ROY in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 April 2025, ALOK ROY and ALOKE KR ROY both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SUBHAJIT SARKAR S/o- LATE ASHIM SARKAR, Residing at, Vill- Narayanpur, Post- Balurghat, Dist- Dakshin Dinajpur, Pin- 733101, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SUBHAJIT SARKAR TO SUVOJIT SARKAR (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SUVOJIT SARKAR in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 April 2025, SUVOJIT SARKAR and SUBHAJIT SARKAR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SUSHIL KUMAR PAL S/o- MURARI MOHAN PAL, Residing at, Vill- Hawlia park more, Post- Halia, Ps- Tehatta, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741160, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SUSHIL KUMAR PAL TO SUSHIL PAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SUSHIL PAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 April 2025, SUSHIL PAL and SUSHIL KUMAR PAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jaya Aich Majumdar (old name) W/O Parimal Majumder, residing at 353 R.R Plot P.O.- E.K.T. P.S.- Anandapur, Kolkata- 700107, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Joya Majumder (new name) as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, dated 02/12/2023. Joya Majumder (new name) and Jaya Aich Majumdar (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Bikesh Sah (Old Name) son of Ratan Sah, residing at 25,Kumar Para Road, Liluah, Howrah, Pin- 711204, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bikesh kumar Sah (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 23/04/2025. Bikesh kumar Sah (New Name) and Bikesh Sah (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Bhagavathi Baheti (old name) W/O Ramanand Baheti, residing at 76/1 Golgahata Road Lake Town, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700048, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bhagvathi Baheti (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, dated 23/04/2025. Bhagvathi Baheti (new name) and Bhagavathi Baheti (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Kabita Mandal Spouse of No. 14407385P Rank Ex HAV Name Debi Prasad Mandal resident of Vill -Bhromorkol P.O- Sainthia Dist Birbhum (WB) Pin- 731201, he change my name from Kabita Mandal to Kabita Mandal vide affidavit dated 03.04.2025 before SDEM Suri, Birbhum.

Name Change
I, Bhanarkar Ujwala Pandhari, wife of Mahesh D Gajbihiye, residing at type-IV Quarter, Room No.3, AIIMS Kalyani, NH-34, Connector Basantpur, Saguna (P), Nadia, West Bengal - 741245, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Ujwala Pandhari Bhanarkar, Bhanarkar Ujwala Pandhari, and Ujwala Mahesh Gajbihiye is the same and one identical person via affidavit in the Court of Ld A.C.I.M -II 1st Class at Kalyani, Nadia dated 23rd April 2025.

Name Change
I, Kedar Nath Agarwal S/o Late Lalchand Agrawal Residing at The Hazel Ton, 6th Floor, Flat-6B, 19 Dr U N Brahmachari Sarani, P.o - Circus Avenue, Ps - Shakespeare Sarani District - Kolkata, Pin- 700017 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Kedar Nath Agrawal. I declare that Kedar Nath Agarwal and Kedar Nath Agrawal is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 23-04-2025.

Name Change
I, Sk Abdul Jalil Shaikh (old name) son of Sk Samsuddin, residing at Vill- Kayadangi, P.O- Siddha, PS- Panskura, Purba Medinipur, Pin: 721151, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Abdul Jalil (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 21/04/2025. Sk Abdul Jalil Shaikh (old name) and Sk Abdul Jalil (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Gouri Debnath, W/O-Kanulal Debnath,R/O Srinagar, Barasat, Ps-Barasat, North 24 Pgs- 700124, West Bengal,shall Henceforth Be Known As Gouri Rani Debnath,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/04/2025,That Gouri Debnath And Gouri Rani Debnath All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Tanu Adhikari (old name) W/O Rabin Adhikari, residing at Shibpur, P.O.- Singti Sibpur, P.S.- Udaynarayanpur, Howrah- 711226, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tanushree Adhikari (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 23/04/2025. Tanushree Adhikari (new name) and Tanu Adhikari (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ratna Suchit Kumar Nag (Old Name) wife of Suchit Kumar Nag, residing at 19/4 Jodhpur Park, Flat No- 2B, 2nd Floor, Pin-700068, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ratna Suchit Nag (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Vide Affidavit No 14368 dated 20/02/2025. Ratna Suchit Nag (New Name) and Ratna Suchit Kumar Nag (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Sharfuddin (old name) S/O Md Raza, residing at 42/H/2, EKBAL PORE LANE, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Sarfuddin (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 23/04/2025. Md Sarfuddin (new name) and Md Sharfuddin (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mustaq Khan (old name) S/O Md Abdul Hamid Khan, residing at H.H. Street Bye Lane, Shahkatra, P.O.- Asansol, Asansol (M Corp), Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713301, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Mustaque Khan (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 23/04/2025. Md Mustaque Khan (new name) and Mustaq Khan (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Irshad Alam Alam (old name) S/O Abdul Sattar, residing at Nadipar Sitla Danga Railpar Asansol Dhakhin Dhadka, P.O. & P.S.- Asansol North, Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713302, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Irshad Alam (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 23/04/2025. Md Irshad Alam (new name) and Md Irshad Alam Alam (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Naushad Alam (old name) S/O Abdul Sattar, residing at Nadipar Sitla Danga Railpar Asansol Dhakhin Dhadka, P.O. & P.S.- Asansol North, Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713302, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Naushad Alam (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 23/04/2025. Md Naushad Alam (new name) and Naushad Alam (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sumi Chowdhury Maity (old name) W/O Somnath Maity, residing at 296/B, Ananda Villa, Block-B, Anandamandi, Ichapur, P.S.- Noapara, Dist- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743144, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sumi Chowdhury (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 22/04/2025. Sumi Chowdhury (new name) and Sumi Chowdhury Maity (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MATIYAR RAHAMAN SHAIKH S/O- JAMAT ALI SHAIKH, Residing at, Vill- Gopinathpur, Post- Gopinathpur, Ps- Tehatta, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741155, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MATIYAR RAHAMAN SHAIKH TO MATIAR RAHAMAN SHAIKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MATIAR RAHAMAN SHAIKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 April 2025, MATIAR RAHAMAN SHAIKH and MATIYAR RAHAMAN SHAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) S M SAROWAR HOSSAIN S/O- MD NUR ALAM SK, Residing at, Vill- Najipur, Post- Najipur, Ps- Rejinagar, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742189, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from S M SAROWAR HOSSAIN TO SEIKH MOHAMMAD SAROWAR HOSSAIN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SEIKH MOHAMMAD SAROWAR HOSSAIN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 April 2025, SEIKH MOHAMMAD SAROWAR HOSSAIN and S M SAROWAR HOSSAIN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ASGAR SK S/O- AMIRUL SK, Residing at, Vill- Hatpara, Post- Hazarpur nabagram, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ASGAR SK TO ASGAR ALI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ASGAR ALI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 April 2025, ASGAR ALI and ASGAR SK both are Same and one identical person.

Health Check-up and Non-invasive Anemia Screening for Children Conducted through “Aarogyo” Mobile Medical Van from Barasat to Hasnabad



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Health & Family Welfare Department of Sealdah Division, under the guidance of the Chief Medical Superintendent, Sealdah, organized a comprehensive health check-up for employees yesterday (22.04.25) through the mobile medical van “Aarogyo.” Additionally, a non-invasive hemoglobin screening initiative was conducted for children and adolescents aged 0–18 years, in collaboration with the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), as part of the “Bye Bye Anemia” campaign aimed at achieving the goal of Anemia Mukta Bharat. The journey began with a health check-up of children from the Scouts & Guides/Sealdah unit, in the

presence of Prof. (Dr.) Sukanta Chatterjee, Central Executive Board Member of IAP; Dr. Mandira Banerjee, Additional Chief Medical Superintendent (Health & Family Welfare), Sealdah; Dr. Kalpana Mandal, Chief Medical Superintendent, Sealdah; Dr. Sayantan Saha, Sr. Divisional Medical Officer In-Charge, Pediatrics, B.R. Singh Hospital; and Dr. Chaitali Patra, Sr. Divisional Medical Officer, Pediatrics, B.R. Singh Hospital. A total of 62 employees across the Barasat–Hasnabad section underwent health check-ups conducted by a team comprising Indian Railways Health Service (IRHS) doctors, paramedics, and Health & Family Welfare staff, led by Dr. Mandira

Banerjee and Dr. Juthika Halder. In parallel, 71 children and adolescents at various stations including Barasat, Sandalia, Basirhat, and Hasnabad were screened and provided with medical advice by a dedicated team of pediatricians led by Dr. Mihir Sarkar, Secretary, West Bengal Academy of Pediatrics, and Dr. Sayantan Saha. This initiative marks a significant step by the Health & Family Welfare Department of Sealdah Division towards promoting health awareness and preventive care for railway employees, their families, and the traveling public. The program was a grand success, receiving enthusiastic participation from all stakeholders.

Additional General Manager/ER inaugurated Oct-Angiography Machine at B. R. Singh Hospital



MI News Service, Kolkata: Shri Sumit Sarkar, Additional General Manager, Eastern Railway, inaugurated the state-of-the-art Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography (OCT-A) facility at the Ophthalmology Department of B. R. Singh Hospital, Sealdah, on 23rd April 2025. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Aniruddha Kirtania, Principal Chief Medical Director, Eastern Railway; Shri Sandeep Shukla, Principal Chief Materials Manager; Shri Deepak Nigam, Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah and Dr. Subhasish Das, Medical Director, B. R. Singh Hospital, benefitting Railway beneficiaries. With the commissioning of this advanced diagnostic equipment, Eastern Railway has achieved a significant milestone in medical advancement.

Indian Railways across the North-Eastern states, West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh. The introduction of this sophisticated diagnostic tool marks a major leap forward in the early detection and effective treatment of a wide range of retinal disorders, glaucoma, and anterior segment conditions. It will significantly enhance the ophthalmic diagnostic capabilities of B. R. Singh Hospital, benefitting Railway beneficiaries. With the commissioning of this advanced diagnostic equipment, Eastern Railway has achieved a significant milestone in medical advancement.

Name Change
I, Soniya Chowdhury (old name) D/O Sunil Kumar Choudhury, residing at 8/D, Diamond Harbour Road, P.O.- Alipore, Kolkata-700027, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Soniya Choudhury (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 23/04/2025. Soniya Choudhury (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Deepak Sarkar (old name) S/O Phanindra Nath Sarkar, residing at 5/8, Mahendra Banerjee Road, P.S.- Parnasree, Kolkata- 700060, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dipak Sarkar (new name) and Deepak Sarkar (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Taufiq Umar Anchra (old name) S/O Asadul Anchra, residing at Dhunki, Panchla, Howrah Rural- 711322, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Taufiq Umar Anchra (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 23/04/2025. Taufiq Umar Anchra (new name) and Taufiq Umar Anchra (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Tasam (Old Name) son of Md Rashid, residing at 291, M G Road, East Nishchinta Pur, Budge Budge(M), South 24 Pgs, Pin-700137, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Ehtasam (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 17/04/2025. Md Ehtasam (New Name) and Md Tasam (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

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The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Borrower Paron Chandra Roy & (Guarantors) Petiti Pabon Roy & Kalpana Rani Roy Biswas & Paron Chandra Roy & (Mortgagor) Paron Chandra Roy & Patiti Pabon Roy/ Represented By Proprietor Paron Chandra Roy Bogaram, Karnajhore Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal Raiganj, 731313/ 053605002849	Property(1):- R.S. Dag No 254, L.R. Dag No. 254/664, R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 261, L.R. Khatian No. 1169, 156 No. Mouza Bogaram, J.L No 156, Touzi & Thana Raiganj, A.D.S.R.O. & Sador Registry Office Raiganj, District Uttar Dinajpur (6.5 Satak) & Proerty (2): R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 256/571, L.R. Khatian No. 1169 & 1170, 156 No Mouza Bogaram, J.L No. 156, Touzi & Thana Raiganj, A.D.S.R.O. & Sador Registry Office Raiganj, District Uttar Dinajpur (5 Satak)/ Date Of Symbolic : 19/04/2025	26/11/2024 Rs. 82,28,744.50/-	Raiganj

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged property shall be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: April 24, 2025
Place: Raiganj
Sincerely Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Miscellaneous

Article on 100 years service of Howrah Division - Howrah Station's Role in the World Wars



MI News Service, Kolkata: As the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway marks its centenary in 2025, Howrah Station, a symbol of Indian railway legacy, played a crucial and sometimes understated role during the two World Wars. World War I broke out in 1914, Howrah Station had been in operation for barely nine years, and the scale of its significance had not fully been realized. Lord Dalhousie's vision of using railways to & bind India by iron chains" proved to be a stroke of foresight during both world conflicts, particularly in facilitating the mobility of military personnel and supplies. During World War I (1914-1918), the impact on Howrah Station was indirect but still notable. Although the actual fighting occurred far from India, the British Empires needs for transporting troops, equipment, and war material across vast distances put pressure on the existing railway infrastructure. The East Indian Railway (EIR) faced staffing shortages, as many railway employees were called up to serve in the military. Additionally, the war caused a severe reduction in the availability of imported materials, which the railways relied on for maintaining and replacing equipment. Despite these challenges, Howrah Station continued to operate, ensuring that the transportation of personnel and supplies continued efficiently, albeit with limited resources. World War II (1939-1945) brought even greater challenges to Howrah Station, as the war came much closer to India's

borders. The fall of Burma brought the conflict to India's doorstep, and the strain on the railway system escalated dramatically. Howrah, being one of the major hubs of the East Indian Railway, saw an increase in demand for troop movements, supply chains, and war-related transportation. Though the station itself was not directly targeted, it played an essential role in facilitating the movement of military and civilian resources.

To accommodate the increased military presence, temporary changes were made at Howrah Station. During World War II, several new waiting areas were constructed in the concourse, specifically for the use of soldiers. These were crucial in handling the large influx of troops passing through the station. The Liluah workshop, located near Howrah, was also repurposed for the production of war equipment. It was tasked with manufacturing armored cars, ambulances, water carriers, and lorries for the Allies, showcasing the significant role of Howrah and its vicinity in supporting the war effort. While Howrah Station may not have faced direct combat, it played a vital part in ensuring the smooth movement of personnel and war supplies, contributing to India's and the British Empire's efforts during both world wars. Its enduring legacy as a military and logistical hub underscores its pivotal role in the history of India's railways and its contribution during times of global crisis.



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Kolkata observes National PR Day

MI News Service, Kolkata: National 'Public Relations Day' was observed in Kolkata recently with full zest. Various programmes were organized at different parts of Kolkata including one at Shri Shikshayatan School. At the said programme esteemed panelists like Vivek Gupta (MLA-Jorasanko & MD-Sanmarg), Vikramjit Roy(Ex-Head-NFDC), Jimmy Tangree (Station Director-Friends FM),Pratim D Gupta (Film maker) were present along with reputed educationist Vinod Agarwal and noted PR person Paromita Ghosh.

Gangrape in Nadia, 3 arrested

MI News Service, Tehatta: A shocking incident of gangrape has once again rocked Nadia's Tehatta. Police have arrested three youths, including one known to the victim, in connection with the case. The incident took place at Palashipara police station area in Nadia's Tehatta on Tuesday evening, police said. The victim's family lodged a complaint with the police later that night. She is currently undergoing treatment in a critical condition at Shaktinagar District Hospital.

she was gangraped. The assault was so brutal that she started bleeding from her private parts. The accused persons fled the scene afterward. Somehow, she managed to return home.

Initially, out of fear and shame, she did not tell her family. As time passed, her condition worsened due to continuous bleeding. When the family questioned her, she broke down and revealed everything. She was immediately admitted to Krishnanagar District Hospital in a serious condition and is currently under medical supervision.

Upon receiving the complaint, Palashipara police began an investigation and arrested the three accused. They were produced in Tehatta Sub-Divisional Court on Wednesday.

Police have sought custody of the accused for further investigation. Authorities are also probing whether others were involved in the crime.

Nadia tourist team refrain from going to Pahalgam on mishap day

MI News Service, Kalyani: While the militant attack in Pahelgaon has snatched 27 lives, it has caused fear among the tourists and they are eagerly waiting to return home mid way.

Her husband Kaushik De expressed fear and non cooperation of local police and CRPF. He said, " We had started from near to Dal Lake at around 1 pm. on Tuesday. Amid road we came to know from our home regarding the militant attack on tourists at Pahelgaon. But hotel owner in Pahelgaon told us to move there as there was no problem. We then moved more 4 to 5 Km. But once our driver informed us that there was problems. He stated that pelting of stones was going on. So we feared and returned."

Kaushik De more stated that there were local police personnel and CRPF Jawans on road. They didn't hinder any one from proceeding towards Pahelgaon despite the danger situation there.

However the team has been staying in hotel in Srinagar. The return train tickets of the team is on April 26.

Over 2,300 pigs die due to African swine fever in Mizoram

MI News Service, Aizawl: A total of 2,357 pigs have died due to African swine fever in four Mizoram districts since March, an official of the state's Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Department

After a hiatus of around three months, the fresh outbreak was first reported in Lawngtlai and Mamit districts in the western part of the state bordering Tripura and Bangladesh in the third week of March, she said.

Mizoram did not report any pig death due to ASF -- a highly contagious viral disease of domestic and wild pigs -- for more than 80 days from December 24, 2024 till the second week of March this year.

Cong should not simply surrender to BJP: Shashi Tharoor

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Congress will make a mistake if it allows the BJP to seize the development slogan if the Grand Old party wants to win back voters, believes Shashi Tharoor, the four-term Lok Sabha member from Thiruvananthapuram.

"Why is it that in three elections now, we have stayed between 19.4 per cent, 19.6 per cent and 19.8 per cent [vote share]? Why is it we are not able to rise above that? It's because the messages that we have been highlighting have apparently found that particular ceiling," Tharoor told.

"The last election in which we got 26.7 per cent was an election where Dr Mannohan Singh was giving the message of being the voice of aspirational India, of the future, of development, growth etc, and I think that this is a message we cannot afford to abdicate to the BJP. Just as we cannot afford to abdicate nationalism to the BJP. The Congress should not allow people to forget it was the party of Indian nationalism," Tharoor said.

The Congress has lost state after state and more so in the last decade of Narendra Modi's rule, including some where it had once governed for decades. In Bengal, the party has only one MP, from the Malda South seat, and no legislators.

Tharoor admitted to the marginalisation of the Congress as a major power but also saw scope for revival. "I will admit for us there are some states where we've already been pushed into a somewhat subsidiary role as a relatively smaller partner to a strong regional party. We are seeing this in Bihar and Tamil Nadu, for example. But a revival is not impossible if we capture the imagination of the voters and if we organise ourselves to be able to make a difference," Tharoor said.



Last minute preparations for the Brigade rally are underway. Maulana Kamruzzaman, one of the conveners of the rally in Munsirhat of Howrah district and a member of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board, said that they are not disappointed. Insha Allah, we will win this fight of faith. The verdict in this case will be given in the Calcutta High Court on, Thursday at 1:15 pm. PIC:Nurul Islam Khan

Pahalgam attack: Karnataka CM orders airlift of 40 tourists stranded in J&K

MI News Service, Bengaluru/ Srinagar: Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said more than 40 Kannadigas who had gone on a trip to Kashmir are stranded due to the terrorist attack, and that he instructed the authorities to arrange a special flight to bring all of them safely back to the state.

He also spoke to the families of those killed in the terrorist attack over the phone and expressed his condolences.

Two people from Karnataka are among those who were killed in the terror attack at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday. The CM spoke to Pallavi, wife of Manjunath Rao of Shivamogga, and Sujatha, wife of Bharat Bhushan of Mathikere in Bengaluru, and expressed his condolences, his office said in a statement.

Bharath Bhushan was shot dead by the terrorists while his wife Sujatha and their three-year-old son were

spared. While Manjunath Rao, a realtor, was also killed in the presence of his wife and son.

Bodies of the deceased accompanied by their family members are scheduled to be brought back later in the day.

"More than 40 Kannadigas who had gone on a trip to Kashmir are stranded due to the terrorist attack, and I have instructed the authorities to arrange a special flight to bring all of them safely back to their state. Our government has taken action with the resolve to bring every Kannadiga back to the state safely. No one needs to worry," Siddaramaiah said in a post on 'X'.

Urging all people from the state who are now in Jammu & Kashmir to remain calm, he said, the Karnataka Government has swiftly deployed teams and sent Minister Santosh Lad to assist on the ground.

"For any help, please call 112 -- our officers are work-

ing with J&K authorities to ensure your safety and immediate support. We are with you. Your well-being is our utmost priority," he added.

A team of officials was dispatched to Kashmir on Tuesday evening to rescue people stranded there following the attack.

Earlier, confirming the death of two people from Karnataka in the terror attack, the state government has shared helpline numbers as part of its efforts to bring back the tourists from there. It has asked tour operators and travel agents in the state to share the details of tourists who have gone to Jammu and Kashmir through them.

Relatives and acquaintances of tourists who have gone to Jammu and Kashmir have also been asked to share their details through helpline numbers: 080-43344334, 080-43344335, 080-43344336, 080-43344342.

Navy officer killed just 6 days after wedding

MI News Service, Srinagar: Married just a few days ago, 26-year-old Indian Navy officer Lieutenant Vinay Narwal was holidaying with his wife in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam when terrorists shot him dead.

Hailing from Bhushi village in Karnal District, Narwal's family was presently living in Karnal city.

The Indian Navy also confirmed Narwal's death in the terror attack. "Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, #CNS, and all Personnel of the Indian Navy are shocked and deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Lt Vinay Narwal who fell to the dastardly terror attack in Pahalgam. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family during this moment of unimaginable grief."

"The #IndianNavy also

stands in solemn solidarity with all others that lost their lives in this heinous act of violence. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims' families and we pray for the swift recovery of those injured," the Navy said in a post on X.

Narwal's neighbour Narresh Bansal said the officer had recently got married.

"After the marriage, everyone was celebrating and in a happy mood. And now suddenly this sad news comes," he said about the terror attack incident.

Another neighbour Seema recalled that there were grand celebrations at his home and not just the Narwal family, but the entire neighbourhood was celebrating after the wedding. She told reporters in Karnal that Narwal did

his engineering and later cleared the exams to become an officer in the Indian Navy. "They were planning a honeymoon in Switzerland, but decided to go to Kashmir instead taking into account the leave he had...We can't imagine what his family is going through," she said.

"...We saw videos where a girl was crying and pleading with the terrorists to kill her too but they told her they were sparing her so that she can tell (PM Narendra) Modi what happened," she said without elaborating.

At least 26 persons -- mostly tourists -- were killed by terrorists on Tuesday at the Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam in one of the worst terror attacks on civilians in Kashmir in the past many years.

Ministry of Education declares FTII, SRFTI as deemed universities

MI News Service, New Delhi: Renowned film making schools-- Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune and Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI), Kolkata-- have been granted deemed-to-be university status, according to Ministry of Education.

The new status will empower them to award degrees rather than just diplomas and also offer doctoral programmes.

"FTII Pune and SRFTI Kolkata, have been granted deemed-to-be university status under section 3 of the UGC Act. The status has been notified following recommendation made by the University Grants Commission," a senior MoE official said.

"Both institutes will launch doctoral, research and innovative academic programmes. They will also participate in NIRF Rankings and integrate with Academic Bank of Credits (ABC). Aligned with vision of National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, this landmark

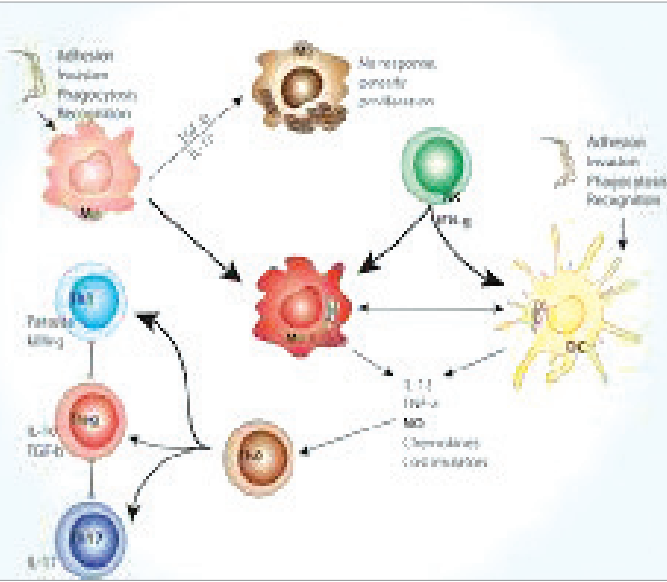
decision will pave way for greater autonomy, innovation and academic excellence in film and media education," the official added.

FTII was set up by the Government of India in 1960, in the premises of the erstwhile Prabhat Studios in Pune. Formerly known as the 'Film Institute of India', it was a department of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

In 1971, FTII came to be known as the 'Film and Television Institute of India' (FTII) and soon started in-service training programs for Doordarshan, India's public broadcaster. The Television Training wing, which was earlier functioning in New Delhi, shifted to Pune in 1974. Thereafter, the institute became fully aided by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. In 2017, the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) had granted equivalence to six PG Diploma Programmes of the institute with Master's Degree.

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এতদ্বারা সকলকে জ্ঞাত করা যাচ্ছে যে, ১)শ্রী আশীষ পাকিরা, পিতা জটাইর পাকিরা, ২)শ্রীমতী মাহবী পাকিরা, স্বামী জটাইর পাকিরা, ১-১৬র সাকিম নালিকুল, হরিপাল, হালী-৭১১৪০৭, ৩)শ্রীমতী রীনা খান্না, স্বামী অরুন মাসা, সাকিম কামারকুস্ত, সিন্দুর, হালী-৭১১৪০৭, ৪)শ্রীমতী মানসী কোলে, স্বামী হারুসেন কোলে, সাকিম হালিরা, বারিসহ, হরিপাল, হালী-৭১১৪০৭, ৫)শ্রীমতী নীলীনা দে, স্বামী সঞ্জয় দে, সাকিম কুম্ভাবতি, নালিকুল, হরিপাল, হালী-৭১১৪০৭, ৬)শ্রীমতী দীপা দাস, স্বামী শৈলেন্দ্র নাথ দাস, সাকিম খারের চকু, ডিরিতনপুর, সিন্দুর, হালী-৭১১৪০৭, মহাশয়/মহাশয়াগণ বিগত ইং ১১/০৪/২০২৪ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-1, সদর, হালী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ৯১৯৯ নং ১১/০৪/২০২৪ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর, হরিপাল, হালী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ০৩০৭/২০২৪ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর, হরিপাল, হালী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ০৩০৭/২০২৪ নং বিক্রয় কোলা দলিল মূলে শ্রীমতী ববিতা কোলে, স্বামী শ্রী গৌতম কোলে মহাশয়ের মৌজা নওয়াপারা, জে. এল. নং- ১৪৫, খতিয়ান নং ১৫১, দাগ নং ৪৫৩, শালি জমি, য়োল আনায় ৩৬ শতকের মধ্যে ৩০.৫০ শতক, ২) ০৩০৪/২০২৫ বিক্রয় কোলা দলিল মূলে শ্রীমতী সুপ্রিয়া কোলে, স্বামী শ্রীমদ্র 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Study finds how macrophages play critical role in immune system



WASHINGTON : Macrophages are essential to the immune system because they combat infections and help heal damaged tissue. It's critical to comprehend how these cells are triggered in various contexts in order to design novel medical interventions. The complexity of these cells and their reactions has made it difficult to identify and research macrophage activation.

The protein known as colony stimulating factor 1 receptor (CSF1R) was discovered by the study team to be a dependable marker for macrophages in tissues and monocytes and dendritic cells in blood, enabling the distinct identification and separation of various sample types. People of

all ages and genders can dependably use the new method. Dr Fernando Martinez Estrada, who led the research project and is Senior Lecturer in Innate Immunology in the School of Biosciences at the University of Surrey, said, "We have developed a method using CSF1R that can identify all types of Mononuclear phagocyte system cells in the body. This marker is incredibly useful for studying these cells in both health and disease, and it unlocks exciting new possibilities for cell isolation and quantification for diagnosing and monitoring various conditions with a single cell marker."

The study developed a set of tools to understand and check how these immune cells respond when

they are activated. These tools focus on signals in the body, including IL-4 (involved in healing and fibrosis), steroids (deactivation), IFN γ (fights infections), and LPS (a bacterial product that causes inflammation). The research team also described a novel concept that they call Macrophage Activation Mosaicism. This means that macrophages do not simply switch between the canonical two states previously described; instead, they can exhibit a mix of activation characteristics, reflecting the complexity of real tissue environments. Dr Federica Orsenigo, co-author of the study, explains further, "This discovery is significant because it changes how we perceive macrophage activation. "Recognising that macrophages can have mixed activation status helps us better understand their roles in different diseases and could lead to more targeted and effective treatments."

Emeritus Professor Siamon Gordon, co-author of the study from the University of Oxford, said:

"Therapies that seek to re-educate macrophages are widely sought. However, the tools to measure activation are underdeveloped. Having a robust multi-gene tool to study macrophage activation can help in drug screening, identify drugs that revert macrophage activation, and eventually help with patient characterisation and personalised medicine."

Men have greater risk of fractures from falls than women: Study

MASSACHUSETTS : A recent study titled "A meta-analysis of previous falls and subsequent fracture risk in cohort studies" found links between self-reported falls and increased fracture risk, as well as a slightly greater risk of fracture in men than in women. Published in Osteoporosis International, this international meta-analysis of data pooled from 46 prospective cohorts comprising over 900,000 individuals also recommended that previous falls are a factor that should be included in patients' histories used by fracture risk assessment tools like the FRAX (Fracture Risk Assessment) Tool to calculate a person's likelihood of getting a fracture over the next decade. FRAX is the most commonly used assessment to predict fracture risk.

"FRAX was developed using longitudinal data from studies around the world. Although previous falls have long been recognized as a significant risk factor for fractures, until now, they have not been factored into the FRAX algorithm," said Douglas P. Kiel, M.D., MPH, director of the Musculoskeletal Research Center and senior scientist at the Hinda and Arthur Marcus Institute for Aging Research at Hebrew SeniorLife, a nonprofit, Harvard Medical School affiliated institution. "In this newly updated FRAX dataset, previous falls were included as a risk factor and were found to increase the risk for fracture. These findings underscore that falls are an important contributor to fracture in both men and women, but interestingly, slightly more in men."

Key findings of the meta-analysis include Increased Fracture Risk: Individuals with a history of falls within the past year were found to have a significantly higher risk of any clinical fracture, osteoporotic fracture, major osteoporotic fracture, and hip fracture. One or more previous falls were significantly associated with an increased risk of death among women and men. Sex Disparities: The association between previous falls and fracture risk was observed to vary by sex, with men exhibiting higher predictive values compared to women.

Does physical activity alleviate pain in cancer survivors?

WASHINGTON DC : People who have had cancer commonly experience prolonged pain, but a new study suggests that being physically active may help to minimize its severity.

Wiley published the study in the American Cancer Society's peer-reviewed publication, CANCER.

Although physical activity has been demonstrated to alleviate a variety of pains, its impact on cancer-related discomfort is unknown.

To investigate, a team led by senior author Erika Rees-Punia, PhD, MPH, of the American Cancer Society, and first author Christopher T.V. Swain, PhD, of the University of Melbourne, in Australia, analyzed information about 51,439 adults without a history of cancer and 10,651 adults with a past cancer diagnosis.

Participants were asked, "How would you rate your pain on average," with responses ranging from 0 (no pain) to 10 (worst pain imaginable). Participants were also asked about their usual physical activity.

US guidelines recommend 150 minutes (2 hours 30 minutes) to 300 minutes (5 hours) a week of moderate-intensity, or 75 minutes (1 hour 15 minutes) to 150 minutes (2 hours 30 minutes) a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity.

Based on participants' responses, the investigators found that, for individuals who had cancer in the past as well as for those without a history of cancer, more physical activity was linked with lower pain intensity.

The extent of the association was similar for both groups of individuals, indicating that exercise may reduce cancer-related pain just as it does for other types of pain that have been studied in the past.

Among participants with a past cancer diagnosis, those exceeding physical activity



guidelines were 16 per cent less likely to report moderate-to-severe pain compared to those who failed to meet physical activity guidelines.

Also, compared with people who remained inactive, those who were consistently active or became active in older adulthood reported less pain.

"It may feel counterintuitive to some, but physical activity is an effective, non-pharmacologic option for reducing many types of pain. As our study suggests, this may include pain associated with cancer and its treatments," said Dr. Rees-Punia.

Study reveals how protein-rich breakfast can increase satiety, improve concentration



AARHUS, DENMARK : A new Danish study investigated the relationship between diet and cognitive function, and the findings show that a protein-rich breakfast can boost satiety and concentration.

This is important knowledge in a society with increasing obesity rates and lifestyle-related diseases, said researcher.

"Breakfast is the most important meal of the day." This is a well-worn platitude that has never had much basis in scientific evidence.

But a new Danish study has explored how different types of breakfast affect satiety and concentration and it has added new fuel to the old cliché.

The study followed 30 obese women aged 18 to 30 for three days, during which the women consumed a protein-rich breakfast, a carbohydrate-rich breakfast or no breakfast at all. The women's sense of satiety, hormone levels and energy intake were measured at lunchtime. Their total daily energy intake was measured as well.

The participants also had to complete a cognitive concentration test during the study.

"We found that a protein-rich breakfast with skyr (a sour-milk product) and oats increased satiety and concentration in the participants, but it did not reduce the overall energy intake compared to skipping breakfast or eating a carbohydrate-rich breakfast," says Mette Hansen, associate professor and PhD at the Department of Public Health, and one of the authors of the study.

The number of overweight people is increasing both in Denmark and across the globe. Obesity is often accompanied by lifestyle-related diseases such as type 2 diabetes. Previous studies have shown that people who eat breakfast have a lower BMI than people who do not eat breakfast, and protein-rich foods have generally been shown to have an increased satiety effect compared to carbohydrate-rich and high-fat foods with the same calorie content. The idea was

therefore to test whether a protein-rich breakfast could be a good strategy to achieving greater satiety during the day and thus reducing daily calorie intake.

However, the solution is not that simple, said Mette Hansen: "The results confirm that protein-rich meals increase a sense of satiety, which is positive with regard to preventing weight gain. However, the results also suggest that for this nutritional strategy to be effective, it's not enough to just eat a protein-rich breakfast."

The potential of replacing a carbohydrate-rich diet with a protein-rich diet can clearly be seen in the satiating effects measured in the study. Several of the subjects had difficulty consuming the entire protein-rich breakfast consisting of skyr and oats.

"It's intriguing that there can be such a big difference in the satiety effect of two different meals with the same calorie content. Had the women in the project been allowed to choose the size of the meal themselves, it's likely that they'd have consumed more food and thereby more calories on the day they were served bread and jam than on the day they were given skyr and oats," explained Mette Hansen. According to the researcher, although the study has provided important insights, it also has its limitations because only overweight young women participated in the study. The study is also based on relatively short-term observations, leaving open the question of how long-term dietary changes can affect health and weight. Mette Hansen therefore points out that the study underlines the need for further research to understand how different types of food affect health over time.

"We already have new data incoming from a trial where participants received either a high-protein breakfast or a low-protein breakfast. The objective was to study how the different types of breakfast affect body composition and other parameters such as microbiota and cholesterol levels," said Mette Hansen.

Research reveals brain processes speech, its echo separately

WASHINGTON DC : Echoes can make speech difficult to understand, and getting rid of echoes in an audio recording is a very difficult engineering task. According to a study published in the open-access journal PLOS Biology by Jiaxin Gao of Zhejiang University in China and colleagues, the human brain appears to successfully handle the challenge by splitting the sound into direct speech and its echo.

The audio signals in online meetings and auditoriums that are not properly designed often have an echo lagging at least 100 milliseconds from the original speech. These echoes heavily distort speech, interfering with slowly varying sound features most important for understanding conversations, yet people still reliably understand echoic speech. To better understand how the brain enables this, the authors used magnetoencephalography (MEG) to record neural activity while human participants listened to a story with and without an echo. They compared the neural signals to two computational models: one simulating the brain adapting to the echo, and another simulating the brain separating the echo from the original speech.

Participants understood the story with over 95% accuracy, regardless of echo. The researchers observed that cortical activity tracks energy changes related to direct speech, despite the strong interference of the echo. Simulating neural adaptation only partially captured the brain response they observed--neural activity was better explained by a model that split original speech and its echo into separate processing streams. This remained true even when participants were told to direct their attention toward a silent film and ignore the story, suggesting that top-down attention isn't required to mentally separate direct speech and its echo. The researchers state that auditory stream segregation may be important both for singling out a specific speaker in a crowded environment, and for clearly understanding an individual speaker in a reverberant space.

The authors add, "Echoes strongly distort the sound features of speech and create a challenge for automatic speech recognition. The human brain, however, can segregate speech from its echo and achieve reliable recognition of echoic speech."

Rare fat molecule helps drive cell death: Study

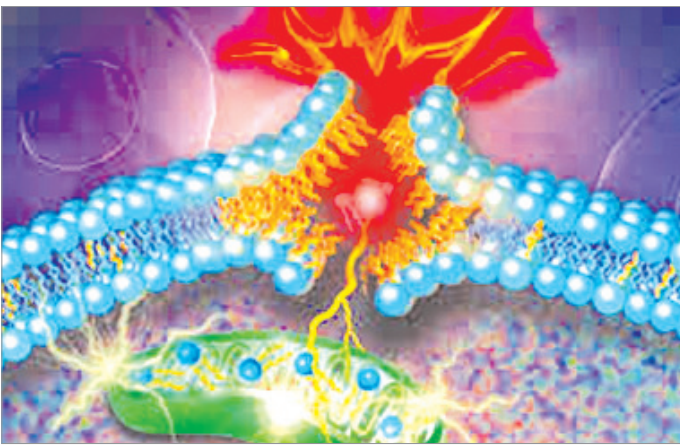
LOS ANGELES [US] : Researchers revealed that a rare sort of lipid plays a vital role in ferroptosis, a type of cell death described by Columbia professor Brent Stockwell.

The findings shed new light on how cells die during ferroptosis, potentially improving understanding of how to prevent ferroptosis in contexts where it is harmful, such as neurodegenerative diseases, or induce it in contexts where it could be beneficial, such as using it to kill dangerous cancer cells.

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Chemistry, and the Columbia University Irving Medical Center. Stockwell first discovered ferroptosis in 2012, when he found that certain cells were dying because their lipid layers were

and elsewhere have continued to investigate ferroptosis, discovering that it can occur naturally in ageing cells, in pathological contexts, and can be induced to treat disease. Another paper out this month with several co-authors found that a gene named PHLDA2 can sometimes promote ferroptosis by attacking a different lipid and that this gene can block some tumours from forming. Together, these papers show that specific lipids promote ferroptosis, so defining the driver lipids in specific cancers is important.

"The discovery that these diPUFA lipids are important drivers of ferroptosis deepens our understanding of this form of cell death, and these lipids' role in controlling a cell's homeostasis in general," Stockwell said.

"Harnessing these lipids may eventually help us identify where ferroptosis has occurred and deliberately manipulate them to either induce cell death or stop it. This can begin to give us both understanding and the power to control cell death."

Language, culture can influence how our brain processes emotional faces: Research

WASHINGTON : Understanding body language is an important aspect of communication. Humans are frequently considered to be able to perceive other people's emotions innately, but there is rising evidence that this ability is impacted by people's culturally shared knowledge of emotions.

A team of scientists in the US decided to investigate how cultural upbringing and access to emotion category words, which categorize and facilitate access to a complex set of emotional ideas, experiences, and responses stored in our memory, impact how we perceive others' emotional facial expressions.

"Here we show that access to emotion category words like 'disgust' differentially alters how brain regions interact with one another when people perceive emotions on others' faces. Importantly, this effect depends on one's cultural upbringing," said Dr Joseph Leshin, a researcher at Northeastern University and the study's first author. "Our findings contribute to growing evidence that emotional facial expressions are not universally produced and understood," added senior author Dr Kristen Lindquist, a neuroscientist at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where the data for the Frontiers in Psychology study was collected.

A trigger for emotion recognition

Two participant groups - Chinese individuals, born and raised in mainland China, but now



living in the US, and non-Hispanic White Americans who were born and raised in the US - were recruited for the study. While undergoing fMRI, both groups viewed actors pose expressions for 'disgust' and 'anger' as they are typically displayed by White North Americans. Over four blocks, the participants viewed expressions which were either preceded by the relevant emotion category word or a non-word control text. "When primed with the word 'disgust' before viewing the corresponding facial expression, immigrants from mainland China showed decreased functional connectivity in brain regions related to semantic processing, visual perception, and social cognition," Leshin said. "Whereas White American participants tend to perceive wrinkling of noses and

scowls as evidence that someone else is disgusted, Chinese participants are less likely to clearly associate those facial muscle movements with disgust. Thus, their brains were likely working harder to disambiguate the meaning of posed disgusted facial muscle movements," explained Lindquist. Critically, presenting Chinese participants with the English language cue 'disgust' prior to viewing wrinkled noses and scowls changed how their brains processed those expressions. White American participants did not show the same differences in brain connectivity in the emotion word v. control text conditions, likely because the facial expressions are familiar to them. These findings suggest that seeing an English emotion category word before seeing the cor-

responding facial expression may help Chinese participants to understand the meaning behind the culturally-relative expression better. 'This also seems to apply even when the emotion is not central to a culture, as is the case with the notion of 'disgust' in Chinese culture, the researchers added. Understanding how people wear their hearts on their sleeves

The researchers said that their findings should be interpreted in light of some limitations, for example the modest sample size and the fact that the participant groups and the emotion category words used in this study do not represent the full spectrum of cultural or emotional diversity. A starting point for future research could be investigating if similar differences can be found amongst cultures that are more similar to one another than China and the US. Even subtle cultural differences could lead to variations in neural processing of emotions, the researchers said. To date, there is relatively little work that focuses on subcultures within the same country, for example within the US or China.

A further field of application of the team's findings lies in artificial intelligence. "Our study suggests that AI tools designed to read emotions from faces must account for cultural variation to avoid misinterpretation of people's expressions and highlights the need for culturally informed AI," Leshin concluded.

Kashmir valley observes complete shutdown over Pahalgam attack, first time in 35 years

MI News Service, Srinagar: In an unprecedented show of unity, the Kashmir Valley observed a complete shutdown on Wednesday to protest a terror attack that claimed the lives of at least 26 people, mostly tourists, in the scenic Pahalgam region of south Kashmir's Anantnag district. This marks the first valley-wide shutdown against a terror attack in 35 years, officials said. The attack occurred on Tuesday in the popular Baisaran meadows of Pahalgam, a prime tourist location, where terrorists opened fire on civilians, killing several and injuring many more. The assault sent shockwaves throughout the region, prompting widespread condemnation and calls for solidarity with the victims.

A range of political parties, civil society groups, religious organizations, and trade bodies supported the bandh call, urging people to protest the senseless violence. Among those backing the shutdown were the National Conference (NC), Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Peoples' Conference, and Apni Party. The Muthahida Majlis Ulema (MMU), led by Hurriyat Conference chairman Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, also issued a strong statement urging people to mark the day with peaceful protest. "The Islamic fraternity of Jammu and Kashmir appeals to peacefully protest this heinous crime," Mirwaiz said. The impact of the shutdown was visible across the valley. In Srinagar, most shops, fuel stations, and businesses remained closed, except for essential services. Public transport was limited, though private vehicles were seen on the roads. Private schools stayed shut, while government schools remained open. The Kashmir University postponed all exams scheduled for the day. Trade and tourism bodies, including the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industries and the Kashmir Traders and Manufacturers Federation, also participated in the protest, calling it a mark of respect for the victims and their families. The Private Schools' Association of Jammu and Kashmir (PSAJK) announced the closure of all private schools as a show of solidarity. Peaceful demonstrations were held in several districts, with protesters demanding an end to the cycle of violence and killings of innocent people. Security was tightened across the region in the aftermath of the attack. Forces were deployed at key locations, tourist spots, and city entry points. Checkpoints were set up across major routes, and search operations continued in Baisaran to track down the perpetrators.

Israel bombs Gaza school-turned-shelter, sparking fire and killing 10

MI News Service, Gaza: Israeli forces continue bombarding Gaza, striking a school-turned-shelter in Gaza City and sparking a fire that killed at least 10 people. Victims include a child who burned to death. The relentless attacks after a day of Israeli bombings that killed at least 32 Palestinians, damaged the El Dorra Pediatric Hospital in Gaza City and destroyed bulldozers used in rescue operations across the Strip. Qatar's Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani says Doha is still working with mediators to reach an end to the war in Gaza. At least 51,266 Palestinians have been confirmed killed and 116,991 wounded in Israel's war on Gaza since it began 18 months ago.

Celebrating 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division

New Rake Launch and Inauguration of Centenary Exhibitions

MI News Service, Kolkata: Howrah Division of Eastern Railway is commemorating its centenary year with a series of events, underscoring its rich heritage and commitment to modern, passenger-centric rail services. In 1925, the British Government of India took over the management of the East India Railway (EIR) and the Great Indian Peninsular Railway (GIPR), marking the formation of the first organized railway divisions. Initially, there were six divisions under EIR — Howrah, Asansol, and Dinapore, known as the lower divisions, and Allahabad, Lucknow, and Moradabad, known as the upper divisions.

To mark the 100th year of Howrah Division, a new 3-Phase ICF EMU Rake was inaugurated today in the presence of Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah, along with all Branch Officers and officials. The train 37259 Howrah- Bandel local departed from Howrah Station at 16:16 hours. This new rake features state-of-the-art three-phase propulsion technology, improved braking systems, enhanced passenger seating, LED lighting, and modern passenger information displays.

An onboard exhibition: Showcasing photographs and artifacts tracing the Division's evolution since 1925 has been arranged in the coaches. The exhibit offers travellers a moving glimpse of landmark events—from the launch of the first suburban service to major infrastructural milestones. It not only highlights the Division's rich history but also educates passengers on advancements in railway technology and safety over the decades. As the train departed, a sense of pride and nostalgia filled the air, reminding everyone of the critical role railways play in connecting communities and fostering economic development.

Vintage Photo Gallery: Passengers also enjoyed a vintage photo gallery beneath the iconic 'Boro Ghor' (Big Clock) at Howrah Station. The captivating collection celebrates



the Division's cultural and historical legacy, inviting visitors to relive the stories behind each image. To commemorate the centenary, the following activities will be carried out: **Community Outreach & Daily Programmes:**

Cleanliness & Hygiene Drive: Awareness camps were organised on platforms and in adjacent marketplaces, focusing on waste segregation, handwashing demonstrations, and promoting access to safe drinking water for travellers.

Daily Centenary Articles: A series of short articles—published online and in local newspapers—highlight different facets of Howrah Division's journey, including pioneering engineers, landmark bridges, signal upgradation projects, and community welfare initiatives.

Prabhat Pheri: Starting 25th

April 2025, morning processions led by railway staff and local volunteers will carry centenary banners and distribute informative leaflets on the Division's history across Howrah Division and neighbouring localities.

Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah Division, said, "Today, we stand on the shoulders of a century's worth of dedication—from the visionaries who laid our first tracks to the thousands of employees who keep our trains running safely every day while upholding cleanliness and hygiene across railway premises. As we unveil this modern 3-phase EMU rake and open these heritage exhibitions, we reaffirm our pledge to blend tradition with innovation—delighting our passengers with safe, efficient service and a deep sense of belonging to our shared history."

J&K mosques slam Pahalgam attack as an act of cowardice; Kashmir holds vigils

MI News Service, Srinagar: Soon after the Palgaham terror attack that claimed 26 lives, mosques across Jammu and Kashmir denounced the act, calling it an act of cowardice.

In one of the videos emerging from the Union Territory, an imam of a madrasa on a loudspeaker informs its worshippers about the brutal attack. "People from all over the country visit Kashmir to experience its beauty. This attack is not just an act of cowardice, but we fully condemn it." Candlelight marches were held at several places in Kashmir against the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed. Candlelight vigils as a mark of protest against the attack were held in Pahalgam, Srinagar, Sopore, Ganderbal, Handwara, Kupwara, Baramulla, and Bandipora, officials said. A large number of people came out on roads to protest the attack and denounce it. The protestors said the marches were to express solidarity with the victims of the attack and

send a message of unity. Meanwhile, in a statement, the Army's Chinar Corps said the people of Kashmir held candlelight marches in response to the senseless violence. "In a cowardly and heart-wrenching act of violence, terrorists opened fire on innocent tourists and locals. In the immediate aftermath, Joint Forces are overseeing the situation. Medical teams were swiftly mobilized and casualty evacuation commenced," the Chinar Corps said in a post on X. "In response to this senseless violence and the anguish caused to local sentiments, candle march was organised in Sopore, Ganderbal, Handwara, Bandipora and other parts of Kashmir by local populace," it added. The Army said a joint search operation has been launched by the Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police in the general area of Baisran, Pahalgam, Anantnag. "The search operation is currently in progress, with all efforts focused on bringing the attackers to justice," it said.

Delhi HC reserves judgement in Tablighi Jamaat and Covid spread case

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Tablighi Jamaat event held in March 2020 at the Nizamuddin Markaz in Delhi became a major point of controversy during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. The religious gathering, which included participants from various countries, came under intense scrutiny after allegations surfaced that foreign attendees were responsible for spreading the virus in India. Following the imposition of a nationwide lockdown, some Hindu organizations accused the event's participants of violating health guidelines and contributing to the pandemic's spread.

These accusations quickly spiraled into a larger social media campaign and public outcry, prompting the Union Home Ministry to intervene. Subsequently, the Delhi Police registered cases against attendees, particularly focusing on foreign nationals and Indian members of the Tablighi Jamaat. In total, 28 FIRs were filed involving 193 individuals, including 70 Indian nationals, under various laws such as the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Epidemic Diseases Act, the Disaster Management Act, and the Foreigners Act. IPC sections 188, 269, 270, and 120-B were cited, dealing with unlawful assembly and the negligent spread of infectious diseases. Over time, many of the initial charges, especially against foreign nationals, were dropped. Courts invoked the principle of Double Jeopardy, which prevents multiple prosecutions for the same offence, signaling doubts over the legitimacy of the police's actions.

Strict adherence to Safety Protocols at Level Crossings is vital: ER Issues Caution

*Violation of Safety Rules at Level Crossing Gate is a punishable offence

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway emphasizes that the safety of passengers and the general public is paramount, especially at Level Crossings. Recent incidents of negligence and unlawful crossing at Level Crossing Gates have raised serious concerns, prompting the railway authorities to appeal to all road users and pedestrians to exercise utmost caution and adhere strictly to safety norms. Crossing a Level Crossing when the gate is closed is not only illegal but highly dangerous. It puts both road and rail traffic at significant risk. Road users must be vigilant to observe road signals and the sound of buzzers, which indicate an approaching train and signal the imminent closure of the Level Crossing. Upon hearing the buzzer or noticing the red signal, all vehicles and pedestrians must stop immediately and wait until the gate reopens.

Despite repeated awareness drives, several alarming incidents have occurred over the past few days:

- On April 19, 2025, a Toto forcefully entered and damaged the gate boom at Level Crossing Gate No. 44/SPL at Gurap.
- On April 20, 2025, a Lorry broke the gate boom



at Level Crossing Gate No. 108/SPL at Rajbandh. On April 21, 2025, another Lorry collided with and damaged the gate boom at Level Crossing Gate No. 2/SPL/E between Rupnarayanpur and Salanpur. In all cases FIRs have been lodged against the offenders as forcibly entering Level Crossing is a punishable offence also. The list is only indicative and not exhaustive. The following provisions of The Railways Act provides for taking appropriate penal measures against the offenders who forcibly enters the Level Crossing or breaking the Level Crossing Gates or restrict the on duty Gateman in closing the Level Crossing Gates:

Section 160

1) If any person other than a Railway Servant or a person authorised in his behalf, opens any gate or chain or barrier set up on either side of a level crossing which is closed to road traffic, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 3 years. 2) If any person breaks any gate chain or barrier set up on either side of a level crossing which is closed to road traffic, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to 5 years.

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Section-146

If any person willfully obstructs or prevents any railway servant in the discharge of his duties, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both. Eastern Railway once again urges all road users and pedestrians to act responsibly and never attempt to cross when the Level Crossing gate is closed. Such violations not only risk lives but also cause significant delays in train operations and traffic disruptions, affecting thousands of people.

Complete Block in Green Line from 26.04.2025 to 28.04.2025


MI News Service, Kolkata: There will be a complete Traffic Block from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V of Green Line from 26.04.25 (Saturday) to 28.04.25 (Monday) in connection with testing of Communication Based Train Control (CBTC) system over the entire Green Line and inspection for commissioning of Esplanade - Sealdah Section. The inter-connecting subway between Sealdah Metro station and Sealdah station of Eastern Railway will remain closed during those three days. Normal services will be available on Blue Line during those three days as usual. On Purple Line and Orange Line, normal services will be available on 28.04.2025 (Monday). Due to this traffic block, special Metro service in 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 will not be available. However, the special Metro services in Blue Line after the IPL T-20 match on that night will be available. Inconvenience caused is deeply regretted.

Yemen's Houthis take responsibility for pre-dawn attacks on Israel

MI News Service, Sanaa: Yemen's Houthis on Wednesday claimed responsibility for the "missile and drone attacks" on "vital targets" in Israel's cities of Haifa and Tel Aviv, which reportedly triggered sirens across northwestern Israel earlier in the day. It is the first time the Houthis have targeted Haifa, in far northwestern Israel. "We launched a hypersonic ballistic missile on Haifa, targeting a vital target," Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said in a televised statement aired by Houthi-run al-Masirah TV. "The hypersonic missile hit the target in Haifa as the enemy (Israeli) defence systems failed to intercept it," he said. For another military operation, Sarea said it was carried out against a "vital target" in Tel Aviv, using a bomb-laden drone. "We will continue our military operations until the Israeli aggression on the Palestinian Gaza Strip stops and the blockade on it is lifted," the Houthi military spokesperson added. Earlier in the day, Israel Defence Forces said in a post on social media platform X that sirens were sounded in the city of Haifa, the nearby

Krayot region, and the Western Galilee, Xinhua news agency reported. The Israeli military said, "An interceptor was launched toward the missile, and the missile was most likely successfully intercepted."

However, video footage posted on social media by Israeli residents, as well as live coverage by international television channels, showed that the Houthi missile struck the Israeli city, causing a huge explosion and fire. Magen David Adom, Israel's national ambulance service, said no injuries were reported. Meanwhile, the US military conducted 11 airstrikes against Houthi targets in the northern provinces of Marib, Taiz, and Hodeidah. According to the Houthi television, the US strikes targeted telephone networks in Taiz, the airport in Hodeidah, and vital locations on the frontlines in Marib. Tensions between the Houthi group and the US military have escalated since Washington resumed airstrikes on Houthi targets in Yemen on March 15 to deter the group from targeting Israel and US warships in the Red and Arabian seas.

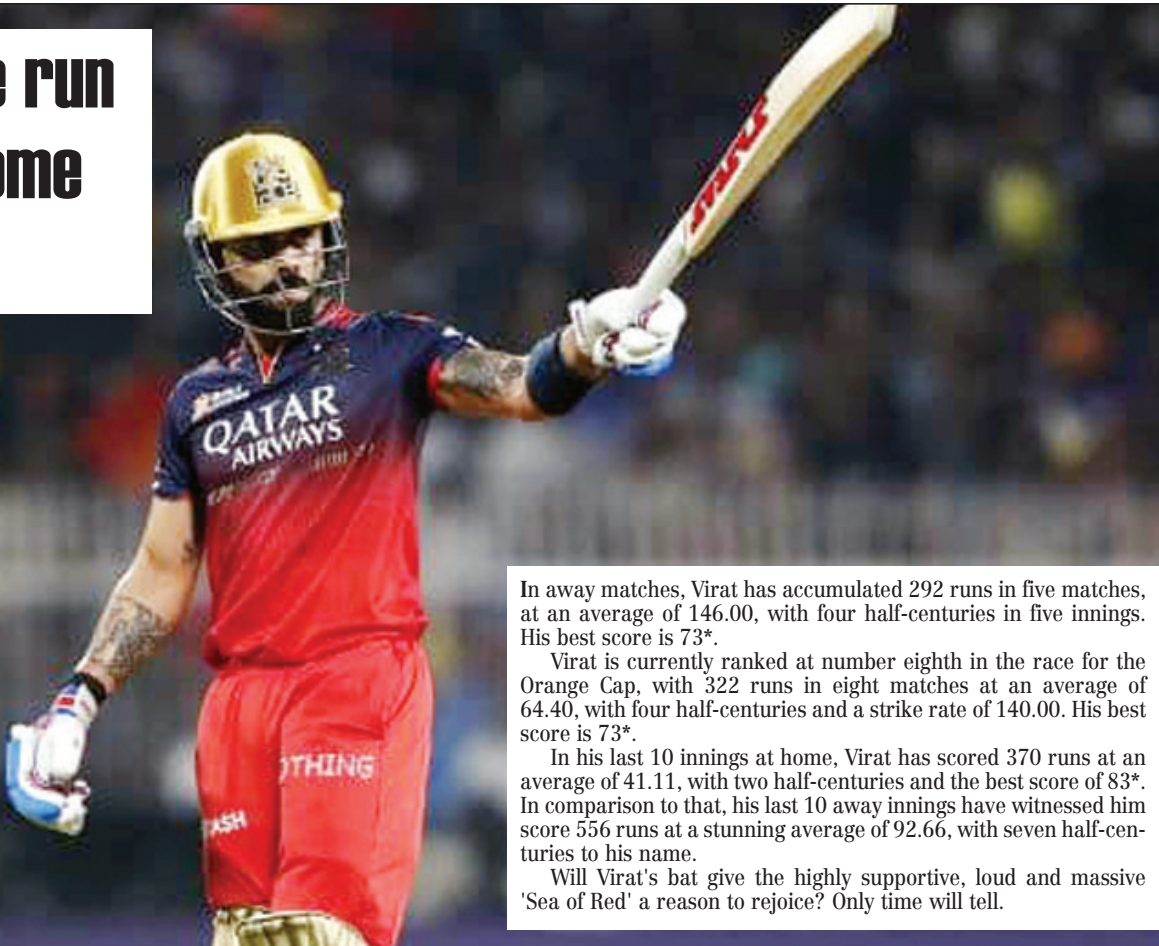
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Will Virat overcome run drought on RCB’s home turf in RR clash

BENGALURU (KARNATAKA) : As Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) returns to M Chinnaswamy Stadium for their fourth Indian Premier League (IPL) home clash against a struggling Rajasthan Royals (RR) on Thursday, a key concern for them will be the dry run their star batter ViratKohli has had so far in front of the home crowd.

RCB, currently at third spot in the points tally with five wins and three losses, is in a contrasting run of form home and away. Unstoppable away from home with five successive wins, they have struggled to adapt to their own home conditions at Bengaluru, losing three successive games. In all three games, their batters failed to give bowlers a total to defend.

A reason behind this poor home run is Virat failing to get runs. In his three home innings so far, Virat has managed scores of seven (against Gujarat Titans), 22 (against Delhi Capitals) and one (against Punjab Kings), that translates to 30 runs in three innings at an average of 10.00. On the other hand, Virat has looked like a million bucks while batting away from home, especially during run chases.



In away matches, Virat has accumulated 292 runs in five matches, at an average of 146.00, with four half-centuries in five innings. His best score is 73*.

Virat is currently ranked at number eighth in the race for the Orange Cap, with 322 runs in eight matches at an average of 64.40, with four half-centuries and a strike rate of 140.00. His best score is 73*.

In his last 10 innings at home, Virat has scored 370 runs at an average of 41.11, with two half-centuries and the best score of 83*.

In comparison to that, his last 10 away innings have witnessed him score 556 runs at a stunning average of 92.66, with seven half-centuries to his name.

Will Virat's bat give the highly supportive, loud and massive 'Sea of Red' a reason to rejoice? Only time will tell.

"WORDS FALL SHORT": SUNIL CHHETRI EXPRESSES SOLIDARITY WITH VICTIMS OF PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Indian footballer Sunil Chhetri expressed grief over the terror attack in Pahalgam. In a story post on nstagram, Chhetri said, Saddened at the news coming out of ahalgam. Words fall short. My thoughts are with the families of all those affected by what is a cowardly act of terror." Meanwhile, Hockey India has expressed its solidarity with the families affected by the recent terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam. "In this moment of deep sorrow, the hockey fraternity across the nation mourns the loss of innocent lives and prays for peace and healing," an official statement issued by Hockey India. Earlier, Union Home Minister Amit Shah met the families of the victims outside the Police Control Room in Srinagar. The Union Home Minister paid his tribute to the victims of the attack, which had left the Kashmir Valley and the nation in collective grief and deep mourning, by laying a wreath in a poignant ceremony in Srinagar. A National Investigation Agency (NIA) team also arrived at the attack site to join the probe and assist the Jammu and Kashmir Police on the matter, which is considered the deadliest assault on civilians in the region in almost twenty years. The NIA team - led by a Deputy Inspector General-rank officer - visited Baisaran a day after terrorists gunned down a group of tourists in the picturesque meadow, which is located around five kilometres from Pahalgam town in Kashmir's Anantnag district.



Rohit Sharma on verge of scripting history, only 12 runs away of 12000-run mark in T20s

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Former Indian T20 captain Rohit Sharma stands on the edge of a historic milestone in the twenty overs format cricket. He is just 12 runs away from reaching the 12,000-run mark in T20s, a feat that would solidify his position as one of the greatest T20 batsmen of all time.

He has made 11,988 in 455 T20 matches, with an average of 30.81. He has eight hundreds and 79 fifties to his name and a strike rate of 135.

His consistency and dominance in the shortest format have been a defining feature of his career, and this milestone would be a fitting testament to his exceptional talent. He will be the second Indian batter to achieve this milestone after ViratKohli.

However, Rohit's recent form in the Indian Premier League has been a cause for concern. He has struggled to find his rhythm and has been dismissed cheaply in several matches, but got a fifty under his belt against Chennai Super Kings on Sunday. He has scored only one fifty in seven matches so far in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL).

After the T-20 World Cup 2024, which India won against South Africa at Barbados, Sharma retired from T20 internationals. Rohit Sharma has surpassed ShikharDhawan to become the second-highest run-getter in the IPL.

Rohit achieved the feat during his side's clash against long-time rivals Chennai Super

Kings (CSK) at the home ground of Wankhede Stadium on Sunday. He has now scored 6,786 runs.

The 'Hitman' produced a vintage knock of 76* in 45 balls, with four boundaries and six sixes. His runs came at a strike rate of 168.89. It was his first half-century this season. Rohit has now scored 158 runs in seven innings this season at an average of 26.33, with a strike rate of 154.90, with a fifty to his name.

In 264 IPL matches and 259 innings, Rohit, who has represented Deccan Chargers and Mumbai Indians in his career, has scored 6,786 runs at an average of 29.63 and a strike rate of 131.61. He has scored two centuries and 44 fifties. His best score is 109*.

He has outdone Shikhar, who had made 6,769 runs in 222 IPL matches at an average of 35.25, the strike rate of over 127, with two centuries and 51 fifties and a best score of 106*.

In T20 internationals, he has made 4231 runs in 159 matches, with a best score of 121* against Afghanistan. He has five centuries and 32 fifties in his career of 17 years in T20I. Overall he is the eighth highest run getter in T20s, and second highest for India only behind the veteran Indian batter ViratKohli.

Next, Sharma will be seen in action against Sunrisers Hyderabad on Wednesday, April 23, at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad.



SURYA NEARS 4000 IPL RUNS, EYES MILESTONE AGAINST SUNRISERS HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD (TELANGANA) : SuryakumarYadav is 73 runs away from reaching the 4000-run mark in the Indian Premier League (IPL), a significant milestone in what has been a remarkable career in the tournament. The stylish right-hander has represented both Mumbai Indians (MI) and Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) during his IPL journey, with his most productive years coming in the 'blue and gold' of Mumbai.

Surya began his IPL career in 2012 with Mumbai Indians but featured in only one game that season, failing to get off the mark. It wasn't until 2014 that he got his first substantial opportunity, donning the KKR jersey. Slotting into the middle order, Yadav impressed with his strokeplay and innovative shots and was part of the title-winning KKR side that year.

Between 2014 and 2017, Suryakumar played 54 matches



for KKR, scoring 608 runs with a highest of 60--his lone fifty for the franchise.

In 2018, Mumbai Indians brought him back into the fold, and the move proved to be a turning point in his career. Since

rejoining MI, Suryakumar has been a mainstay in the batting lineup, amassing 3319 runs in 104 matches. His tenure with MI has seen him notch up 25 half-centuries and two centuries, underlining his importance to the five-

time champions.

Overall, SuryakumarYadav has scored 3927 IPL runs and will be eyeing the 4000-run milestone when MI face Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) on Wednesday. With form on his side, the landmark appears well within reach for the dynamic batter.

The last time the two teams met, MI won the toss and opted to field first. After that, Abhishek Sharma (40 in 28 balls, with seven fours) and Head (28 in 29 balls, with three fours) put on a 59-run partnership.

However, the team could not maintain a fiery run-rate living up to the standard of their fiery brand of cricket, despite some effort from Heinrich Klaasen (37 in 28 balls, with three fours and two sixes). SRH posted 162/5 in their 20 overs, with Will Jacks (2/14) and JaspritBumrah (1/21) being the top bowlers.

During the run-chase, MI top

order contributed enough to help their cause, with Rohit Sharma (26 in 16 balls, with three sixes) and Ryan Rickelton (31 in 23 balls, with five fours) producing quick-fire knocks that took MI to 69/2 by the time they were dismissed. A 52-run stand between Will Jacks (36 in 26 balls, with three fours and two sixes) and SuryakumarYadav (26 in 15 balls, with two fours and two sixes) took MI to the brink of an easy win, however, SRH bowlers decided to put up a fight. TilakVarma (21* in 17 balls, with a four) and Mitchell Santner (0*) took MI to a four-wicket win with 11 balls left.

Skipper Pat Cummins (3/26) and EshanMalinga (2/36) put up fighting spells for SRH, but it was not enough. MI rose to the seventh spot with three wins and four losses, giving them six points. SRH are at ninth spot with two wins and five losses, giving them just four points.

IPL 2025: MI WINS TOSS, OPT TO BOWL AGAINST SRH; BOTH CAPTAINS CONDEMN PAHALGAM TERROR ATTACK

HYDERABAD (TELANGANA): Mumbai Indians (MI) skipper Hardik Pandya won the toss and elected to bowl first against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the 18th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) on Wednesday. The match is being held at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad.

Heading into the clash, Mumbai Indians are placed sixth on the points table with eight points from eight matches, having secured four wins and an equal number of losses. In contrast, Sunrisers Hyderabad find themselves at the ninth spot with just four points, managing only two victories in their seven games so far.

Both captains took a moment to express their condolences to the victims of the tragic terror attack in Pahalgam that occurred on Tuesday.

Addressing the incident, MI captain Hardik Pandya said, "Feels good (on the applause). I would like to first pass my condolences to the victims of the terrorist attack. We, as a team and a franchise, condemn any such attacks."

On the game, he added, "We'll bowl first tonight. Looks like a good track. Just one change for us -- Vignesh comes in for Ashwani. We need to just execute our plans and take the game as simply as possible, plan properly."

Sunrisers Hyderabad skipper Pat Cummins also expressed sorrow over the attack, stating, "It has been heartbreaking for us as well, our thoughts are with the victims and their families."



Muzarabani shines as Zimbabwe beat Bangladesh by 3 wickets in first Test

SYLHET [BANGLADESH] : A superb nine-wicket haul by pacer Blessing Muzarabani helped Zimbabwe secure a three-wicket win over Zimbabwe in the first Test of the two-match series at Sylhet on Wednesday.

Now, Zimbabwe, having won its first Test match since March 2021, are 1-0 up in the series.

Bangladesh won the toss and opted to bat first. A 66-run partnership between MominulHaque (56 in 105 balls, with six fours and a six) and skipper NajmulHossainShanto (40 in 69 balls, with six fours) was a major highlight of the first innings as the hosts put up 191 on the board in 61 overs.

Wellington Masakadza (3/21) and Muzarabani (3/50) were the pick of the bowlers for Zimbabwe. WesslyMadhevere (2/2) and Victor Nyauchi (2/74) were also among the wickets.

In their first innings, half-centuries came from Brian Bennett (57 in 64 balls, with 11 fours) and Sean Williams (59 in 108 balls, with six fours and two sixes). An opening partnership of 69 runs between Brian and Ben Curran (18) and a 48-run stand for the fifth wicket between Williams and WesslyMadhevere (24 in 33 balls, with a four and six) were standouts in the Zimbabwe innings as the visitors took an 82-run lead, posting 273 in 80.2 overs.

MehidyHasanMiraz (5/52) was the star for Bangladesh with a brilliant five-wicket haul and NahidRana (3/74) also shined with a three-wicket spell.

In their second innings, Bangladesh could make just 255 runs in 79.2 overs. A 60-run second-wicket stand between MahmudulHasan Joy (33 in 65 balls, with six fours) and MominulHaque (47 in 84 balls, with six fours) and a 65-run stand between Haque and skipper Shanto (60 in 105 balls, with seven fours) looked to take the hosts towards a big score.

But the visitors contained the other coming batters well, except for Jaker Ali (58 in 111 balls, with four boundaries and a six), who stuck around till the end, making sure Bangladesh crossed 250-run mark.

Muzarabani was the standout bowler for Zimbabwe, with 6/72. Masakadza also took 2/20.

Bangladesh led by 173 runs and set the visitors 174 runs to win. A 95-run opening stand between Brian (54 in 81 balls, with seven fours and a six) and Curran (44 in 75 balls, with seven fours) did plenty of damage, even though Miraz (5/50) fought valiantly with another five-wicket haul. Madhevere (19*) and Richard Ngarava (4*) helped Zimbabwe reach the target with three wickets left.

Muzarabani took home the 'Player of the Match' award.

"I'm an MBSG supporter first, then a player": DippenduBiswas

KOLKATA (WEST BENGAL) : A team's success run often hinges on the depth of its bench and that's exactly what set MohunBagan Super Giant (MBSG) apart in the 2024-25 Indian Super League (ISL).

The Mariners became only the second team in ISL history to achieve the double, clinching both the League Shield and the Cup. A key contributor to their success was centre-back DippenduBiswas, who stepped up admirably in the absence of regular starters in defence, as per the official website of ISL.

A local talent from Champahati, Biswas grew up dreaming of playing for MBSG and this season, he turned that dream into a breakout campaign. Having made his ISL debut last year and impressed in brief appearances, the 21-year-old took his game up a notch in the 2024-25 campaign. He delivered consistent performances whenever called upon, helping the team register five clean sheets, while also chipping in with a goal and two assists.

Since breaking into MBSG's senior

setup, Biswas has won the League Shield twice in two seasons and he also clinched the ISL Cup this season, etching his name in club history.

The versatile defender caught up with indiansuperleague.com after the ISL Cup final in Kolkata, where he talked about MBSG's record-breaking season and his football journey.

Biswas was elated while speaking about the Mariners' ecstatic success in the ISL 2024-25 season.

He said, as quoted from the official website of ISL, "It's an amazing feeling. It's a dream for everyone. Last year, we were the runners-up in the ISL Cup final. This season we are the champions. I'm very happy. My parents are there also, so it's nice." Biswas, known for his composure under pressure, overcame several hardships in his early years, showing the same sharp anticipation off the pitch as he does on it. He even revealed that his football career nearly ended during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"During Covid, I thought to myself, 'Nothing can happen now. Maybe I

should leave football.' It was just a thought. I didn't think of leaving entirely but that desire to play was still there. I want to do something moving forward, that was the motivation," he expressed.

The Mariners' emerging star said he received unwavering support from his parents, who have been his biggest cheerleaders and played a pivotal role in shaping his football journey.

"When I started playing football, my parents always supported me," he recalled. "They never scolded me or prevented me from playing. They always motivate me to play better in every game," he continued.

The youngster, a die-hard MBSG fan, bleeds green and maroon every time he takes the field. The son of the soil shared his delight in winning another trophy with his dream club.

"I'm an MBSG supporter first, and then I'm an MBSG player," he said, as quoted from the official website of ISL.

"It's feeling really good that we are the ISL Cup champions. It's a top moment," he concluded.

