

Rs. 3

KOLKATA

FRIDAY, 25 APRIL, 2025

PG-8, YEAR—11, ISSUE—322

(RNI NO.: WBENG / 2014 / 56803)

WEBSITE: WWW.LIVE7TV.COM

Morning India

Pahalgam aftermath: India suspends visa services for Pak nationals

MI News Service, New Delhi: India on Thursday announced suspending visa services to Pakistani nationals with immediate effect in line with its retaliatory measures against Islamabad in the wake of the brazen Pahalgam terror attack.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said all existing valid visas issued by India to Pakistani nationals stand revoked with effect from April 27.

It said medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals will be valid only till April 29.

The MEA said all Pakistani nationals currently in India must leave the country before the expiry of visas.

It also strongly advised Indian nationals to avoid travelling to Pakistan and advised those currently in the neighbouring country to return home at the earliest.

India on Wednesday downgraded diplomatic ties with Pakistan and announced a raft of measures including expulsion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960 and immediate shutting down of the Attari land-transit post in view of the cross-border links to the Pahalgam attack that killed 26 people.

The punitive measures against Pakistan were decided at a meeting of Cabinet Committee on Security headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Gautam Gambhir receives death threats from 'ISIS Kashmir'

MI News Service, New Delhi: Indian cricket head coach and former BJP MP Gautam Gambhir has received a death threat from a shadowy group calling itself "ISIS Kashmir".

Gambhir received the emails, the day terrorists killed at least 26 people, mostly tourists, at the picturesque Baisaran meadow in south Kashmir's Pahalgam.

According to Gambhir's office, the threats came via a suspicious Gmail ID, with two separate emails sent on the same day. Both emails contained a single word: "KILLU".

A representative from Gambhir's team confirmed to The Telegraph Online that a formal complaint was lodged at Rajinder Nagar police station on Wednesday.

"We have faith in the system and expect the police to crack down on this seriously," the source said.

The Delhi police told that an investigation was on.

"We have launched a probe into the emails received by Mr Gambhir," a senior official was quoted as saying, and that the cyber cell was looking into the source of the threats.

This is not the first time the former cricketer has been targeted.

In November 2021, Gambhir received similar threats from the same outfit, including an email that said, "We are going to kill you and your family", along with a video allegedly filmed outside his residence in Rajendra Nagar.

At the time, Delhi police had traced the origin of those emails to Pakistan and stepped up security around his home. In December 2019, Gambhir had also reported receiving threatening calls from an international number, which led to heightened security. Given his political background, having

►► Continued on page 3



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, in the presence of East Bengal President Murari Lal Lohia, along with other East Bengal representatives and prominent personalities, unveils the documentary 'Shotoborsher East Bengal', directed by Goutam Ghose and produced by the Serum Group, on the occasion of East Bengal Club's centenary at Rabindra Sadan in Kolkata on Thursday. The director of the documentary, noted film maker Goutam Ghose was also present at the auspicious occasion.

Pahalgam aftermath: Indus treaty halted, ties & borders with Pak blocked

MI News Service, New Delhi: Shaken and enraged by the audacious eruption of terror at Pahalgam, the Narendra Modi government hammered five retaliatory nails on Pakistan, leaving no room for doubt that it held Islamabad responsible.

There's credible reason to believe other reprisal measures for the meadow massacre could be in the works but cannot be spelt out for obvious reasons.

The following decisions were taken at the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) meeting, chaired by Modi: The Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 has been kept in abeyance till Islamabad "credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism".

As part of the diplomatic scaling down, the defence/military, naval and air advisers in the Pakistani high commission in New Delhi have been declared persona non grata. They have been given a week to leave India.

India will withdraw its defence/navy/air advisers from its high commission in Islamabad. These posts in the respective high commissions are deemed annulled. Five support staff of the

service advisers will also be withdrawn from both high commissions.

The overall strength of the high commissions will be brought down to 30 from 55 through further reductions. All these decisions will come into effect from May 1.

The integrated checkpoint in Attari will be closed with immediate effect. Those who have crossed over with valid endorsements will be allowed to return through that route before May 1.

Pakistani nationals will not be permitted to travel to India under the Saarc Visa Exemption Scheme. Any SVES visas issued in the past to Pakistani nationals are deemed cancelled. Any Pakistani national currently in India under the SVES visa has 48 hours to leave.

A statement issued by the external affairs ministry at the end of the meeting said the CCS took note of the cross-border links of the attack. The NIA on Wednesday began probing the possible security lapses that led to the strike. The government will hold an all-party meeting on Thursday, sources said. Foreign secretary Vikram Misri read out the state-

ment at a media conference but did not take any questions. The statement said the CCS resolved that the perpetrators of the attack would be brought to justice and their sponsors held to account.

A Kashmiri trader holds a placard during a protest against the attack on tourists, in Srinagar. Citing the extradition of Tahawwur Rana, convicted for his involvement in the Mumbai terror attack, the statement said: "India will be unrelenting in the pursuit of those who have committed acts of terror, or conspired to make them possible."

Diplomatic relations with Pakistan have been downgraded since August 2019 after Islamabad unilaterally decided to withdraw its high commissioner in India in retaliation to the abrogation of Article 370. India followed suit and the situation has remained unchanged since.

The CCS reviewed the overall security situation and directed the forces to maintain strict vigil. It also took note of the strong expressions of support and solidarity from several governments around the world. Earlier in the day, defence minister Rajnath Singh said

India would identify and bring to justice not only the attackers but also the masterminds who orchestrated the attack.

"Not just those who perpetrated the attack, but also those who conspired from behind the scenes to commit such nefarious acts on Indian soil will soon get an appropriate response," he said at an event in Delhi.

He condemned the terror strike as a "religiously motivated attack" and asserted that such "cowardly" acts would not go unpunished as "India has a zero-tolerance policy against terrorism".

Without naming Pakistan, he said: "History is witness to the withering away of nations not due to the action of the adversary, but due to the result of their own misdeeds. I hope people across the border look at the lessons of history more closely."

During the day, Singh chaired a meeting with the three service chiefs to review the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Singh directed the armed forces to enhance their combat readiness and increase the intensity of anti-terror operations in the Valley, sources said.

India will identify, trace & punish every terrorist & their backers: Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi vowed to identify, trace and punish every terrorist and their backers, spelling out India's resolve in his first speech after the attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam in which at least 26 people, mostly tourists, were gunned down.

He started his speech in Bihar's Madhubani calling on the audience to pay their respects to those killed in Kashmir. "Today,



on the soil of Bihar, I say to the whole world, India will identify, trace and punish

every terrorist and their backers," he said. "We will pursue them to the ends of

the Earth. India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism. Terrorism will not go unpunished. Every effort will be made to make sure that justice is done. The entire nation is one in this resolve. Everyone who believes in humanity is with us. I thank the people of various countries and their leaders who have stood with us." The prime minister said all of India shares the pain of the families who have lost their loved ones in the dastardly attack. "Some

lost their son, some brother, some a partner. This sorrow is the sorrow of the entire nation," he stressed. "No one will be spared," he vowed. "Neither the ones who pulled the trigger nor the ones who plotted in the shadows." Modi's speech is to address panchayati raj Institutions and gram sabhas across the country. He is also launching several projects worth approximately Rs 13,500 crore on the occasion.

Mamata launches "Shotoborsher East Bengal" documentary

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a grand cultural affair brimming with nostalgia, pride and sporting fervour, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee formally unveiled the centenary documentary "Shotoborsher East Bengal", directed by renowned filmmaker Goutam Ghosh, at a glittering ceremony in Rabindra Sadan on Thursday. The documentary, produced by the Serum Group, traces the iconic football club's 100-year journey, capturing its trials, triumphs, and moments of historic significance that have defined its legacy in Indian football.

The event was attended by a galaxy of sports administrators,

club officials, and prominent personalities, including representatives from rival clubs Mohun Bagan and Mohammedan Sporting, along with Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) President Snehasish Ganguly. A particularly emotional moment came when the East Bengal Women's Football Team—recent champions of the Indian Women's League—were felicitated on stage by the Chief Minister, who also awarded them a commemorative trophy and handed over a financial grant of 50 lakh to the club in recognition of their achievements. Speaking at the grand centenary celebration of East

Bengal Club, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said, "East Bengal, Mohun Bagan, and Mohammedan—these three teams are now part of the Indian Super League. My congratulations to Mohun Bagan for winning the championship. When East Bengal was going through a difficult phase, it was the Lohia and Agarwal families who came forward. Mohun Bagan has no financial constraints; they have Sanjiv Goenka backing them, which helps them build a strong team. I was telling the East Bengal officials—why don't you also build a good team?" Congratulating the women's football team,

she added, "East Bengal's women have made the entire country proud. My heartfelt wishes to their coach. I hope this women's team will go on to become the best in Asia." The Chief Minister highlighted the state's support for sports, saying, "We have financially supported all three major clubs. When I was the Sports Minister, I addressed the Parliament after India's loss at the Olympics. I said if you don't give importance to sports, don't build academies, and don't train athletes properly, how can you expect good performance?"

►► Continued on page 3

Blow to tourism: Kashmir witnesses unprecedented exodus

MI News Service, Srinagar: Kashmir was one of the most sought-after tourist destinations in the country before Tuesday noon, but by evening there was a frantic scramble among visitors to leave the Valley in the aftermath of the terror strike.

The deadly militant attack in Pahalgam emptied the famed destination of tourists by Tuesday evening, with other places also witnessing an unprecedented exodus on Wednesday.

Kashmir tourism was bursting at the seams, with some visitors willing to pay as much as 35,000 for a one-way flight to Srinagar. The attack has dealt a massive blow to the industry, the Valley's lifeblood, and also threatens to shatter the success of the central government's initiative to project Kashmir as a peace haven.

"Pahalgam looks like a ghost town today. Tourists have all left. We do not know how long it will take to revive tourism," a former sarpanch of a village said. "In the last few years, homestays have mushroomed not just in Pahalgam town but in all villages around it. We are doomed."

Officials said Kashmir tourist spots witnessed a record three million visitors last year, a notable increase from 27 lakh in 2023 and 26.7 lakh in 2022. The numbers were expected to surge further.

Government data shows 8.14 lakh people had visited Srinagar's Tulip Garden in the 26 days after it opened on March 26.

Tourism plays a key role in Jammu and Kashmir's economy, contributing 8.47 per cent to the GDP.

Tourists and locals during a protest against the Pahalgam terror attack, in Srinagar, Wednesday, April 23, 2025. At least 26 people were killed in the terrorist attack in J&K's Pahalgam on Tuesday.

Chief minister Omar Abdullah flagged the issue of tourist exodus against the backdrop of the terror attack, calling it a heartbreaking situation. "It's heartbreaking to see the exodus of our guests from the Valley after yesterday's tragic terror attack in Pahalgam, but at the same time we totally understand why people would want to leave," he said.

The chief minister said the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and the civil aviation ministry were working to organise extra flights, while National Highway

44 between Srinagar and Jammu had been reopened for one-way traffic. The road was closed following multiple landslides.

"I've directed the administration to facilitate traffic between Srinagar and Jammu, allowing tourist vehicles to leave. This will have to be done in a controlled and organised way because the road is still unstable in places and we are also working hard to clear all stranded vehicles," Omar said.

He said the terror attack had triggered widespread panic among visitors, many of whom were seeking to return home at the earliest.

Omar said the government would not be able to permit complete free movement of vehicles at the moment and asked people to cooperate.

Air India and IndiGo have announced the operation of four additional flights to aid evacuation and accommodate the surge in outbound travel.

An advisory issued by the civil aviation ministry urged airlines to "take swift action to increase the number of flights in response to heightened demand" from tourists seeking to exit Kashmir.

Manzoor Pakhtoon, chairman of the Kashmir Houseboats Association, said the survival of the tourism industry was the least of their concern at the moment as it was a time to grieve.

"We are all saddened by the great loss of human lives. We are trying our best to comfort tourists and help them in whatever ways possible," Pakhtoon told.

Tourists leaving Kashmir could be spotted everywhere, heading to the Jammu national highway and the Valley's only airport in Srinagar.

Experts believe the undoing has been the government's increased emphasis on selling tourism as a sign of normalcy and its effort to shift the narrative from "terrorism" to "tourism". In May 2023, the government hosted a G20 tourism meeting in Srinagar to bolster its "all-is-well" narrative.

Official sources said one of the major concerns for the administration was to ensure that pilgrims come to Kashmir in June for the annual Amarnath Yatra.

"The images of tourists leaving Kashmir will play on their minds but we are praying it won't affect the Yatra as it is several weeks away," an official said. The pilgrimage draws lakhs of people.

Pak ranger detains BSF jawan after accidental border cross



MI News Service, Chandigarh: A Border Security Force (BSF) jawan has been detained by Pakistan Rangers after he accidentally crossed the Punjab border and talks are on between the two forces to secure his release, officials said on Thursday.

This comes at a time when tensions between the two countries are at a high following the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that killed 26 people on April 22. Constable PK Singh of the 182nd bat-

alion was apprehended by the Pakistan Rangers across the Ferozepur border on Wednesday, they said.

The jawan was in uniform and carried his service rifle. He was accompanying farmers when he moved ahead to rest in shade and was apprehended by the Rangers. A flag meeting is on between the two forces to secure the release of the BSF jawan, the officials said. They said such incidents

►► Continued on page 3

West Bengal Soldier martyred in Udhampur, CM Mamata assures full State support to bereaved family

MI News Service, Tehatta: A brave soldier from West Bengal, Jhantu Ali Sheikh, was martyred in a fierce gun battle with terrorists during a counter-insurgency operation in Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir. Hailing from Tehatta in Nadia district, Sheikh laid down his life in the line of duty, leaving behind a grieving family and a proud yet sorrowful state.

The tragic news of his martyrdom deeply moved West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who personally spoke to the bereaved family members to offer her condolences and unwavering support. "The West Bengal government stands firmly beside the family of Jhantu Ali Sheikh. We will provide every possible assistance to them in this hour of grief," said the Chief Minister in her statement. Senior ministers from the state cabinet are scheduled to visit the martyr's residence in Tehatta to express their solidarity and deliver the state's support. According to army sources, the encounter occurred during an intensive search operation based on credible intelligence inputs regarding terrorist presence in the Dudu-Basantgarh area of Udhampur. As army personnel moved in, they

were fired upon by terrorists. In the exchange of gunfire, Jhantu Ali Sheikh sustained critical injuries. Despite immediate medical intervention, he succumbed to his wounds. The Indian Army issued a formal statement confirming the soldier's death: "One of our bravehearts sustained grievous injuries during the initial exchange of fire and later succumbed despite best efforts to save him. His courage and the valour displayed by his team will always be remembered." This incident comes in the wake of heightened tensions in the Valley, particularly following the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam that claimed the lives of 27 Indian citizens. In response, the Indian Army has intensified its counter-terror operations across Jammu and Kashmir. Just a day prior to this encounter, security forces successfully neutralized several infiltrators along the Line of Control in the Uri sector. Jhantu Ali Sheikh's ultimate sacrifice stands as a solemn reminder of the dangers faced by soldiers defending the nation. His legacy of bravery and dedication will remain etched in the memory of a grateful country.

One dies of illness, another couple arrives amid aftermath of terror attack

MI News Service, Kolkata: A planned trip to the scenic Kashmir Valley has turned sorrowful for two separate groups of travelers from West Bengal. In one incident, a retired government employee from Uttarpara, identified as Bibhas Shil (65), tragically passed away due to a sudden illness while en route from Pahalgam to Srinagar on Thursday, April 22nd. In a separate development, a couple from Kolanghat arrived in Pahalgam on April 18th, just hours after a devastating terrorist attack, unknowingly stepping into a region gripped by fear and uncertainty.

Bibhas Shil, who lived alone in his Uttarpara flat but had family in Baranagar, had embarked on the Kashmir tour on April 11th with friends and acquaintances through a tour company. While traveling in a bus near Baxinagar, he reportedly fell ill and succumbed to a heart attack. News of his demise has reached his family, who are in mourning. Relatives mentioned that Mr. Shil had been experiencing fever and a cold for several days, a fact he had shared with his family over the phone. His body is expected to be repatriated on Friday. While initial assumptions point towards age-related health issues causing the sudden cardiac arrest, his passing has deeply saddened his loved ones. In a parallel, yet equally unsettling experi-

ence, Devlina Raj Pandit and her husband Abhijit Banerjee, residents of Kolanghat, had flown into Srinagar on April 18th with Pahalgam as the next destination on their itinerary. They arrived in Pahalgam around 4 PM, a mere two and a half hours after a horrific terrorist attack that claimed the lives of twenty-six tourists. Upon their arrival, the couple noted an unusual presence of ambulances and army vehicles, but the gravity of the situation only became apparent upon reaching their hotel. It was there that Devlina and Abhijit learned about the brutal killings. Consequently, they found themselves confined to their hotel amidst the heightened security. They acknowledged the helpfulness of the hotel staff during the tense situation. Desperate to return home, the couple managed to secure a flight back to Kolanghat, incurring exorbitant fares. Reflecting on their experience, Devlina Raj Pandit expressed their shock, stating, "The incident happened shortly before we arrived. We saw countless cars leaving. All the shopkeepers were in a jam. We were trying to understand what was happening. The hotel later informed us. Had they told us earlier, we would have been spared the anxiety." The couple returned to West Bengal shaken, their dream vacation having morphed into a harrowing encounter with tragedy.

Elderly man shot back inside the home, the motive is still unknown

MI News Service, Nadia: Panic gripped the Newlia area of Chakdaha, Nadia, after an elderly man, identified as Ijazul Mondal was allegedly shot in the back on Wednesday midnight. Police have launched an investigation and recovered bullet shells, but the motive behind the attack remains. An incident of alleged gunfire targeting an elderly resident, Ijazul Mondal, has triggered alarm in the Newlia area. Mr. Mondal, a resident of Newlia Beel Par under the Dubra Gram Panchayat, was reportedly shot in the back while asleep in his residence around midnight on Wednesday. The sound of the gunshot awakened other occupants of the house. However, the perpetrator or perpetrators had already fled under the

cover of darkness. The number of individuals involved and the motivation behind the shooting remain unknown to the family. According to statements from Ijazul Mondal and his family, an unidentified assailant or group approached their home in the darkness and discharged a single round. The bullet struck Ijazul Mondal in the back before exiting. Following the incident, he received initial medical treatment at a local hospital for the gunshot wound and has since been discharged. Authorities at the Chakdaha police station have been notified and have initiated an investigation. Bullet casings were recovered from the scene. As of now, no arrests have been made in connection with the incident.



(Left) SUCI (Community) General Secretary Provash Ghosh during the 78th founding anniversary of the SUCI (Communist) Party at Shahid Minar in Kolkata on Thursday. (Right) Young Communist Wing of SUCI (C) holds a parade marking the 78th founding anniversary of the SUCI (Communist) Party at Shahid Minar in Kolkata on Thursday.



7th World Meet to be Held in Bangkok on 8th May 2025 with Participation from Over 50 Countries

MI News Service, Bangkok, Thailand: The 7th World Meet, a prestigious international gathering organized by the World Martial Artist Council in association with the International Diplomatic Cooperative Organisation, is set to take place at the Royal Thai Army Club in Bangkok. This landmark event will host dignitaries, martial artists, cultural ambassadors, and award recipients from over 50 countries. The grand event will feature the 7th World Open Karate Championship 2025, an International Awards Ceremony, cultural presentations, and a diplomatic gala — all designed to foster global peace, cultural unity, and promote excellence in martial arts and social service. Shahid Raza Mahmud, General Secretary of the World Martial Artist Council, warmly welcomes



all participants and guests from across the globe, stating that the World Meet is a platform for strengthening international bonds and honoring global efforts

toward peace and humanity. P. Jurapas will serve as the President of the 7th World Meet, continuing her leadership from successful editions in 2023

and 2024. The World Meet, inaugurated in 2019, has emerged as a vital platform for encouraging young talent, honoring social contributions, and strengthening international ties. With its vision to train 1 lakh karate students annually, the council continues its commitment to empowering youth through martial arts and cultural education. Tony Taylor, Vice President of the World Meet, emphasized the event's global significance, saying, "We are not just celebrating achievements — we are building a stronger, more peaceful world." HRH Prince Dr. M. A. Ali, Director of the World Meet, highlighted the event's legacy and future goals: "From its humble beginnings, the World Meet has grown into a beacon of unity, culture, and empowerment."

Bengal witnesses epoch-making movement in fetal & maternal care

MI News Service: The government of West Bengal has created a silent revolution in the domain of maternal care. There has been a revolution in this otherwise neglected sector before TMC came to power in West Bengal.

With the advent of Mamata Banerjee as chief minister in West Bengal after toppling the Left Front government, there has been a revolution in this sector. Under the Trinamool Congress (TMC) government in West Bengal, maternal healthcare has been a focal point, with both notable progress and ongoing challenges.

The state government has taken some major initiatives. They are furnished below:

MOTHER & CHILD HUBS: The state has established 11 Mother and Child Hubs across various districts, including Calcutta Medical College and Hospital, Midnapore Medical College, and others. These hubs provide comprehensive healthcare services from conception through childbirth and neonatal care.

ANTENATAL CARE EXPANSION: Special antenatal clinics have been set up at all block primary health centers, with doctors conducting health checks for pregnant women at least twice a week. This initiative aims to identify high-risk pregnancies early and provide timely interventions.

FACILITY-BASED MATERNAL CARE POLICY: The state formed the Facility Based Maternal Care Policy Implementation Committee to enhance infrastructure and implement standard treatment protocols in labor rooms, ante-natal, and post-natal wards.

SWASTHYA SATHI SCHEME: Launched in 2016, this health insurance scheme covers government employees and their families, providing cashless treatment at numerous hospitals across the state.

POSITIVE TREND IN MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE (MMR): The MMR in West Bengal decreased from 1,234 in 2021-22 to 1,112 in 2022-23, indicating a positive trend. The rate of

institutional deliveries has risen significantly, from 65% to 95% over six years, reflecting improved access to healthcare facilities.

Despite improvements, the practice of referring pregnant women to higher centers has been linked to maternal deaths. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has directed health officials to reduce such referrals and ensure accountability.

The state's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) stands at 103 per 100,000 live births, slightly above the national average of 97, suggesting room for further improvement.

The West Bengal government has implemented a comprehensive maternal and fetal care policy aimed at reducing maternal and infant mortality rates through enhanced infrastructure, medical protocols, and targeted screening programs.

In the mean time, the West Bengal government has also encouraged public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to enhance healthcare in the state. Recently Suraksha diagnostics acquired majority stake in Fetomat Wellness to expand maternal-fetal healthcare in West Bengal and entire Eastern India. Both Dr. Somnath Chatterjee (Suraksha) and Dr. Pradip Goswami (Fetomat Wellness) mentioned that the venture is a milestone in maternal care in West Bengal and it is certainly going to create a revolution in West Bengal and entire eastern India.

With this West Bengal and entire Eastern India is going to see most updated and advanced tests like NIPT, Karotyping, FISH, QF-PCR, Chromosomal Microarray etc to spearhead maternal-fetal healthcare in West Bengal and Eastern India. According to experts, this will enhance the retention level medical tourism in West Bengal and people in need will not just flock to Southern part of India for anything or everything.

In the mean time the state government has emphasized on some key components of the Maternal-Fetal Care Policy. They are furnished below:

FACILITY-BASED MATERNAL CARE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (FBMCP)

Established in 2013, the FBMCP

oversees the implementation of recommendations from the Obstetrics Mentor Group (OBGMG), focusing on:

- Upgrading labor room complexes, ante-natal, and post-natal wards.

- Equipping facilities with necessary tools for safe motherhood.

- Adopting standard treatment protocols across state-run medical institutions.

- Monitoring and evaluating maternal care practices in high-delivery-load facilities.

LABOR ROOM PROTOCOLS
The state has issued standardized protocols for labor rooms in all maternity hospitals, ensuring uniform practices in:

- Maternal assessment and monitoring.

- Management of labor and delivery.

- Post-delivery care.

- Emergency obstetric interventions.

ANTENATAL SCREENING INITIATIVES

To prevent vertical transmission of infections and ensure maternal health:

- Mandatory screening for tuberculosis (TB) in all pregnant women attending government health facilities.

- Implementation of hepatitis B screening to prevent mother-to-child transmission.

HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY MANAGEMENT

The health department has developed strategies to identify and manage high-risk pregnancies through:

- Enhanced prenatal check-ups and monitoring.

- Postpartum care to address complications.

- Linking high-risk pregnant women to First Referral Units (FRUs) for specialized care.

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE (MMR) REDUCTION TARGETS

The state has set objectives to lower the MMR by:

- Strengthening the identification of high-risk pregnancies.

- Improving follow-up care and management.

- Providing timely interventions during and after childbirth.

Nadia parents wait for army jawan's body from Jammu and Kashmir



MI News Service, Nadia :

It was 8 am. on Thursday. As soon as the army commando Jhantu Ali Shaikh boarded the army vehicle on the spot of Dudu - Basantgarh area of Udhampur, the militants started firing on him from back. They fired at random. A number of bullets stuck to his body and he got killed, "Amina Shaikh, the nephew to the martyr said with lament. However, the college girl added that the body will be taken to West Bengal by flight and it will start from Jammu & Kashmir at around 1 am. on Friday. While the family of martyr army commando havaladar Jhantu Ali Shaikh of Para 6, would stay with him in Jammu & Kashmir, the parents in Nadia's Tehatta in West Bengal plunged into the profound melancholy after getting the confirmed news of his death on Thursday afternoon. It was seen at his home at Tehatta Patharghata that the parents and the dear and near were lamenting. However, the family got the news of demise of Jhantu Ali Shaikh at around 12.30 pm. on Thursday. Anwar Seikh, the brother in law to Jhantu stated that the confirmed news of death of Jhantu came to to his parents and others at the Patharghata home in Nadia at around 12:30 pm. on Thursday. It was confirmed by Jhantu's elder brother Rafiqul Shaikh from Jammu & Kashmir. He is also in Army and posted in Jammu & Kashmir. As soon as the news arrived home, Akli Bibi, mother to Jhantu, a sugar patient, plunged into the melancholy and got fainting State. The near and

dear too were seen to lament at their home. Amina Shaikh, the nephew to the martyr Jhantu Ali Shaikh said with lament, " He joined the Army job after completion of Higher secondary from Bara Andulia High School." While another brother Rafiqul is also in Army and posted in Jammu and Kashmir, his father Sabur Ali Shaikh is a farmer. Jhuma Bibi, the widow to Jhantu Ali who is in Jammu & Kashmir, made a phone call to Patharghata home on Thursday afternoon and told to contact Jhantu's elder brother Rafiqul to get confirmed about the untimely demise of Jhantu. Rafiqul is also in Army and posted in Jammu & Kashmir. Rafiqul contacted Jhantu's Unit and got the confirmed news of his death. Sources stated that Jhantu Ali Shaikh, an army special forces commando havaladar of 6 para, was killed and two of his colleagues were critically injured in an encounter between terrorists and security forces in the Dudu - Basantgarh area of Udhampur district on Thursday morning. Jhantu has survived his wife Jhuma, son Tanvir (11), daughter Rishita (6). There is a youth at a nearby village to Patharghata who is also in Army. He is on leave now. He contacted Jhantu's Unit and got the information of what had happened on killing spot. The intimation regarding sending body too was taken by him. And then he intimated the same to the parents of Jhantu. However, the parents and dear and near have been waiting for his body.

Body found during JCB excavation in Darjeeling, mystery unfolds



MI News Service, Darjeeling: A young from Dhupguri, identified as Haridas roy (34), tragically died in the landslide while working as a mason in Darjeeling. In the incident occurred at noon on the Thursday when he was inspecting pillar work in a dig hole and later suddenly buried. His body was later discovered by unaware colleagues using a JCB remove stones, plunging his family the local community into mourning.

A pall of sorrow has descended upon the Dambari area of Barghariga gram panchayat in Dhupguri block following the tragic death of Haridas Roy (34). The young mason succumbed to a landslide while engaged in contracting work in Darjeeling on Thursday.

Mr. Roy, who had traveled to Darjeeling seeking additional income, was reportedly inspecting the rod binding in a hole dug for pillar installation during the lunch break. Tragically, a sudden landslide occurred, burying him.

Unaware of the incident, his colleagues returned from their break and resumed work, utilizing a JCB to remove stones from the excavation site. It was during this process that Mr. Roy's body was discovered, shocking the workers present.

The news of his untimely demise has deeply affected his family, including his mother, wife, son, and daughter. His mother was reportedly inconsolable upon receiving the devastating news.

Phanindranath Roy Pradhan, the head of Barghariga Gram Panchayat, expressed his profound grief, stating, "It is a very sad incident. He went to Darjeeling a month ago for masonry work. Today, he was crushed to death in a landslide. We are very worried. This incident has shocked the entire area."

Gautam Gambhir receives death threats...

►► **From PG 1**
represented East Delhi in Parliament as a BJP MP until 2024, and his outspokenness on national security issues, security arrangements at Gambhir's Delhi residence are being reviewed once again. The group that has claimed the threat letters is shadowy, even more than most terrorists outfits.

In February 2016, the Islamic State's erstwhile online magazine Dabiq had reported that the IS's Khorasan wing would be "expanding to Kashmir to fight the cow-worshipping Hindus and the apostates from factions allied to the idol-worshippers of Pakistan, such as the Lashkar-e-Taiba". In November

2018, Delhi police had arrested three terrorists belonging to the Islamic State Jammu and Kashmir (ISJK) in Srinagar and recovered weapons and explosives.

In July 2022, after an attack in Srinagar that killed a policeman dead and left two others wounded, the ISJK (Sawt-Al-Hind) had released a threat letter on social media in which it had also told "so-called fighters of ISI to steer clear of our operations".

On March 20 last year, the Assam police had arrested Haris Farooqi, whom the police called the ISIS India chief, and an aide in Dhubri while entering illegally from Bangladesh.

Pak ranger detains BSF jawan after...

►► **From PG 1**
were not uncommon and have happened in the past between the two sides. The incident comes against in

the backdrop of the Pahalgam terror attack with India taking a slew of measures against Pakistan for sponsoring terrorism.

Mamata launches "Shotoborsher East...

►► **From PG 1**
I personally helped establish several academies." She further emphasized the inclusive spirit of sport, stating, "When someone captains or represents the country, club, religion, or background doesn't matter. We have honoured these three historic clubs with the Banga Bibhushan award to show our respect. During our tenure, the sports budget increased from 126 crore to 840 crore. More than 400 playgrounds have been developed under our government. Even FIFA appreciated our efforts."

Turning to cricket, she appealed to CAB to establish a cricket academy at Dumurjala and also urged the speedy development of the long-pending Rajarhat Football Stadium. "We'll extend all possible help with land and legalities," she assured, adding that 21 Santosh Trophy-winning footballers had already been recruited into the state police force.

On the matter of club rivalries and regional pride, the Chief Minister

stated emphatically, "When someone represents the country, club or religion doesn't matter. We have honoured all three legacy clubs—East Bengal, Mohun Bagan, and Mohammedan—with Banga Bibhushan. They carry Bengal's identity on the national stage." Before concluding her address, Mamata Banerjee made a heartfelt appeal to the Emami Group, urging them to push for East Bengal's resurgence. "You don't need to cut cakes or serve sweets—just make sure the team wins. That will benefit both the club and the sponsor." As she left the stage, the Chief Minister added with a smile, "Today is your day of celebration. I shouldn't speak too much. My father used to say—I don't always speak the harsh truth, especially not to people's faces. I'm just happy the East Bengal women will play in the AFC and that Diamond Harbour has made it to the I-League. I may not have much to give, but I'm happy to reward your success with ₹50 lakh."

Bold burglary in Salt Lake's GC block

MI News Service, Kolkata: A fresh wave of concern swept through Salt Lake's otherwise peaceful GC Block in the early hours of Thursday as a daring burglary took place at a residence owned by a non-resident Indian (NRI). Unidentified miscreants reportedly broke into the house around 1:30 AM to 2:00 AM, smashing locks and looting valuables from an office located on the ground floor.

According to police and local sources, the property belongs to an Indian-origin man currently residing in the United States. While the main building remains largely unoccupied, the ground floor houses a small office and is occupied by the caretaker's family. Shockingly, the break-in occurred without the caretakers noticing any suspicious activity during the night.

The gang of intruders allegedly broke the main gate's lock, entered the office, and ransacked it, including breaking into a secure almirah from

which they stole cash and possibly sensitive documents. The exact amount of money stolen is yet to be determined, as authorities await an official inventory from the owner.

The Incident has raised eyebrows as the locality is known for being under regular surveillance. In fact, a college campus with stationed police personnel until late night lies just a short distance from the house. This proximity to law enforcement presence makes the robbery even more perplexing to residents, many of whom are questioning how the criminals managed to execute such a high-risk theft undetected.

Officers from Bidhanagar South Police Station responded promptly upon receiving the alert and have since launched a formal investigation. Multiple CCTV cameras are installed around the property, and investigators are currently scanning footage in hopes of identifying the culprits. However, no major leads have emerged so far.



Members of the minority community participate in a protest in Kolkata against the recent terror attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Kashmir.

State Cabinet approves 114 new posts to strengthen public services

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant administrative move, the West Bengal Cabinet, led by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, on Wednesday approved the recruitment of 114 posts across various departments. The decision comes ahead of the highly anticipated inauguration of the newly constructed Jagannath Temple in Digha, aimed at bolstering public safety and healthcare services in key regions.

Of the approved positions, 100 are designated for civic volunteers to be stationed around the Jagannathdham Temple complex in Digha, located in East Midnapore.

With the temple modeled on the iconic Jaganna'h Temple in Puri and poised to open to the public on April 30, the area is expected to experience a surge in footfall. The civic volunteers will play a crucial role in crowd and traffic management to ensure seamless movement and safety for pilgrims and tourists.

According to government sources, the civic volunteer posts had already existed as vacant positions and now have received the green light for immediate recruitment. This pre-emptive step is part of the state's broader initiative to position Digha not just as a

seaside destination, but also as a significant cultural and religious hub.

In addition to the temple-related posts, the Cabinet sanctioned the creation of 14 new posts, including 12 additional paramedical staff for the Singur Trauma Care Centre in Hooghly. The state aims to enhance healthcare delivery in the region by increasing manpower, especially in high-demand emergency care facilities. Officials anticipate that the expanded workforce will improve the quality and speed of medical attention for local residents and accident victims alike. The remaining two

posts are for legal officers under the West Bengal Transport Department. These roles are intended to support the legal framework of the department, ensuring that transport-related legal affairs are handled with greater efficiency and oversight.

The state government has indicated that recruitment for these posts will commence without delay. This strategic employment push not only addresses infrastructure needs but also reflects the government's commitment to public safety, healthcare, and religious tourism development in West Bengal.

Workshop on enhancing communication for children with special needs

MI News Service, Kolkata: Blossoms Special School in Cooch Behar, North Bengal, recently hosted a high-impact workshop focused on communication and expression in children with special needs. Attended by over 100 children and their parents from across North Bengal, the event aimed to raise awareness about the speech and communication challenges often faced by children with neurodevelopmental disorders.

Renowned speech and hearing expert Dr. Md. SahidulArefin and senior occupational therapist Subhendu-Moullick led the sessions. The workshop explored critical themes such as "Sensory Diet and Environment" and "Words Without Context," addressing how sensory input and social cues shape communication in children with autism. Dr.Arefin emphasized that timely and targeted therapy can make a significant difference in a child's development. Moullick advocated for broader accountability, stating that both public and private sectors must ensure equitable support for every child, regardless of location.

Youth beaten to death while protecting partner from harassment

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a chilling incident that has once again raised concerns about women's safety and lawlessness in the city, a young IT professional was brutally assaulted and killed by a gang of miscreants after he intervened to protect his live-in partner from being harassed. The horrific episode occurred late Wednesday night in the Gauranganagar area of Newtown, casting a shadow over the city's sense of security.

The victim, identified as SanketChatopadhyay, was in his early thirties and worked for a private IT firm in Kolkata. He had been residing with his partner in a rented flat in the area. According to initial reports, the couple had an argument late in the evening, prompting the woman to step out of the house alone to cool off. It was during this time that she was allegedly approached and harassed by a group of unidentified men on the road.

On noticing the incident, Sanket rushed to the spot and confronted the miscreants, protesting their actions. What followed was a violent altercation.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee felicitates the East Bengal Women's Football Team with a trophy for winning the Indian Women's League, on the occasion of East Bengal Club's centenary celebration, in the presence of State Minister Aroop Biswas and other eminent personalities, at Rabindra Sadan in Kolkata on Thursday.

WBBSE confirms Madhyamik results to be declared on May 2

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Board of Secondary Education (WBBSE) has officially confirmed that the results of the Madhyamik examinations will be published on May 2, 2025. Earlier speculation had suggested a possible release on April 30. However, due to the scheduled inauguration of the Jagannath Temple in Digha on the same day, the Board has now finalized May 2 as the result announcement date.

According to WBBSE sources, students will be able to access their results online on May 2 through the official websites. Remarkably, the results will

be declared within 70 days of the final examination, maintaining the Board's record of prompt result publication. This year's Madhyamik examinations commenced on February 10 and concluded on February 22. A total of 9,84,894 students appeared for the exam, which marks an increase of over 62,000 candidates compared to the previous year. The examinations were conducted across 2,683 centers throughout the state. The result declaration comes amid a challenging backdrop. Following a Supreme Court directive, approximately 26,000 teaching

posts were cancelled in the state, creating widespread uncertainty regarding answer script evaluation. The Board, too, had initially expressed concerns about how the enormous volume of papers would be assessed efficiently in such a constrained environment.

Adding to the concern, the Higher Secondary examinations also concluded recently, leading to further pressure on evaluators. Rumblings of delay had begun circulating in academic circles, and questions were raised across educational forums. Responding to the growing queries, Education Minister BratyaBasu assured

the public that the results of both Madhyamik and Higher Secondary examinations would be published on time.

Minister Basu had reportedly held discussions with both WBBSE and the West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education to ensure a seamless process. While April 30 was initially considered, the Board has now definitively chosen May 2 for the release. The timely declaration of the Madhyamik results will bring much-needed clarity and relief to nearly one million students and their families, who are eagerly awaiting this crucial academic milestone.

Twin murders jolt Kolkata: Domestic rage in Kasba, drunken violence in Jorasanko

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata witnessed a harrowing day marked by two separate incidents of homicide, both stemming from interpersonal conflicts, leaving the city stunned and law enforcement on high alert. From a domestic altercation in the upscale neighborhood of Kasba to a drunken brawl turning fatal in the densely populated lanes of Jorasanko, these episodes have highlighted the grim undercurrents of rage and violence festering in urban lives.

Around 1:15 PM on Thursday, panic spread through a luxury residential complex on R.K. Chatterjee Road, Kasba, when residents witnessed a bloodied woman running through the parking lot, screaming in distress. As she collapsed to the ground, it became clear that a violent assault had taken place. Witnesses immediately notified the police, prompting the swift arrival of homicide officers from Lalbazar headquarters.

The woman, identified as ReenaMondal, 33, was rushed to a nearby private hospital, where she was pronounced dead on arrival. Police confirmed that she had been fatally stabbed in the abdomen. Her husband, Janardan-Mondal, 36, was arrested at the scene as the primary

suspect. The murder weapon—a blood-stained knife—was recovered from the vicinity.

Investigations reveal that the couple had been embroiled in ongoing marital discord for several weeks. Whether the murder was the culmination of their domestic strife or part of a more sinister plan remains under investigation. Police have sent the victim's body for a post-mortem and are interrogating Janardan to uncover the full truth behind the horrific crime. Just hours before the Kasba incident, the Jorasanko area of central Kolkata was rocked by another gruesome murder. On Wednesday night, a group of friends gathered on Madan Mohan Burman Street for a drinking session. Among them was FaizalFarhim, a young man who would not survive the evening.

According to police sources, a verbal argument broke out between Faizal and another man in the group. The altercation quickly escalated into physical violence. In a horrific turn of events, one of the assailants reportedly forced a liquor bottle into Faizal's mouth, broke it, and slashed his throat with the jagged glass. Witnesses saw Faizal collapse, bleeding profusely, as the attackers fled the scene.

Calcutta Chamber of Commerce hosts BSE CEO



Hari Shankar Halwasiya of President Calcutta Chamber of Commerce and Sundararaman Ramamurthy Managing Director & CEO BSE Limited did a session on Understanding The SME IPO on Thursday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce, one of India's oldest and most respected trade bodies established in 1830, hosted a special session focused on the opportunities for MSMEs and SMEs through IPOs, with a keynote address by Shri Sundararaman Ramamurthy, Managing Director & CEO of BSE Limited. The event began with a warm welcome address by Hari Shankar Halwasiya, President of the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce. He extended a respectful welcome to Ramamurthy, acknowledging the honor of his presence and valuable insights. The gathering also included senior chamber members Anant Saharia, Sr. Vice President, and Annurag Jhunjhunwala, Vice President, along with distinguished guests, media representatives, and members from across the business community. In his address, Halwasiya highlighted the pivotal role played by MSMEs and SMEs in India's economy — contributing nearly 30% to the GDP, and playing a significant role in exports and employment generation. He underscored how SME IPOs provide an effective path for small businesses to raise capital, expand operations, and foster innovation, all while offering investors a unique opportunity to diversify their portfolios.

Sundararaman Ramamurthy, Managing Director & CEO of BSE Limited, stated, "Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are a vital force in India's economic landscape. At BSE, we are committed to empowering these businesses to grow and access capital. I encourage SMEs to dream big, embrace strong governance, and consider listing as a path to creating long-term value. However, with growth must come integrity — credibility is non-negotiable. As regulations evolve, it's essential for SMEs to move forward with responsibility and vision."

Weather office warns of imminent heatwave across South Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: As temperatures soar across the state, the Alipore Meteorological Department has issued a stern warning: a severe heatwave is likely to sweep through South Bengal in the coming days. With no respite from the sweltering heat and oppressive humidity, the city and adjoining districts are bracing for even harsher conditions.

On Thursday morning, Kolkata woke up to clear and sunny skies, marking the beginning of yet another sweltering day. According to the latest forecast, the maximum temperature is expected to hover around 39 degrees Celsius, while the minimum may remain near 29 degrees Celsius.

The regional meteorological department has indicated that maximum temperatures across the districts of South Bengal will likely stay 3 to 5 degrees above normal until Saturday. If the temperature in the plains reaches 40 degrees Celsius or more, and is at least 4.5 degrees above the seasonal average, it is officially classified as a heatwave. Furthermore, if the deviation reaches 6.5 degrees above normal, the situation escalates into a severe heatwave.

The meteorological office has declared a heatwave alert until Saturday for western districts, including Purulia, Bankura, Birbhum, PaschimBardhaman, and PaschimMedinipur, where a "severe heatwave" orange alert has been issued. In addition, a yellow alert remains in effect for Murshidabad, Nadia, North and South 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hooghly, Kolkata, East Bardhaman, and East Medinipur. These districts are also under high vigilance for April 25 and 26, with the potential for record-breaking temperatures.

Kolkata police bust two illegal call centres, 16 arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major breakthrough against international cyber fraud, Kolkata Police's detective department has dismantled two illegal call centres operating within the city that allegedly defrauded foreign nationals, including residents of the United States and Australia, of crores of rupees. The operations were busted following a coordinated intelligence-driven raid, leading to the arrest of 16 individuals and the seizure of numerous digital devices including mobile phones, laptops, and hard drives. According to Rupesh Kumar, Chief of the Detective Department, "We remain vigilant against illegal call centres. Acting on a tip-off, we successfully uncovered two such centres and apprehended all persons involved." The crackdown was conducted in Selimpur under Lake Police Station and Raybahadur Road under Bahala Police Station, where the fraudulent call centres had been operating covertly. The modus operandi involved contacting foreign nationals—mainly from the U.S. and Australia—under the pretext of offering technical support. Victims were manipulated into believing they required urgent digital repairs or security upgrades, for which exorbitant service fees were extracted. Several documents recovered from the accused contained detailed personal information, including the names and contact numbers of their foreign targets. Police Commissioner Manoj Kumar Verma, who recently assumed charge, had earlier emphasized that tracking illegal call centres is one of Kolkata Police's top priorities.

Change of Name
I, Sahalam Sekh S/o Daud Ali Sekh Residing at Vill - Kastekumari, P.O -Paschim Chamni, Ps-Bishnupur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743503 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Sahalom Sk. I declare that Sahalam Sekh and Sahalom Sk is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 24-04-2025.

Name Change
I, Sanjay Manna (old name) S/o. Sukdeb Manna R/o. Harishnagar, Singur, Hooghly-712409, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sanjay Kumar Manna (new name) vide an affidavit no. 5322 sworn before S.D.E.M.,Serampore, Hooghly Court on 22/04/2025. Sanjay Manna & Sanjay Kumar Manna S/o. Sukdeb Manna both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ansar Mollick (old name) S/O Manik Mallick, residing at Vill-Sapkhali, P.O. & P.S.- Bishnupur, Dist.- South 24 Pgs. Pin- 743503, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ansar Mallick (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 24/04/2025. Ansar Mallick (new name) and Ansar Mollick (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Firoz Mollick (old name) S/O Ansar Mallick, residing at Vill-Sapkhali, P.O. & P.S.- Bishnupur, Dist.- South 24 Pgs. Pin- 743503, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Firoz Mallick (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 24/04/2025. Firoz Mallick (new name) and Firoz Mollick (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I Udit Kedia, S/O Rajesh Kedia,R/O Cd-127,Salt Lake,City, Sector-1, Kolkata, Bidhannagar-700064, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Udit R Kedia ,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/04/2025,That Udit Kedia And Udit R Kedia All Are The Same And One Identical Person

Name Change
I Narayan Jana, S/O SachinandanJana,R/OVill-Saoraberia Jalpai, Pomotilalchak, East Medinipur,-721652,WestBengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Narayan Chandra Jana,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/04/2025,That Narayan Jana And Narayan Chandra Jana All Are The Same And One Identical Person

Name Change
I, Bibha Raha (old name) W/O Ananda Kumar Raha, residing at Nebadhai, Purbachal Duttapukur, North 24 Parganas, Pin-743248, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Biva Raha (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 24/04/2025. Biva Raha (new name) and Bibha Raha (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Karim Mistri (old name) S/O Late Abdul Ajit Mistri, residing at Vill- Dharsha Mokhtarpur, P.S.-Rajarhat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700135, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abdul Karim Mistri (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 24/04/2025. Abdul Karim Mistri (new name) and Abdul Karim Mistri (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sufiuddin Ansari (old name) S/O Alimuddin Ansari,residing at Lauhati, Bishnupur, P.S.- Rajarhat, Dist.-North 24 Parganas,Pin-700135, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Safiuddin Ansari (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 24/04/2025. Safiuddin Ansari (new name) and Sufiuddin Ansari (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Ibrar Khan (old name) S/O Farukh Khan, residing at Chaspatati shyambandh Khuswaha Nagar Road, Asansol, Paschim Bardhawan, Pin- 713325, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ibrar Khan (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 24/04/2025. Ibrar Khan (new name) and Md Ibrar Khan (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Md irshad khan (old name) S/O Ibrar Khan, residing at Chaspatati shyambandh Khuswaha Nagar Road, Asansol, Paschim Bardhawan, Pin- 713325, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ershad khan (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 24/04/2025. Ershad khan (new name) and Md irshad khan (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Rafikul Ali Saikh (old name) S/O Late Chhadek Sekh, residing at VILL-PO TALDI, PS-CANNING, Pin-743376, 24(SOUTH)PGS, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rafikul Sekh (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 23/04/2025. Rafikul Sekh (new name) and Rafikul Ali Saikh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I,Suparna Podder(Old Name),Wife Of Dulal Poddar,Residing At 4/108,Nelinagar, Po-Haltu, Kolkata - 700078, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Suparna Poddar(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/04/2025,That Suparna Poddar And Suparna Poddar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Srobona Daw(Old Name),Wife Of Sandipan Daw, Residing At C/2,Lake View Park,Bonhooghy, Baranagar, Barrackpore, Pin-700108, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Srobona Sen(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/04/2025, That Srobona Daw And Srobona Sen Both Are The Same And One Identical Person Person.

Name Change
I,Sandipan Daa (Old Name),Son Of Krishnapada Daw, Residing At C/2, Lake View Park, Bonhooghy, Baranagar, Barrackpore, Pin - 700108, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sandipan Daw(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/04/2025,That Sandipan Daa And Sandipan Daw Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sitangshu Deb (old name) S/O Dinesh Chandra Deb, residing at NSB Road Sishu Bagan Kalai Goli, Raniganj, Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713347, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sitangshu Kumar Deb (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 24/04/2025. Sitangshu Kumar Deb (new name) and Sitangshu Deb (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Dahodwala (old name) S/O Nuruddin Dahodwala, residing at 1 FLR-FR, PLOT NO-31, JAGATIPOTA, LILY GARDEN, KOLKATA, RAIPUR SONARPUR (M), SOUTH 24 PGS, PIN- 700152, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammad N Dahodwala (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 24/04/2025. Mohammad N Dahodwala (new name) and Mohammed Dahodwala (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Nahid Nazim C/O Md. Shahbaz Ehsan, on behalf of my minor son Md Ebrahim Ehsan (old name), residing at 11A, Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road, Near Majesti Hotel, Dharmatala, Kolkata- 700013, West Bengal, India, have changed my son name and he shall henceforth be known as Mohammed Ebrahim Ehsan (new name) as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata on 24/04/2025. Mohammed Ebrahim Ehsan (new name) and Md Ebrahim Ehsan (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Jeet Singh (old name) S/O Ajoy Singh, residing at 8/3, C.C Karmakar Road, Budge Budge, Diamond Harbour, Pin- 700137, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jeet Kumar Singh (new name) as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, dated 03/04/2025. Jeet Kumar Singh (new name) and Jeet Singh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ratna Suchit Kumar Nag (Old Name) wife of Late Suchit Kumar Nag, residing at 1/94 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 Ibrar Alam (old name) S/O Md Khalil, residing at 120/1, Dr. Lal Mohan Bhattacharjee Road, P.S.-Entally, Kolkata- 700014, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ibrar Alam (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 23/04/2025. Ibrar Alam (new name) and Md Ibrar Alam (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sunil Kumar Agarwal, S/O- Jagdish Prasad Agarwal, Residing at 115/7, Canal Street, PO- Sreebhumii, PS-Lake Town, Bidhannagar, Kol- 700048 declare that in my Aadhar Card my name has been recorded as Sunil Agarwal but in my passport my name has been mentioned as Sunil Kumar Agarwal. So, Sunil Kumar Agarwal and Sunil Agarwal is the same and one identical person vide affidavit no. 54198 dated 26/03/2025 from the Notary Public at Sealdah Court .

NAME CHANGE
I,Anwesha Mukherjee, D/o Late Ashish Mukhopadhyay, R/o- Ideal Towers, Flat no: 7c, Block-B, 57 Diamond Harbour Road, Near CMRI, Kolkata-700023, shall be known as Anwesha Mukherjee as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta vide affidavit(No.2183) Dated 22.04.2025. Anwesha Mukherjee & Anwesha Mukherjee both is same & identical person.

Deepak Nigam assumes charge as Senior Deputy General Manager of Eastern Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Shri Deepak Nigam has taken over the charge as Senior Deputy General Manager (SDGM) & Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) of Eastern Railway on 24th April 2025. He belongs to the 1991 batch of the Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers (IRSME) and brings with him over three decades of rich experience and dedicated service to Indian Railways.

A firm believer in teamwork and synergy, Shri Nigam has held several key positions across different zones of Indian Railways. Prior to this assignment, he served as Divisional Railway Manager/Sealdah and before that as Chief Workshop Manager of Wagon Repair Workshop/ Jhansi, one of the largest workshops of Indian Railways. During his tenure as Divisional Railway Manager/ Sealdah, Shri Nigam took several key decisions to improve train punctuality, passenger safety and security, notably conversion of all suburban trains to 12 coach. Many developmental works in Sealdah Division were undertaken in the last two years of his tenure as Divisional Railway Manager/Sealdah. His expertise lies in rolling stock maintenance and infrastructure development. As Dy. CME/Jhansi, he successfully executed the Coach Midlife Rehabilitation Workshop from concept to commissioning on a turnkey basis.

Shri Deepak Nigam was also on deputation to RITES, where he played a pivotal role in securing export orders for locomotives, coaches and wagons to Mozambique under the Made in India initiative. For his exemplary contribution, he received the Minister of Railways Award in 2012.

He has also received training in Singapore, Malaysia and leading management institutes in India, further enriching his administrative and technical acumen.

AI revolution in Tea research

MI News Service, Kolkata: Artificial Intelligence has slowly but surely crept in the domain of tea research. The Tea Research Association (TRA), TOCKLAI has announced a groundbreaking partnership with Arogyam Medisoft, an innovator in artificial intelligence and healthcare technology. Together, they launch ACLIVIA for Tea, an AI-based device, a cutting-edge solution that monitors, detects, and helps to eliminate harmful residues ensure the production of residue-free tea, setting a new standard for quality and sustainability in the tea industry.

"We are thrilled to work with Arogyam Medisoft to revolutionize the way tea is analyzed for compliance," said Joydeep Phukan, Secretary, TRA.

The core bio-sensing technology has been developed by an R&D group of Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) at Kolkata center and transferred to Arogyam Medisoft for commercialization. C-DAC expressed their satisfaction towards successful trial of the technology at tea industry. C-DAC acknowledged Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), Government of India and C-SPARK initiative of C-DAC for their support and guidance.

The project aligns with Govt of India's ongoing efforts to prioritize consumer health and environmental sustainability. By integrating AI into the tea production process, the companies aim to significantly reduce chemical residues, ensuring that every cup of black tea is safe, natural, and flavorful.

Airtel envisages delivering SIM cards to homes in 10 mins

MI News Service, Kolkata: In an incredibly pioneering move, Bharti Airtel announced its partnership with the quick commerce platform, Blinkit, for the delivery of SIM cards to its customers in Kolkata within ten minutes.

This collaboration marks a significant milestone enabling, as it does, customers to receive SIM cards at their doorstep in a minimal 10 minutes at a nominal convenience fee of 49. Post the delivery of the SIM card, customers can activate the number using a simple activation process through Aadhaar-based KYC authentication. Customers will have the option to choose from both postpaid and prepaid plans or trigger an MNP for porting into the Airtel network. To streamline the process, customers can access the online link and view the activation video for a seamless activation experience.

Additionally, for all such activations, all Airtel customers have the option to access the help center through the Airtel Thanks App for any assistance they may need. New customers can contact support by calling 9810012345 if they require help. Post-delivery of the SIM card, it will be mandatory for customers to activate the SIM within a 15-day window to ensure a smooth and hassle-free transition.

Commenting on the partnership, Siddharth Sharma, CEO – Connected Homes and Director of Marketing, Bharti Airtel said, "We are thrilled to partner with Blinkit for 10-minute SIM card delivery to customers' homes across 16 cities and in due course of time we plan to expand this partnership to additional cities."

Albinder Dhindsa, Founder and CEO of Blinkit, said, "To save customers time and hassle, we've collaborated with Airtel to deliver SIM cards directly to customers in select cities, with delivery in just 10 minutes."

AI courses for Odisha govt employees to build future-ready workforce

MI News Service, Cuttack: In a bid to build a future-ready administrative workforce, the Odisha government has made Artificial Intelligence (AI) training mandatory for all government employees. Officials have been instructed to complete at least one AI course within the next three months. The initiative is aimed at equipping officers with essential skills to navigate the growing impact of AI across governance and service delivery. The state is encouraging officers to undertake free online courses available on various platforms.

Chief secretary Manoj Ahuja has issued directives to all additional chief secretaries, principal secretaries, commissioner-cum-secretaries, and district collectors. In a letter addressed to the officials, Ahuja emphasised the importance of AI literacy in alignment with the government's broader goal of fostering a digitally proficient workforce.

Space now a new domain of warfare: CDS

MI News Service, New Delhi: Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan on Monday said humanity is on the "cusp of an era" where space is emerging as a new domain of warfare.

Developing 'space culture' key as space is emerging as new domain of warfare: CDS

He pitched for developing a "space culture" which could entail developing doctrines, research and dedicated warfare schools.

In his inaugural address at the third edition of the Indian DeSpace Symposium here, Chauhan said it is important that "Services also have their own space warfare schools in the near future".

Underlining how the military ethos has evolved over the centuries with maritime and aerospace cultures playing significant roles in warfare, the CDS said in the past, "a seafaring culture or a maritime culture" may have held the Portuguese, Spaniard, the English or the Dutch to dominate the world.

"Similarly, the aerospace culture led to the domination of air space by the US and European nations. And both the domains have a lasting impact on warfare. Military power was actually centred around this particular culture getting developed and creation of capabilities towards that," the CDS added.



Deepak Nigam, Senior Deputy General Manager, Eastern Railway

Indian Railway's initiative for evacuation of stranded tourists from Jammu stations

MI News Service, New Delhi: Indian Railway has taken Immediate initiative for evacuation of stranded tourists from Katra, Udhampur (MCTM) Jammu stations. Following initiatives taken during on hand crisis in J&K:

1) Providing Helpdesks at Katra and Jammu stations and crowd management room at Jammu control having CCTV feed from Jammu and Katra along with dedicated helpline Nos.

2) helpdesk staff at Jammu and Katra accommodated 235 tourists in various different trains.

3) On very short notice one special train no. 04612 spl ex SVDK for NDLS planned and maintained and run. Train departed SVDK at 21:20 and JAT at 23:27 with almost 67% occupation containing around 580 reserved pssgrs and around 180 unserved passengers.

4) Provision of food/water at Katra, MCTM and Jammu stn by in close coordination with IRCTC, and RPF/GRP.

5) Another spl 04614 has been notified to depart SVDK at 13.30 hrs of 24.4.25.

Three passenger trains rescheduled for track maintenance work over Malda division

MI News Service, Kolkata: For Track maintenance work in Poradanga – Sujnipara section, 04 hours (from 13:00 hrs. to 17:00 hrs.) Block has been planned on UP line between Mahipal Road & Manigram on every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday between 24.04.2025 & 31.05.2025 (17 days). Consequently, 53053 Katwa – Nimitta passenger, 53027 Azimganj – Malda Town passenger & 53029 Azimganj- Bhagalpur passenger will be rescheduled by 120 minutes, 60 minutes & 30 minutes respectively from Katwa/Azimganj.5) Another spl 04614 has been notified to depart SVDK at 13.30 hrs of 24.4.25.

Short termination/short origination of Sealdah – Jagi Road – Sealdah Summer Special

MI News Service, Kolkata: For Due to operational reason, 03105 Sealdah – Jagi Road Special (journey commencing on 25.04.2025, 02.05.2025 and 09.05.2025) will be short terminated at Guwahati station and 03106 Jagi Road – Sealdah Special (journey commencing on 26.04.2025, 03.05.2025 and 10.05.2025) will be short originated from Guwahati.

Total replacement of humans with AI is a utopian concept: Vivek Gupta

MI News Service, Kolkata: "There should not be any apprehension that Artificial Intelligence (AI) will replace humans in totality. AI can certainly create magic in every spheres of work, but it is devoid of human emotions. Ultimately it is the humans that will guide AI how to work and humans will pour their heart to whatever they do. AI will certainly and only prevail as a mechanical by-product of super human effort." Vivek Gupta (MLA-Jorasanko & MD-Sanmarg) said this while interacting with media at a programme that celebrated National PR Day in Kolkata recently.

Gupta further mentioned that value system is gradually eroding from the society and media world is no exception. To him, running a media house is not just 'cutting a cake' but one has to cut across several hurdles to get things going and run the show.

"And today we are on the cusp of an era where space is emerging as a new domain of warfare, and it is going to dominate warfare. All the three primary elements of warfare will depend on space," General Chauhan said.

The general explained that while the maritime domain expanded warfare, the outcome of the battle could either be decided in the maritime domain or it had a "major influence on battle on land".

"So did when air power became a major instrument of fighting war. Either you decide the battle in the air space or have a "large effect on battle on land or the maritime domain," he added. "So, when we say that space is going to have an impact on these three elements, it is important that we understand space. This is going to form the basic building blocks of warfare in future," Chauhan said.

SER celebrates seminar on World Heritage Week

MI News Service, Kolkata: South Eastern Railway is observing World Heritage Week at its Headquarters, Garden Reach from 18-04-2025 to 25.04.2025. Every year 18th April is observed as World Heritage Day to spread awareness about our rich cultural diversity and importance of preserving ancient heritage. The theme for World Heritage Day 2025 is "Disasters and Conflict Resilient Heritage – Action in relation to safeguarding Heritage".

A seminar on World Heritage has been organized at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach as a part of World Heritage Week celebration on 24.04.2025. Sri Soumitra Majumdar, AGM & Chairman, Zonal Heritage Committee, South Eastern Railway welcomed the guest speakers who were invited to speak on the diverse prospective on Railway heritage and to promote heritage conservation awareness. Sri Sanjoy Mookerji, former Member Finance, Railway Board and Head of the East & Northeast chapters of Rail



Soumitra Majumdar, AGM & Chairman, Zonal Heritage Committee, South Eastern Railway giving awards to the winners of various competitions during a seminar organized at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach on 24.04.2025 as a part of celebration of World Heritage Week.

Enthusiasts, delivered his speech on the topic- "Importance of Railway Heritage", Mr. Shahanshah Mirza, great great grandson of Nawab Wajid Ali Shah discussed on "A talk on the Awadhi influence on West-Bengal", Later Sri G.M.Kapur, Advisor, INTACH, and Sri G. K. Mohanty, former PCOM, SER presented on the topics of "Industrial Heritage" and "Freight Heritage of SER" respectively. Addressing the gathering, the experts mentioned about the different

measures adopted by Railways for preserving its glorious past. Principal Head of the Departments, Senior officers and staff were also present during the programme.

The event concluded with a delightful ceremony where the AGM and Chairman of the Zonal Heritage Committee, South Eastern Railway, presented awards to the winners of Photography, Drawing & Painting and Quiz competitions held during the heritage week.

Fire Safety Week 2025 organised at Tapan Sinha Memorial Hospital

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

During the ongoing Fire Safety Week 2025 (21st – 25th April, 2025), the employees of Tapan Sinha Memorial Hospital, Metro Railway have taken pledge



and took part in a Webinar on 22nd April, 2025 live with Smt. Punya Salila Srivastava, Union Health Secretary regarding Fire Safety Compliance and Regulatory requirements for effective fire prevention.

A demonstration on Fire Safety was given at Tapan Sinha Memorial Hospital on

23.04.2025 by Metro Railway Fire Service and West Bengal Fire Service Department in presence of Dr. Amitava Dutta, PCMO. More than 50 employees including RPF Personnel attended the demonstration. Various types of Fire Fighting equipment and the techniques to use them were demonstrated.

Passenger amenities significantly upgraded at stations across Malda division in March 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway, under its continued mission to enhance passenger comfort and infrastructure, has introduced several important passenger amenities across various stations of Malda Division during the month of March 2025. These improvements are part of a sustained effort to modernize railway facilities and improve the overall travel experience for commuters.

At Bhagalpur Station, two new water coolers have been installed at Platform No. 1 to provide additional cold drinking water facilities. This initiative addresses the growing demand for accessible drinking water, particularly during warmer months and is part of Eastern Railway's focus on passenger welfare.

At Jamalpur Station, passenger mobility has been significantly improved with the installation of two escalators at the Commercial Building, facilitating easier access for elderly passengers, women, children and those with luggage.

Lighting infrastructure has been upgraded at Shivnarayanpur Station with the installation of two High Mast Towers, each 16 meters in height. Each tower is fitted with eight 200-watt LED floodlights equipped with timer switch-

ing, ensuring enhanced illumination and safety in the station's circulating areas during nighttime.

To further boost accessibility and inclusive travel, three lifts, each with a 13-passenger capacity, have been installed and commissioned at Platforms 1 and 2 & 3 of Jamalpur Station, along with another at Platform No. 1 of Godda Station. These lifts will greatly assist senior citizens, persons with disabilities and passengers with heavy baggage in moving conveniently across platforms.

These newly commissioned amenities demonstrate Eastern Railway's unwavering commitment to passenger-centric development, accessibility and infrastructural modernization. The Malda Division continues to work proactively to provide world-class facilities that align with Indian Railways' broader vision of enhanced passenger satisfaction.

Rajeev Saxena, NFHAG/IRSS, takes over as DRM/Sealdah

MI News Service, Kolkata: Shri Rajeev Saxena, an officer of the Indian Railways Stores Service (IRSS), has assumed charge of Divisional Railway Manager/Sealdah today (23.04.2025).

In his last assignment, Shri Rajeev Saxena was posted as Joint Secretary/Ministry of Textile where he contributed significantly in National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM) & also spearheaded innovative R&D in Textile Sector. Prior to that, Sri Saxena served as Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) in National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and in Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation (DFCCIL) as GM (Stores & IT).



Sri Rajeev Saxena is an officer of 1994 batch IRSS & joined Indian Railways on 02.01.1996. He graduated in Civil Engineering (BE) from erstwhile MNREC/Allahabad with gold medal & subsequently completed M.Tech. in structural engineering from IIT/Delhi.

In Ministry of Railways, Shri Saxena had served as Director/Railway Electrification (Stores), Railway Board dealing with procure-

ment of Tower Wagons and other Rolling Stock for Railway Electrification. In his different assignments over Indian Railways, he worked in various places like Diesel Loco Shed/Ratlam, Electric Loco Shed/Tughlakabad, as Divisional Controller of Stores in Jaipur etc. In North Central Railway, Shri Saxena had worked as

Dy Chief Materials Manager and Dy. Chief Vigilance officer (Stores).

He has undergone Management Training in INSEAD/Singapore, IC-LIF/Malaysia, MDI/Gurgaon and had exposure in public governance of Germany, Georgia and Türkiye. He has also led industry delegations to USA, Russia and Germany for promotion of Indian technical textiles sector.

Shri Rajeev Saxena has a stellar career spanning over 29 years and stand out academic excellence record. He is having in-depth knowledge in General Management, Legal Affairs, IT and policy making. His vast experience in a wide array of fields and understanding of Government Operations will be highly beneficial for leading Sealdah Division from the front.

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE				
ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI BANK LTD, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal- 700091. CIN No: L65190G13994PLC021012. www.icicibank.com				
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 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(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Borrower New Radha Kanta Bhandar & (Guarantor) Kallipada Chakraborty & (Mortgagor) Kallipada Chakraborty/ Represented By Proprietor Kallipada Chakraborty 9/2, Goswami Bagan Lane Sheoraphuli West Bengal Hooghly- 712223 / 241205500117/ 241255000003	R.S. Dag No 3081, R.S. Khatian No 1399, Mouza Sheoraphuli, Land Viti, Within Baidyabati Municipality, Holding No. 68/2, Chatterjee Para, Thane & Sub-Registry office Serampore, District Hooghly (Admeasuring An Area of 3 Cottah 4 Chittack 38 Sq Ft)/ Date of Possession: 21/04/2025	01/06/2024 & Rs. 1,40,59,425.00/-	Hooghly
The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will 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 25, 2025, Place: Hoogly Sincerely Authorised Signatory, For ICICI Bank Ltd.				

Indus Water Treaty suspended India has many options, says expert

Mumbai : India has said the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) of 1960 with Pakistan will be held in abeyance with immediate effect, until Islamabad credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism.

The move on Wednesday after the killing of 26 persons, including tourists, in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday.

What could be the impact of this move?

The Indus system of rivers comprises the main river -- the Indus -- along with its five left bank tributaries, namely, the Ravi, the Beas, the Sutlej, the Jhelum and the Chenab. The right bank tributary, the Kabul, does not flow through India.

The Ravi, the Beas and the Sutlej are together called eastern rivers while the Chenab, the Jhelum and the Indus main are called as western rivers. Its waters are critical to both India and Pakistan.

Pradeep Kumar Saxena, who served as India's Indus Water Commissioner for over six years and has been associated with work related to the IWT, said India, as an upper riparian country, has multiple options.

"This could be the first step towards the abrogation of the treaty, if the government so decides," Saxena told PTI on Wednesday.

"Although there is no explicit provision in the treaty for its abrogation, Article 62 of the Vienna Convention on Law of the Treaties provides sufficient room under which the treaty can be repudiated in view of the fundamental change of circumstances which has occurred with regard to those existing at the time of con-



clusion of the treaty," he said.

Last year, India sent a formal notice to Pakistan, seeking the "review and modification" of the treaty.

Listing out the steps India could take, Saxena said in the absence of the treaty, India is under no obligation to follow the restrictions on the "reservoir flushing" of the Kishanganga reservoir and other projects on rivers in Jammu and Kashmir. The Indus Water Treaty currently prohibits it.

Flushing can help India desilt its reservoir but then filling the entire reservoir could take days. Under the treaty, reservoir filling after the flushing has to be done in August -- peak monsoon period -- but with the pact in abeyance, it could be done anytime.

Doing it when sowing season begins in Pakistan could be detrimental, especially when a large part of Punjab in Pakistan depends on the Indus and its tributaries for irrigation.

According to the treaty, there are design restrictions on building structures like dams on Indus and its tributaries. In the past,

Pakistan has raised objections over the designs but in future it will not be obligatory to take the concerns onboard.

In the past almost every project has been objected to by Pakistan.

Notable are Salal, Baglihar, Uri, Chutak, Nimoo Bazgo, Kishenganga, Pakal Dul, Miyar, Lower Kalnai and Ratle.

After the Pulwama terror attack in 2019, the government cleared eight more hydropower projects in Ladakh. The objections may no longer be applicable for the new projects.

There are also operational restrictions on how reservoirs are to be filled and operated. With the treaty in abeyance, these are no longer applicable.

Saxena said India can stop sharing flood data on the rivers. This could also prove detrimental to Pakistan, especially during the monsoon when rivers swell.

India will now have no restriction on storage on western rivers, particularly the Jhelum, and the country can take a number of flood control measures to mitigate floods in the Valley, he said. The tours of Pakistan side to

India, which are mandatory under the treaty, may now be stopped.

At the time of Independence, the boundary line between the two newly created independent countries --- Pakistan and India -- - was drawn right across the Indus Basin, leaving Pakistan as the lower riparian and India as the upper riparian.

Two important irrigation works, one at Madhopur on the Ravi river and the other at Ferozepur on the Sutlej river, on which the irrigation canal supplies in Punjab (Pakistan) had been completely dependent, fell in the Indian territory.

A dispute thus arose between the two countries regarding the utilisation of irrigation water from existing facilities. Negotiations held under the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) culminated in the signing of the Indus Water Treaty in 1960. According to the treaty, all the waters of the eastern rivers - Sutlej, Beas, and Ravi with an average annual flow of around 33 million acre feet (MAF) is allocated to India for unrestricted use while the waters of western rivers - Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab with average annual flow of around 135 MAF is allocated largely to Pakistan.

However, India is permitted to use the waters of the western rivers for domestic use, non-consumptive use, agricultural and generation of hydro-electric power. The right to generate hydroelectricity from western rivers is unrestricted subject to conditions for the design and operation of the treaty. India can also create storages up to 3.6 MAF on western rivers, the pact states.

Musk damaged Tesla's brand in just few months fixing it will likely take longer

New York : Elon Musk has been called a Moonshot Master, the Edison of Our Age and the Architect of the Future, but he's got a big problem at his car company and it's not clear he can fix it: damage to its brand.

Sales have plunged for Tesla amid protests and boycotts over Musk's embrace of far right-wing views. Profits have been sliced by two-thirds so far this year, and rivals from China, Europe and the US are pouncing.

On Tuesday came some relief as Musk announced in an earnings call with investors that he would be scaling back his government cost-cutting job in Washington to a "day or two per week" to focus more on his old job as Tesla's boss.

Investors pushed up Tesla's stock 5 per cent Wednesday, though there are plenty of challenges ahead.

Who wants a Tesla?

Musk seemed to downplay the role that brand damage played in the drop in first-quarter sales on the investor call. Instead, he emphasised something more fleeting - an upgrade to Tesla's best-selling Model Y that forced a shutdown of factories and pinched both supply and demand.

While financial analysts following the company have noted that potential buyers probably held back while waiting for the upgrade, hurting results, even the most bullish among them say the brand damage is real, and more worrisome.

"This is a full blown crisis," said Wedbush Securities' normally upbeat Dan Ives earlier this month. In a note to its clients, JP Morgan warned of "unprecedented brand damage."

Musk's take on the protests Musk dismissed the protests against Tesla on the call as the work of people angry at his leadership of the Department of Government Efficiency because "those who are receiving the waste and fraud wish it to continue."

But the protests in Europe, thousands of miles from Washington, came after Musk supported far-right politicians there. Angry Europeans hung Musk in effigy in Milan, projected an image of him doing a straight-arm salute on a Tesla factory in Berlin and put up posters in London urging people not to buy "Swasticals" from him.

Sales in Europe have gone into a free fall in the first three months of this year - down 39 per cent. In Germany, sales plunged 62 per cent.

Another worrying sign: On Tuesday, Tesla backed off its earlier promise that sales would recover this year after dropping in 2024 for the first time a dozen years. Tesla said the global trade



situation was too uncertain and declined to repeat the forecast.

Here come the rivals

Meanwhile, Tesla's competition is stealing its customers.

Among its fiercest rivals now is Chinese giant BYD. Earlier this year, the EV maker announced it had developed an electric battery that can charge within minutes. And Tesla's European rivals have begun offering new models with advanced technology that is making them real Tesla alternatives just as popular opinion has turned against Musk.

Tesla's share of the EV market in the US has dropped from two-thirds to less than half, according to Cox Automotive.

Pinning hopes on cybercabs Another rival, Google parent Alphabet, is already ahead of Tesla in an area that Musk has promised will help remake his company: Cybercabs.

One of the highlights of Tesla's call Tuesday was Musk sticking with his previous prediction that it will launch driverless cabs without steering wheels and pedals in Austin, Texas, in June, and in other cities soon after.

But Google's service, called Waymo, already has logged millions of driverless cybercab trips in San Francisco, Phoenix, Los Angeles, and Austin as part of a partnership with ride-hailing leader Uber.

A driverless future for Tesla owners?

Musk also told analysts that this driverless capability will be available on the Tesla vehicles already on the road through software updates over the air, and put a timeline on it: "There will be millions of Teslas operating autonomously in the second half of the year."

But he has made similar promises before, only to miss his deadlines, such as in April 2019 when he vowed full automation by the end of the next year. He repeated the prediction, moving

up the date, several more times, in following years.

A big problem is federal investigators have not given the all-clear that Tesla vehicles can drive completely on their own safely. Among other probes, safety regulators are looking into Tesla's so-called Full Self-Driving, which is only partial self-driving, for its tie to accidents in low-visibility conditions like when there is sun glare.

On the positive side

In competition with rivals in the US, Tesla currently has one clear advantage: It will get hurt by less by tariffs because most of its vehicles are built in the countries where they are sold, including those in its biggest market, the US. "Tariffs are still tough on a company where margins are still low, but we do have localised supply chains," Musk said Tuesday. "That puts us in a strong position."

The company also reconfirmed that a cheaper version of its best-selling vehicle, the Model Y sport utility vehicle, will be ready for customers in the first half of this year. That could help boost sales.

Another plus: The company had a blow out first quarter in its energy storage business. And Musk has promised to be producing 5,000 Optimus robots, another Tesla business, by the end of the year.

Pricey stock

Even after falling nearly 50 per cent from its December highs, Tesla's stock is still very richly valued based on the one yardstick that really matters in the long run: its earnings.

At 110 times its expected per share earnings this year, the stock is valued more than 25 times higher than General Motors. The average stock on in the S&P 500 index trades at less than 20 times earnings.

That leaves Tesla little margin for error if something goes wrong.

Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy Launches India's First Comprehensive Criminal Law Database

KOLKATA: The Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy launched India's first comprehensive criminal law database - The State of the System (S.O.S.), at the Constitution Club of India in New Delhi. The event, titled Unveiling The State of the System, brought together an eminent panel of legal luminaries, policymakers, and experts to discuss the urgent need for decriminalisation and rationalisation of punishments in India's legislative landscape.

The S.O.S. database, now live and the report documents every act and omission criminalised under 370 Union laws enacted over the last 174 years, spanning 45 subject areas. It is India's first public repository of its kind and aims to empower citizens, researchers, and policymakers with a deeper understanding of the scope and extent of criminalisation in the country. It highlights inconsistencies in the prescription of punishments and proposes a principled framework to guide future efforts towards decriminalisation and criminal law-making.

Introducing the report, Mr. Naveed Mehmood Ahmad, Lead, Crime and



Punishment at Vidhi, said, "The Criminal law that is meant to address serious threats to public order or national security, also extends into the social and regulatory fabric of India. The report and the database aim to understand how overly reliant we are on criminal law as a tool of governance and advocates for decriminalisation of minor offences and rationalisation of punishments in a principled manner."

At the event, a panel discussion was also

hosted featuring Mr. Sidharth Luthra, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, Dr. Shamika Ravi, Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, and Justice V. Ramasubramanian, Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission. The panellists reflected on the wide-ranging implications of excessive criminalisation from three perspectives: the citizen's ease of living, the business community's compliance burden, and the state's resource allocation.

Bessent says IMF World Bank need reform there's 'opportunity for big deal' with China

Washington : Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent leveled harsh criticism at the operations of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund on Wednesday even as he tried to reassure nervous investors that the United States would maintain its global leadership role.

"America first does not mean America alone," he said in a speech to the Institute of International Finance, where he also promised support for the multilateral banks' core missions. "To the contrary, it is a call for deeper collaboration and mutual respect among trade partners."

Although Bessent said the IMF and the World Bank are "falling short," he did not call for the US to withdraw from the institutions, as some conservatives had advocated in a Project 2025 proposal created by the Heritage Foundation.

He said the institutions "serve critical roles in the international system. And the Trump administration is eager to work with them - so long as they can stay true to their missions."

It was the latest example of how Bessent, a former hedge fund manager who keeps a close eye on the financial markets, has tried to calm the economic turmoil as President Donald Trump tries to rewire international trade through aggressive tariffs. But his efforts to provide clarity have repeatedly bumped up against

Trump, who has contradicted him on policy changes or suggested that more tariffs are coming in ways that have amplified a sense of uncertainty.

That same drama played out later on Wednesday as Trump suggested he would choose tariff rates if no deals were reached.

"By the way, if we don't have a deal with a company or a country, we're going to set the tariff," Trump said from the Oval Office. "That will happen, I would say, over the next couple of weeks ... over the next two, three weeks we'll be setting the number."

Trump's launch and then delay of new tariffs has created uncertainty about his policy goals, with the US president indicating that he both wants new agreements and tariff revenues in order to reduce income taxes.

"That money is going to be used to reduce taxes," Trump said. "We're going to get big, big tax breaks."

The US president also suggested that he might increase import taxes on autos from Canada. Trump has a 25 per cent tariff on autos, although there are some exemptions related to the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement, and automakers are seeking other policy changes to minimize the tariff burden. Trump has separate 25 per cent tariffs on Canadian goods ostensibly to address drug smuggling into the US. "I really don't want cars



from Canada," Trump said, "So when I put tariffs on Canada, they're paying 25 per cent, but that could go up in terms of cars. When we put tariffs on, all we're doing is we're saying, We don't want your cars, in all due respect." Trump cautioned that he's not currently considering additional auto tariffs, but he said there could be an increase. After

Bessent's remarks, reporters asked him about a Wall Street Journal article that said the huge US tariffs that the Republican president has levied on China could be cut in half, citing unidentified people familiar with the matter. Bessent said: "I'd be surprised if that discussion is happening." However, he said he expects "there'd have to be a de-

escalation" from Washington and Beijing's trade confrontation.

Trump had said on Tuesday that the 145 per cent tariffs on China could "come down substantially." And then on Wednesday, he told reporters that "everybody wants to be a part of what we're doing" and "everyone's going to be happy." Later in the day, White House

press secretary Karoline Leavitt said on Fox News Channel's "America Reports" that "there will be no unilateral reduction in tariffs against China."

"The president has made it clear China needs to make a deal with the United States of America," she said. "And we are optimistic that will happen."

Still, Bessent's speech in Washington represented a broadside against the IMF and the World Bank, which provide loans and other financial support around the world. He said the Trump administration "will leverage US leadership and influence at these institutions and push them to accomplish their important mandates."

Some of Bessent's criticisms echoed the Trump administration's efforts to root out progressive ideology from federal institutions. Bessent said the IMF "has suffered from mission creep" and "devotes disproportionate time and resources to work on climate change, gender and social issues." He said there were similar problems at the World Bank, which he said "should no longer expect blank checks for rapid, buzzword-centric marketing accompanied by half-hearted commitments to reform."

Despite the criticism, Bessent's support for the IMF and World Bank came as a relief for development bankers and

analysts, who partly expected an announcement of a US withdrawal from the organizations.

Last October, Jay Shambaugh, former undersecretary for international affairs, alluded to a Project 2025 proposal for the U.S. to pull out of the IMF and World Bank if Trump won the 2024 election. Shambaugh said at the time that without US leadership, "We would have less influence and we would weaken these institutions. We cannot afford that."

Bessent instead, conveyed a message of deepening US involvement with the institutions. But one of the problems, Bessent said, is that China is still treated like a developing country, which gives it more favourable treatment from global institutions. With China as the second-largest economy in the world, he said, "It's an adult economy."

Despite growing friction between Beijing and Washington, Bessent said, "There is an opportunity for a big deal here."

Bessent wants the US to boost manufacturing while China increases consumption, making its economy less reliant on flooding the globe with cheap exports. "If they want to rebalance, let's do it together," he said. "This is an incredible opportunity."

Beijing said Wednesday that "exerting pressure is not the right way to deal with China and simply will not work."

RECORD ENTRIES FOR FIA ASIA PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIP INDIA ROUND

CHENNAI (TAMIL NADU) : A record number of 21 entries have been confirmed for the Asia Zone round of the Asia Pacific Rally Championship (APRC), scheduled from April 25 to April 27 at the Madras International Circuit. This is an all-time record for India in the APRC Asia Cup, which will be held alongside the FMSCI Indu Chandhok Memorial Indian Rally Championship (INRC), which is organised by Madras Motor Sports Club (MMSC). The recce of all the 21 cars were completed today at the Special Stages.

Defending champions of APRC India leg, Harkrishan Wadia and Kunal Kashyap of Arka Motorsports, and the reigning National champions Karna Kadur and Musa Sherif will spearhead the competition. They will be given a tough challenge by former INRC champion and ERC round winner Amitrajit Ghosh, 2019 INRC champion Chetan Shivram and co-driver E Shivaprakash and Hyderabad's Naveen Puligilla, who has entered with co-driver Santhosh Thomas.

Naveen recently won the RC3 class of the Kenyan Rally Championship, part of the World Rally Championship circuit. Arnav Pratap Singh along with co-driver Rohit N and Janson Saldanha along with PVS Murthy, will be the other drivers to watch out for.

Anushriya Gulati of Shimla will be the only lady entry while Hyderabad's Jeet Jhabhak will debut the Hyundai i20 in the INRC.

Vicky Chandhok, President of the Asia Pacific Rally Championship working group, said, "Continuing his unstinted support from two years ago, for the FIA APRC, Vamcy Merla has been involved in backing the event in Indonesia, New Zealand and of course in India. He continues to back the event as the promoter of the Indian round. Further, he has spontaneously always agreed to support the event in the interest of the sport without expecting anything in return. This is the kind of spirit and support that the MMSC enjoys with Vamcy Merla as the promoter of the FIA APRC event in India and the Indu Chandhok Memorial South India Rally 2025."

Speaking on his involvement in the APRC, promoter of the APRC India round and the title sponsor of the INRC Vamcy Merla, who is also backing the Indu Chandhok Memorial South India Rally and most of the drivers in the APRC segment said, "I am so glad to continue my relationship with the FIA APRC. I am absolutely thrilled to see a record number of entries in the FIA APRC segment. I am coming in as a contributor to support this round and I am also extending my support for a couple of other rounds."



"I went up to him and asked...": PBKS batter Nehal Wadhara on conversations with Virat Kohli

KOLKATA (WEST BENGAL) : Punjab Kings (PBKS) Nehal Wadhara opened up on his meeting with star India batter Virat Kohli after his team's win over Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) at Bengaluru, saying that he asked the Indian legend about the improvements he could make in his batting.

Wadhara was speaking to the media ahead of his side's match against defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) at Eden Gardens in Kolkata. PBKS is at the fifth spot with five wins and three losses, giving them 10 points. So far, Wadhara has scored 189 runs in seven matches at an average of 37.80, with a strike rate of over 146 and a half-century. His best score this season is 62 and he has played some crucial knocks for PBKS.

Speaking to the media,



Mumbai Indians players wearing black armbands observe a minute's silence for the victims of 'Pahalgam Terror Attack' during their IPL 2025 match against Sunrisers Hyderabad, at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad on Wednesday. (ANI Photo)

Former England opener wants SRH to promote Klaasen up the order, says, "Six overs or tick over..."



HYDERABAD (TELANGANA) : Former England batter Nick Knight said that Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) should promote wicketkeeper-batter Heinrich Klaasen up the order, saying that the South African is capable of much more than batting down the order at number five or six.

Klaasen's remarkable 71 runs and his 99-run stand with Abhinav Manohar prevented SRH, struggling at 35/5, from avoiding a downright humiliation against Mumbai Indians (MI) at their home ground of Uppal Stadium on Thursday. Klaasen walked in with his side at 13/3 and produced a fighting knock that powered his side to 143/8 in their 20 overs, which MI chased down.

With 281 runs in eight matches at an average of 40.14, a strike rate of almost 160 and a half-century and no scores below 20, Klaasen has been SRH's most consistent batter so far, with the top order of Travis Head (242 in eight matches with two fifties), Abhishek Sharma (240 runs in eight matches with a fifty) and Ishan Kishan (139 runs in eight matches with a century) producing some inconsistent performances and all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy (133 runs in eight matches with best score of 32) having a horror show of a season.

Former England batter Knight said on ESPNcricinfo's TimeOut show, "Those of us who have seen him play over the years and those who are watching [know] that is what he is capable of and more.

Wadhara said about his talk with Virat after the win over RCB in Bengaluru, during which he scored 33* during a run-chase of 96 runs in 14 overs, "As soon as the match got finished, I went up to him and I asked him, Virat bhai, you have seen me for the last two years and this year. So, do you see any change in me or do you want... What do you think I can improve? Because I am really a big fan of him and if he tells me anything, you know, I would always, you know, just start working on it. And he told me that, Nehal, I liked your batting. And I told him that, Virat bhai, this was my plan."

"So, I executed it. He said that, yes, your plan was good to just attack the bowlers because in low-scoring games, it is always challenging. So, after that, he said that, I can see composure in

He just needs an opportunity to do it more often. I think he is batting far too low on that side. Six overs [or] a tick over, get him out there."

It was game over [by then], he added, emphasising the need for SRH to give Klaasen more time at the crease.

After the match in the post-match presser, SRH head coach Daniel Vettori had lauded Klaasen and Abhinav's partnership, saying, "It is difficult to do [assess the par score and play accordingly] when you are 24 for 4 after the powerplay. But, Klaasen and Abhinav had a wonderful partnership and took some responsibility to try to get a score, but it wasn't enough."

Former Indian pacer Varun Aaron, also speaking on the same show, expressed agreement with Knight and was extremely happy with Klaasen sticking to his basics while batting.

"Just how still he is [at the crease], he just does not give the bowler anything before the bowler can bowl," Aaron said. "Just still, hands through the ball, and it almost looks like he is not trying to overhit anything," he added.

Coming to the match, MI won the toss and opted to field first. The five-time champions had SRH down and out at 35/5, but a 99-run stand between Heinrich Klaasen (71 in 44 balls, with nine fours and two sixes) and Abhinav Manohar (43 in 27 balls, with two fours and three sixes) took MI to 143/8 in their 20 overs.

Trent Boult was MI's top wicket-taker with 4/26 in four overs. Deepak also picked 2/12 in four overs. Pandya and Bumrah got a wicket each.

During the run-chase, a 64-run stand between Will Jacks (22 in 19 balls, with two fours and a six) and Rohit Sharma and a 53-run stand between Rohit and Suryakumar Yadav, propelled MI to an easy win by seven wickets in 15.4 overs. Rohit made his second successive fifty, scoring 70 in 46 balls, with eight fours and three sixes. Suryakumar finished unbeaten at 40* in 19 balls, with five fours and two sixes, with Tilak Varma (2*) unbeaten.

Eshan Malinga, Zeeshan Ansari and Jaydev Unadkat got a wicket each.

Shanto backs seasoned Bangladesh campaigner to bounce back

SYLHET (BANGLADESH) : Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto has voiced his support for wicketkeeper-batter Mushfiquur Rahim following their three-wicket defeat to Zimbabwe in the first Test at Sylhet. The batter has been through a lean patch in recent times, with a highest score of 37 from his last 12 Test innings, according to the official website of the ICC.

"He is an experienced cricketer. He is not only contributing with his batting, he is a part of the planning group as well when we field," Shanto said of Rahim, as quoted from the official website of the ICC.

Rahim has managed just four runs in each of the innings in the first Test.

"He helps the batters. He talks a lot during training. Of course, his batting is important. I am not thinking about his milestones or achievements from the past, I don't think he is either. I hope, with one match remaining, he will make a comeback. I am not giving up hope. He has been in poor form in the past and made comebacks," he added.

Despite Mushfiquur's struggles, Shanto was also critical of himself after being dismissed on the second ball of the final day, a moment he

says swung the momentum decisively in Zimbabwe's favour.

Bangladesh had a healthy lead and looked all set to make it bigger, before Shanto, who had made 40 in the first innings, lashed his bat out at the second delivery of day 4 from Blessing Muzarabani, only to find the fielder at deep fine-leg, leading to his dismissal for 60. The hosts, who were 194/4 at that point, were bundled out for 255.

"It was my fault that we lost the match, that's the truth," he said.

"My wicket early in the morning [off the second ball of the day] ruined the whole match for us. If we [Shanto and Jaker Ali] had added 50 or 60 more runs at that time, we would be in a better position. I don't want to blame anyone else. I am taking all the responsibilities since my dismissal came at a very bad time," he noted. Known for his positive intent at the crease, Shanto acknowledged that better shot selection could have made a difference.

"I always think about taking scoring opportunities. Maybe I could have taken more time [before playing my shots]. But I will play that shot (again), maybe the timing wasn't right (on this occasion)," Shanto said.

Inter Kashi knock Bengaluru FC out of Kalinga Super Cup after penalty shoot-out



their first big chance to go ahead, when Edmund Lalrindika, having drawn three players to him, stitched a ball through to Prasanth K. The forward had made a mazy run and evaded his marker and faced up to Gurpreet Singh Sandhu one-on-one, only to slam his shot against the upright. Minutes later, Edmund took matters into his own hand, expertly controlling an aerial ball in the box before dragging his shot just wide of the far post.

Bengaluru had seen enough and knew they had to up the ante. In the 22nd, Ryan Williams did just that, latching on to a long ball, and then swerving it around Shubham Das who had made an ill-advised charge off his line. Williams laid the ball off to Edgar Mendez in the box to fire at an

empty goal, but his shot was blocked by a defender. The rebound fell to Alberto Noguera in the six yard box, and even the Spaniard's shot was blocked off, Inter Kashi's defenders putting their body on the line to protect the goal.

The momentum had shifted though, and soon enough Williams released Namgyal Bhutia on the right. The winger twisted outwards, before dragging the ball back to his left foot and firing just wide of the near post. The half's antics weren't done, and Kashi came close once again, when Edmund squared a ball back to Mario Barco. The forward couldn't connect well with his first-time effort, and the attempt was picked off by the defenders.

Like in the first, Inter Kashi

striker Jamie Vardy will leave Leicester City this summer after 13 seasons that have seen him become our greatest-ever player," a lcfc.com statement said, as quoted from Sky Sports.

Since joining from non-league side Fleetwood Town in 2012, Vardy has made 496 appearances and played an instrumental role in what is arguably the most successful era in the club's history. He helped Leicester secure promotion to the Premier League in 2014 and was central to a number of unforgettable moments.

Although he netted 18 goals last season to fire Leicester to the Championship title, Vardy struggled to replicate that form in the top flight this term, scoring just seven goals.

Sunday's 1-0 defeat to Liverpool sealed Leicester's immediate return to the second tier, marking their second relegation in three seasons. While the club looks to rebuild, Vardy's legacy--defined by silverware, passion, and an underdog story for the ages--will remain etched in Leicester's history.



Sky Sports.

"I just want to sincerely thank you all for taking me in as one of your own. Leicester will always, always have a massive place in my heart and I'll make sure that I will be following for the years to come and what I hope will be even more successful for the club. But as for now, this is my goodbye but you will see me again soon, I promise. Thank you," he added.

His departure comes just days after he publicly apologised for what he described as a total embarrassment of a season, which ended with Leicester's relegation to the Championship.

"We can confirm legendary



Zimbabwe's tall pacer Blessing Muzarabani was instrumental in their win, taking nine wickets across both innings and troubling Bangladesh's top order consistently, including a rollicking six-wicket haul in the second innings that tumbled the hosts.

Shanto credited the fast bowler's skill and physical presence but pointed to lapses in Bangladesh's tactical approach.

"Of course, he (Muzarabani) bowled well, and there is some added advantage due to his height. But still, the batting unit should have taken a bit more responsibility," he noted.

were again quicker at the start of the second half and tested Sandhu multiple times within the first 10 minutes, the best attempt coming from Nikola Stojanovic's free kick. The Serbian had fired a perfectly placed shot to the far corner, bent away from the wall, only for Sandhu to dive at full stretch and palm it away.

In the 62nd minute, Bengaluru finally broke the deadlock, via Ryan Williams. A long ball from Noguera in midfield drew Das off his line, but the goalkeeper failed to collect the ball leaving it instead to Williams who calmly brought it under control, before finishing coolly from a sharp angle.

The game seemed to be drifting towards the inevitable result before Inter Kashi dialled up things in the final ten minutes. First, Bidyasagar Singh had a chance when Aritra Das cut the ball back inside the box from the left, only to have it cleared off his feet. Das' fizzing cross found their target eventually though, and in the 87th minute Matija Babovic cheekily flicked it in, wrongfooting his marker and Sandhu to grab a late equaliser and send the game to a shootout.

"Because in the short targets, usually in their teams, you know, if a wicket falls early or something, then there is a lot of pressure. So, as soon as Suyash (Sharma) came on the bowling, the first 3-4 balls, I usually take inside to, you know, just understand how the pitch is playing or what is the condition of the ground. So, as soon as I took 3-4 balls and I knew that he was just trying to trick me and later it was easy for me to hit a six against him," he said.

"So, I just started with the flow and I told the non-striker that if you are okay with singles, you play. But I am just going to attack all the bowlers. So, from there, I just started, and from there, you know, the match completely changed, and it turned out to be well for me and also for Punjab Kings," he concluded.