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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 Ex-

ternal 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 na-tionals 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

India on Wednesday downgraded diplomatic ties with Pakistan and announced a raft of measures including ex-pulsion of Pakistani military attaches, suspension of the Indus

Water Treaty of 1960 and immediate shutting down of the Attari landtransit 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 Prime 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 Pahal-

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: "IKILLU"

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

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

cyber cell was looking into

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

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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

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 Pahal-Narendra gam, the 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 dehigh 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 commis-

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

The integrated checkpost 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 note of the cross-border links of the attack. The NIA on Wednesday began probing the possible secufence/navy/air advisers from its rity lapses that led to the strike. The government will hold an allparty 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 he 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 un-

changed 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 andbring 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 "religiouslymotivated 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.

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 destina-tion of tourists by Tuesday evening, with other places also witnessing an unpreceexodus on dented 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 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 at-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 under-

stand 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 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 cooper-

Air India and IndiGo have announced the operation of four additional flights to aid evacuation and accommodate the 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 possi-ble," 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.

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 oc-

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 Leaguewere 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 Ben-Mohun Bagan, Mohammedan—these 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?

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Pak ranger detains BSF jawan after accidental border cross



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 battalion 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

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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 per-sonnel moved in, they

ists. In the exchange of gunfire, Jhantu Ali Sheikh sustained critical injuries. Despite immediate medical intervention, he suc-cumbed 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 counterterror 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

were fired upon by terror-

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

MI News Service, Kolkata: A planned trip to the sce-nic 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 Pahalgaon to Srinagar on Thursday, April 22nd. In a separate development, a couple from Koarrived 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-

Banerjee, residents of Kolaghat, 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. The acknowledged the helpfulness of the hotel staff during the tense situation. Desperate to return home, the couple managed to secure a flight back to Kolaghat, incurring

ence, Devlina Raj Pandit

and her husband Abhijit

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 iam. 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 ljazul Mondal was allegedly shot in the back on Wednesday midnight. Police have launched an investigation and recovered bullet shells, but the motivate 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

volved and the motivation behind the shooting remain unknown to the family. According to statements from Ijazul Mondal and his family, an unidentified assailant 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.

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(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 organ-ized 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 overcountries.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 Mah-

mud, 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 sucform for encouraging young talent, honoring so-cial 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 sig-nificance, 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 empow-

inaugurated in 2019, has

emerged as a vital plat-

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

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MI News Service, Nadia: " It was 8 am. on Thursday. As soon as the army commando Jhantu Ali Shaikh deboarded 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 havaldar 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 Nadia at around 12:30 pm. on Thursday. It was confirmed by Jhantu's elder brother Rafigul 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 home.Amina Shaikh, the nephew to the martyr Jhantu Ali Shaikh said with lament, " He joined the Army job after com-pletion of Higher secondary from Bara Andulia High School." While an-other brother Rafiqul is also in Army and posted in Jammu and Kashmir, his father Sabur Ali Sheikh 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 Rafigul 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 Sheikh, an army special forces commando havaldar 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 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

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

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 chal-

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 inter-

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 postnatal 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, Chromosomonal 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 every-

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

FACILITY-BASED MATERNAL CARE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION COM-MITTEE (FBMCPI)

Established in 2013, the FBMCPI

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

-Upgrading labor room complexes, ante-natal, and post-natal -Equipping facilities with neces-

sary tools for safe motherhood. -Adopting standard treatment protocols across state-run medical

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

LABOR ROOM PROTOCOLS The state has issued standard-ized protocols for labor rooms in all maternity hospitals, ensuring uni-

form practices in: -Maternal assessment and moni-

-Management of labor and deliv--Post-delivery care.

-Emergency obstetric interven-

ANTENATAL SCREENING INITIA-To prevent vertical transmission

of infections and ensure maternal

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

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

HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY MANAGE-

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

Postpartum care to address complications.

Linking high-risk pregnant women to First Referral Units (FRUs) for spe-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 -Providing timely interventions

during and after childbirth.

Minor girl victimized by grandfather's food craving

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: A neighbor's grandfather in Jalpaiguri has been arrested following a complaint of sexual harassment filed by the following of a minor girl, who alleges he lured her with sweets. This incident echoes a similar case in Bagda, North 24 Parganas where a 74-years-old man was recently arrested for allegedly sexually harassing a 9-year-old girl promising her food, highlighting a disturbing pattern. The accused in the Jalpaiguri case has been remanded in jail for fourteen days under the orders of the POCSO court.

Authorities in Jalpaiguri have apprehended a neighbor's grandfather following allegations of sexual harassment against a minor girl. The Jalpaiguri Mahila Police Station acted on a complaint filed by the minor's family, who stated that the accused enticed the child under the pretense of buying her sweets. Sources within the Jalpaiguri Mahila Police Station confirmed the arrest, and the accused has subsequently been presented before the court. Debashis Dutta, the Assistant Public Prosecutor of the POCSO Court, stated that the POCSO Court Judge, Rintu Sur, has ordered the individual to be held in judicial custody for a period of fourteen days. This incident bears a concerning resemblance to a prior case in Bagda, North 24 Parganas, where a 74-year-old former booth president of the Trinamool Congress faced accusations and subsequent arrest for the alleged sexual harassment of a 9-year-old minor girl, reportedly by promising her food. In that instance, after being informed by the minor's family, the Bagda Khana police took the accused into custody following a written complaint. These repeated occurrences underscore a troubling pattern of exploitation targeting vulnerable children.

Body found during JCB excavation in Darjeeling, mystery unfolds



MI News Service, Darjeeyoung 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 Bargharia gram panchayat 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 Pradhan, the head of Bargharia 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...

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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 out-

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 Lashkare-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 ex-

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 enterillegally

Pak ranger detains BSF jawan after...

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.

stated emphatically, "When

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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 develunder 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

someone represents the country, club or religion doesn't matter. We have honoured all three legacy Bengal, Mohun Bagan, and Mohammedan—with Banga Bibhushan. They carry Bengal's identity on the national stage." Before con-cluding 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 saydon'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 suc-

Bold burglary in Salt Lake's GC block

MI News Service, Kolkata: which they stole cash and 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 ocwithout 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 almirah from

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

cess with ₹50 lakh.

Incident has The 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 Bidhannagar 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



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

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 in-auguration 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.

Workshop on

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Kolkata: Blossoms Spe-

cial School in Cooch Behar, North Bengal,

recently hosted a high-impact workshop fo-

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with special needs. At-

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Md. SahidulArefin and

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and Environment" and

"Words Without Con-

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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

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 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 infra-structure needs but also reflects the government's commitment to public safety, healthcare, and religious tourism development in West Bengal.



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

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 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 declalenging backdrop. Following a Supreme Court directive, approximately 26,000 teaching

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

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 muchnearly one million students and their families, who are eagerly awaiting this crucial academic milestone.

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 condi-

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 intelligencedriven 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 tipoff. 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 Behala Police Station, where the fraudulent call centres had been operating The covertly. 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.

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

Kolkata: In a chilling 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 enforcesaulted and killed by a gang of miscreants ment on high alert. From a domestic altercation in the after he intervened to upscale neighborhood of Kasba to a drunken brawl turning fatal in the densely episode occurred late populated lanes of Jorasanko, these episodes have highlighted the grim Wednesday night in the Gauranganagar area of undercurrents of rage and Newtown, casting a shadow over the city's violence festering in urban

The victim, Identi-Around 1:15 PM on Thursday, panic spread fied as SanketChatthrough a luxury residentopadhyay, was in his early thirties and tial complex on R.K. Chatworked for a private IT terjee Road, Kasba, when firm in Kolkata. He had residents witnessed a bloodied woman running been residing with his through the parking lot, partner in a rented flat in the area. According screaming in distress. As to initial reports, the she collapsed to the couple had an arguground, it became clear ment late in the that a violent assault had evening, prompting the taken place. Witnesses imwoman to step out of mediately notified the pothe house alone to cool lice, prompting the swift off. It was during this arrival of homicide officers time that she was alfrom Lalbazar headquarlegedly approached and

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 postmortem and are interrogating Janardan uncover the full truth be-

hind 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.'

Miscellaneous

Change of Name , Sahalam Sekh S/o Daud Ali Sekh | I,Suparna Podder(Old Name),Wife Residing at Vill - Kastekumari, P.o -Paschim Chamni, P.s-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

Name Change

24-04-2025.

Saniav 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

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 before the notary declared public at kolkata, dated 24/04/2025. Ansar Mallick (new name) and Ansar Mollick (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

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 henceforth 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 I, Mohammed Dahodwala (old Cd-127,Salt Lake,City, Sector-1, Kolkata, Bidhannagar-700064, West residing at 1 FLR-FR, PLOT NO-Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known | 31, JAGATIPOTA, LILY GARDEN As Udit R Kedia ,Vide An Affidavit KOLKATA, RAJPUR SONARPUR Kolkata On 24/04/2025, That Udit West Bengal, India, have changed Kedia And Udit R Kedia All Are The Same And One Identical Person

Name Change

Sachinandan Jana, R/O Vill-Saoraberia Pomotilalchak. 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

Name Change

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

Abdul Karim Mistry (old name) S/O Late Abdul Ajit Mistri, residing | Karmakar Road, Budge Budge at Vill- Dharsha Moktarpur, P.S.- Diamond Harbour, Pin- 700137, West Rajarhat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Bengal, India, have changed my name Pin- 700135, West Bengal, India, and shall henceforth be known as Jeet have changed my name and shall Kumar Singh (new name) as declared henceforth be known as Abdul Karim | before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Mistri (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated (03/04/2025. Jeet Kumar Singh (new 24/04/2025. Abdul Karim Mistri (new name) and Abdul Karim Mistry (old name) both are same and identical

Name Change

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

Md Ibrar Khan (old name) S/O Farukh Khan, residing at Chasapatti shyambandh Khuswaha Nagar Road, Asansol, Pashchim 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

Md irshad khan (old name) S/O Ibrar Khan, residing at Chasapatti shyambandh Khuswaha Nagar Road, Pashchim 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) person vide affidavit no. 54198 dated and Md irshad khan (old name) both 26/03/2025 from the Notary Public at are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Rafiqul 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 Rafigul Ali Saikh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

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

Name Change

I,Srobona Daw(Old Name),Wife O Sandipan Daw, Residing At C/2, Lake View Park, Bonhooghly, 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 Krishnapada Residing At C/2, Lake Bonhooghly, Baranagar, 700108,West Barrackpore, 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

Sitangshu Deb (old name) S/O Dinesh Chandra Deb, residing at NSB Road Sishu Bagan Kalali Goli, Paschim Bardhaman Raniganj, Pin- 713347, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall known Sitangshu Kumar Deb (new name) as Kumar Deb (new name) and Sitangshu Deb (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

residing at 1 FLR-FR, PLOT NO-Sworn Before The Notary Public At (M), SOUTH 24 PGS, PIN- 700152 my name and shall henceforth known as Mohammad 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

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

Name Change

Ajoy Singh, residing at 8/3, C.C name) and Jeet Singh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

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 Kumai 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, 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- Jagdisl Prasad Agarwal, Residing at 115/7 Canal Street, PO- Sreebhumi, PS- Lake Town, Bidhannagar, Kol- 700048 de clare that in my Aadhar Card my name has been recorded as Sunil Agarwal but in my passport my name has beer lmentioned as Sunil Kumar Agarwal So, Sunil Kumar Agarwal and Suni Agarwal is the same and one identica Sealdah Court

NAME CHANGE

I,Annwesha Mukherjee, D/o Late Ashis 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 Annwesha 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



Deepak Nigam, Senior Depu-A firm believer in teamwork and syner-

gy, 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 ne played a pivotal role in securing export orders for locomoives, 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 eading management institutes in India, further enriching his administrative and technical acumen.

Al 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 groundbreak ing 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 pri oritize 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 Ebrahim Ehsan (old name) both are 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 Jeet Singh (old name) S/O 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.

Al courses for Odisha govt employees to build future-ready workforce MI News Service, Cuttack: In a bid to build a future-ready adminis-

trative 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 addition al 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

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

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 spcl 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 unreserved passengers.

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

5) Another spcl 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: 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 Kat-Nimtita passenger, wa – Nimtita passenger, 53027 Azimganj – Malda Town passenger & 53029 Azimganj- Bhagalpur pas-senger will be rescheduled by 120 miutes, 60 miutes & 30 minutes respectively from Katwa/Azimganj.5) Another spcl 04614 has been notified to depart SVDK at 13.30 hrs

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 Al 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. Al 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 byproduct of super human effort." Vivek Gupta (MLA-Jorasanko & MD-Sanmarg) said this while interacting with media at a programmee 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.

Space now a new domain of warfare: CDS fare schools.

itary ethos has evolved over

the centuries with maritime

and aerospace cultures play-

ing significant roles in war-

fare, the CDS said in the past,

'a seafaring culture or a mar-

itime culture" may have held

the Portuguese, Spaniard, the

English or the Dutch to domi-

"Similarly, the aerospace

culture led to the domination

domains have a lasting impact

on warfare. Military power

was actually centred around

this particular culture getting

developed and creation of ca-

pabilities towards that," the

the near future".

nate the world.

CDS added

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 war-

Name Change I,Jewel Datta daughter of late Sankar Lal Acharjee and Wife Of Goutam Datta, residing at Jrbana, D-21, Nri Complex, Bl-D21, 783, Anandapur, Po-E.K.T.P, Ps-Anandapur, Kolkata-700107, West Bengal Have Changed My Father's of air space by the US and Eu-Sankar Lal Acharjya (Old ropean nations. And both the Name) To And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sankar Lal Acharjee (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/04/2025.Sankar Lal Acharjya (Old Name) And Sankar Lal Acharjee New Name).Both Are The Same And

One Identical Person.

"And today we are on the In his inaugural address at cusp of an era where space the third edition of the Indian is emerging as a new do-DefSpace Symposium here, main of warfare, and it is Chauhan said it is important going to dominate warfare. that "Services also have their All the three primary elements of warfare will depend own space warfare schools in on space," General Chauhan Underlining how the mil-

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 become 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

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 away awards to the winners of various competitions during a seminar organized at SER Headquartérs, Garden Reach on 24.04.2025 as a part of celebration of World Heritage Week.

Enthusiasts, delivered his measures adopted by Railspeech on the topic- "Importance of Railway Heritage", Mr. Shahanshah Mirza, great great grandson of Nawab 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

ways 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 gathering, the experts mentioned about the different during the heritage week. and Quiz competitions held

Fire Safety Week 2025 organised at Tapan Sinha Memorial Hospital

News 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 Safety was given at Tapan techniques to use them were Railway have taken pledge Sinha Memorial Hospital on demonstrated.

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

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

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

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 pas-

senger 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 infrastruc-ture 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 switches, 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 plat-

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

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

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-

with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

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/Gurugram and

had exposure in public governance of Germany, Georgia and Türkiye. He has also led industry delegations to USA, Russia and Germany for promo-

tion 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 indepth knowledge in General Management, Legal Affairs, IT and policy making. His vast experience in a wide array of fields and un-

derstanding of Government Operations will

be highly beneficial for leading Sealdah Divi-

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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.

Transforming Connectivity in KBK Region: Amrit Station Scheme Brings Major Overhaul to Railway Infrastructure

Bhubaneswar: In a significant push towards regional development and infrastructure modernization, the Indian Railways has launched a comprehensive redevelopment initiative under the Amrit Station Scheme for key railway stations across the KBK (Kalahandi-Balangir-Koraput) districts of Odisha. This ambitious project aims to revolutionize rail infrastructure in the region by equipping stations with modern passenger amenities, sustainable design, and enhanced accessibility.

The Amrit Station Scheme is part of a Indian Railways initiatives to upgrade major and mid-level railway stations, aligning them with international standards of infrastructure and services. In the KBK region, stations including Balangir, Titlagarh, Kantabanji, Kesinga, Bhawanipatna, Rayagada, Muniguda, Gunupur, Koraput, Jeypore, Damanjodi, Harishankar Road, and Khariar Road have been selected for redevelopment.

Key Features of the Redevelopment:

Modernized Infrastructure: Redesigned station buildings with better waiting lounges, upgraded ticketing systems, and improved platform sur-

Enhanced Accessibility: Installation of foot overbridges (FOBs) and to ease movement for senior citizens, Divyangjan passengers, and families with children.

Eco-Friendly Development: Use of green building techniques, solar energy solutions, water conservation systems, and waste management practices.

Passenger-Centric Amenities: High-speed Wi-Fi, digital information boards, clean and modern toilets, state-ofthe-art security systems, and improved catering facilities.

Urban Integration: Redesigned station circulating areas with drop-off/pick-up lanes, adequate parking, and better approach roads.

Boost to Local Economy: The upgrades aim to stimulate local growth by increasing tourism, improving regional mobility, and gener-

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-TENDER NOTICE Open Tender Notice No.: EL-CON-463a Date: 12.04.2025. The Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer/Maintenance/CLW/ Chittaranjan on behalf of the Presiden of India, invites e-tenders through the Indian Railways e-Procurement System (www.ireps.gov.in) for the execution of the following work listed below. These tenders can be uploaded on the mentioned website by 15:00 hrs. on the date specified for the work. The tenders will be opened immediately after 15:00 hrs. on the ame day (Opening Date). Sl.No.: [1]. Tender No.: EL-CON-463a. Description of Work: Strengthening of Power Supply ution in CLW Tender Clo Opening Date: 05.05.2025. Approximate Value (Rupees): ₹4,58,26,118.70. Earnest Money/Bid Security (Runees): ₹3.79.100/ Completion Period: 12 Months. Validity of Tender: 60 Days. Cost of Tender Document: Nil for downloading from IREPS oortal & ₹10,000.00 for obtaining from Dv.CEE/M. NOTE: 1. The bidder mus upload all necessary qualification document and scanned copies of PAN/GSTIN on the IREPS portal. 2. The bidder must have a Class-III Digital Signature Certificate (DSC to participate in the e-tender, 3. The work will be subject to applicable taxes, including GST, BOCWW (Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare), Income Tax and other statutory taxes as per regulations. 4. The definition of Similar nature of works applicable for the work as below 'Supply, aying, Commissioning & testing of HT/LT cable laying & associated works underground network system'. 5. For detailed information on the tender document and tender notice, visit the Railway website

www.ireps.gov.in. PR3/011 Dv. CEE(M)/CLW/Chittaranjan

ating employment. Station-wise Highlights:

Balangir (Rs. 18.01 Cr): A New Station Building with modern Passenger Amenities, Improvement to Front Façade of Existing Building, Additional Platform Shelters, Provision of 12 mtr. wide Foot Over Bridge, Improvement to platform surface, Waiting Rooms, Lifts, Circulating Areas, Parking Areas, Standard Signages, Provision of Divyangjan facilities, Improvement to Toilets and Provision of Sewage Treatment Plant with Overhead Tank and pipe line.

Titlagarh (Rs. 35.79 Cr): Redevelopment of Station with modern Passenger Amenities for the passengers and Rail Users. Provision of 2nd Entry, Improvement to Front Façade of Existing Station Building, Provision of 12 mtr. wide Foot Over Bridge (FOB), Improvement to Platform surface, Provision of additional 20 Bays Platform Shelter, Provision of three Lifts, Waiting Halls, Standard Signages, Sewage Treatment Plant with Over Head Tank and pipe line connection , Provision of Divyangjan facilities, Circulating area, parking area

Improvement to Toilets. Kantabanji (Rs. 33.87 Cr): Redevelopment of station with modern amenities for passengers and rail users, Development of Second entry point, Improvement to Front Façade of existing building Provision of 12 mtr. wide Foot Over Bridge (FOB), Provision of lifts, Improvement to Platform surface, Raising of platforms, additional 22bay platform shelters, Provision of Divyangjan, facilities, Improvement to Toilets and Sewage Treatment Plant with Over Head Tank and pipe line

connection. Harishankar Road (Rs. 16.66 Cr): Redevelopment of station with modern amenities for passengers and rail users., Development of 2nd Entry, Improvement to Front Façade of existing building, Provision of extension of 03 mtr. wide Foot Over Bridge, Upgrades include 3 lifts, Improvement to Platform surface & additional 20 bays Platform Shelter, Standard Signage, Coach Indication

Panchayat Samiti South 24 Parganas

Memo No: 64/MBPS & 65/MBPS & NIT-66/MBPS, Date: 22.04.202

<u>& 22.04.2025 & 24.04.2025</u> E-Tenders are invited for 5 nos different development works & no. Rent application under Mandirbazar Panchayat Samiti rom MPLADS 18th LS (2024-2025) & 15th FC(2024-25)`Fund. Bid Tender - 05.05.2025 at 18.00 Hrs & 05.05.2025 at 15.00 Hrs. & 02.05.2025 at 13.00 Hrs respectively. Date of Opening of chnical proposal for both Tende 07.05.2025 at 12.00 Hrs. 8 07.05.2025 at 12.00 Hrs. & 02.05.2025 at 15.00 Hrs. respectively. For details visitwww.wbtenders.gov.in and office

Executive Officer Mandirbazar Panchayat Samit

Metro Railway, Kolkata

e-Tender is invited by Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/M/Blue Line Metro Railway, Kolkata for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work: Name of Work: One time rectification and all-inclusive maintenance with all spare materials for Solar PV Plan for Four years at Noapara, Tollygunge, Kavi Subhash, TSMH & Joka-Taratala of Metro Railway, Kolkata. Advertised Value: ₹ 1,12,85,017.71. Date and Time of closing : 15.00 hrs. (IST) of 12.05.2025. Notice Board Address: Office of the Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, Metro Railway, 33/1, J. L. Nehru Road, Kolkata-700071. **Website particulars: https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Tender No.: ELM128R_SOLARAMC_D12-4-25

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AUCTION CATALOGUE Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, DRM Building, Kaize Street, Kolkata-700014 invites e-auction as per following details: Auction Catalogue No.: SDAH-PARCEL-42. Auction Start (all Lots): 09.05.2025, 11.00 hrs. Auction close date/time: 09.05.2025, 13.20 hrs. Auto Extension Zone: 120 econds. Auto Extension duration: 120 seconds. Initial Cooling Off Period: 30 minutes, Successive Lots closing interval: 10 minutes, Maximum Auto Extensions: 10 times. Description: Parcel space in rear Brake Van. Seq No., Lot No./Category, Trips/Days, Close date/time are as follows: AA/1, 15047-SLR-R1-KOAA-GKP-25-1 (Parcel - SLR), 418, 09,05,2025/11,30 hrs, AA/2, 15049-SLR-R1-KOAA-GKP-25-1 (Parcel - SLR), 208, 09.05.2025/11.40 hrs. AA/3, 15051-SLR-R1-KOAA-GKP-25-1 (Parcel - SLR), 104, 09.05.2025/11.50 hrs. AA/4, 13181-SLR-R1-KOAA-SHTT-25-1 (Parcel - SLR), 105, 09.05.2025/12.00 hrs. AA/5, 12517-SLR-R1-KOAA-GHY-25-1 (Parcel - SLR), 104, 09.05.2025/12.10 hrs. AA/6, 12501-SLR-R1-KOAA-AGTL-25-1 (Parcel - SLR), 104, 09.05.2025/12.20 hrs. AA/7, 12259-SLR-R1-SDAH-BKN-25-1 (Parcel - SLR), 417, 09.05.2025/12.30 hrs. AA/8, 12313-SLR-R1-SDAH-NDLS-25-1 (Parcel - SLR), 730, 09.05, 2025/12.40 hrs. AA/9, 12377-SLR R1-SDAH-NOQ-25-1 (Parcel - SLR), 730, 09.05.2025/12.50 hrs. AA/10, 12343-SLR-R1-SDAH-HDB-25-1 (Parcel - SLR), 730, 09.05.2025/13.00 hrs. AA/11, 13149-SLR-R1-SDAH-APDJ-25-1 (Parcel - SLR), 730, 09,05,2025/13,10 hrs. AA/12, 13147-SLR-R1-SDAH-BXT-25-1 (Parcel - SLR), 730, 09.05.2025/13.20 hrs. Rate Unit: Per trip licensing fee. Min. Incr (%): 0.2 for all. EMD: 10% for all. Turnover Required : Nil for Seq.Nos. AA/1 to AA/7 & Rs. 20,00,000/- for Seq.Nos. AA/8 to AA/12. Lot (SDAH-27/2025-26) Status: RP pending for all.

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Boards, Provision of Divyangjan facilities and Improve-

•Kesinga (Rs. 20.85 Cr): Redevelopment of station with modern amenities for passengers and rail users, Development of 2nd Entry, Improvement to Front Façade of existing building, Provision of 12 mtr. wide Foot Over Bridge (FOB), Improvement to Platform surface, Provision of lifts, Provision of additional 38 bays Platform Shelters, Standard Signage, Provision of Divyangjan facilities, Improvement to Toilets and modern amenities have been planned.

Bhawanipatna (Rs. 18.83 Cr): Redevelopment of station with modern amenities for passengers and rail users, Improvement to Front Façade of existing building, Provision of Lift, Improvement to Platform surface with PF Shelter, Standard Provision of Signage, Divyangjan facilities, Raising of platforms and modernized toilets are key elements.

•Muniguda (Rs. 20.16 Cr): Redevelopment of station with modern amenities for passengers and rail users, Improvement to Front Façade of existing building, Wide New Foot Over Bridge (FOB), Improvement to Platform surface with PF Shelter, Provision of Coach Indication Boards, Raising of platform, Standard Signage, Provision of Divyangian facilities, Improvement to Toilets, Provision of lifts and comprehensive passenger facilities along with Sewage Treatment Plant with Over Head Tank and pipe line connection.

Koraput (Rs. 21.20 Cr): Redevelopment of the station with modern amenities for passengers and rail users, Improvement to the Front Façade of the existing building, Provision of passenger lifts, Provision of 12 meter wide Foot Over Bridge (FOB), Improvement to the Platform surface areas, Raising of Platforms, enhanced platform shelters and upgraded

।। বিজ্ঞপ্তি ।। আমমোক্তার নামা ৯)শ্রীমতী সেবা সিনহা ওরফে সেবা সিনহ (ঘোষ) স্বামী শ্রী পীযুষ কান্তি সিনহা সাকিম চটকগোড়া, ব্যানাজ্জী বাগান, চন্দননগর, হগলী 712136, ২)শ্রীমতী সুস্মিতা ঘোষ স্বামী শ্রী বশ্বস্তর ঘোষ সাকিম দেবানন্দপুর, শরৎ ' দেবানন্দপুর, চুঁচুড়া, হুগলী-৭১২১২৩, ৩)শ্রীমতী সঞ্চিতা নিয়োগী ওরফে সঞ্চিতা নিয়োগী(ঘোষ), ষামী শ্রী ইন্দ্রজিৎ নিয়োগী, ৪)শ্রী শুভময় ঘোষ পিতা ৺দীন্বন্ধু ঘোষ ৩নং ও ৪নং এর সাকিুফ ইডেন পার্ক লেন নং-৪, মানুষপুর, চুঁচুড়া, হুগলী ৭১২১২৩, ৫)শ্ৰীমত্যা কবিতা ঘোষ স্বামী সমানৰ ঘোষ ৬)শ্ৰী অৱন্য ঘোষ পিতা ভ্যান্ব ঘোষ (ও ৬ নং এর সাকিম দেবানন্দপুর দক্ষিণপাড়া দেবানন্দপুর, চুঁচুড়া, হুগলী-৭১২১২৩, মহাশয় মুহাশয়াগণ বিগত ইং 29/05/2023 তারিখে ডি.এস.আর-I হুগলী অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I 4845/2023 নং আমমোক্তারনামা দলিল মূলে আমাকে শ্রী অশোক কুমার ঘোষ ওরফে অশোক ঘোষ পিতা ৺দীনবন্ধু ঘোষ সাকিম দেবানন্দপুর দক্ষিণপাড়া, দেবানন্দপুর, চুঁচুড়া, হুগলী-৭১২১২৩) ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন ও নিম্নবর্ণিত তপশীল সম্পত্তি উক্ত আমমোক্তারনামা ও স্বুয়ং ক্ষমতা বলেু আমি বিগৰ ইং 07/06/2024 তারিখে হুগলী এ.ডি.এস.আর চুচুড়া অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিক্ত 1-5942/2024 নং দলিল মূলে শ্রীমত্যা রাধিকা দেবী স্বামী তঅমরজীত সাউ সাকিম আদর্শ-নগরু, নলডাঙ্গা, কানাগড়, নলডাঙ্গা, চুঁচুড়া, হুগলী-৭১২১২৩ মহাশয়াকে ২ কাঠা ৫ ছটাক সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিয়াছি। <u>তপশীল</u> - জেলা হুগলী, থানা চুঁচুড়া, মৌজা দেবানন্দপর, জে.এল. নং 3. হাল এল আর 1406, 1407, 1408, 1411, 3242, 3243 ও 1412 নং খতিয়ানে, সাবেক আর.এস 373 তথা হাল এল.আর 945 নং দাগে বাগা সমি ষোল আনায় 96 শতকের মধ্যে ২ কাঠা (ছটাক সম্পুত্তি আমুমোকোবনামা ও স্বযুং ক্ষমতাবলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা নকলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে, শ্রীমত্যা রাধিকা দেবী স্বামী ৺অমরজীত সাউ উক্ত খরিদা জমি নিজ নামে নাম পত্তন করিবার জন্য বি.এল এ্যান্ড এল. আর.ও মগড়া-চুঁচুড়া ব্লক, হুগলী অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন/করিতেছেন, ইহাতে কাহারও কোন আইনানগত আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হইবার ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ঠ অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যুথায় নিয়ম অনুসারে কার্য্য হইবে। শ্রী অশোক কুমার ঘোষ ওরফে অশোক ঘো

আমমোক্তার

ս বিজ্ঞপ্তি ս <u>আমুমোুক্তার নামা</u> আমার মক্কেল শ্রীমতী তাপসী মোদক, স্থামী বিজয় মোদক (২) জ্যোতির্ময় দত্ত, পিতা প্রয়াত সুনীল কুমার দত্ত (৩) অমৃতা সিংহরায়, স্বামী জগন্নাথ সিংহরায় (৪) **গীতা মন্ডল**, স্বামী তপন মন্ডল সর্ব সাং বঙ্কিমকানন, পোঃ চুঁচুড়া আর.এস থানা চুঁচুড়া, জেলা হুগলী পিন ৭১২১০২ যৌথভাবে গত ইংরাজী ১৪/০২/২০২০ তারিখে হুগলী ডি.এস.আর- ১. অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রীকৃত ১৫৬২/২০ নং কোবালা দলিল মুলে অশোক কুমার পোড়েল পিতা বৈদ্যনাথ পোডেল, এর আমমোক্তার নাম বলে (বুক নং ৪, আমমোক্তার নামা দলিল নং ১৪/২০২০) আমার মক্কেল জেলা হুগলী থান চুঁচুড়া ১৬ নং সিমলা মৌজায় এল.আর. ৬৬৩ ন খতিয়ানে এল.আর. ১৩০২. দাগে ০.১৩ একর সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করেন। এর পর আমার মক্কেলগ নগরা চুঁচুড়া ব্লকে তাহাদের নাম পত্তনের জন আবেদন করেন। যদি আমমোক্তার দ্বারা অন কোন ব্যক্তির আপত্তি থাকে তাহলে অত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচারের ১ মাসের মধ্যে বি.এল.আর.ও. অফিসে আবেদন করতে পারিবেন। অন্যথায় নিয়

মনুসারে কার্য্য করা হইবে ইতি-তাপস কুমার মন্ডল (অ্যাডভোকেট) হুগলী জাজেস কোর্ট ফোন নং - 9143316315



station layout.

Jeypore (Rs. 17.94 Cr): Redevelopment of the station with modern amenities for passengers and rail users, Improvement to the Front Façade of the existing building, Provision of platform surfacing, Provision of lifts, digital announcements in Passenger Announcement System, and 'One Station One Product' stall among new ad-

Damanjodi (Rs. 14.46 Cr): Redevelopment of the station with modern passenger amenities, Improvement to the Front Façade of the existing building, Provision of 12 meters wide Foot Over Bridge (FOB), Provision of lifts, platform surface upgrades with PF Shelters.

Khariar Road (Rs. 16.25 Cr): Provision of New Station Building with modern amenities for passengers and rail users, Development of 2nd Improvement Entry side,

to Front Façade of existing building, Provision of lifts, Improvement to platform surface with additional PF Shelters, Standard signage, Coach Indication Boards, GPS-enabled digital clocks, Provision of Divyangjan facilities, Improvement to Toilets and accessibility features.

Rayagada (Rs. 41.40 Cr): Provision of Additional Rooms in Existing Station Building (G+1) including Lift and Canopy, Second En-try Station Building (Only Ground Floor) including Lift and Canopy, 6 mtr wide Foot Over Bridge (FOB) of length 142 mtr Connecting both side station buildings and Platforms including Lifts, Platform Shelters and Cover over Pathways, Site Development Works, Roads and Pathways, E&M Works, Signages etc.

Gunupur: Gunupur Railway Station has been selected for redevelopment under the Amrit Station Scheme,

Serampore Municipality

Notice Inviting e-Tender e-Tender of the following works are invited by Chairman, Serampore Municipality from experienced and resourceful, GST registered bidders for execution the works vide NIT No:-WBMAD/ULB/SRMP/NIT-04/2025-**26, Date: 24/04/2025,** No. of Scheme- 4 Nos. Bid Submission Start date online): 24/04/2025 at 15.00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing (online): 08/ 05/2025 at 15.00 P.M. Bid Opening Date for Technical Proposals (online 13/05/2025 at 11.00 A.M. For details of the project go through http:// wbtenders.gov.in and www.seramporemunicipality.net/tenders Sd/-

Chairman

Serampore Municipality

Notice Inviting e-Tender from the experienced and resourceful bidders for execution of development work vide **e-NIT No.: 112/DHGP/2025-26, Date: 24.04.2025.** Fund: SBM(G) & 15th CFC. Bid Submission Start Date: On any working day from 25.04.2025 at 10:00 AM. Bic Submission End Date: 08.05.2025 up to 05:00 PM. Date of Opening o ender: 09.05.2025 at 01.00 PM. For more details please visit https:// wbtenders.gov.in & undersigned GP Office.

Pradhan, Digsui Hoerah Gram Panchayat

OFFICE OF THE PATIKABARI GRAM PANCHAYAT P.O: PATIKABARI, NOWDA BLOCK MURSHIDABAD * WEST BENGAL * 742121

The undersigned is hereby published the e -Tender vide No. 2/PGP/15th FC/2025-26 (Tender ID: 2025_ZPHD_838697_1 TO 4) or Construction of 2 nos.of Solar Water Treat ment plant & 2 nos. of cover drain Bid submission start date (online) 25/04/2025 from 10-00 a.m. Bid submission closing date (online) 02/05/2025 upto 3-50 p.m Details of NIeT& Tender documents may be downloaded fror "http://wbtenders.gov.in"

Sd/- Pradhan Patikabari Gram Panchayat, Nowda, Murshidabad

MUKUNDABAGH GRAM PANCHAYAT UNDER MURSHIDABAD-JIAGANJ DEV BLOCK MUKUNDABAGH, AZIMGANJ, MURSHIDABAD, PIN-74302 e-mail: mukundabaghgp@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING e-Tender -Tender are invited through online Bid System under Following Tender (NIeT) No: 07/MGP/15th FC/2024-25 Dated: 21-04-2025.

The last date for online submission of tender accordingly is 06-05-2025 (Thursday) up to 14:00 Hours. For details please visit website https://wbtenders.gov.in Jayanti Mahato (Prodhan, Mukundabagh GP)

REVISION IN TIMINGS OF FOUR TRAINS AT SOME STATIONS

The timings of following four trains will be revised at the stations mentioned against them as under:

Train No. and Name	Stations	Revised Timings	
Train No. and Name	Otations	Arr.	Dep.
13185 Sealdah-Jaynagar Ganga Sagar Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 26.04.2025]	Darbhanga	06.37	06.52
15233 Kolkata-Darbhanga Maithili	Barauni	20.30	20.40
Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 28.04.2025]	Samastipur	22.00	22.05
	Darbhanga	23.30	_
15235 Kolkata-Darbhanga Express	Barauni	20.30	20.40
[w.e.f. (JCO) 26.04.2025]	Samastipur	22.00	22.05
	Darbhanga	23.30	-
15271 Howrah-Muzaffarpur JanSadharan	Barauni	20.30	20.40
Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 30.04.2025]	Samastipur	21.40	21.45
	Muzaffarpur	23.10	_

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ENGAGEMENT OF HALT CONTRACTOR AT PRINCEPGHAT STATION

Notice No. : CW/388/Halt/PPGT Date: 23.04.2025 Applications in plain paper are invited from eligible persons of he district of Kolkata Metropolitan Area of West Bengal for engagement of Halt Contractor for selling of tickets on prescribed Commission basis initially for 05 (five) years at **Princepghat** (PPGT) Station situated between Eden Gardens & Khidderpore stations under Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway. Amount of Security Money to be deposited by the Selected candidate before taking charge of station: Rs. 2,000/- (in the form of FDR in favour of FA & CAO/ER/Kol.). Place of Submission of Application: Sr. Divisional Commércial Manager's Office, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, DRM Building, Room No. 44, Kaizer Street, Kolkata 700014. Date of Submission of Application: From 02.05.2025 to 23.05.2025 between 11:00 hours to 16:00 hours on every working day & on 23.05.2025 up to 14:00 hours. Date of Opening

Notice Board location & website particulars where complete details (including application format and terms & conditions) can be seen: Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager Sealdah and www.er.indianrailways.gov.in

of Application Box: 23.05.2025 at 14:30 hours.

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THE Asia University Ranking 2025 Declared KIIT Rises to 184th Position in Asia; 8th in India

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আমমোক্তার নামা

এতদ্বারা সকলকে জ্ঞাত করা যাইতেছে যে, শ্রী সুনীল কুমার মিত্র পিতা ৺সন্তোষ কুমার মিত্র,

গেলী মহাশয় বিগত ইং ০২.০৪.২০০১ তারিখে

রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত IV-07/2001 নং আমমোক্তারনা

নলিলমূলে আমাকে (<mark>শ্রী শস্তুচরণ মিত্র,</mark> পিতা সুশীল কুমার মিত্র, সাকিম পশ্চিম নারায়নপুর

।তিবখাঞ্জ তবিপাল ভগলী। ক্ষমতাপাপ্ত আম্বয়োজ

নযুক্ত করেন এবং উক্ত ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তারনাম

বলে নিম্নোক্ত তপশীল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি আমি বিগ**ু**

ইং ১২.০৭.২০১১ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর, হরিপাল

গলী অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-31॒67/2011 ন

বিক্রয় কোবালা দলিলমূলে ১) **শ্রী রবীন সামন্ত**

২) শ্রী গোবিন্দ সামন্ত ও ৩) শ্রী হেমন্ত সামন্ত

কলের পিতা ৺কিশোরী সামন্ত সাকিম পশ্চি

মহাশয়গনকে ৯৪ শতক সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিয়াছি। <u>তপশিল</u> – জেলা হুগলী, থানা হরিপাল

মীজা পশ্চিম নারায়নপুর, ২১ নং জে.এল. ভুক্ত

দাবেক ২৪১ তথা হাল এল.আর. ৯৯৫ ন

খতিয়ানে, আর.এস. তথা হাল এল.আর. ১৬১৪

নং দাগে শালি জমি ষোল আনায় ৯৪ শতক আমমোক্তারনামা বলে অত্র দলিলে বিক্রয়কৃত

পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা সুকলকে অবগত কর

াইতেছে যে, ১) শ্রী রবীন সামন্ত ২) শ্রী

গাবিন্দ সামন্ত ও ৩) শ্রী হেমন্ত সামন্ত সকলের

পিতা ৺ুকিশোুরী সামন্ত তাহাদের উ্ক্র খরিদ

ম্পত্তি নিজ নিজ নামে নাম পত্তন করিবার জন্য

d.এল এন্ড এল.আর. ও হরিপাল ব্লক অফিস<u>ে</u>

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Prof. Achyuta Samanta,

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-: VERSUS:-Tipu Sultan KhanDefendant Notice through Publication

.Plaintiff

Tipu Sultan Khan S/o- Md. Kalam Khan, resident of Budha Chakrabarty Lane, Asansol, P.O. & P.S. Asansol, District- Burdwan

Take notice that the above named plaintiff has filed the aforementioned divorce suit in the Family Court Dumka against you which is pending for your appearance and in spite of sending notice to you in your above postal address by registered post you have failed to appear before the court to answer the claim of the

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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 crossborder 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

Pradeep Kumar Saxena, who served as Îndia'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

KOLKATA: The Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy

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The event, titled Unveiling The State of the

System, brought together an eminent panel of

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discuss the urgent need for decriminalisation

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clusion of the treaty," he said.

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

Listing out the steps India reservoir and other projects on 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 any-

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 trib-

According to the treaty, there

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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 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

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

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 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 contin-

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 "Swasticars" 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

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 to the internal control of the co tion 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 posi-

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

Pricev 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

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This could also prove detrimental

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are design restrictions on building structures like dams on Indus and

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criminalised under 370 Union laws enacted over the last 174 years, spanning 45 subject Punishment at Vidhi, said, "The Criminal law hosted featuring Mr. Sidharth Luthra, Senior areas. It is India's first public repository of its researchers, and policymakers with a deeper public order or national security, also extends into the social and regulatory fabric of India. understanding of the scope and extent of criminalisation in the country. It highlights incon-The report and the database aim to undersistencies in the prescription of punishments stand how overly reliant we are on criminal and proposes a principled framework to guide law as a tool of governance and advocates for future efforts towards decriminalisation and decriminalisation of minor offences and ratiocriminal law-making. nalisation of punishments in a principled man-Introducing the report, Mr. Naveed Mehmood Ahmad, Lead, Crime and

At the event, a panel discussion was also

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

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

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 sug-

gested 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 "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 deescalation" 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 vapid, 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 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 the won 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 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.

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Protest rally against the Kala Waqf Kanun held at Birpur



Nurul Islam Khan Wednesday, a protest rally against the Kala Waqf Kanun was held at Birpur near Kolkata Airport on the initiative of local youth. The speakers at this rally were Maulana Aminul Ambia, convener of Aiktan Milli Ittihad Majlis, Maulana Qazi Arif Reza, District Secretary of Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind, Maulana Nazrul Islam, as well as prominent social workers Farooq Hamid Ali, social workers Ainul Haque and social workers Ainul Is-

Maulana Aminul Ambia highlighted the various harmful aspects of this Kala Kanun and said that this law has slapped a great blow to the Constitution of India. People of all communities, Hindus and Muslims, have taken to the streets against this law. Both inside and outside the parliament, non-Muslim MPs have raised their voices against this law. This movement will not stop until this law is completely repealed. Other speakers also called on the people to take to the streets and protest against this law. From this meeting, every-one was urged to join the brigade rally called by the Muslim Personal Law Board

In shadow of Holocaust and war, Arab doctors find shared humanity in caring for survivors

MI News Service, Kiryat Bialik: Finishing up the first of a series of examinations at the home of Chana Sandouvsky, two volunteer eye doctors - one Christian and one Muslim – stopped to peer at the faded bluish number, A14147, that had been tattooed on the 98-year-old's arm in Auschwitz.

It was the week before Holocaust Remembrance Day, which began Wednesday night, and Dr. Yosif Boulos, 35, a Christian, was supervising Dr. Fadi Badarna, 31, a Mus-

The pair, who work together at Carmel Hospital in Haifa, were at Sandouvsky's home as volunteers for the nonprofit LeMa'anam ("For their sake´ in Hebrew), which provides free home healthcare visits to Holocaust survivors.

With the memory of the recently ended war against Hezbollah still fresh in the minds of residents of Kiryat Bialik and other areas around Haifa that had suffered dozens of rocket attacks, the volunteer visits of two Arab doctors in the homes of Holocaust survivors seemed especially "symbolic," said Boulus, "because it's a symbol of coexistence that should be here in Israel.

For Badarna, it was the first time he had seen one of those infamous tattoos up close or heard a Holocaust survivor recount their story in person. While he was offering his medical expertise, he said, he received something special in return.

"Meeting these people, hearing their stories, and being able to help — even in a small way — is a great privilege," Badarna told a Times of Israel reporter accompanying the doctors on their rounds. "Medicine for me is not just a profession but a way to express solidarity, humanity and hope for a better future for all of us.

According to the Israe-Holocaust Survivors' Rights Authority, 123,715 Holocaust survivors were living in Israel as of January 2025. Most were younger than 18 during World War II. Now, they are among the country's oldest citizens. LeMa'anam was born in 2020 when Dr. Tamara Kolitz became aware of the challenges for homebound and isolated Holocaust survivors amid the COVID-19 pandemic persons to the media and announced that each of them was being given Rs 25,000 as immediate financial assistance.

Howrah division marks major milestone in track safety with upgradation of passenger running lines

stride towards enhancing railway safety and modernizing infrastructure, the Engineering Department of Howrah Division has successfully completed a major initiative aimed at upgrading passenger running loop This achievement underscores the division's continued commitment to ensuring safe and efficient train operations for both

passengers and freight. The primary focus of track maintenance was concentrated on the main lines. However, following certain incidents on loop lines that posed risks to traffic flow and safety, the Division identified the need for comprehensive upgradation of adjacent passenger running lines and goods lines. Such incidents highlighted the

the urgency for infrastructural enhancement.

Howrah Division has implemented revised track tolerances to bring loop lines at par with main line standards. This marks a crucial step in harmonizing track conditions across the network. Improvements of some major challenges are achieved by this upgradation process as mentioned below *Improvements Made*

i) New track tolerance being maintained

ii) Renewal of worn-out fittings is being ensured to maintain gauge within tolerable limits.

iii) Regular attention is being given to fish-plated joints, thereby addressing twists at those locations. iv) Ballast unloading in

yard lines is being actively pursued, improving ballast potential threat of infringement and traffic disruptions better track parameter re-



v) Efforts to improve the cushion are underway, mitigating issues like drainage problems, mud pumping, and enabling effective mechanized maintenance.

vi) A new proforma is being used to record measurements in every 3 months for enhanced monitoring.

As of now, work of upgradation of loop lines in 74 stations out of the targeted 102 stations have been completed using existing revenue funds. Further the Railway Board has sanctioned work

upgradation of existing loop lines. The department has targeted to complete the balance upgradation work by Oct '2025. This initiative not only enhances track integrity but also significantly reduces the likelihood of unusual incidents such as derailments due to spread gauge or track

Additionally, the Division has institutionalized a system of routine maintenance and monitoring. All measured parameters are meticulously recorded in designated registers as per the latest guidelines, ensuring continuous compliance and safety. The upgradation of passenger running lines across the division not only bolsters operational safety but also improves the overall ride quality, promising passengers a smoother and

Sealdah Division undertakes comprehensive initiatives for the welfare & operational efficiency of Loco Pilots

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

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

At present, Sealdah Division has 1352 Loco Pilots, including 48 women & 351 Assistant Loco Pilots, which will increase the total strength, bolstering manpower and ensuring improved operational coverage.

Running Rooms Comfort

To provide adequate rest, Sealdah Division operates fifteen running rooms at the following locations:

Sealdah, Kolkata, Nam-Lakshikantapur, Diamond, Dum Dum, Bangaon, Hasnabad, Krishnapur, Krishnanagar, Ranaghat, Shantipur, Gede, Naihati. All running rooms have now been upgraded to fully air-conditioned facilities to combat extreme summer conditions. Amenities include: Subsidized nutritious meals, water coolers with RO purification, Meditation and relaxation zones and Recreational facilities, clean and hygienic toilets. Technological Advance-

ments for Safer Operations: The division is investing significantly in modernizing its fleet with advanced safety features such as: Air-conditioning in three phase locomotives, Fog Signal Devices (FSD) for better visibility in adverse weather, Signal Location Booklets distributed to every loco pilot and Emergency brake application drills conducted regularly at crew lobbies. All the crew



booking lobby has been provided with CMS with BA, Bio & camera integrated. All are under CCTV surveillance, AC facility, separate counselling room & crew waiting room, availability of purified water & ISO certified.

Continuous Learning and

To keep pace with evolving railway operations, all loco pilots undergo refresher training every three years, ensuring they remain wellversed in updated safety norms and operational protocols. Various safety drives and special counselling programmes are regularly organized for checking the alertness and safety awareness among the Loco pilot. Special safety seminars and meetings are also organized for interaction with family members of Loco pilot for

Loco pilot. Special safety awards are given regularly to the loco pilots to boost their morale and confidence. Residential and Medical

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

Furthermore compre-hensive medical care is offered to loco pilots and their families through railway hospitals and health units, including: Routine checkups, Emergency services, Specialist consultations and Hospitalization and post

In this context DRM Sealdah Sri Rajeev Saxena, stated that Sealdah Division remains steadfast in its commitment to empower, protect, and support its loco pilots in every possible way. By combining advanced infrastructure, modern technology, human-centric welfare policies, and a culture of safety, the division aims to ensure safe and efficient

Pakistan calls Indus water diversion 'act of war'; closes Wagah border, airspace

News Service, Islamabad: On Thursday, April 24, Pakistan announced a series of strong retaliatory measures against India following New Delhi's move to suspend the Indus diate effect. The government Water Treaty and down- also announced the suspengrade diplomatic ties in the wake of the recent Pahalgam terror attack.

After a high-level National Security Committee (NSC) meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Pakistan declared that any attempt by India to divert water meant for Pakistan under the Indus Water Treaty would be regarded as an act of war.

members and the heads of Pakistan's armed forces, decided to block Pakistani airspace for Indian airlines and shut down the Wagah border crossing with immesion of all trade with India, including indirect trade through third-party coun-

addition, Pakistan halted the issuance of visas to Indian nationals under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme, with an exception made only for Sikh pilgrims. The government also ordered Indian military advisers stationed at the Indian The NSC meeting, at-tended by senior cabinet abad to leave the country by April 30. The measures follow India's recent diplomatic steps, which include the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty, a historic water-sharing agreement between the two nations, in the aftermath of the Pahalgam

Islamabad rejected India's decision, calling the treaty a lifeline for over 240 million Pakistanis and warning that any disruption to the water flow would trigger serious consequences.

In a strongly worded statement released after the NSC meeting, the Pakistani government accused India of exploiting the Pahalgam incident to pursue its political objectives. The statement warned that any threat to Pakistan's sovereignty or the security of its people would be met with decisive, reciprocal measures across all "India should refrain from

its reflexive blame game and tne cynicai, staged exploita[,] tion of incidents like Pahalgam. Such tactics only serve to inflame tensions and hinder the path to regional peace and stability," the statement concluded.

These developments mark a sharp escalation in tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbors, raising concerns about regional stability and the future of longstanding bilater-

Kashmiri students attacked, given ultimatum to leave; 8 incidents reported across Punjab, Himachal, and Uttarakhand

News Service, Deradun: Kashmiri stustudying across northern Indian states are facing an alarming wave of hate-driven violence, harassment, and intimidation following the recent militant attack in Pahalgam.

The Jammu and Kashmir Students Association (JKSA) has condemned what it describes as a "deliberate and targeted campaign of hate," reporting at least eight separate incidents across Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

In Himachal Pradesh, disturbing events unfolded at Arni University in Kathghar (Indora), Kangra district. Kashmiri students there were reportedly harassed, verbally abused, and labelled "terrorists" by Hindu right-wing mobs.

According to Nasir Khuehami, National Convenor of the JKSA, students made frantic distress calls describing how hostel doors ward Jolly Grant Airport in a were broken down and how they were forced to flee for their safety. "The situation is turning grim and deeply concerning," said Khuehami. "These students are being physically attacked, intimidated, and coerced to vacate their accommodation under threat of violence."

In Uttarakhand, the Hindu Raksha Dal, a right-wing Hindutva group, has openly issued threats targeting Muslim Kashmiri students. The group demanded that all such students vacate the state by 10 AM Thursday, threatening to "pick them up one by one" if they failed to comply. Written threats were allegedly sent to multiple educational institutions in Dehradun, escalating the sense of fear among Kash-

JKSA reported that around 20 terrified students from BFIT College in Sudhowala, Dehradun, fled to-

miri youth.

desperate attempt to escape potential violence. "The streets are being taken over by right-wing mobs chanting inflammatory and Islamophobic slogans like 'Kashmiri mullo, go back.' It's a horrifying atmosphere," said Khuehami.

In Punjab, another violent episode was reported from the Universal Group of Institutions in Derabassi, near Chandigarh. Kashmiri students were attacked inside their hostel late at night by individuals reportedly armed with sharp weapons.

At least one student sustained serious injuries, and their clothes were torn during the assault. "The college security failed to intervene, and the Punjab Police also did not respond in time. This inaction emboldened the attackers," Khuehami noted.

He stressed that these incidents are not isolated but reflect a growing pattern

of communal targeting and vilification based on region and religion. "This is more than a security lapse-it is a collapse of law and order. The silence and inaction of local authorities are enabling such hate-fueled violence," he added.

The JKSA has appealed to the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand to ensure the safety of every Kashmiri student in the state and called for immediate and decisive action. Khuehami also revealed that he has reached out to the office of the Leader of Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, who has expressed deep concern over the rising incidents and assured that he would raise the issue at the national level.

The situation remains tense and volatile, with students continuing to seek safety amid a growing environment of fear, communal tension, and unchecked aggression by right-wing

Asaduddin Owaisi urges PM to invite all parties to all-party meeting on Pahalgam

News Service, Hyderabad: AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi has urged Minister Narendra Prime Modi to invite all the parties, including those having one MP, to the all-party meeting on the Pahalgam terror at-

Owaisi said that since this is a national issue, everyone must be heard.

The Lok Sabha member posed on X on Thursday that he spoke to Minister of Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijiju on Wednesday night regarding the Pahalgam all-party meeting.

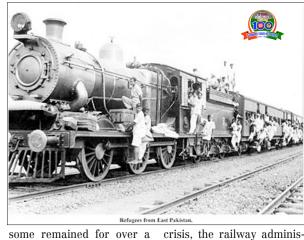
"He said they're thinking of inviting only parties with "5 or 10 MPs." When I asked why not parties with fewer MPs, he said that the meeting would get "too long". When I asked "What about us, the smaller parties?" He joked that my voice is anyway too loud," posted Owaisi.

The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) president stated that this is not a BJP's or another party's internal meeting, it is an all-party meeting to send a strong and united message against terrorism and those countries that harbour ter-

Howrah Takes Its Toll: The Station's Role During Crisis and Compassionate Response

MI News Service, Kolkata: As the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway marks its centenary, Howrah Station, built as a crucial hub for train arrivals and departures, had always played a significant role during times of national crises, wars, and upheavals. It became a place of refuge, a temporary home for displaced people, and a critical logistical center for military movements. One of the most challenging chapters in Howrah's history came during World War II. Much like other major stations around the world, Howrah Station became a waiting area for troops as they prepared for deployment. Temporary shelters, or "panes," were erected in the station's concourse, providing protection to soldiers while they waited for their trains. This adaptation underscored the station's significance not just as a transport hub, but as a vital part of the war infrastructure that helped sustain the Allied forces' lo-After India's indepen-

dence, Howrah Station was once again thrust into the center of a massive crisis this time, the partition of India in 1947. The partition created one of the largest and most traumatic displacements in history, with millions of refugees forced to flee their homes in what was then East Bengal (now Bangladesh) and West Punjab (now Pakistan). Howrah Station became a temporary shelter for countless refugees who arrived with little more than the clothes on their backs. These people, bereft of food, money, and a place to stay, crowded



decade. The refugee crisis lingered until 1957 when the last of the displaced persons were cleared from the station premises. The station's role in military logistics continued well into the post-independence era, particularly during India's wars with China and Pakistan. In 1971, during the Indo-Pakistani War, Howrah Station became a crucial base for the movement of troops and military equipment. Not only were troops mobilized from here, but nearly 100,000 prisoners of war, captured during the conflict, were evacuated to various secure locations across India, with many of these movements

taking place from Howrah. However, amidst these monumental challenges, the employees of the East Indian Railway (EIR), based in Howrah, exhibited remarkable solidarity. The communal disturbances surrounding partition led to thousands of railway employees and their families being displaced, with many crossing the newly drawn borders from East Pakistan. In response to the refugee

tration took quick action. In May 1948, a "Railway Refugee Relief Committee" was formed under the chairmanship of P. N. Saxena, the then Divisional Superintendent of Howrah. The committee aimed to provide immediate relief to the affected families, particularly the railway employees who had lost their homes. In a swift and generous act of compassion, the Howrah division contributed Rs. 8,000-an impressive sum at the timetoward the relief fund. This contribution was used to support displaced families, ensuring they had access to food, shelter, and basic necessities, allowing them to rebuild their lives after the upheaval.The Howrah Railway employees' response to the refugee crisis stands as a shining example of unity and compassion during one of the darkest times in Indian history. The station, though caught in the throes of nationalupheaval, symbolized not just the physical movement of people, but also the resilience, empathy,

Prime Minister Modi launches development works worth over Rs 13,480 crore in Madhubani, Bihar marking National Panchayati Raj Day MI News Service, New by Gram Panchayats has has particularly benefited

gurated, laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 13,480 crore in Madhubani, Bihar today on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day. The Prime Minister appealed to everyone at the event to observe silence and pray for the departed souls in the Pahalgam attacks on 22 April 2025. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, he said that on the occasion of Panchayati Raj Day, the entire nation is connected with Mithila and Binar. He remarked that projects worth thousands of crores of rupees, aimed at Bihar's development, have been inaugurated and foundations laid for, emphasising that these initiatives in electricity, railways, and infrastructure will create new employment opportunities in Bihar. He paid tributes to the great poet and national icon, Ramdhari Singh Dinkar Ji, on his death anniversary. Remarking that Bihar is

the land where Mahatma

Gandhi expanded the man-

tra of Satyagraha, Shri Modi highlighted Mahatma Gandhi's firm belief that India's rapid development is only possible when its villages are strong. He emphasized that the concept of Panchayati Raj was rooted in this sentiment. "Over the past decade, continuous steps have been taken to empower Panchayats. Technology has played a significant role in strengthening Panchayats, with over 2 lakh Gram Panchayats connected to the internet in the last decade", he added. Shri Modi pointed out that more than 5.5 lakh Common Service Centers have been established in villages, underlining that the digitalization of Panchayats has brought additional benefits, such as easy access to documents like birth and death certificates, and landholding certificates. He remarked that while the nation received a new Parliament building after decades of independence, 30,000 new Panchayat Bhawans have also been constructed across the country. He also highlighted that ensuring adequate funds for Panchayats has been a priority for the government. "Over the past decade, Panchayats have received more than ₹2 lakh crore, all of which has been utilized for the devel-

opment of villages", he said.
Highlighting that one
of the major issues faced

Delhi: The Prime Minister been related to land dis-Shri Narendra Modi inau- putes, the Prime Minister mentioned the frequent disagreements over which land is residential, agricultural, Panchayat-owned, or government-owned. He emphasized that to address this issue, the digitization of land records is being undertaken, which has helped resolve unnecessary disputes

effectively. Modi underscored that Panchayats have strengthened social participation, remarking that Bihar was the first state in the country to provide 50% reservation for women in Panchayats. He emphasized that today, a significant number of women from economically weaker sections, Dalits, Mahadalits, backward, and extremely backward communities are serving as public representatives in Bihar, describing it as true social justice and genuine social participation. He underlined that democracy thrives and becomes stronger with greater participation. Reflecting this vision, Shri Modi noted that a law providing 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and State Assemblies has also been enacted. He remarked that this will benefit women across all states, giving our sisters and daughters greater representation.

Emphasising that the government is working in mission mode to increase women's income and create new opportunities for employment and self-employment, Shri Modi highlighted the transformative impact of the Jeevika Didi' program in Bihar, which has changed the lives of many women. He remarked that today, self-help groups of women in Bihar have been provided financial assistance of approximately ₹1,000 crore, noting that this will further strengthen the economic empowerment of women and contribute to the goal of creating 3 crore Lakhpati Didis across the country. He highlighted that the rural economy has gained new momentum over the past decade. He pointed out that villages have seen the construction of houses for the poor, roads, gas connections, water connections, and toilets, bringing lakhs of crores of rupees to rural areas. The Prime Minister remarked that new employment opportunities have been created, benefiting laborers, farmers, vehicle operators, and shopkeepers, providing them with new avenues for income. He emphasized that this

communities that have been deprived for generations. He cited the example of the PM Awas Yojana, which aims to ensure that no family in the country remains homeless and that everyone has a permanent roof over their heads. He noted that over the past decade, more than 4 crore permanent houses have been constructed under this scheme. He highlighted that in Bihar alone, 57 lakh poor families have received permanent houses. He remarked that these houses have been provided to families from economically weaker sections, Dalits, and backward and extreme ly backward communities like Pasmanda families. Shri Modi announced that in the coming years, 3 crore more permanent houses will be provided to the poor. He noted that today, approximately 1.5 lakh families in Bihar are moving into their new permanent homes. He said that across the country, 15 lakh poor families have been issued approval letters for the construction of new houses, including 3.5 lakh beneficiaries from Bihar. He highlighted that today, financial assistance has been sent to approximately 10 lakh poor families for their permanent houses, including 80,000 rural families and 1 lakh urban families from Bihar.

"The past decade has been a decade of infrastructure development for India", said the Prime Minister, highlighting that this modern infrastructure is strengthening the foundation of a developed India. He noted that for the first time, over 12 crore rural families have received tap water connections in their homes, underlining that more than 2.5 crore households have been electrified, and those who never imagined cooking on gas stoves have now received gas cylinders. "Even in challenging regions like Ladakh and Siachen, where providing basic facilities is difficult, 4G and 5G mobile connections have now been established, reflecting the nation's current priorities", he pointed out. The Prime Minister highlighted advancements in healthcare, noting that institutions like AIIMS were once limited to major cities like Delhi. He announced that AIIMS is now being established in Darbhanga, and the number of medical colleges in the country has nearly doubled in the past decade and mentioned the construction of a new medical college in Jhanjharpur.

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 Amittrajit Ghosh, 2019 INRC champion Chetan Shivram and co-driver E Shivaprakash Hyderabad's Naveen Puligilla, who has entered with co-driv-

er 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

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



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)

JAMIE VARDY TO LEAVE LEICESTER CITY AFTER 13 ICONIC YEARS

Vardy will bid farewell to Leicester City this summer, bringing an end to a legendary 13-year spell at the club. Despite Leicester's relegation from the Premier League, the 38-year-old striker has confirmed he has no intention of retiring from football,

as per Sky Sports.

Widely regarded as the greatest player in the club's history,
Vardy played a pivotal role in
Leicester's miraculous 2015/16 Premier League title triumph under Claudio Ranieri, scoring 24 goals that season. He later added an FA Cup winner's medal to his collection in 2021 under Brendan

In an emotional message to the fans, Vardy admitted he is gutted to be leaving the club that he helped transferm in the Paris II. helped transform into a Premier League force.

"I've had 13 unbelievable years at this club with lots of success, some downs but a majority, all highs, but it's finally time to call it a day, which I'm devastated about but I think the timing is right," said Vardy, as quoted from



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

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

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 match-

es 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.

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

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

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

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 99run 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 64run stand between Will Jacks (22 in 19 balls, with two fours and a six) and Rohit Sharma and a 53run stand between Rohit and Survakumar 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 Survakumar 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

Shanto backs seasoned Bangladesh campaigner to bounce back

SYLHET [BANGLADESH] : Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto has voiced his support for wicketkeeper-batter Mushfiqur 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

"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 Mushfiqur's struggles, Shanto was also critical of himself after being dismissed on 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.



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

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

(ODISHA)[INDIA] : Inter Kashi knocked out Bengaluru FC in a shootout, after a tight game that finished 1-1. The victory means that they progress to the quarterfinals of the Kalinga Super Cup.

A last gasp equaliser set up a nail biting shootout finale for the two teams who had finished second in their respective leagues. Inter Kashi edged the shootout 5to take the victory on Wednesday.

Goalkeeper Shubham Dhas was the saviour for Inter Kashi, making a fine save to keep Alberto Noguera's spot-kick out of the goal. With David Humanes Munoz, Bijov V, Nikola Stojanovic, Aritra Das, and Matija Babovic scored their penalties for Inter Kashi, while Ryan Williams, Sunil Chhetri, and Jorge Pereyra Diaz scored their spot-kicks for Bengaluru FC.

Contrary to all expectations, Inter Kashi were the ones who kicked strongly off the blocks, taking the game to the ISL runnersups and at times in the opening quarter, looking the side with far better pedigree in their ranks.

In the 15th minute, they had

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 ĥad 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 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

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.

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

Punjab Kings (PBKS) Nehal Wadhera 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.

Wadhera 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, Wadhera 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,

Wadhera 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



your batting and the shots that you are hitting, you know, you are hitting with a lot of thought.

He was happy to see my preparations and he was happy to, you know, share his experience with me. And I was also equally happy taking all his experience and all the compliments that he gave me. And I was really happy hearing that from a legend like Virat," he

Speaking about his crucial knock of 33* against RCB during that small run-chase, which proved to be tricky for PBKS as they lost five wickets, Nehal said that he likes playing under tough situations and the innings was a great chance to prove himself.

"I think RR was also a game for me in which I missed winning the match (a knock of 62 while chasing 206 runs in which PBKS

was restricted to 155/9). But I regretted that. Although I scored well, but I was not that much satisfied because our team could-

n't cross the line. "So, if we talk about the match against RCB, I think that before batting, the coach (Ricky Ponting) came to me and he told me that Nehal, we just need to run a ball. You can just go easy. I said, okay, coach. But as soon as I went inside, I felt that RCB had put a lot of pressure on us at that time. So, I thought that now that I have come inside, my matchups were nice. And I think this is my responsibility now to make my team take over," he added.

Nehal said that during his knock with RCB, he wanted to put the bowlers under more pressure and thought rather than making his own team a victim of

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.