

228 Pakistanis found living in MP will be deported by Sunday

MI News Service, Bhopal: A total number of 228 Pakistani nationals living in Madhya Pradesh have been identified and will be deported from India before the April 27 deadline set by the Centre.

Informing this official sources said on Saturday that after India has announced the revoking of all visas issued to Pakistani nationals from April 27 as tension between the two countries has escalated over the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people, mostly tourists, on April 23, 228 Pakistani nationals have been identified in Madhya Pradesh so far and all their information have been handed over to the Centre for further action and deportation..

According to a senior state government official "As per the data we have with us, there were 228 Pakistani nationals in Madhya Pradesh. Our work is to inform them (the Centre) about such people,"

All these people will have to leave in keeping with the Centre's directive, he said, adding that the data about Pakistani nationals who have left is expected to arrive by evening.

On Friday, Union Home minister Amit Shah called up the Chief ministers of all states and asked them to ensure that no Pakistani stays in India beyond the deadline set for leaving the country.

"In continuation of the decisions made by the Cabinet Committee on Security in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, the Government of India has decided to suspend the Visa services to Pakistani nationals with immediate effect. All existing valid visas issued by India to Pakistani nationals stand revoked with effect from 27 April 2025. Medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals will be valid only till 29 April 2025. All Pakistani nationals currently in India must leave India before the expiry of visas, as now amended," the ministry of external affairs said in a statement on Friday.

The government's visa revocation is among the toughest actions taken against Pakistan in the aftermath of the April 22 terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, in which 26 people were killed.

The government announced that defence, military, naval, and air advisors in the Pakistani High Commission in New Delhi have been declared persona non grata and they have a week to leave India. The overall strength of the High Commissions will be reduced to 30 from the current 55 through further reductions, to be implemented by May 1, 2025.

Meanwhile, as tensions remain rife between the two nations, the Pakistan military resorted to unprovoked firing across the Line of Control (LoC), with Indian troops effectively responding, military sources said on Saturday. This is the second time in as many days that a gunfight ensued between India and Pakistan along the International Border since the terror attack in Kashmir's Pahalgam . Pakistani military fired at Indian positions

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Mamata Banerjee announces monthly allowance for dismissed Group C and D staff amid Supreme Court ruling

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant relief to Group C and Group D non-teaching staff affected by the Supreme Court's ruling, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has announced a monthly allowance for those who have lost their jobs. The Labour Department of the State Government will provide this allowance until the Supreme Court adjudicates on the forthcoming review petition to be filed by the State.

During a crucial meeting at Nabanna, convened by Chief Secretary Manoj Pant with the dismissed employees, the Chief Minister, through a telephonic address, proposed a monthly allowance of 25,000 for Group

C employees and 20,000 for Group D employees. While welcoming the State's decision, representatives of the dismissed staff requested an increase of 5,000 in each category. However, the Chief Minister did not offer any immediate response to their appeal.

The Supreme Court, responding to the State's request, has permitted eligible teachers recruited in 2016 to resume their duties and receive salaries. However, such relief has not been extended to the non-teaching staff in Group C and D, leaving them facing acute uncertainty regarding their future.

Clarifying the govern-

ment's position, the Chief Minister stated that since the matter remains sub judice, the Education Department would not provide the allowance. Instead, the Labour Department, under a specific state government scheme, would manage the disbursement of the monthly support to the non-teaching employees.

The Chief Minister further informed that the State Government intends to file the review petition in the Supreme Court within the prescribed time frame of one month. "We do not want to act hastily. We will engage the best legal minds to ensure that the dismissed employees are not

subjected to another round of examinations," she assured. Banerjee expressed hope that the judiciary would consider the matter with compassion.

Despite the announcement of the allowance, representatives of the dismissed staff continued to press for the publication of eligibility lists for Group C and D employees, similar to the teachers' lists. They voiced concerns that their grievances were not receiving the same level of attention as those of the teaching staff.

The meeting concluded amidst appeals for greater clarity and fairness in resolving the plight of the non-teaching employees.



Kailash Mansarovar Yatra to resume from June after Indo-China improved ties

MI News Service, New Delhi : After a gap of five years and ending the major uncertainty, India on Saturday announced the resumption of the much-awaited Kailash Mansarovar Yatra from June.

The resumption of the Yatra is seen as a part of efforts by India and China to improve ties after the two countries completed the disengagement of troops at the two remaining friction points of Demchok and Depsang under a pact sealed in October last year.

"Kailash Mansarovar Yatra organised by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is set to take place during June to August 2025," said a top MEA official.

"After a gap of nearly five years, India and China will resume the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra from June -- a move being seen as an attempt to normalise their relationship that was severely hit by the eastern Ladakh border standoff" said the Ministry of External Affairs official. He said the Yatra, now set to take place from June to August, will travel via two routes -- Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand and Nathu La in Sikkim.

The pilgrimage to Mount Kailash and Mansarovar Lake in China's Tibet Autonomous Region holds huge religious significance to the Hindus as well as Jains and Buddhists.

"Kailash Mansarovar Yatra organised by the MEA, was suspended initially in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequently because of the military standoff between the two sides on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh. The militaries of India and China

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PBKS batsman Prabhsimran Singh celebrates his half-century during their match against KKR at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Saturday.

DGCA issues advisory to airlines on passenger handling steps due to longer international flights

MI News Service, New Delhi: With international flights to and from India are having longer flying time due to the closure of Pakistan airspace from Friday, the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the country's aviation watchdog, has issued an advisory to all airlines on providing proper communication and in-flight catering services to their passengers. As Pakistan has closed its airspace for all Indian airlines as a counter-measure to India's several strong steps following the Pahalgam terrorist attack, resulting in longer flying hours for their international flights, especially those flying out from north Indian cities, including Delhi, the DGCA issued the advisory on Saturday in view of airspace restrictions resulting in extended flight durations and technical stops. The advisory focuses on five main areas -- pre-flight passenger communication, in-flight catering and comfort, medical preparedness and alternate aerodromes, customer service and support readiness, and intra-departmental coordination. DGCA said that due to recent developments involving international airspace closures and overflight restrictions, airline operations have been moderately impacted. There are some rerouting of international and regional flights, increased block times compared to scheduled durations,

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Bengal Government announces financial aid and job assurance for three victims' families of Pahalgam terror attack

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a compassionate move, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has announced a financial package of 10 lakh each for the families of three residents of the state who were killed in the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam in the Kashmir valley. Additionally, the Chief Minister assured government jobs to one eligible family member of each of the three deceased, should they choose to accept the offer.

In a parallel gesture, the Chief Minister also declared 10 lakh financial support for the family of martyr Jhantu Ali Sheikh,

an Army jawan from Bengal who laid down his life while battling terrorists in Kashmir. His widow has also been assured a government job, and, if the family desires, the State Government will take full responsibility for the education of their two children.

Mamata Banerjee has further clarified that, in cases where the deceased, like Behala's Bitan Adhikari, had elderly parents, the compensation amount would be equally divided between the spouse and the parents. Accordingly, Bitan's widow and his parents will each

receive 5 lakh. Additionally, the Chief Minister announced a monthly pension of 10,000 for Bitan's father and directed local municipal authorities to issue a 'Swasthya Sathi' health card to his parents immediately.

The Chief Minister also extended similar compensation to the families of those killed in the Murshidabad unrest, stating that she would personally hand over the compensation cheques during her forthcoming visit to the district. On April 22, three residents from West

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Arrests for 'pro-Pakistan' posts after Pahalgam attack rise to 9 in Assam

MI News Service , Guwahati : One more person was apprehended in Assam for his alleged pro-Pakistan stand in the wake of the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, taking the total number of such arrests in the state to nine, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Saturday.

He said the latest arrest was made in the Sribhum district on Friday night.

Sarma, in a post on X, said the accused had posted 'Pakistan Zindabad' on Facebook.

Assam police have arrested one more person for posting pro-Pakistan post on social media in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack. The northeastern state has so far arrested nine persons including an MLA for making statements in favour of Pakistan in the aftermath of the gruesome attack in Jammu and Kashmir.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma

said the recent arrest was made in Sribhum district on Friday night. The man was arrested for posting 'Pakistan Zindabad' on social media. "Md Mustak Ahmed @ Sahel, son of Kabir Ahmed from Saykut village under Karimganj Police Station, was arrested last night for posting 'Pakistan Zindabad' on Facebook," Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted. Earlier, Sarma had tweeted, "Assam will not tolerate any individual who, directly or indirectly, supports or defends Pakistan in connection with the heinous attack in Pahalgam." The Assam chief minister said stern action would be taken against those who made statements in favour of Pakistan. "Assam will take the strongest possible action against anyone who dares to defend—directly or

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Houses razed, hundreds detained in massive crackdown in Kashmir post Pahalgam massacre

MI News Service, Srinagar :The security forces and the authorities in Kashmir have launched a massive crackdown on terrorists and their sympathisers in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, razing homes of the ultras, raiding their safe havens and detaining hundreds of overground workers for questioning, officials said on Saturday. The security forces are going after the known terrorist associates and their sympathisers across the length and breadth of the Valley, with an aim to create a deterrent against any Pahalgam-like attacks, the officials said.

Terrorists on Tuesday opened fire in Baisaran, a popular tourist spot in the upper reaches of Pahalgam in Anantnag district, killing 26 people, mostly holidayers from other states. Houses of five terrorists or their associates have been demolished in the past 48 hours with officials saying similar action will be taken against others involved in terror activities.

Mysterious blasts blew up the houses of two active terrorists -- Aadil Thoker in the Bijbehara area of Anantnag district and Asif Sheikh in the Tral area of Pulwama district. While Thoker has been named as one of the three terrorists involved in the gruesome killing of tourists in Pahalgam, Sheikh's involvement in the

attack has also not been ruled out, officials said. The blasts took place after security forces raided the houses on Thursday night, they added. The security forces have also rounded up hundreds of overground workers (OWGs) and their supporters -- mostly in four south Kashmir districts -- in their bid to track down the terrorists who carried out the attack on Tuesday.

One alleged OWG was killed in firing by terrorists during one such operation in Bandipora district on Friday, officials said.

Altaf Lalli was killed when security forces took him to a terrorist hideout in

the Kulnar area of Bandipora district after he pointed out the location of the ultras. Two policemen were also injured in the firing by the terrorists, who managed to escape, the officials said. On Saturday, the action shifted to Srinagar where raids were carried out at more than a dozen places, including Safakadal, Soura, Pandach Bemina, Shalteng, Lal Bazar and Zadibal areas, they said. In Anantnag district, search operations are being carried out round-the-clock as security forces step up vigilance. Mobile vehicle checkpoints have been put up across the district to monitor any suspicious movement, the officials said.

ISRO organises national science meet on Chandrayaan-4 Lunar Sample Return Mission

MI News Service, Bengaluru : In a major step towards advancing India's lunar ambitions, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) with a view to analysing the meteorite samples, terrestrial analogs and lunar soil simulants,organised a national seminar here on Saturday in the context of the forthcoming Chandrayaan-4 mission, which aims at returning lunar samples back to the Earth.

The meeting, attended by the lunar science community from across the country and abroad were also engaged in analysing the potential aspects of lunar sample science meteorite samples, terrestrial analogs, lunar soil simulants, as

well as the constraint the remote sensing observations of the lunar surface with ground-truth experiments with the returned-samples.

The participants comprised about 50 scientists; almost 50 per cent of them represented 12 research and academic institutes (outside the Department of Space), including private academic institute, across the country, the space agency said.

In a step towards advancing India's lunar ambitions, the meet was also to explore the scientific potential of lunar samples in the context of the ambitious Chandrayaan-4 mission, which aims

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There has always been tension between India, Pak; they'll figure it out, remarks President Trump

MI News Service, Washington (DC): US President Donald Trump has said that there has always been tensions between India and Pakistan and he believes that the two countries will figure it out between themselves "one way or the other".

Trump made these remarks on Saruday (Indian time) after he was asked about tensions between India and Pakistan in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 civilians were killed and if he would be talking to the leaders of the two nations.

"I am very close to India and I'm

very close to Pakistan, as you know. And they've had that fight for 1,000 years in Kashmir. Kashmir has been going on for 1,000 years, probably longer than that. And it was a bad one yesterday, though, that was a bad one. Over 30 people," Trump said during a press gaggle with reporters aboard Air Force One on his way to Rome. Delhi reads President Trump'S statement with a sense of relief, since he has not articulated any desire to mediate. The Kashmir dispute has been unresolved between India and Pakistan since 1947.

US President Donald Trump has

said that India and Pakistan have shared tense relations "for 1,500 years," adding he is close to both countries. Speaking with the media aboard Air Force One the US President claimed the Kashmir issue had been going on "for a thousand years," adding that it could probably be "longer than that". He attempted to allay global concerns over the conflict, suggesting the two sides figure it out. "There have been tensions on that border for 1,500 years. It's been the same, but I am sure they'll

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Martyr army's body reaches home on shoulder of his elder army brother who vows to take revenge



MI News Service,Nadia: The Martyr Army jawan's body reaches Nadia home on shoulder of his elder army jawan brother who promises of taking revenge. It reached at Tehatta Patharghata 8 am. Thousands of people welcomed the body on army vehicle and they were throwing revengeful slogans. Many of them had the national flags on hands. The burial take place near the home at around 11.45 am.

The wave of sorrow that had started in Pahelgaon in Jammu and Kashmir a few days back, with bullet rain by the terrorists over tourists and subsequently on army jawans, touched Tehatta, Patharghata in Nadia's West Bengal, about 2255 Km. away from the spot of Dude - Basantgarh , when the martyr Jhantu Ali Shaikh's body arrived home at 8 am. on Saturday morning. Side by side the

anger against terrorists were revealed through the slogans of hundreds of locals those had gathered around the home of martyr Jhantu Ali Sheikh.

The army vehicle carried the coffin captivated body to the village at around 8 am. The big size army vehicle was decorated with the photographs of Jhantu Ali and whole the vehicle was decorated with flowers and garlands. When the vehicle entered the village of Patharghata, the huge villagers walked along side the vehicle up to his home.

As soon as it reached, the wave of lament got accelerated which surpassed the sound of bullets at Pahelgaon and Dude- Basantgarh.

Jhantu Ali Shaikh, the army commando , deployed at 6 Para forces, was killed in an encounter between the ambushed terrorists and army Jawans on Thursday



morning.

Amina Sheikh, the niece of the martyr said that while the body reached home at 8 am., the burial was done with 11.45 am. According to him, " Six bullets had hit the body of Jhantu Ali. While one bullet injured his throat and ear another hit at his ear and head. Rest 4 hit at his back as the firing took place from rare. However, the army men arranged the bathing of the body before the ritual activities. At this time force personnel didn't allow the females to stay there. Then the National flag which was kept on the coffin, folded and handed over to his wife by the army men."

The neighbouring people and kith and kin were gathered the home from the dawn. However, Rafiqul, the elder brother to the martyr Jhantu Ali, an army jawan , posted in Jammu and Kashmir, ac-

companied the body from Kashmir. He had placed his shoulder to carry the coffin from military vehicle to pulpit and he was in Army dress. He is Subedar in Artillery Regiment. While Jhantu was in Army for last 14 years, Rafiqul Sheikh has already spent 28 years. He was posted in Kashmir one year ago. Later he said, " My brother tried to take revenge of killing the 27 innocent tourists. But he failed. However, I will take the revenge of killing my brother.

The parents have been constantly crying like as the wife and the minor son. But the little daughter Rishita sometimes playing and sometimes crying.

The locals welcomed the martyr's body with revengeful slogans and national flags.

After completion the rituals, the army men sat for a discussion with wife and parents.

Cancer Survivor Candidates selected and shortlisted for over 150 Jobs at AMP Job Fair at Tata Memorial Centre, Navi Mumbai!

MI News Service: Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP), in collaboration with St. Jude India ChildCare Centres, successfully organized a special Job Fair at Tata Memorial Centre, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai, on Saturday, 26th April 2025.

The event witnessed 272 candi-

date interviews, out of which 28 Job Offers were given, and 125 positions were shortlisted for various job opportunities. 11 leading corporates and recruiters from across industries participated, offering over 1,300+ vacancies in sectors such as Banking, Hospitality, BPO, Logistics, and

other entry-level and experienced roles. This unique initiative was aimed at empowering cancer survivor youth by helping them secure placements with reputed mainstream corporates, promoting opportunities without any discrimination based on caste, community, or creed.

Speaking at the event, Anil Nair, Executive Director and CEO of St. Jude India ChildCare Centres, said, "We are grateful to AMP and Tata Memorial Hospital for partnering with us to organize this Job Mela. It is indeed the first of its kind for cancer survivors. Our heartfelt thanks to AMP for their unwavering support. We hope this partnership will grow stronger over the years, enabling thousands of cancer survivors across India to become gainfully employed and financially independent."

Najeeb ur Rehman, Core Team Member – AMP, who mentored and motivated the candidates before the Job Fair, shared,

"Many of these youngsters had doubts about their employability, given their medical history. Through proper motivation and counseling, we have seen that they can achieve wonders for themselves and their families. Our employability session prior to the Job Fair was aimed precisely at building their confidence and readiness."

Usha Banerjee, Team Leader at St. Jude's for Life, added, "At St. Jude's for Life, the vertical supporting cancer survivors, we focus on education, health, counseling, career guidance, and skilling. Helping survivors secure jobs was the logical next step. This first effort, in collaboration with Tata Memorial Centre and AMP, has been a great success, and we look forward to many more such initiatives."



Shahid Haider, Head - AMP Employment Assistance Cell (EAC), said, "One of AMP Employment Cell's core objectives is to provide job opportunities to youth and make them self-sufficient. This partnership with St. Jude's is a landmark initiative, enabling us to extend our employment efforts to cancer survivors as well. So far, AMP has organized 105 Job Fairs and facilitated employment for over 75,000 youth across India."

The event was powered by the dedicated efforts of St. Jude's India team, led by **Shamika Chavan**, and the AMP Navi Mumbai Chapter team, including senior members **Samir Bure** and **Adv. Majid Anwar**, along with support from the AMP EAC and

Mumbai staff teams for corporate outreach and event organization.

About AMP: Association of Muslim Professionals (AMP) is a non-profit organization comprising socially conscious Muslim professionals dedicated to the welfare of society and the nation through educational and economic empowerment initiatives. AMP is registered as a Section 8 Company (Non-Profit) under the Companies Act 2013 with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), Government of India. AMP's initiatives serve individuals — both male and female — across all castes, creeds, and religions, with the aim of building a more inclusive and empowered society.

Martyr Jhantu Sheikh's coffin arrives home, family calls for peace amidst National outrage

MI News Service, Tehatta: Family Calls for Peace Amidst National Outrage. The mortal remains of fallen soldier Jhantu Sheikh reached his Tehatta residence this morning, triggering emotional scenes as family and villagers gathered to pay their last respects. Jhantu's brother, Shaful Sheikh, amidst tears, urged the nation to unite against unrest and terrorism. The atmosphere was heavy with grief as his parents and wife mourned his loss. By 11 am, a final tribute with a song and salute was held in his home area. The nation is reeling from the recent brutal killing of Hindu tourists in Pahalgan, fueling widespread calls for revenge. Jhantu Sheikh was martyred in a gunfight with militants during a search operation in Udhampur following the attack. News of his demise cast a pall of gloom over his Tehatta home and the entire locality. Jhantu sustained fatal bullet wounds to his head and both shoulders during the encounter. Despite being swiftly evacuated to a hospital by his team, he succumbed to his injuries. His

body was initially taken to the Barrackpore Army Hospital before being transported home.

Jhantu's elder brother, Subedar Shaful Sheikh, who serves in the Machil sector and was present in his army uniform, bore his brother's coffin. Despite his grief, he conveyed a powerful message of unity, stating, "We want peace in the country. As long as we are at the border, the countrymen will be in peace... For me, the country comes first, then the family." Echoing this sentiment, Jhantu's brother had earlier asserted, "For me, the country comes first, then the family." Subedar Shaful Sheikh recounted the events in Udhampur, revealing that his brother was leading the search operation when they came under attack from a hilltop. Jhantu was struck by three bullets, in both shoulders and the head, and despite rapid medical evacuation, he could not be saved. Even in mourning, Shaful emphasized the secular nature of the Indian Army, urging peace and harmony in the nation.

Inauguration of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Eye Bank at AIIMS Kalyani

MI News Service Nadia: India needs about 20 thousand eye surgeries every year. About 4 million people lose their sight due to corneal blindness. There are over 12 million blind people in India, of which about 4 million have corneal blindness, which is caused by problems with the cornea. Keeping the above situation in mind, AIIMS Kalyani authority has inaugurated an Eye Bank on Saturday. The Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Eye Bank was formally inaugurated at AIIMS Kalyani on Saturday. The inauguration ceremony was graced by Prof. Dr.



Radhika Tandon, Chief of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences,

AIIMS New Delhi. Prof. Dr. Ramji Singh, Executive Director of AIIMS Kalyani,

was present as the Guest of Honour during the event. The establishment of the

Eye Bank is expected to mark a significant milestone in the field of ophthalmic care and corneal transplantation services in the region. Speaking at the event, Prof. Dr. Radhika Tandon emphasized, "Eye donation and restoration of vision is a supreme act of humanity. Dedicating this initiative in the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose carries immense significance." Prof. Dr. Ramji Singh congratulated everyone involved in making the Eye Bank a reality and highlighted the future plans for its growth and contribution towards advanced eye care services.

Father and son found dead in apparent suicides

MI News Service, Belur: A shocking incident in the Thakuran Pond area of Belur unfolded around 7 am, as the bodies of a father and son were discovered in separate locations. Morning walkers first found the body of 75-year-old Subhash Pal hanging from a tree near the pond. Upon returning home to report this, they were met with another grim discovery: the body of Subhash's 38-year-old son, Ajit Pal, was found inside the house with a towel hanging from the fan. Family sources indicate Ajit likely died by suicide first, prompting his father to take his own life near the pond. While the precise motive remains unclear, police have initiated an investigation, with initial findings suggesting a possible link to a family dispute.

today with the discovery of the bodies of a father and son in what appears to be a deeply distressing case of double suicide. The sequence of events unfolded when local residents, out for their morning walk, came upon the lifeless body of 75-year-old Subhash Pal suspended from a tree near a local pond. The sight left them in immediate shock. Upon returning to the locality to report the grim discovery, these residents were confronted with a second tragedy. Inside the Pal residence, they found the body of Subhash's 38-year-old son, Ajit Pal, lying on the floor. A towel hanging from the ceiling fan suggested that Ajit had also taken his own life, seemingly by hanging. According to information obtained from family sources, Ajit was employed at a private company. The family had experienced a loss a year prior with the passing of

Ajit's mother, leaving the father and son as the sole occupants of the house. While the precise reasons that led to this devastating outcome remain unclear, a palpable sense of confusion and grief has enveloped the community. Local residents promptly alerted the Belur Police Station. Law enforcement officials arrived at the scene, recovered both bodies, and transported them to a nearby hospital for post-mortem examination and further investigation. Initial inquiries conducted by the police suggest that a family dispute may have played a role in the tragic deaths of Subhash and Ajit Pal. However, the exact nature and intensity of these alleged disputes are currently under investigation as authorities work to piece together the circumstances leading to this heartbreaking incident that has deeply affected the Belur community.

Grandfather kills granddaughter and daughter-in-law

MI News Service, Belgaria: Police Inaction ClaimedA deeply concerning incident has come to light in the Jatindas Nagar area of Ward No. 35 of Kamarhati Municipality, where a couple has accused the husband's father of repeated molestation attempts targeting both his daughter-in-law and their 5-year-old granddaughter. The family further alleges that upon protesting these actions, the father-in-law subjected them to a four-day lockdown from their residence and that the Belgaria police have been unresponsive to their complaints.

According to the allegations, the daughter-in-law endured physical abuse from her father-in-law from the inception of her marriage. This abuse purportedly escalated to include the couple's five-year-old daughter, who was allegedly also subjected to sexual harassment by her grandfather. The mother and daughter reportedly faced physical abuse together when they resisted these advances.

TMC leader Soakat Molla challenges ISF's Naushad Siddiqui

MI News Service, Bhangarh: Shawkat Mollah Challenges Naushad Siddiqui, Vows Massive TMC Victory. As the political atmosphere in Bhangarh intensifies ahead of the 2026 assembly elections, Canning East MLA Shawkat Mollah has issued a sharp challenge to ISF MLA Naushad Siddiqui. During the inauguration of government street lights and solar irrigation systems in various parts of Bhangarh, Mollah asserted that the Trinamool Congress (TMC) would secure a landslide victory, predicting a lead of over one lakh votes. He also dared Siddiqui to field a local Bhangarh candidate and vowed to politically defeat him, while simultaneously promising extensive development work in the region.

Political Tensions Rise in Bhangarh as Shawkat Mollah Challenges Naushad Siddiqui Ahead of 2026 Elections Canning East MLA Shawkat Mollah has issued a

pointed challenge to ISF MLA Naushad Siddiqui, demanding that he field a local Bhangarh candidate in the 2026 assembly elections. Speaking at the inauguration of government-funded street lighting and solar-powered irrigation systems across Bhangarh, Mollah asserted that the Trinamool Congress (TMC) is poised for a decisive victory, predicting a margin exceeding one lakh votes. Shawkat Mollah's remarks, delivered during a series of inaugurations spanning Sonepur, Kashipur, Kanthalia, Pakapol, and Satulia, signaled the commencement of the TMC's electoral campaign in the region. In addition to the political challenge, he pledged comprehensive infrastructural development, promising to illuminate the entire Bhangarh area before the upcoming elections. "If he is a son of Bhangarh, he should field a son of Bhangarh," Shawkat Mollah stated, referring to Siddiqui.

IMD predicts scattered, thunderstorms and temp dip

MI News Service, Kolkata: After days of relentless heat, a welcome change is on the horizon for West Bengal. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast scattered thunderstorms and rainfall over the next four to five days, offering residents temporary respite from the oppressive temperatures. A drop of 3 to 5 degrees Celsius is expected, alongside intermittent spells of light to moderate rain accompanied by thunderstorms.

Meteorologists have issued warnings of gusty winds, with speeds reaching 50-60 km/h, particularly across parts of South Bengal. While the intensity of rainfall may be moder-

ate in southern districts, North Bengal could experience isolated heavy showers. Special advisories have been issued for farmers, as the anticipated storms may adversely impact vegetable crops vulnerable to heavy winds and rain. On Saturday morning, Kolkata recorded a minimum temperature of 28.3°C, while Friday's maximum temperature stood at 35.6°C. The relative humidity ranged between 65% and 89%, exacerbating discomfort levels. The IMD has specifically cautioned that thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds are likely in Kolkata and all districts of South Bengal from Sunday through

Tuesday. Several districts, including parts of western Bengal, are under alert for possible Kalbaishakhi storms, a common phenomenon during pre-monsoon months. Meanwhile, a heatwave warning remains in effect for districts such as West Midnapore, West Burdwan, Bankura, and Birbhum. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms are predicted for areas like West Midnapore, Jhargram, Birbhum, and Murshidabad. Looking ahead, Monday could witness a significant uptick in storm activity in Hooghly, West Midnapore, Bankura, Purulia, East Burdwan, and West Burdwan. Winds gusting up to

60 km/h are expected to accompany the showers, raising concerns about localized damage. Tuesday's forecast continues to predict thunderstorms and rain for all districts of South Bengal, signaling a much-needed cooling trend for the region. Authorities have urged citizens to exercise caution, particularly during evening hours when storm activity is expected to peak. Farmers have been advised to take preventive measures to minimize agricultural losses. With the changing weather patterns, Bengal's residents are hopeful for a break from the searing summer conditions, even as vigilance remains essential in the days ahead.

Man held for allegedly luring friend in attempted murder plot

MI News Service, Kalna: A shocking incident unfolded in the Yogipara area of Kalna town, East Burdwan, where a young man, Amareshwar Dey, was allegedly attacked and

stabbed in the throat by a friend, Papai Ghosh, who he owed money to. Amareshwar was reportedly invited to what he believed was Papai's birthday party, only to be

allegedly assaulted by Papai, his father, and his wife during a liquor gathering. Seriously injured, Amareshwar managed to escape and is currently receiving treatment at Kalna

Subdistrict Hospital. While the victim's family has approached the police, authorities state they have yet to receive a formal complaint but will investigate if one is filed.

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across the LoC on Thursday night as well. No casualties have been reported in the firing. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have issued a string of directives amid the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, expected to be implemented immediately. "We will ensure that not a single drop of water flows into Pakistan from India," the PM said in remarks seen as tightening the screws on Pakistan. Further, Amit Shah called up CMs across all states, urging them to ensure that no Pakistani stays in the country beyond the May 1 deadline.

Days after the Pahalgam terror attack, the homes of two men suspected to be involved in the incident were "demolished using explosives" during the night in south Kashmir. Suspected Pahalgam attacker Asif Ahmad Sheikh's house was demolished at Mongaham in south Kashmir's Tral, and Adil Ahmad Thoker's house at Gurte village in south Kashmir's Bijnbehara.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday visited Pahalgam. Speaking to the media, Abdullah said, "I can understand the fear among the tourists. Those who come here on a vacation don't want to experience any fear... But I want to tell them that if they

leave Kashmir during these times, then it may make our enemies win. They targeted tourists because they wanted to send all the tourists out of Kashmir."

He added that the people of Pahalgam have requested to be shifted out elsewhere. "I want to assure the people that we are with them. Their biggest demand is that they want to be settled elsewhere. The DC has already been instructed about it," he said.

Nagarik Yuva Shakti Nepal on Saturday protested outside the Pakistani embassy in Kathmandu against the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people, including a Nepali tourist.

Dozens of youths carrying placards and a photograph of 27-year-old Sudip Neupane, who was killed in the attack, chanted slogans like "Down with Islamic terrorism", "Punish the terrorist", and "Stop killing the Hindus".

Neupane from Butawal sub-metropolitan city of Western Nepal was among those killed in the attack claimed by The Resistance Front, an offshoot of the banned Pakistan-linked Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Rastriya Prajatantra Party also organised a separate protest on Saturday outside the Pakistani embassy here against the attack.

Kailash Mansarovar Yatra...

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completed disengagement of troops at the two remaining friction points of Demchok and Depsang under a pact sealed on October 21 last year. Two days later, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held talks in the Russian city of Kazan and agreed to revive various bilateral dialogue mechanisms.

Following the Modi-Xi talks, the two sides held a series of meetings in the last few months at different level which were aimed at normalising the bilateral relations.

In January, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri visited Beijing and held talks with his Chinese counterpart Sun Weidong.

In the meeting, the two sides decided to resume the Kailash Mansarovar

Yatra and agreed to take certain people-centric steps to "stabilise and rebuild" ties. "This year, five batches, each consisting of 50 Yatris, and 10 batches, each consisting of 50 Yatris, are scheduled to travel through Uttarakhand State crossing over at Lipulekh Pass, and through Sikkim state crossing over at Nathu La Pass, respectively," the MEA said in the readout.

The applications for the Yatra can be submitted at the website: kmy.gov.in, it nolt said the Yatris will be selected from among applicants through a "fair, computer-generated, random and gender-balanced" selection process.

"Since 2015, the entire process commencing with on-line application till selection of Yatris is a fully computerised process," according to the MEA.

Arrests for 'pro-Pakistan'...

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indirectly—the horrific, Pakistan-sponsored terror attack in Pahalgam. Let it be known clearly: those who attempt to justify, normalize, or dilute the brutal murder of innocent civilians are not exercising freedom of expression—they are standing against the soul of India," Sarma had said. Assam police had earlier arrested opposition All India United Democratic Front MLA Aminul Islam for making statements in favour of Pakistan after the attack. The AIUDF had dis-

tanced itself from the comments. Aminul Islam has been charged with sedition and he was remanded to four days of police custody on Friday. Of the persons arrested earlier, two are from Silchar in Cachar district and one each from Hailakandi, Morigaon, Nagaon, Sivasagar, Sarmapa and Biswanath, Sarma had said. Terrorists struck Baisaran, a prime tourist location in Pahalgam in south Kashmir on Tuesday, killing at least 26 people, mostly tourists, and injuring several others.

ISRO organises national...

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to return Moon rock and soil to Earth. Scheduled for launch between 2027 and 2028, Chandrayaan-4 could be a game-changer for India's space science trajectory. The meet brought together top scientists and lunar researchers from all corners of the globe with nearly half of whom representing prestigious academic and research institutions beyond the department of space. The experts included specialists in meteorite analysis, lunar simulants and remote sensing, all converging to refine the scientific goals and logistics of handling and analysing lunar samples. In his opening address, M. Ganesh Pillai, scientific secretary, ISRO highlighted the event's importance as a critical milestone in India's broader lunar exploration

roadmap, eventually paving the way for India's first human mission to the Moon by 2040. Dr Tirtha Pratim Das, director of the science programme office at ISRO headquarters, emphasised the need for a science-driven and meticulously planned mission. He called on Indian researchers to play a central role in shaping the sample return process and deriving meaningful scientific insights. Dr Anil Bhardwaj, director of the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad, reflected on PRL's legacy in analysing meteorite and lunar samples, setting the stage for high-precision research with Chandrayaan-4's expected payload. Teams from UR Rao Satellite Centre (URSC) shared updates on ISRO's infrastructure developments, including facilities for curation and advanced analysis of lunar materials post-return.

State urges dist admin to act swiftly on drinking water crisis

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amid growing concerns over the drinking water situation in several parts of West Bengal, Chief Secretary Manoj Pant has issued an urgent directive to all district magistrates to proactively address the emerging crisis. Highlighting the seriousness of the matter, Pant emphasized the need for immediate review and remedial action to prevent widespread public hardship.

Addressing administrative officials, the Chief Secretary stated, "Reports of drinking water shortages are emerging from multiple regions. A significant contributing factor appears to be the declining groundwater levels. There is a real possibility that the situation could worsen further in the coming days."

In a detailed communication, Pant stressed that immediate evaluation of the current drinking water infrastructure is critical. He instructed that all ongoing water sup-

ply projects be closely inspected, and wherever necessary, urgent repairs and maintenance must be undertaken without delay. If existing systems are found inadequate or beyond repair, swift arrangements for alternative sources of safe drinking water must be made.

The Chief Secretary's intervention reflects the administration's increasing vigilance as summer intensifies, traditionally exacerbating water scarcity in vulnerable districts. Officials have been directed not only to monitor groundwater conditions closely but also to ensure that no section of the population suffers due to disruption or shortage of potable water. Pant underscored that district administrations must maintain constant coordination with the Public Health Engineering (PHE) departments and local civic bodies to address gaps swiftly. Routine inspections, community feedback mechanisms, and readiness to de-

ploy mobile water tankers where required have been recommended as part of a comprehensive action plan.

This proactive move comes at a critical juncture, as meteorological forecasts predict hotter and drier days ahead, which could further deplete groundwater resources. It also signals the government's commitment to safeguarding public health by ensuring uninterrupted access to clean drinking water, especially in rural and semi-urban areas where alternative supply mechanisms are often limited.

The Chief Secretary's clear message to district authorities is unambiguous: drinking water is a fundamental necessity, and it is the administration's paramount duty to guarantee its availability at all costs. As Bengal braces for a challenging summer, the swift and coordinated response of district officials will be crucial in mitigating a potential crisis.

(Dr.) Barun Datta (Retd) raises awareness on knee replacement surgery

MI News Service, Kolkata: Brigadier (Dr.) Barun Datta (Retd), Senior Orthopaedic Surgeon conducted a press conference to raise awareness on Partial Knee Replacement Surgery (UKR). He emphasized that UKR, a less invasive alternative to total knee replacement, offers benefits like quicker recovery, reduced tissue trauma, better knee function, and long-term cost-effectiveness. Suitable for patients with arthritis confined to a single compartment, UKR helps preserve natural knee movement. Brigadier Dr. Datta also reassured that with expert care and proper patient selection, UKR outcomes are highly favourable, offering patients renewed mobility and quality of life.

KMC to reassess prop taxes across 141 wards

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major administrative move, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has decided to form a dedicated committee to reassess property taxes across 141 wards. The decision, recently approved by Mayor Firhad Hakim, received formal endorsement during a meeting of the Mayor-in-Council. Since the KMC's Revenue Department falls under the Mayor's jurisdiction, his consent was mandatory.

The committee will primarily comprise senior officials from the Revenue and Property Assessment departments. However, the final decision regarding tax revision will rest with the state secretariat, Nabanna. Currently, KMC comprises 144 wards. However, tax reassessment will be conducted only in 141 wards. Wards 142, 143, and 144 — carved out from Joka 1 and 2 Gram Panchayat areas before the 2015 municipal elections — have been excluded. According to the Revenue Department, infrastructural development in these wards is still underway, and full-fledged municipal services have yet to be established, unlike the other parts of Kolkata.



TMC women's wing participated in a silent rally to protest against the Pahalgam terrorist attack in Kolkata.

School students recognized for excellence in scientific innovation and recycling initiatives

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a remarkable celebration of young talent and environmental consciousness, the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Institute of Engineering and Management (IEM) hosted a school-level project competition for 2025 under the themes of "Innovation, Sustainability, and Circularity."

Over 100 participants, including students and teachers from leading city schools, showcased pioneering models promoting eco-friendly solutions. Five outstanding projects were awarded for excellence in areas such as clean energy, waste reduction, recycling, eco-design, water purification, and smart city innovations.

Schools honored for their achievements in recycling innovation included Gobindapur Ratneshwar High School, Halisahar Rabindra Vidya Mandir, and Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Girls' School. Special commendations were awarded to Behala Girls' High School and Shibpur Bhavani Girls' School. Patha Bhavan and Barisha Vivekananda Girls' High School secured the Scientific Innovation Awards,



Students were awarded for projects related to clean energy, waste reduction, recycling, eco-design, water purification, and smart city innovations during a school-level project competition for 2025, organized by the Department of Mechanical Engineering at IEM.

with Dhanicha High School receiving special recognition. Professor Sadhan Kumar Ghosh, President of the International Society of Waste Management, Air, and Water, stressed the need to foster environmental values early. Professor Rahul Vaidya and Principal Arun Kumar Bar highlighted IEM's broader sustainability initiatives, inspiring a generation to integrate innovation with responsibility.

'Gunvatta Yatra' initiative to empower MSMEs

MI News Service, Kolkata: MCCI QCI Gunvatta Yatra, a new initiative introduced by The Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI), in collaboration with the Quality Council of India (QCI), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. Themed "Empowering MSMEs & Industries," the session commenced with a pledge to build a self-reliant India through quality production. The keynote address was delivered by Ruchira Mukherjee, QCI Faculty and CEO, Business Analyst Group. She emphasized that the MSME Competitive Scheme aims to upgrade manufacturing systems, boost competitiveness, and nurture MSMEs into national and international champions.

MSMEs registered on the Udyam portal are eligible to participate. Highlighting the ZED Certification framework, Mukherjee explained that it offers access to incentives from the Central and State Governments and financial institutions. She underlined the benefits of ZED practices, including enhanced quality, lower operational costs, increased revenues, and global market recognition. Financial assistance is available across three certification categories: Bronze (8,000), Silver (32,000), and Gold (72,000). Discussing Lean Implementation, she noted subsidies of approximately 20 lakh from MoMSME, concessions on banking services, state government

incentives, and significant gains in productivity and brand credibility. She outlined a strategic path for MSMEs through Bronze and Lean Basic certifications toward Silver/Gold levels within 18 months, although service industries are yet to be included.

Welcoming participants, Sanjib Kumar Kothari, Treasurer and Chairman, MSME Council, MCCI, cited that MSMEs contribute 30% to India's GDP and employ 113 million people. He noted that 2.83 lakh MSMEs have achieved ZED certification to date, with 1,886 certifications in West Bengal last fiscal year. The session concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Akhil Sonthalia, Council on MSMEs, MCCI.

DGCA issues advisory to...

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and possibility of technical halts enroute for operational or fuel requirements. With the Pakistani airspace remaining closed for Indian passenger aircraft resulting in extended flight durations and, in some cases, even additional stopovers for westward international flights, aviation regulator DGCA has also directed all carriers to implement various passenger-handling measures including proactive and transparent communication about route and schedule changes, having adequate meals and beverages on board, and ensuring medical preparedness at stopover airports. The DGCA also directed Indian airlines to have customer service and support readiness in view of the situation, and asked them to ensure seamless coordination between their teams and with service providers, official sources said here today. "All operators are advised to treat this circular as mandatory guidance in the interest of passenger safety, comfort, and regulatory compliance. Non-compliance or passenger inconvenience resulting from failure to implement these measures may attract appropriate enforcement action under applicable Civil Aviation Requirements. This circular comes into effect immediately and shall remain valid until further notice," the aviation watchdog said in its communication to the airlines.

As a result several top Indian airline companies like Air India and IndiGo are bracing for higher fuel costs and longer journey times as they reroute India has said there were Pakistani elements in Tuesday's barbaric attack in Pahalgam where Pakistan backed gunmen shot and

killed 26 Indian Hindu tourists in a meadow in the Pahalgam area of Kashmir valley leading to strong reaction against Pakistan throughout the country and the world. .

The nuclear-armed arch rivals have unleashed a raft of measures against each other in response, with India keeping a critical river water-sharing treaty in abeyance and banned the visas of all Pakistani nationals to India forcing Pakistan to temporarily closed its airspace to Indian airlines. However, other International airlines are not affected by the ban.

The impact of the airspace closure was visible starting late on Friday as Air India and IndiGo began to reroute flights to New York, Azerbaijan and Dubai – all of which typically use Pakistan airspace, according to data from a tracking aviation website. The worst impacted airport will be New Delhi, one of the world's busiest, from where flights cross Pakistani airspace to fly to destinations in the West and the Middle East. Informed sources said IndiGo, Air India and its budget unit Air India Express have roughly 1,200 flights combined from New Delhi scheduled for Europe, the Middle East and North America in April.

Air India's flights to the Middle East from New Delhi will now be forced to fly roughly an hour extra, which means higher fuel costs and less cargo to accommodate the extra fuel, said an Indian aviation industry executive, who declined to be identified.

IndiGo said on Friday "a few" of its flights will be impacted, while Air India said on X that some "flights to or from North America, UK, Europe, and Middle East will take an alternative extended route."

There has always been...

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figure it out one way or the other," Trump said. Without mentioning Prime Minister Narendra Modi or his Pakistani counterpart Shehbaz Sharif, Trump said he knew both the leaders.

"There's great tension between Pakistan and India, but there always has been," he added.

Trump's comment came after US State Department Spokesperson Tammy Bruce on Thursday condemned all acts of terrorism and said that the country stood with India.

"As President (Donald) Trump and Secretary (Marco) Rubio have made clear, the United States stands with India, and strongly condemns all acts of terrorism". At least 26 people, including a Nepali national, were killed and several others injured when terrorists opened fire in the Baisaran Valley,

a popular tourist place in Kashmir. Multiple eyewitnesses later said there was a panic situation after they heard gunshots and started running for cover.

Since then, the Indian Army, along with the Jammu and Kashmir Police and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), has been carrying out a major manhunt to track down the terrorists.

The Resistance Front (TRF), a proxy of the Pakistan-based terror group Lashkar-e-Taiba, has claimed responsibility for the April 22 attack in Pahalgam. On Friday, Pakistan's Defence minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif called for an international investigation into the attack, adding that the cash-strapped nation was "ready to cooperate" with "any investigation which is conducted by international inspectors," The New York Times reported.

Bengal Government...

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Bengal were tragically killed in the Pahalgam terror attack. Among the victims were Bitan Adhikari, a Florida-based professional originally from Behala; Samir Guha, another Behala resident and a central government employee; and Manishranjan Mishra, an Intelligence Bureau officer from Jhalda, Purulia, who had been posted in Hyderabad. While Bitan's wife and young son lived with rela-

tives in Patuli, the loss of Bitan plunged the family into profound uncertainty. His elderly parents, dependent on him for their medical and daily needs, faced a bleak future. Today's announcements by the Chief Minister have offered them a ray of hope and huge relief amidst their overwhelming grief. The government's swift and sensitive response has been widely appreciated across the state as a true humane gesture during this difficult time.



Cheer leaders during the IPL match between KKR and PBKS at Eden Gardens in Kolkata. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

Name Change
I, Keya Dutta (old name) daughter of Koushik Dutta and wife of Titu Ghosh, residing at Sarada Pally, Rajpur Sonarpur (M), Dist- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 700152, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Keya Ghosh Dutta (new name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Court, vide affidavit no. 80226 dated 23/12/2021. Keya Ghosh Dutta (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Azija Bibi (old name) D/O Rabial Kaval, residing at SHIBHUGLI, PASCHIM RAMESWARPUR, PS-MAHESHTALA, SOUTH 24 PGS-700140, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajija Bibi (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 26/04/2025. Ajija Bibi (new name) and Azija Bibi (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Vijay Singh Advocate (old name) S/O Kunji Lal Sharma, residing at Rukmani Parasmani, Flat-3, PF, 92/1B, Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Sarani, Kankurgachi, Kolkata - 700054, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Vijay Sharma (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 26/04/2025. Vijay Sharma (new name) and Vijay Singh Advocate (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Raphik (old name) S/O Sk Aminuddin, residing at Radha Krishnapur Panskura, East Medinipur, Pin- 721634, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Md Rafik (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 24/04/2025. Sk Md Rafik (new name) and Raphik (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sajeda (old name) W/O Sk Md Rafik, residing at Radha Krishnapur Panskura, East Medinipur, Pin- 721634, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sajeda Bibi (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 24/04/2025. Sajeda Bibi (new name) and Sajeda (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Dinesh Kumar Goyal (old name) S/O Devi Prasad Goyal, residing at Fd-209, Salt Lake Sector-3, Bidhannagar, Pin-700106, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dinesh Goyal (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 24/04/2025. Dinesh Goyal (new name) and Dinesh Kumar Goyal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ashok Dutta (old name) S/O Lakshmi Bhuvan Dutta, residing at 646, Rabindra Sarani, P.S.-Shyampur, Bagbazar, Kolkata-700003, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ashok Kumar Dutta (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 26/04/2025. Ashok Kumar Dutta (new name) and Ashok Dutta (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Samir Kumar Sarkar (old name) S/O Chittaranjan Sarkar, residing at Shimulpur, P.O.- Thakurnagar, P.S.- Gaighata, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743287, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Samir Sarkar (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 26/04/2025. Samir Sarkar (new name) and Samir Kumar Sarkar (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I Tajmul Mondal, s/o Alam Mondal, Residing at Vill- Khariida Chapra, P.O.- Chapra, P.S.-Dhanatala, Dist-Nadia, W.B., Pin- 741202. Vide an Affidavit sworn before the Court Of Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st class) at Ranaghat On 21/3/25. That My father Alam Mondal and Alom Mondal is the Same and. one identical Person. That I Tajmul Mondal, s/o Alam Mondal and Tajmul Mondal, s/o Alam Mondal am the Same and one identical Person,

Name Change
I, Amarnath Nath, S/o Manik Chandra Nath, Residing at 229, East Ghosh Para Road, Noapara, P.O Shyamnagar, P.S Garulia, North 24 Parganas, Pin 743127 shall henceforth be known as Amar Kumar Nath has declared before the Alipur Notary Public dated 25.04.2025. Amarnath Nath and Amar Kumar Nath both same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ajaay Jaain, son of Bimal Kumar Chokuria, residing at 22, Ram Lal Mukherjee Lane, Golabari, Howrah, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I wish to change my name as Ajaay Jaain and Ajay Jaain. Ajay Chorarai and Ajaay Jaain are the same and one identical person via affidavit in the Court of Ld 1st Class Judicial Metropolitan Magistrate at Kolkata dated 31st January 2025.

Name Change
I, Snsmita Hazra (Old name) D/O Sri Shyam Sundar Hazra Residing at village-Rajapur Po-Nonakundu, P.S-Domjur, Dist Howrah- 711405, henceforth be known as Sumnita Hazra(New name) as declared Affidavit no 6240/25 before the court of Executive Magistrate,(1st Class) at Howrah dated 23.04.2025.Snsmita Hazra (Old name) and Sumnita Hazra(New name) Both are the same and one identical person.

Key accused in murder of Englishbazar TMC leader Dulal Sarkar arrested from Bihar

MI News Service, Englishbazar: One of the key accused in the murder of Englishbazar Trinamul Congress leader Dulal Sarkar has been arrested from Bihar, but Malda police didn't reveal how they had tracked down Krishna aka Rohon Rajak. On Thursday, Rajak was arrested in Bihar with the help of the police of the neighbouring state. The Malda police had announced a reward of ₹2 lakh for providing any clue about his whereabouts. With Rajak in custody, nine persons, including a former head of the Englishbazar municipality and the former Trinamool president of the Englishbazar town block committee, Narendranath Tiwary, have been arrested so far in connection with Sarkar's murder.

Name Change
I, Sirajul Rahaman (old name) S/O Mojib Ali Mondal, residing at Fatullapur, Madhyapara, North Dumdum (M), North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700049, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Sirajul Rahaman (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 26/04/2025. Sekh Sirajul Rahaman (new name) and Sirajul Rahaman (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Barun Kumar Saha (old name) S/O Makhlanlal Saha, residing at Baduria, Baduria, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743401, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Barun Saha (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 26/04/2025. Barun Saha (new name) and Barun Kumar Saha (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sekh Farij, son of Late Sk Aynul, residing at Thandar para, Santoshpur, Mahestala, South 24 parganas - 700142, West Bengal, shall henceforth be known as Sk Firoz vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 25/04/2025. That Sekh Farij and Sk Firoz both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Montu Malo (old name) S/O Mohanta Malo, residing at N.S. Sorani Subhash Nagar, Halisahar, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743134, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mantu Malo (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 25/04/2025. Mantu Malo (new name) and Montu Malo (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Abdur Rahim Mohammed (old name) S/O Usman Ghoni, residing at VIII & PO-BASANTI, BARUIPUR, PIN-743312, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abdur Rahim Molla (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 26/04/2025. Abdur Rahim Molla (new name) and Abdur Rahim Mohammed (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Rashida (Old Name), Wife Of Nesar Ahmed, Residing At 9 Tiljala Lane, Po - Tiljala, Kolkata - 700039, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rashida Khatoon(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/04/2025. That Rashida And Rashida Khatoon Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Abul Kasem Sk (Old Name), Son Of Soukat Ali Shaikh, Residing At Vill - Rajakgohalia, Po - Dosatina, Ps - Bishnupur, South 24 parganas - 743503, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abul Kasem Shaikh(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/04/2025. That Abul Kasem Sk And Abul Kasem Shaikh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Niyamatullah Mallick, S/O Khodabux Mallick, R/O Vill- Chapra B.D.O Office Para, Po Bangalji, Ps- Chapra, Nadia, 741123, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Niyamatullah Mallick, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/04/2025. That Md Niyamatullah Mallick And Niyamatullah Mallick All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sarfun Nesaa Bibi (Old Name), Wife Of Abul Kasem Shaikh, Residing At Vill - Rajakgohalia, Po - Dosatina, Ps - Bishnupur, South 24 parganas - 743503, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sekh Sarfunnisa(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/04/2025. That Sarfun Nesaa Bibi And Sekh Sarfunnisa Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Declaration
I, Anita Biswas wife of Mukul Biswas residing at 1 no. Ramkrishna pally,bhangar, south 24(pgs) do hereby declare that I disclaim the right of my youngest daughter Ruma Biswas from my property by making an affidavit before the notary public at alipore on 24.01.2025.

Parliamentary Committee on estimates during study visit to Kolkata, holds meeting with Railways



MI News Service, Kolkata: Shri Sanjay Jaiswal, Chairperson, Parliamentary Committee on Estimates and other members of the committee including 11 Members of Parliament have held a meeting with Eastern Railway, South Eastern Railway & Northeast Frontier Railway at Kolkata, today (26.4.2025).

Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway welcomed Shri Sanjay Jaiswal, Chairperson of the Parliamentary

Committee on Estimate and other dignitaries including Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Hon'ble MP, Shri M. K. Raghavan, Hon'ble MP, Shri Kalyan Banerjee, Hon'ble MP, Shri Arvind Ganpat Sawant, Hon'ble MP, Shri Jugal Kishore, Hon'ble MP, Dr. Bhola Singh, Hon'ble MP, Shri Ve Vaithlingam, Hon'ble MP, Shri B. K. Parthasarathi, Hon'ble MP, Shri Rajkumar Sangwan, Hon'ble MP and Shri Manish Jaiswal, Hon'ble MP. In the meeting Shri Milind Deouskar, General

Manager/Eastern Railway appraised the committee members regarding achievements of Eastern Railway in the past few years in different aspects like originating loading, punctuality performance, safety achievements, safety initiatives, expenditure on infrastructure work, new sections commissioned in the last five years, ongoing projects in West Bengal, project survey, survey work for new projects, passenger amenities works, crowd manage-

ment, awareness campaigns, green initiatives etc. A PowerPoint presentation was shown to the committee about the achievements & initiatives of Eastern Railway. In the meeting, Shri P.K.Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer (Construction) / Eastern Railway, Shri Paramshiv, IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner/ Eastern Railway and Shri Ved Prakash, Deputy General Manager (G) / Eastern Railway were also present.

Sealdah Division organises Cleanliness Awareness Programmes at Barasat & Berhampore Court Stations



MI News Service, Kolkata: In an effort to promote greater awareness about station cleanliness and environmental hygiene, Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway successfully organised Cleanliness Awareness Programmes today, i.e., on 26.04.2025, at Barasat and Berhampore Court Stations. The campaigns witnessed enthusiastic participation from the Commercial, Health, and Environment & Housekeeping Management (EnHM) departments. Station staff, including the Station Superintendent, Station Master, Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel, health staff and cleaning staff of both stations, actively took part in the initiative. During the programmes, extensive awareness activities were

undertaken to sensitise vendors, passengers, and station users about the importance of maintaining cleanliness across platforms and other station premises. An interactive sessions carried out to spread the message of "Clean Station, Green Nation". Vendors were specifically advised to maintain cleanliness around their stalls, and passengers were urged to dispose of waste responsibly in designated dustbins. Special emphasis was laid on collective responsibility and the role of every individual in keeping the railway premises clean and hygienic. Eastern Railway remains steadfast in its mission to maintain clean, safe, and passenger-friendly stations, ensuring a pleasant and comfortable journey experience for all.

Centenary celebrations continue with Community Engagement Activities



MI News Service, Kolkata: As the Howrah Division proudly celebrating its 100th anniversary, a series of community outreach events are being held to mark this historic milestone under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah Division, Shri Sanjeev Kumar. Among these, a vibrant Prabhat Pheri was organized today, 26th April 2025, in multiple locations, drawing enthusiastic participation and promoting awareness of the division's centenary. A major highlight of today's celebrations was the Prabhat Pheri held at Colvin Court Railway colony. Railway employees, their families, and local residents joined the early morning procession, which was marked by patriotic slogans, banners, and centenary-themed messages. The event aimed to instill a sense of pride and connection with the rich heritage of the Howrah Division. In conjunction with the Prabhat Pheri, a cleanliness drive and a tree plantation program were also conducted at Colvin Court

colony, encouraging environmental responsibility and community involvement. Simultaneously, a Prabhat Pheri and cleanliness drive were carried out at the Dankuni Station area. Staff and volunteers actively participated in cleaning station premises and adjoining areas, reinforcing the message of cleanliness and civic duty in alignment with the Swachh Bharat mission. These activities follow the successful Prabhat Pheri organized on 25th April 2025, which commenced from the Assistant Engineer's Office and concluded at Liluah Station. Leaflets were distributed along the route and at the station to raise awareness about the centenary celebrations. A Shramdan was also held at Liluah Station, encouraging collective action for station upkeep and public hygiene. The Howrah Division's centenary celebrations continue to emphasize the importance of community participation, environmental stewardship, and honoring a century of dedicated railway service.

Mariners storm into Semi Final of Kalinga Indian Super Cup

MI News Service, Bhuwaneshwar: Mohun Bagan Super Giant (MBSG) stormed into the semifinal of the Kalinga India Super Cup. Mohun Bagan SG defeated Kerala Blasters 2 - 0 in the quarterfinal of the Indian Super Cup on Saturday at Bhuwaneshwar. Abdul Samad and Suhail Bhat scored the goals for the Mariners.

Andhra Pradesh: Nine women injured in road accident

MI News Service, Guntur: Nine women were injured after the auto-rickshaw they were travelling in was hit by a tractor in Ambedkar Konaseema district of Andhra Pradesh. "A road accident occurred involving nine women workers who were travelling in an auto-rickshaw from Chappidi Vari Palem, Avidi village, Kothapeta Mandal in Ambedkar Konaseema district to employment guarantee scheme works. The auto-rickshaw was hit by a tractor, resulting in injuries to nine women," as per a release from the Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister's Office. The injured were immediately shifted by ambulance to Kothapeta Government Hospital. Following the accident, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan directed senior officials to ensure the injured received the best possible medical care. "Upon learning about this incident, the Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Pawan Kalyan, expressed his deep concern. He immediately directed senior officials of the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department to ensure the injured received the best possible medical care," the release read. Five women sustained minor injuries and were treated and discharged. The remaining four women, who required better medical care, were shifted to the Government General Hospital (GGH) in Rajamahendravaram. "Officials informed the Deputy Chief Minister that five of the women sustained minor injuries and were treated and discharged from Kothapeta Government Hospital.

আমোক্তারনামা
আমার মঙ্গল (১) শ্রী অজিত কুমার দে, পিতা স্বর্গীয় রসিকচন্দ্র দে, (২) শ্রী সঞ্জীব কুমার দে, পিতা স্বর্গীয় রসিক চন্দ্র দে, (৩) শ্রী স্বপন কুমার দে, পিতা স্বর্গীয় রসিক চন্দ্র দে, (৪) শ্রী মনো দে, পিতা শ্রী সত্যেন্দ্রনাথ দে, (৫) শ্রীমতি আরতি বর মজুমদার, স্বামী শ্রী অসীম রঞ্জন বর মজুমদার, (৬) শ্রীমতি কুমারি, স্বামী শ্রী মুকুল মিত্র, (৭) শ্রীমতি প্রমতি পোদ্দার, স্বামী স্বর্গীয় শাড়িপন পোদ্দার, (৮) শ্রী রঞ্জিত কুমার দে, পিতা স্বর্গীয় রসিকচন্দ্র দে মহাশয় গত হুবারি ০৪.০২.২০২২ তারিখে হাজড়া ঘাটিন্ডি ডিও সাব-রেজিস্ট্রি অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত বৃক্সি নং-৩৬, বিবিং নং-। ১৮৯ পাওয়ার অফ এ্যাটর্নি বা আমোক্তারনামা দলিল বলে শ্রী রঞ্জিত কুমার দে, পিতা রসিক চন্দ্র দে মহাশয়ের নিকট হইতে জে.এল. ১৪ নং সৌজা, বাগি গ্রামে, নিশিন্দা গ্রাম পঞ্চায়েতের এলাকাধীন, নিশিন্দা নামক স্থানে, ৮১২৬ নং খতিয়ানে, ৪২০০ নং খাসে ১ কাঠা ৮ হুটাক জমি বিক্রয় করিবার জন্য ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত হইয়াছেন। উক্ত বিঘ্যে যদি কারো কোনও প্রকার আপত্তি থাকে তিনি বাগি-ভাঙ্গায়া নি.এল. এ্যাড এল.আর.ও. অফিসে যোগাযোগ করিবেন।

Special Arrangement of EMU train services over Sealdah Division for WBJEE
For the convenience of the aspirants for West Bengal Joint Entrance Examination-2025 (WBJEE-2025), all **Sunday exempted EMU train services (SUE)** over Sealdah Division during the period from 00.01 hrs. to 16.00 hrs. on originating basis, will run on **27.04.2025 (Sunday)**.
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"Country comes first...": Amit Shah reacts to ban on Pakistani artists in India

MI News Service, Mumbai: Following the ghastly attack on tourists in the Baisaran valley of Pahalgam, the Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE) reiterated its 2019 directive to ban Pakistani artistes in India.

Reacting to FWICE's decision, actor Amit Sadh, during the promotions of his film 'Pune Highway', told ANI, "Country comes first. I believe in the government. I believe in the people who are running the country and the decisions that they take. Sometimes, there is no right or wrong in life. So I believe in the government. I believe in the actions they think they have to take for our nation." The Federation of Western India Cine Employees had pushed for a boycott of Pakistani artists in the Indian film industry after the 2019 Pulwama terror attack. And now, after the Pahalgam attack, the organisation renewed its directive. Tensions between India and Pakistan have risen sharply since the Pahalgam attack, which claimed the lives of 26 people on April 22. Calling for a complete ban on Pak artists, General Secretary of FWICE, Ashoke Dubey, said, "Since this is a matter of national interest, the nation comes first. The continuous attacks, including the recent one in Pahalgam on our tourists, are shameful. We have again issued a press release stating that if any of our members are found working with Pakistani artists or technicians, we will take action against them and stop working with them."

Dubey further mentioned that all associations linked with FWICE are being sent letters. He went on to say that they have also written to the Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Minister to issue a notification stating that if any Indian member works with Pakistani artists, a case of treason should be filed against them.

Terrorist hideout busted in Machil; major cache of arms and ammunition recovered

MI News Service, Kupwara: While acting swiftly on specific intelligence inputs, a joint operation was launched today by the Special Operations Group (SOG) Camp Machil and the Indian Army's 12 SIKHLI unit in the forested area of Sedorai Nala, Mush-taqabad Machil (Samsha Behak forest region), falling under the jurisdiction of Police Station Kupwara and Police Post Machil, a press release from Jammu and Kashmir police said.

During the operation, a Terrorist hideout was successfully located and busted. A significant cache of arms and ammunition was recovered from the site, including: five AK-47 Rifles, eight AK-47 Magazines, one Pistol, one Pistol Magazine, 660 Rounds of AK-47 Ammunition, one Pistol Round and 50 Rounds of M4 Ammunition. The recovery is a significant success, especially given indications that terrorists were preparing to carry out activities aimed at disturbing peace and order in the region. The timely action by the security forces has dealt a significant blow to such nefarious designs and has averted potential threats to civilian lives and public safety. This operation once again underscores the firm resolve and close coordination of security forces in maintaining peace and thwarting the evil intentions of anti-national elements.



Police detain over 400 suspected immigrants in the wake of Pahalgam terror attack, in Ahmedabad.

"SC has done right thing" Savarkar's grand nephew on apex court pulling up Rahul Gandhi

MI News Service, Mumbai: VD Savarkar's grand nephew, Ranjit Savarkar, on Saturday lauded the Supreme Court for pulling up Rahul Gandhi on his remarks on the freedom fighter. Speaking with ANI, Ranjit Savarkar questioned Rahul Gandhi how someone could be an accomplice of the British if he were kept in jail for 27 years by them.

Ranjit Savarkar further agreed with SC's remark that Mahatma Gandhi also used the term "your faithful servant" in his letters to the Viceroy. "Any intelligent person can understand that someone who was kept in jail for 27 years (Veer Savarkar) by the British, how can he be an accomplice or a servant of the British?... The Supreme Court rightly told Rahul Gandhi that, by the same standard, he should also oppose Mahatma Gandhi, as he used to sign his letters as 'most obedient servant'. Supreme Court has done the right thing to tell him (Rahul Gandhi) not to do such a thing," Ranjit Savarkar said. Ranjit Savarkar further accused Rahul Gandhi of "deliberately opposing" VD Savarkar to "create polarisation before elections."

"Since Veer Savarkar stands for 'Hindutva', Rahul Gandhi deliberately opposes him to create polarisation before elections so he can secure Muslim votes... If Rahul Gandhi doesn't apologise for his comments, my brother and I have taken a vow that we will get him sent to jail," he said. The Supreme Court on Friday warned the Congress MP not to make controversial remarks against freedom fighters in the future; otherwise, he would have to face consequences.

"Does Rahul Gandhi know that his grandmother, the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, had written a letter praising Vinayak Damodar Savarkar?" the apex court had said, while warning the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Manmohan expressed disapproval of the remarks of Gandhi against Savarkar. Justice Datta also asked senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Gandhi, if Mahatma Gandhi could be called the servant of the Britishers merely because he used the term "your faithful servant" in his letters to the Viceroy. "Does your client know Mahatma Gandhi

also used your faithful servant while addressing the Viceroy? Does your client know that his grandmother, when she was the Prime Minister, also sent a letter to somebody praising the gentleman (Savarkar)," Justice Datta told Singhvi.

"You cannot make such statements without knowing the history and geography of freedom fighters," the bench further said. Let him not make irresponsible statements about the freedom fighters. Is this the way you treat freedom fighters?" Justice Datta asked and said that Savarkar is worshipped in Maharashtra. Justice Datta further said, "Let's be clear, any further statement and we will take suo moto and no question of sanction."

We will not allow you to speak about the freedom fighters. They have given us freedom." The bench then stayed the criminal defamation proceedings pending against Gandhi in a Lucknow court over his comments against Savarkar. The bench, however, said that it was inclined to stay the proceedings, but on the condition that he would not make any such statements in future.

Punjab Police & BSF recover drone, ammunition & narcotics from border in joint op

MI News Service, Tarn Taran: The intelligence wing of Border Security Force (BSF) launched a joint search operation with the Punjab Police on Friday evening, recovering contraband objects. Acting on a tip-off, BSF, in collaboration with Punjab Police, recovered one drone and two heroin packets over the last 24 hours, as per a press release from the Public Relations Officer of Border Security Force, Punjab Frontier. The joint search operation of BSF and Punjab Police led to the recovery of one DJI Mavic 3 Classic drone along with one packet of suspected heroin from a farming field in Tarn Taran district.

On Saturday, one packet of suspected heroin with a gross weight of 550 grams was recovered from a farming field adjacent to Chindu Wala village of Ferozepur, Punjab, as per the release. The robust technical counter-measures deployed on the border and diligent efforts of BSF troops along with Punjab Police thwarted yet another smuggling attempt and intrusion of illicit drones from across the border. On Thursday, in a series of successful joint operations, the Border Security Force (BSF) and Punjab Police recovered arms, narcotics, and drones along the Punjab border, following specific intelligence inputs from BSF sources. According to the press release, in the first recovery near the village of Daoke in the Amritsar district, a damaged DJI Mavic 3 Classic drone was found along with a pistol and a magazine from a harvested field. In another recovery near the village of Wan in the Tarn Taran district, a packet of suspected heroin (550 grams) was retrieved. Later in the day, in a third episode, another damaged DJI Mavic 3 Classic drone was recovered near Rattankhurd, Amritsar.

Samajwadi Party will back steps govt akes for Pakistan's 'jalbandi': Akhilesh

MI News Service, Lucknow: Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday said the party will fully support any action taken by the government for restricting or stopping flow of water to Pakistan following the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty over the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people were killed.

Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil stated on Friday that the decision to hold the Indus Water Treaty in abeyance was fully justified and that the government will see that not a drop of water from the Indus River reaches Pakistan. Akhilesh Yadav supported the government's move related to Indus Water Treaty. "Whatever retaliatory step government takes for 'jalbandi', we will fully support it," Yadav posted on X. The Union Jal Shakti Minister had said on Friday that the historic decision taken by the Modi government on the Indus Water Treaty "is completely justified and in the national interest". "We will see that not even a drop of water from the

Indus River reaches Pakistan," he said in a post on X.

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), which met on April 23, was briefed in detail on the terrorist attack on 22 April 2025 in Pahalgam, in which 25 Indians and one Nepali citizen were killed. A number of others sustained injuries. The CCS condemned the attack in the strongest terms and expressed its deepest condolences to the families of the victims and hoped for the early recovery of the injured. In the briefing to the CCS, the cross-border linkages of the terrorist attack were brought out. It was noted that this attack came in the wake of the successful holding of elections in the Union Territory and its steady progress towards economic growth and development.

Recognizing the seriousness of this terrorist attack, the CCS decided that the The Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 will be held in abeyance with immediate effect, until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism.

It decided that the Integrated Check Post Attari will be closed with immediate effect, strength of high commissions will be curtailed and there will be curb on visas. Akhilesh Yadav, on Friday condemned the terrorist attack in Pahalgam and stressed the need to eliminate forces that threaten the communal harmony of the nation.

"A very sad incident has taken place and it cannot be condemned enough... The government has assured that such an incident will not happen again, and we hope that concrete steps will be taken along with strong action... Those who want to destroy the brotherhood of our country, such forces should be wiped out forever," Yadav told ANI on Friday. The government has said that terrorists responsible for terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam and conspirators will face severe punishment. Opposition parties have expressed their full support to the government for action against perpetrators of the terror attack.

Sikkim hit again, landslides strand over 1,000 Tourist

MI News Service, Sikkim: North Sikkim Faces Severe Disruption Due to Heavy Rainfall and Landslides, Stranding Tourists. Heavy and continuous rainfall since Thursday has triggered multiple landslides in North Sikkim, severely disrupting transportation and communication. The most affected areas include the routes from Chungthang to Lachen and Chungthang to Lachung, with a significant landslide reported near Mun-ethang. The adverse weather conditions have resulted in over a thousand tourists being stranded in the regions of Lachen and Lachung. Consequently, authorities have imposed a ban on tourist entry into North Sikkim starting Friday, advising against any travel to the area until the situation stabilizes. Stranded tourists have been urged by the local ad-

ministration to remain in their accommodations to avoid further complications. This recent crisis follows heavy snowfall earlier in the month in areas like Changgu and Nathu La, which had already caused travel disruptions. The current situation has escalated due to widespread landslides caused by the persistent rainfall, effectively paralyzing the communication network in the region. Sources indicate that approximately 1,500 tourists have been successfully evacuated to safer locations as of Friday. North Sikkim and various parts of North Bengal typically experience a high influx of tourists during the summer season. However, recent years have seen Sikkim increasingly vulnerable to natural disasters, and this latest incident marks a continuation of this concerning trend.

"Congress and Pakistan speak same language time and again": BJP

MI News Service, New Delhi: Bharatiya Janata Party National Spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla on Saturday slammed Congress, calling them a "Pakistan Parast Party (a party in favour of Pakistan)" after Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that he was not in "favour of war." Speaking with ANI, Poonawalla said, "INC is no longer the Indian National Congress. It has become INC PPP (Pakistan Parast Party). Congress and Pakistan speak the same language time and again." Poonawalla alleged that Congress has a "soft corner" for Pakistan and terrorism, adding that they are "speaking the language of Pakistan."

"They have a soft corner for Pakistan and its terrorism... On one hand, they say that they are with the government, but on the other hand, they say that Pakistan should be spared... This is not INC but it is PPP (Pakistan Parast Party)... Today, when it is time to give a tough reply, Congress is again speaking the language of Pakistan," Poonawalla said. Earlier, Siddaramaiah said that he was not in favour of "war" with Pakistan and cited concerns regarding "security lapse" in the deadly terrorist attack, which killed 26 people. He called for strengthening security in the Kashmir valley to ensure peace.

"There has been a security lapse in this incident. We are not in favour of war. Steps should be taken to tighten security measures in the Kashmir region. The central government should increase security to ensure peace in Kashmir," Siddaramaiah told reporters here. The Karnataka CM stated that his government would take steps to ensure that Pakistani nationals residing in the state are sent back as per the instructions of the central government. "Steps will be taken to send back Pakistani citizens as per the instructions of the central government. Information will be obtained about the number of Pakistanis in various cities of the state," Siddaramaiah said. The country remains in mourning over the shocking death of 26 people in the terrorist attack in the Pahalgam district of Jammu and Kashmir, which also left many injured. India has taken strong countermeasures against Pakistan for its support of cross-border terrorism.

The government has temporarily suspended the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan. This decision was made at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) held on April 23, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and attended by Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and External Affairs Minister SJaishankar.

"New hope and energy given to youth": Jyotiraditya at Gwalior 'Rozgar Mela'

MI News Service, Gwalior: Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Saturday underscored the transformative growth of educational institutions across India, citing the establishment of numerous medical colleges and IITs to harness the potential of the country's youth.

His remarks came after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation, where the PM described India's youth as a "key factor in the development of the country." The PM had also distributed over 51,000 appointment letters to people appointed under various government departments.

Speaking at the Rozgar Mela in Gwalior, where he distributed appointment letters to young recruits, Scindia praised the Prime Minister's vision and the positive energy his speech had generated.

"This is an important day, the Prime Minister has given the people a new energy in his speech, a new hope has come. Our youth, around 51,236, are not just youth; new energy has been given. Along with 'Athiti devo bhava' (guest is god), there is also nagrik devo bhava (citizen is god)," Scindia said.

Scindia added that the Prime Minister had laid out clear national targets and India, under his leadership, is moving towards securing its rightful place on the global stage. "He (The PM) has compiled a list of targets to achieve, and under his leadership, India is leading too. India will rightfully get its position at the world stage. For that, every citizen has to sacrifice things too, and with that, hope this event was organised (Rozgar mela)," he said.

Earlier, while addressing the event, Scindia also highlighted the significant developments in the education sector over the past decade.

"Practical learning is now part of that education policy. There is a saying in English: not to teach you what to think, but to teach you how to think. There was no formal education policy. However, 10 years later, Educational institutions have reaped immense benefits. Approximately 350 and 90 universities have been established. Seven hundred new medical colleges have been opened, seventy-five thousand new medical seats have been introduced, and new IITs have been opened," Scindia said.



Security personnel conduct searches in the houses of terror associates under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) cases, in Srinagar.

SBI Life Insurance registers New Business Premium of Rs.35,577 crores for the year ended on 31st March, 2025.

SBI Life Insurance, one of the leading life insurers in the country registered a New Business Premium of Rs. 35,577 crores for the year ended on 31st March, 2025 vis-a-vis Rs. 38,238 crores for the year ended March 31, 2024. Regular premium has increased by 11% over previous year ended on 31st March, 2024.

Establishing a clear focus on protection, SBI Life's protection new business premium stood at Rs. 4,095 crores for the year ended March 31, 2025. Protection Individual new business premium stands at Rs.793 crores for the year ended March 31, 2025. Individual New Business Premium stands at Rs. 26,360 crores with 11% growth over previous year ended on 31st March, 2024.

SBI Life's profit after tax stands at Rs. 2,413 crores for the year ended March 31, 2025 with a growth of 27% over previous year.

The company's solvency ratio continues to remain robust at 1.96 as on March 31, 2025 as against the regulatory requirement of 1.50.

SBI Life's AUM also continued to grow at 15% to Rs. 4,48,039 crores as on March 31, 2025 from Rs. 3,88,923 crores as on March 31, 2024, with the debt-equity mix of 61:39. 94% of the debt investments are in AAA and Sovereign instruments.

The company has a diversified distribution network of 309,034 trained insurance professionals and



wide presence with 1,110 offices across the country, comprising of strong bancassurance channel, agency channel and others comprising of corporate agents, brokers, Point of sale persons (POS), insurance marketing firms, web aggregators and direct business.

Performance for the year ended March 31, 2025

Private Market leadership in Individual

Rated Premium of Rs. 19,354 crores with 22.8% market share

Annualized Premium Equivalent (APE) stands at Rs. 21,417 crores with growth of 9%

Individual New Business unassured stands at Rs. 2,76,918 crores with 43% growth

Improvement in 13M & 61M persistency by 63bps & 52bps respectively

Value of New Business (VoNB) stands at Rs. 5,954 crores with a growth of 7%

VoNB Margin stands at 27.8%

Indian Embedded value (IEV) stands at Rs. 70,250 crores with 21% growth

Profit After Tax (PAT) stands at Rs. 2,413 crores with 27% growth

Operating Return on Embedded Value stands at 20.2%

Assets under Management stands at Rs. 4,48,039 crores with 15% growth

Robust Solvency ratio of 1.96

'Angels sent by God' Kashmiriyat lives on as pony 'wallah' guide locals shield guests from harm

New Delhi : A pony 'wallah' who laid down his life trying to save visitors to his homeland, a guide who rescued a family of 11 and countless locals are among those who added another dimension to Kashmir's hospitality when terror struck Pahalgam on a calm Tuesday afternoon.

In what is the deadliest attack in the Valley since the Pulwama strike in 2019, terrorists opened fire in Baisaran, a popular tourist spot in the upper reaches of Pahalgam in Kashmir, killing 26 people, mostly holidaymakers from other states.

As tourists and families of victims from across the country reached home from Kashmir and outrage spread, stories of locals helping those who were stuck in the terrifying ordeal flooded in. Kashmir, their stories told the world, was also about those who had saved their lives and extended a helping hand in times of their greatest crisis.

When the initial list of victims was made public, Syed Adil Hussain Shah's was the only name of a local. The story of his bravery made thousands, including Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah, attend his funeral on Wednesday in Pahalgam's Hapatnarg village.

As the families of Kaustubh Ganbote and Santosh Jagdale, two of the victims, stood face to face with the armed terrorists, the 30-year-old pony 'wallah' confronted them asking why they were killing innocent people.

In a courageous attempt to protect the tourist, the young man tried to snatch away the weapon. Shah succumbed to three bullets to the chest.

Asavari Jagdale, who lost her father Santosh Jagdale and uncle Kaustubh Ganbote, recalled being helped by another pony rider as they escaped the mayhem.

"I gathered courage and managed to escape with my mother and aunt. While coming down, my mother suffered leg injuries. A pony rider offered us support and hope. He gave us a pony ride to our driver," Asavari,



who had travelled from Pune, recounted.

She added that her cab driver and pony ride operator were "like angels sent from God who stood by her at the time of the attack".

"The pony ride operator did not leave us behind, he was with us. He rescued my aunt, mother and me from the spot," she told PTI.

The cab driver remained in touch even after she left Srinagar and "offered to help in every possible way".

"He asked us to tell him any help we need, whether it was money. He is a driver who still wants to help us. He was crying on the call and also when I was leaving from Srinagar. I thanked him, I told him that because of his presence I did not feel lonely. He cried saying that he is sad for my loss. They were like angels sent by God."

Nazakat Ahmed Shah, a cousin of Shah, was also at the venue of the massacre and was instrumental in saving the lives of 11 tourists, including three children.

The 28-year-old had taken four couples and three children to Baisaran on the last leg of their Kashmir trip. Just before the group was about to leave the location, the sound of gunfire alerted Nazakat who fell to the ground with two of the children.

"My first concern was the safety of the tourist families. I took

ow, many were crying for help.

"We carried the injured on our ponies and took them to the Pahalgam hospital. We took at least 18-20 injured on ponies. There were two-three other men who carried people on their back. I carried a child on my back, offered water, took him to the hospital," the shawl vendor and guide said.

Terming the attack a blot on humanity, he said all of Kashmir is in mourning.

"They should have instead killed us, it should not have happened to them (the tourists). We want to tell all Indians that we stand with them... We are all Indians."

Then there were those who were saved by cautious locals.

A five-member family from Buldhana district in Maharashtra vacationing in Pahalgam was about to step out for local sightseeing on the fateful day, unaware of the terror attack, but was stopped by the owner and staff of their hotel from going out in view of the tense situation.

Another couple from Maharashtra was helped by locals in quickly moving away from the site and reaching their hotel safely.

Sakshi and Krishna Lolge, hailing from Nanded in Maharashtra, were at the Baisaran meadow some 15 minutes before the gunmen burst into the meadow.

"We heard the sound of firing after we moved a little away from the place," Sakshi said.

"If there was no support from local people, who helped us to move away fast, we would have not been able to make this video. The local people helped the tourists a lot," she said in a video shot from her hotel.

Her husband Krishna said their pony ride operators quickly rushed them down the hill.

"Our tour coordinators were in constant touch with us. The local people took us to our hotel immediately. We came to know at the hotel that the terror attack had taken place. We saw a large number of security personnel moving towards the attack location," he added.

Even light exercise can help slow cognitive decline in people at risk of Alzheimer's: Study

Washington DC [US], : Researchers at University of California San Diego and Wake Forest University have found that both low and moderate-high intensity exercise could be valuable tools in the fight against Alzheimer's.

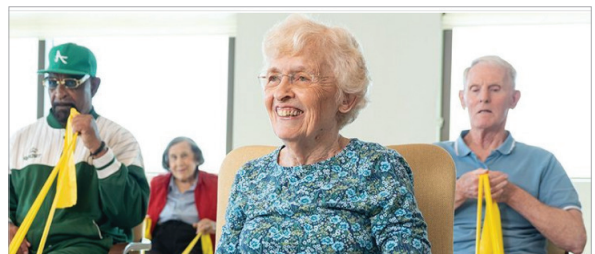
The new research, published as two papers in Alzheimer's and Dementia: The Journal of the Alzheimer's Association, describes the results of the EXERT study (Exercise in Adults with Mild Memory Problems).

It is a multi-site clinical trial of lower or moderate-high intensity exercise in sedentary older adults with amnesic mild cognitive impairment, a major risk factor for Alzheimer's dementia.

The researchers also compared their results to an existing dataset of comparable individuals who only received usual care, such as regular check-ups with health care providers and medication management.

Individuals with amnesic mild cognitive impairment, a condition characterised by memory complaints and objective memory decline, are at high risk of developing Alzheimer's dementia, with approximately 16% of people with this condition progressing to Alzheimer's each year.

"This is a critical time to intervene in this population,



because they don't have dementia yet, but are at a very high risk," said Aladdin Shadyab, Ph.D., M.P.H., lead author of one of the new papers and associate professor at the UC San Diego Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health and Human Longevity Science and School of Medicine.

"Together, these findings show us that even low-intensity exercise may slow cognitive decline in at-risk older adults," added Shadyab.

"EXERT was one of the first large clinical trials of exercise that partnered with the YMCA and its trainers to bring the intervention closer to home for research participants," said Howard Feldman, M.D., ADSCS director.

"This approach brings us one step closer to its implementation in the community," added Howard.

EXERT included nearly 300 sedentary older adults with mild cognitive impairment who were randomly assigned to either moderate-high intensity aerobic training or lower-intensity stretching, balance and range of motion activities.

Participants completed their assigned exercise 3-4 times per week for 12 months under the supervision of a YMCA trainer, and the study also included regular assessments of cognitive function and brain volume.

Though the researchers expected to see further cognitive decline in EXERT participants, they found that cognitive function remained stable for both exercise groups over the course of the study.

This suggests that both lower and higher intensity exercise could slow cognitive decline.

Another possible explanation for the results is that participating in research itself, regardless of the treatment, may offer protection against cognitive decline due to the intellectual and social stimulation involved.

ISRO Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences Tech sign MOU in space medicine



Bengaluru : ISRO on Saturday announced that it has signed the 'Framework Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Space Medicine' with Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology (SCTIMST).

This partnership marks a significant milestone in the advancement of space medicine and its applications in the country, it said.

According to the space agency, the Indian Human Space programme, Gaganyaan, is a national endeavour of ISRO offering a unique opportunity to various national agencies, academia and industry in the fields of human health research, microgravity research, space medicine and space biology.

"This framework MoU between ISRO and SCTIMST, will lead to cooperation in the niche field of space medicine which will benefit the national human space programme as well as spur innovations and developments in the fields of Human Physiological Studies, Behavioural Health Studies, Biomedical Support

Systems, Radiation Biology and Medicine, Countermeasures for improving Human Health and Performance in Space Environment, Telemedicine and Communication Protocols and Crew Medical Kit for Space Missions," ISRO said in a statement.

The programme will create opportunities for studies and experiments, especially in the field of space medicine, it said.

ISRO Chairman V Narayanan emphasised that the national human space-flight endeavour, Gaganyaan, aims to enhance nation's capacity in the field of human research under space environment.

He highlighted that maintaining human health and performance in the extreme environment of outer space is very important for the successful long duration human space missions.

"A national space based platform such as the Bharatiya Antariksh Station will enable the utilisation of the niche space environment to undertake cutting edge

human research and technology development based on our national priorities. This collaboration can inspire young people to pursue careers in STEM fields, driving innovation in the country," he added.

SCTIMST director Dr Sanjay Behari said that SCTIMST is looking forward for a fruitful collaboration with ISRO in developing clean room and zero gravity labs in focus and space medicine, in co-developing biomedical devices and is translating equipment developed for space exploration for human health on earth.

Recently, ISRO also signed an MoU with National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) and Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAPAA), Government of Telangana (GoTG).

The MoU signed on April 11 will pave way for both organisations to collaborate and share data, to enhance the disaster management and to protect the waterbodies in and around the city of Hyderabad, the space agency said.

Canada is gearing up for federal election. Here's what's at stake

Toronto : Canadians will vote for a new government on Monday in an election that has been upended by US President Donald Trump's trade war and his threats to make Canada the 51st state.

Prime Minister Mark Carney and the governing Liberal Party appeared poised for a historic election defeat until Trump slapped heavy tariffs on Canada and began threatening its sovereignty.

Trump's attacks have infuriated Canadians, who are cancelling trips to their southern neighbour and avoiding buying American goods when they can. The surge in Canadian nationalism has bolstered the Liberals' poll numbers.

The opposition Conservative Party had hoped to make the election a referendum on former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, whose popularity cratered as food and housing prices rose and immigration surged. But after decades

of bilateral stability, the vote is now expected to focus on who is best equipped to deal with Trump.

How will the election work?

Voters nationwide will elect all 343 member of the House of Commons, one for each constituency. There are no primaries or runoffs - just a single round of voting.

Like the UK, Canada uses a "first-past-the-post" voting system, meaning the candidate who finishes first in each constituency will be elected, even if they don't get 50% of the vote.

This has generally cemented the dominance of the two largest parties, the Liberals and Conservatives, because it's difficult for smaller parties to win seats unless they have concentrated support in particular areas.

How is the prime minister chosen?

The party that commands a majority in the House of Commons, either alone or with the support of



Poilievre, 45, is a career politician and firebrand populist who says he will put "Canada first." For years his party's go-to attack dog, he frequently criticizes the mainstream media and vows to defund Canada's public broadcaster. There are two other parties that have official status in Parliament.

another party, will form the next government and its leader will be prime minister. Carney replaced Trudeau, who announced his resignation in January but remained in power until the Liberal Party elected a new leader, Carney, on March 9. Carney was sworn in as Canada's 24th prime minister on March 14. He hopes to retain the job and avoid becoming one of Canada's shortest-serving prime ministers.

Who is running?

Carney, 60, is one of the two main candidates. He successfully navigated financial crises when he headed the Bank of Canada and later ran the Bank of England, becoming the first non-U.K. citizen to do so since its 1694 founding.

A highly educated economist, Carney worked for 13 years for Goldman Sachs in London, Tokyo, New York and Toronto, before being appointed deputy governor of the Bank of Canada in

2003. He has financial industry and public service credentials.

Pierre Poilievre, the leader of the Conservatives, is Carney's main challenger. He and the party seemed headed for a big victory in the election until Trump's near-daily trade and annexation threats derailed them.

Poilievre, 45, is a career politician and firebrand populist who says he will put "Canada first." For years his party's go-to attack dog, he frequently criticizes the mainstream media and vows to defund Canada's public broadcaster. There are two other parties that have official status in Parliament. If the Liberals or Conservatives secure the most seats in the House of Commons but fail to win a majority, they would need to rely on either the New Democrats, a progressive party, or the separatist Quebec party Bloc Québécois to pass legislation.

LeT offshoot TRF denies Pahalgam attack role, blames Indian intel for false claim, reports The Hindu

MI News Service, Chennai: An offshoot of Lashkar-e-Taiba, The Resistance Force (TRF), that had initially claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam terror attack, has denied any involvement and blamed Indian intelligence for the earlier claim, reported The Hindu. Days after the terror attack in Pahalgam, TRF in a notice posted on X stated that any attribution of the act to the body was false, hasty, and “part of an orchestrated campaign to malign the Kashmiri resistance.” “Shortly after the attack in Pahalgam, a brief and unauthorised message was posted from one of our digital platforms. After an internal audit, we have reason to believe it was the result of a coordinated cyber intrusion, a familiar tactic in the Indian state’s digital warfare arsenal,” read the notice. “In 2000, Indian forces orchestrated the Chattisinghpura massacre, brutally killing 35 Sikhs – blamed it on ‘militants’, and used to justify military crackdowns in our land. In 2001, the Indian Parliament attack led to massive troop mobilisation, later marred by claims of internal orchestration. Most recently, in 2019, the Pulwama attack was blamed on Pakistan, right before Indian elections, yet former Indian officials like Satya Pal Malik exposed lapses and political cover-ups,” the notice read further.

U.S. conducts 1,200 raids on Yemen since March: Houthis

MI News Service, Aden: The Houthi group claimed on Friday that U.S. warplanes had conducted 1,200 raids on Yemen since mid-March, resulting in hundreds of civilian casualties and widespread destruction of infrastructure. In a press statement, the foreign affairs authority of the group alleged that the U.S. operations destroyed “numerous civilian facilities, including residential neighborhoods, ports, health facilities, water tanks, and archaeological sites, in flagrant violation of international law and international humanitarian law.” The group accused Washington of making “miserable attempts to evade its responsibility for the crimes it is committing in Yemen” and of “working to cover up its sinful aggression against Yemen and its crimes against civilians.”

The U.S. government has not issued an immediate response to these Houthi allegations. The United States resumed military operations against Yemen on March 15 after President Donald Trump ordered “decisive and powerful military action” against Houthi forces. Trump subsequently pledged that strikes would continue until the group poses no threat to the “freedom of navigation.” Despite these threats, the Houthis have reportedly intensified their attacks on Israel, as well as on U.S. naval forces and drones operating in the Red Sea.

The conflict comes amid ongoing tensions in the region, with the Houthis claiming their actions are in solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza.



Thomas D'Souza Archbishop of Calcutta pays tribute to Pope Francis during a Mass on his funeral day, at The Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary, in Kolkata.

Houses razed, hundreds detained in Kashmir post Pahalgam massacre

MI News Service, Srinagar: Authorities in Kashmir have launched a massive crackdown on terrorists and their sympathisers in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, razing homes of the ultras, raiding their safe havens and detaining hundreds of overground workers for questioning, officials said on Saturday. The security forces are going after the known terrorist associates and their sympathisers across the length and breadth of the Valley, with an aim to create a deterrent against any Pahalgam-like attacks, the officials said. Terrorists on Tuesday opened fire in Baisaran, a popular tourist spot in the upper reaches of Pahalgam in Anantnag district, killing 26 people, mostly holidayers from other states.

Houses of five terrorists or their associates have been demolished in the past

48 hours with officials saying similar action will be taken against others involved in terror activities. Mysterious blasts blew up the houses of two active terrorists — Aadil Thoker in the Bijbehara area of Anantnag district and Asif Sheikh in the Tral area of Pulwama district. While Thoker has been named as one of the three terrorists involved in the gruesome killing of tourists in Pahalgam, Sheikh's involvement in the attack has also not been ruled out, officials said. The blasts took place after security forces raided the houses on Thursday night, they added.

The security forces have also rounded up hundreds of overground workers (OWGs) and their supporters — mostly in four south Kashmir districts — in their bid to track down the terrorists who carried out the attack on Tuesday. One

alleged OWG was killed in firing by terrorists during one such operation in Bandipora district on Friday, officials said. Altaf Lalli was killed when security forces took him to a terrorist hide-out in the Kulnar area of Bandipora district after he pointed out the location of the ultras. Two policemen were also injured in the firing by the terrorists, who managed to escape, the officials said. On Saturday, the action shifted to Srinagar where raids were carried out at more than a dozen places, including Safakadal, Soura, Pandach Bemina, Shalteng, Lal Bazar and Zadibal areas, they said. In Anantnag district, search operations are being carried out round-the-clock as security forces step up vigilance. Mobile vehicle check-points have been put up across the district to monitor any suspicious movement, the officials said.



Fishermen catch fish in the waters of Dalpat Sagar during the morning hours at Jagdalpur in Bastar district.

Abu Azmi slams Nitesh Rane for ‘divisive remark,’ accuses him of undermining Constitution

MI News Service, Mumbai: In a strong reaction to Maharashtra Minister Nitesh Rane's controversial comment urging Hindus to ask the religion of shopkeepers before purchasing anything, SP Maharashtra chief Abu Asim Azmi on Saturday, condemned the statement and demanded immediate action from both the state and central government. Azmi, while speaking to IANS, said, “If a common man had made such a remark, it would have been treated as a crime. But here we have a minister who repeatedly speaks against the Constitution, and yet no action is taken against him.” The controversy erupted following the recent attack in Pahalgam, after which Nitesh Rane made a provocative statement, saying Hindu should confirm the religion of shopkeepers before engaging in trade. Abu Azmi expressed deep disappointment and warned that such divisive comments threaten the very

fabric of India's unity. He emphasised that India is a secular country where every citizen, be it Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, or Christian, is entitled to equal rights as per the Constitution.

Abu Azmi said, “All Muslims across the country have condemned the Pahalgam attack and now, if a minister makes such a statement, then action must be taken against him as well. The Constitution gives equal rights to everyone be it a Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, or Christian.” He added, “The Chief Minister should take strict action, and I appeal to the Prime Minister as well. This is a man who repeatedly speaks against the Constitution. Why is there no accountability?” Azmi also raised concerns about the economic and social fallout of such remarks, saying, “25 per cent of this country's revenue comes from people working in Gulf countries. Most of them are Muslims. Do you want to stop that too?”

Muslim men attacked in Agra, leaving one dead; alleged Kshatriya members claim responsibility, police denied claims

MI News Service, Agra: At the wake of hate campaigns against Muslims across India, a Muslim man in Uttar Pradesh Agra was brutally killed by two miscreants on Wednesday night. Gulfam, Saif Ali's brother who worked at a restaurant. He was brutally shot dead just for being asked about his religion. The victim, identified as Gulfam, worked at a restaurant. His brother, Saif Ali who was also present at the spot, when the miscreants attacked the brothers while they were closing the restaurant had a narrow escape with a neck injury. The incident came to be known after two men claimed responsibility for attacking two Muslims in a video. The individuals identified themselves as cow vigilantes and stated they will avenge the death of 26 tourists in Pahalgam by killing 2600 Muslims.

In the video, an armed man can be heard saying, “Two kathua (slur used by right wing for Muslims) were killed. Kshatriya Gau Raksha Dal takes responsibility for this. If I don't avenge the blood of 26 with 2600, I am not a son to Bharat mata.” At the end of the video, the men also hail, “Jai Hindu Rashtra” along with Bharat mata ki jai.” The video was posted by the name Manoj Chaudhary but was later deleted.

Speaking to the media, Saif alleged, “They came and greeted Gulfam and he replied to them. They then took out a pistol and shot him.” Saif also confirmed that they had no dispute with anyone and did not know who the assailants were. Police have denied the claims made in the video, stating that Kshatriya Dal is not active in Agra. Police also denied that Gulfam and Saif were asked names before they were attacked. “It was a dispute over food,” said the police.

According to them, three friends of Gulfam who were at the spot did not mention anything about the communal angle of the incident. An FIR has been registered and police are on the lookout for culprits. They also warned social media users not to post anything related to the incident that would disrupt social harmony.

National Logistics Seminar 2025

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Centre for Transportation Research and Management (CTRAM) hosted its flagship National Logistics Seminar 2025 at Ambedkar Bhawan, New Delhi, bringing together leaders from government, and industry to discuss the evolving landscape of logistics in India with special focus on Cement, Automobile and Cargo Aggregation logistics and scope for increasing the rail co-efficient. The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest Shri Hitendra Malhotra (Member Operations and Business Development, Rly Board), Shri Sanjay Swarup (CMD, CONCOR), and senior officials from CTRAM. The seminar opened with addresses from CTRAM leadership and key dignitaries.

In the opening remarks, speakers highlighted the declining share of rail in logistics, addressing various challenges related to geopolitical disruptions, a dynamic business environment, and changing consumer preferences. Opportunities to increase rail's market share through digitalization, innovation, and a growing emphasis on sustainability were also examined. Key initiatives identified as pivotal in enhancing rail's role and promoting multimodal integration included the establishment of dedicated freight corridors, substantial investments aimed at improving railway infrastructure, and the introduction of over one hundred thousand new wagons. The first session focused on cement logistics, featuring discussions on future trends and innovations in the field. Industry leaders from companies such as CLO, Ultratech Cement, CLO, Adani Cement, and MD, CWC explored the essential role of warehousing in efficient cement logistics, as well as strategies for achieving sustainable cement logistics and reducing the sector's carbon footprint. With a current capacity of 600 MTPA and operating at 65% capacity, the cement sector is poised for growing annual demand, driven by significant government capital expenditure. Increasing the share of rail transport from the current 10% to 25%, particularly in bulk cement transport, will be crucial for achieving cost efficiencies and lowering emissions. Various measures were discussed to support these objectives, including simplification of existing policies, consumer consultations, the adoption of LTTC contracts, and improvements in wagon design. The second session on Automobile Logistics (representatives from Maruti Suzuki, SLAM, APL Logistics VAS-COR, GATX India), focussed on infrastructure development and investment strategies, sustainable eco-friendly, first-mile & last-mile connectivity and need for innovative wagon designs in the sector. The discussion ranged from progressively increasing share of rail in automobile logistics from 5% to 10% in ten years to new design of carriers in order to accommodate increasing height of SUV's which were creating challenges in double stacking. Increased use of dedicated freight corridors and promotion of dedicated auto hubs, cargo security through effective



locking and ensuring availability of NMG were few of the solutions discussed. The last session was based on Cargo Aggregation and BOG. It focussed on cargo aggregation strategies aimed at expanding Indian Railways' commodity basket (Amazon, Nestle, AVG Logistics, ACTO). The 2021-22 freight ecosystem had BOG share of 40% but rail coefficient translated only to 6% increasing only to 8% in 2024-25. Industry leaders from Amazon India, Nestle and logistics experts led the discussion on the importance of reliability of operations through assurance in transit times, rationalized rates and multimodal logistics planning that aggregation has the potential to address. Technology had been credited to be a key enabler by facilitating online payments of parcels, systematic cargo freight management, warehousing facilities, etc. The concept of bimodal technology to improve multimodal integration was also discussed. The event highlighted the importance of policy coordination, infrastructure development, digitization, and private sector collaboration to improve logistics efficiency, reduce carbon footprints, and improve rail's share in bulk and BOG transportation.

Pakistan offers to join ‘neutral, transparent’ probe in Pahalgam terror attack

MI News Service, Islamabad: Pakistan on Saturday offered to join any “neutral and transparent” probe into the Pahalgam terrorist attack that killed 26 people. “The recent tragedy in Pahalgam is yet another example of this perpetual blame game, which must come to a grinding halt. Continuing with its role as a responsible country, Pakistan is open to participating in any neutral, transparent and credible investigation,” Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said while addressing the army-cadets passing-out parade at the Pakistan Military Academy in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa's Kakul. Talking about the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty by India, Sharif said any attempt to stop, reduce or divert the flow of water belonging to Pakistan would be responded to with full force and might. Sharif threatened to use all options if the water of its share was stopped by India. “Water is our lifeline and a vital national interest, and its availability will be safeguarded at all costs and under all circumstances,” he said. He said the entire nation stood by the armed forces of Pakistan to safeguard every inch of the homeland. “Our valiant armed forces are capable and remain fully prepared to defend the country's sovereignty and its territorial integrity

against any misadventure,” he said. “Our armed forces are a symbol of valour, exemplary discipline and unwavering commitment to the nation.”

“Peace is our preference but must not be construed as our weakness,” the prime minister said, adding that “we will never compromise on our dignity and security of the country”. Sharif said, “Pakistan has always condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.” “We have endured immense loss of over 90,000 casualties and economic losses exceeding USD 600 billion,” he said, adding that there cannot be a more powerful manifestation of “our commitment that we will not tolerate any kind of terrorism of any hue and colour”. The prime minister said he regretted that India continued the pattern of exploitation, levelling baseless allegations and false accusations without a credible investigation or verifiable evidence. Sharif said Muhammad Ali Jinnah had called Kashmir a jugular vein of Pakistan. He said the “globally recognised dispute” remained unresolved despite UN resolutions. “Pakistan shall continue to support the right of self-determination of the Kashmiri people till they achieve their rights through their great struggle and sacrifices,” the prime minister said.

Intense fighting reported in Gaza, as Katz says combat has ‘heavy prices’



MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Amid intense fighting in Gaza, Defense Minister Israel Katz said Friday that the Israel Defense Forces was making strides but paying a heavy price in the enclave, where a reservist was killed on Thursday and another was seriously wounded by RPG fire on Friday afternoon.

“The achievements are great, but still, the dangers are great and the prices are heavy,” wrote Katz on X. His comments came as heavy strikes were reported in both the northern and southern Gaza Strip.

“Thousands of IDF soldiers in the standing army and reserves are now heroically fighting in Gaza for the release of hostages and to destroy Hamas terrorists,” said Katz, adding that the military was operating “intensely” to ensure ground troops were protected. “All Israeli citizens must embrace and strengthen IDF commanders and soldiers and pray for their safety and success,” he said.

An hour after Katz's statement, the IDF issued an evacuation warning to Palestinians in the Zeitoun neighborhood of Gaza City ahead of Israeli strikes on the area in the Strip's north. In a post on X, the IDF's Arabic-language spokesman Col. Avichay Adraee published a map of the area that is to be evacuated, saying the warning came in light of attacks by terror groups against Israeli forces in the area. Adraee urged the Palestinians to head for western Gaza City.

Kolkata doctor denies treatment to pregnant Muslim woman citing Pahalgam attack

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a deeply troubling incident in Kolkata, a pregnant Muslim woman was allegedly denied medical treatment by her gynecologist, who reportedly cited the recent militant attack in Pahalgam, South Kashmir, as justification. The woman had been under the care of Dr. C. K. Sarkar, a gynecologist at Kas-turi Das Memorial Super Spe-

ciality Hospital, for the past seven months.

According to Advocate Mehfuza Khatun, a relative of the patient, Dr. Sarkar refused to see the woman, saying, “After the Kashmir incident, I'm not going to see any Muslim patients.” The doctor allegedly made inflammatory remarks, including, “Hindus should kill your husband, then you'll understand how they felt. We should ban all Muslims.”

The refusal came after a recent attack in Pahalgam where gunmen killed 26 tourists, reportedly targeting Hindu men after verifying their religious identities. Following the incident, hate campaigns and anti-Muslim rhetoric have escalated on social media, and this case appears to reflect the broader

climate of communal hostility.

In a Facebook post, Advocate Khatun condemned the doctor's actions, calling them “a blatant act of discrimination.” She described the emotional toll the incident took on her sister-in-law, stating, “She has been crying ever since, distressed and afraid—not only for herself but for the life growing inside her.” Khatun emphasized that

denying care to a pregnant woman at such a critical stage could have severe consequences. She asserted that healthcare professionals are bound by ethics to provide treatment without discrimination, regardless of religion, caste, or background.

“Healthcare is a basic right, not a privilege based on religion,” the post read, urging

medical authorities, hospital administration, and human rights organizations to take immediate action against the doctor. Activist Mona Ambegaonkar also weighed in, calling for a boycott of Dr. Sarkar and labeling him “a dangerous criminal.” The incident has sparked outrage online and raised urgent concerns about communal bias within healthcare systems.

**RD U-14
CRICKET FINAL
MATCH TODAY**

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RANCHI : The final match of Sarla Devi Birla Under-14 Cricket Competition (2024 - 25) organized by Ranchi District Cricket Association will be played on April 27 (Sunday) from 9.00 am at Golchakr Ground, Dhurwa.

The final match will be played between JAP Cricket Academy vs the Achievers Cricket Academy. The chief guest of the final match will be Pradeep Verma, MP (Rajya Sabha), special guest Sanjay Sahay, President, Jharkhand State Cricket Association, Debashish Chakraborty, Secretary, Jharkhand State Cricket Association.

The prize distribution ceremony will be held at 3.30 pm.



Punjab Kings' Priyansh Arya and Prabhsimran Singh run between wickets during the IPL 2025 match against Kolkata Knight Riders, at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Saturday. (ANI Photo)

"His super strength is the ability...": RCB spin bowling coach on Suyash Sharma

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Ahead of his side's match against Delhi Capitals (DC) at Delhi, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) spin bowling coach Malolan Rangarajan spoke on the combination of a young Suyash Sharma and all-rounder Krunal Pandya as frontline spinners, highlighting Suyash's ability to beat the bat and turn the ball and evolution of veteran Krunal's action over the years.

At the third spot in the points table with six wins and three losses, and on a high after their first win at home, RCB will be aiming to avenge a loss at home to DC when they take on the Red and Blue side at Arun Jaitley Stadium on Saturday. DC is in the second spot, with six wins and two losses, giving them 12 points.

Speaking in the pre-match presser ahead of the game, Malolan said that



Suyash's speed and ability to beat the bat on both edges a strength.

"He showed that with the dismissal of Josh Inglis, which was outside of the bat. The dismissal of Russell was through the batter. So, he does turn the ball. His super-strength is the ability to turn the ball, beat the bat on both edges, and bowl at a very high speed, so to speak. Plus, his action is peculiar in its way," said the coach.

"So, that makes it slightly tough for the batter to read. And as far as Krunal Pandya is concerned, he is somebody who, if you saw his videos from 2016 or 2017-18, it was a completely different action. He has worked on his action. His release is very different to what it was, maybe even two years back," he added.

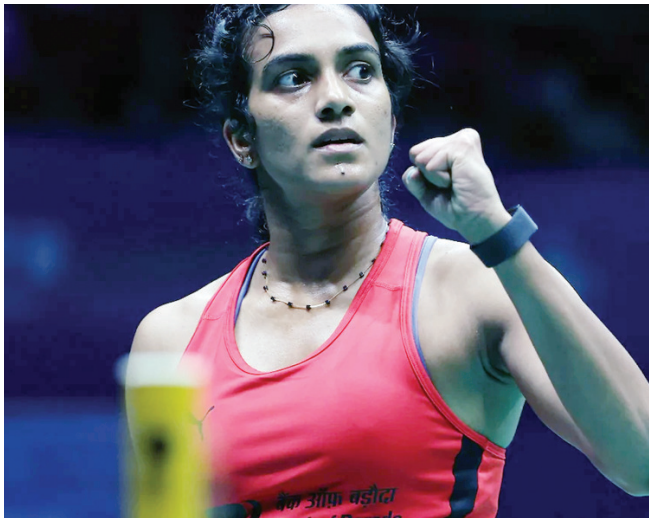
Malolan lauded Krunal Pandya for continuing to evolve his game at the age of 34

and working on getting more dip and drift on the ball, changing his release, and utilising his crease.

"There is so many things they are doing. And that is the variation we have within the attack. Suyash Sharma is not a household name yet, but he will become one. That is the belief we have as a management. And Krunal Pandya, we all know what he's done. He's won the IPL a handful of times, and he is here only for one job. And I am not going to say what it is. We will see at the end of the season," he concluded.

In eight matches so far, Suyash has taken four wickets at an average of 64.25, with an economy rate of 8.29 and best figures of 2/26. Krunal, on the other hand, is the fifth-highest wicket-taker with 12 wickets at an average of 20.66, an economy rate of 8.85, and best figures of 4/45.

PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen to lead India's challenge at Sudirman Cup 2025 in China



XIAMEN [CHINA] : Ace shuttlers PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen will spearhead India's challenge at the upcoming Sudirman Cup 2025 badminton tournament in China, which will be played from April 27 to May 4, according to Olympics.com.

The Sudirman Cup, organised by the Badminton World Federation (BWF), is a prestigious biennial international mixed team badminton tournament. Every tie in the Sudirman Cup consists of five matches - men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Sindhu, India's highest-ranked women's singles player at world No. 18, will lead the team alongside 20-year-old Anupama Upadhyaya. Lakshya Sen, ranked No. 18 in men's singles, will join HS Prannoy in the men's singles lineup.

India will miss the services of world No. 11 men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, who pulled out due to fitness concerns. Their absence opens the door for Hariharan Amsakarunan and Ruban Kumar Rethinasabapathi to make their mark.

In women's doubles, Tanisha Crasto partners Priya Konjengbam, while the mixed doubles combinations include Dhruv Kapila-Shruti Mishra and Sathish Kumar-Aadya Variyath.

India qualified for the Sudirman Cup based on its world team ranking and is currently placed No. 8. They have been drawn in Group D alongside strong contenders Indonesia (world No. 3), Denmark (No. 7) and England (No. 14). The top two teams from each group advance to the quarter-finals.

India's best performances at the Sudirman Cup came in 2011 and 2017 when they reached the quarter-finals. However, in the 2023 edition in China, India failed to advance past the group stage, finishing third behind Malaysia and Chinese Taipei.

Sixteen nations will vie for the 2025 title, divided into four groups of four. Hosts China, the 13-time champions, headline Group A.

Sudirman Cup 2025 badminton: India's schedule

April 27, Sunday: India vs Denmark - 2:30 PM

April 29, Tuesday: Indonesia vs India - 2:30 PM

May 1, Thursday: India vs England - 2:30 PM

May 2, Friday: Quarter-finals (if India qualify) - 7:00 AM onwards

May 3, Saturday: Semi-finals (if India qualify) - 7:00 AM onwards

May 4, Sunday: Final (if India qualify) - 11:30 AM onwards

Sudirman Cup 2025: Indian badminton team

Men's singles: Lakshya Sen, HS Prannoy

Women's singles: PV Sindhu, Anupama Upadhyaya

Men's doubles: Hariharan Amsakarunan/Ruban Kumar Rethinasabapathi

Women's doubles: Tanisha Crasto-Priya Konjengbam

Mixed doubles: Dhruv Kapila/Shruti Mishra, Sathish Kumar/Aadya Variyath

Sudirman Cup 2025 groups:

Group A: China, Hong Kong, China, Thailand, Algeria

Group B: South Korea, Chinese Taipei, Canada, Czechia

Group C: Japan, Malaysia, France, Australia

Group D: India, Indonesia, Denmark, England.

Indian Women's Hockey Team goes down 3-5 to Australia A in opening match of tour

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The Indian Women's Hockey Team fought valiantly but fell short in their opening game of the Australia Tour, going down 3-5 against a clinical Australia A side at the Perth Hockey Stadium on Saturday.

India found the back of the net through Mahima Tete (27'), Navneet Kaur (45'), and Lalremisiami (50'), while Neasa Flynnn (3'), Olivia Downes (9'), Ruby Harris (11'), Tatum Stewart (21'), and Kendra Fitzpatrick (44') scored for Australia A, as per a press release from Hockey India.

The match began at a frenetic pace, with Australia A asserting early control and breaking the deadlock through a well-constructed field goal by Neasa Flynnn (3').

The home team continued to press hard, and in quick succession, Olivia Downes (9') and Ruby Harris (11') capitalised on defensive lapses to score two more field



goals, ending the first quarter with a commanding 3-0 lead.

Australia A carried their momentum into the second quarter, putting relentless pressure on the Indian defence.

After earning back-to-back penalty corners, Tatum Stewart (21') converted one, stretching

their advantage to 4-0. Despite the early onslaught, India showed resilience, and Mahima Tete (27') pulled a goal back with a sharp field goal, injecting some energy into the Indian side as they headed into half-time trailing 1-4.

Australia A upped their ante and were rewarded for their efforts as Kendra Fitzpatrick (44') netted another goal for her side to make it 5-1. The Indian team launched a counterattack and their efforts bore fruit when Vice-Captain Navneet Kaur (45') found the back of the net, narrowing the gap to 2-5.

In the final quarter, both teams

continued to create scoring opportunities. India showcased their fighting spirit once again when Lalremisiami (50') slotted home a fine field goal, keeping India's hopes of a comeback alive. Despite some late pressure, India could not find the net again, and the match concluded with Australia A securing a 5-3 victory.

Notably, in a touching gesture of solidarity, the Indian Women's Hockey Team wore black armbands during the match to mourn the innocent lives lost in the tragic Pahalgam attack on 22 April. The team has decided to continue wearing black armbands for the remainder of the Australia Tour as a mark of respect and remembrance for the victims and their families.

The Indian Women's Hockey Team will aim to bounce back strongly when they face Australia A again in the second match of the tour on Sunday, April 27, at 13:40 hrs IST.

Karna Kadur, Musa Sherif top leaderboard of FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship

CHENNAI (TAMIL NADU) : The reigning national champion Karna Kadur along with co-driver Musa Sherif continued their dominance, topping four of the five special stages on Saturday in the International Automobile Federation (FIA) Asia Pacific Rally Championship (APRC) India Round which is being held here at the Madras International Circuit. Kadur and Sherif, representing Arka Motorsports, increased their overnight lead on defending APRC winners and teammates Harkrishan Wadia and Kunal Kashyap. They topped today's first stage, the short 4.9km Special Stage (SS) 3, and followed up by setting the quickest time in the 19k.2km in SS2, as per a press release from FIA Asia Pacific Rally Championship.

However, the pair lost 5.9 seconds in SS3, but that did not matter much in the end, as Karna Kadur switched up gears and took a huge lead in the last two stages, which were the Avisa stage and the Track stage, to top the time sheets on the penultimate day of the competition. Wadia and Kashyap finished the day in second place, followed by two-time National champion Amittrajit Ghosh and co-driver Ashwin Naik, also of Arka Motorsports, finished in third place. Despite having issues with the fuel pump, Ghosh, who was trailing in sixth place, bounced back to finish third at the end of the day. Incidentally, the top four places on the leaderboard belong to drivers from Arka Motorsports.

The APRC will conclude tomorrow with five more special stages, at the end of which the winner will be decided.

Results (Saturday):

FIA APRC/Overall

1. Karna Kadur/ Musa Sherif (Arka Motorsports) (01:05:25.4 s)
2. Harkrishan Wadia/ Kunal Kashyap (Arka Motorsports) (01:06:34.2 s)
3. Amittrajit Ghosh/ Ashwin Naik (Arka Motorsports) (01:06:39.8 s)
4. Philippos Matthai/ Harish KN (Arka Motorsports) (01:06:51.3 s)
5. Fabid Ahmer/ Milen George (Chettinad Sporting) (01:06:56.1 s).



Neeraj to skip as Sable, Yarraji lead Indian contingent at Asian Athletics Championships 2025

GUMI [SOUTH KOREA] : Avinash Sable, Jyothi Yarraji, and Praveen Chithravel are some of the notable inclusions in the Indian line-up for the Asian Athletics Championships starting from May 27 onwards, with Olympic gold medalist and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra giving the tournament a miss.

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) announced the squad on Friday, following the conclusion of the Federation Cup in Kochi, which served as the final selection trial event, according to Olympics.com. The participation in the Federation Cup was mandatory for athletes to be selected, except for a few elite stars. Steeplechasers Avinash Sable and Parul Chaudhary, both national record holders, were given exemptions. Neeraj's schedule begins with the Doha Diamond League on May 16 and will also include the first-ever Neeraj Chopra Classic event in Bengaluru on May 24, which will cause him to miss out. In his absence, Sachin Yadav and Yashvir Singh will be representing the tricolour in the men's javelin throw. Asian Games gold medalists Annu Rani and Tajinderpal Singh Toor are among the notable names missing. The Indian squad also includes several Olympians, Asian Games medalists, and national record holders.

Chithravel, who equalled his national record with a 17.37 m leap on Thursday, will be representing India in the men's triple

jump along with the current Asian champion Abdulla Aboobacker.

Yarraji will also be aiming to defend her 100 m hurdles title, while Tejaswin Shankar will be playing in the decathlon. Sprinter Animesh Kujur, after breaking the 200m national record, will also be featuring in the national team.

The women's squad will also feature long jumpers Shaili Singh and Ancy Sojan, along with quarter-milers Rupal Chaudhary and Vithya Ramraj, the latter also named in the 400m hurdles and the 4x400m relay.

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-Asian Athletics Championships 2025: India team

Men

200m: Animesh Kujur

800m: Anu Kumar, Krishan Kumar

1500m: Yoonus Shah

3000m steeplechase: Avinash Sable

5000m: Gulveer Singh, Abhishek Pal

10,000m: Gulveer Singh, Sawan Barwal

Triple jump: Praveen Chithravel, Abdulla Aboobacker

High jump: Sarvesh Kushare