

India bans all imports from Pakistan amid tensions over Pahalgam terror attack

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"We have also decided to further strengthen our relations in areas of healthcare, diamond processing, fertiliser and critical minerals." The prime minister also said, "We are committed to taking firm and decisive action against terrorists and those who support them." Highlighting the importance of ties between India and the African Union, he said, "We are partners in progress. We are pillars of the Global South." Laurencio arrived in Delhi on Thursday on a four-day trip.

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MI News Service, Kolkata: He renowned 'Illumis Aesthetic Clinic', known for addressing various skin, hair and body issues for both men and women, has launched its first outlet in Kolkata after expanding across several states in India. The new branch is located on the first floor of Kohil Mansion, opposite Quest Mall in Kolkata. Established under the guidance and efforts of the renowned cosmetologist Dr. Reema Das Mallik, who has 15 years of experience, the clinic already has successful branches in places like Shillong, Guwahati, Shivsagar, Arunachal Pradesh, Dibrugarh, bon-gaigaon and New Delhi.



Now, the clinic brings affordable and high-quality beauty treatments for both men and women in Kolkata as well, with its grand opening on May 1st. The clinic offers a

range of hair treatments including hair transplant, PRP, hair fall treatment, hair growth factor therapy, and alopecia treatment. For skin concerns, it provides collagen-boost-

ing treatments, botox, fillers, double chin reduction, tattoo removal, slimming therapies, and more—all under the supervision of experienced doctors. There is also the facility of AI-based skin analysis available. The Kolkata outlet's grand opening was graced by actress Dolon Roy, clinic founder Dr. Reema Das Mallik, Dr. Ritika, COO Mmonisha Mohinanie, PR Manager Zoe Soans, business partner Arun Agarwal, and other notable guests such as pageant winner Preet waliya, Ruchika Tungar, Roshini Golani, and Karuna Chandiramani, among others.

Hooghly teacher grows giant "Brunei" mango

MI News Service, Hooghly: A teacher in Pandu, Hooghly, Partha Dey is attracting attention for growing an exceptionally large "Brunei King" mango, already 3kg an expected to grow bigger. This stands out in the mango-loving region and highlights Partha Dey's passion for cultivating diverse fruit varieties in his home garden.

Partha Dey, a teacher residing in Benepara, Pandua, Hooghly, has cultivated an exceptionally large 'Brunei King' mango in his personal garden, showcasing a remarkable feat of amateur horticulture. Partha Dey, an educator at Ilchoba Mandalai High School, pursues tree planting as a dedicated hobby and has amassed a diverse collection of fruit trees. His mango cultivation includes approximately 25 varieties sourced both domestically and internationally.

This year marks the first successful ripening of the 'Brunei King' mango in his garden, a variety known for its substantial size, potentially reaching four to five kilograms upon full maturity. Partha Dey's horticultural endeavors over the past five years have yielded rare mango cultivars such as Miyazaki, American Kent, Chang Mai, Yellow Ivory, and Banana Mango. His garden also features other exotic fruit-bearing trees, including Vietnamese red jackfruit, custard apple (ata), sapodilla (sabeda), water apple (jamrul), banana, and lychee. Partha Dey attributes his passion for tree planting to a growing awareness of increasing temperatures and a desire to contribute positively to the environment. He has invested significantly in fruit saplings, amounting to lakhs of rupees, and diligently tends to his garden by watering and fertilizing the trees daily after his school duties. Notably, his collection includes a Thai mango variety that yields fruit year-round and an American Kent sapling acquired for 6,000. The 'Brunei King' mango seedlings were procured from Midnapore, and the resulting fruits have already reached an impressive weight of approximately three kilograms. Partha Dey expressed surprise at the rapid growth and substantial size of these mangoes. His success underscores the potential for cultivating unique and high-yield fruit varieties within the local climate of West Bengal through dedicated effort and horticultural enthusiasm.

Corrigendum: Yesterday, a news item, titled: Poet Joy Goswami unveils the text of the book 'Mostak Hos-sain: Life and Heritage'. Our esteemed readers are informed that this title should be read as: Mustak Hos-sain: Jibon O Aiti-jhya' Edited by Faruque Ahamed from Udar Akash



The new surprise of the film world of Bengal this year, in the production of Adrija Productions, screenplay and dialogue, Ritbrat Kumar Adhikari and veteran creative director Swapan Saha and new generation film director Tanmay Mondal, Romantic and Action. Fire The Fire is auspicious at the studio in Talliganj today. Prominent actor Biswajit Chakraborty in the Bengali film world will be seen in various roles in various roles, Suman Ponda, Anamika Saha, Kharaj Mukherjee, Debashish Ganguly, Parthasarathi Chakraborty, Samir Das, Nipa Howlader. Film director Tanmay Mondal said the shooting of the movie will start soon. The shooting will take place in various places including West Bengal, Sikkim, Jharkhand, Orissa, the movie will be released this year before Durga Pujo.

Container's cigarette smuggling exposed

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: Jalpaiguri District Police have made a significant seizure, uncovering foreign cigarettes valued at over 50 lakh concealed within a container ostensibly carrying bamboo. This discovery follows another recent seizure of foreign cigarettes worth approximately 1 crore in the past two weeks, causing a stir in the district. Acting on intelligence, the police intercepted and searched the bamboo-laden container on a national highway near Jalpaiguri city, leading to the recovery of 54 cartons of illicit cigarettes and the arrest of two individuals from Uttar Pradesh who were transporting the contraband from Guwahati, Assam, to Uttarakhand. The cigarettes were ingeniously hidden in a secret compartment within the vehicle. This marks the second major recovery of smuggled foreign cigarettes in Jalpaiguri within a short period, raising concerns about an active smuggling network operating through the region.

Jalpaiguri District Police have successfully intercepted a significant consignment of smuggled foreign cigarettes, valued at over 5 million, concealed within a container transporting bamboo. This operation, conducted by the District Detective Unit, follows another substantial seizure of illicit cigarettes worth approximately 10 million in the region within the past fortnight, indicating a potential surge in smuggling activities through Jalpaiguri.

According to Jalpaiguri Superintendent of Police Umesh Khandbale, the district's Special Intelligence Cell received credible information regarding the movement of a large quantity of foreign cigarettes via the national highway near Jalpaiguri city. Acting on this intelligence, law enforcement officials intercepted and searched a container truck ostensibly laden with bamboo. The search revealed 54 cartons of foreign cigarettes ingeniously hidden in a concealed compartment located behind the driver's seat.



The inauguration ceremony of the "Computational Laboratory (Mathematics Department)" of the famous women's college, "Vijay Krishna Girls' College" in Howrah was attended by -- the Minister in-charge of the Food Processing Industries and Horticulture Department of the Government of West Bengal, a political figure of Howrah district, a pioneer of the development of modern Howrah, and a respected public leader Shri Arup Roy Mahasoy.

PIC: Nurul Islam Khan.

Thunderstorms likely to drench several Bengal district

MI News Service, Kolkata: A cyclonic circulation, currently positioned over North Bangladesh and adjoining areas after its passage across Jharkhand and Gangetic West Bengal, is significantly increasing moisture influx into the state, leading to anticipated Kalbaishakhi conditions across several districts of South Bengal. The regional meteorological department has issued forecasts indicating a high probability of thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds, with speeds ranging from 30 to 50 kilometers per hour, in South 24 Parganas, East Medinipur, West Medinipur, Purulia, Bankura, Jhargram, and West Burdwan districts. The remaining districts of South Bengal, including Kolkata, are expected to experience light to moderate rainfall along with thunderstorms and gusty winds within the same speed range. Notably, seven to eight districts – West Medinipur, Bankura, Purulia, East and West Burdwan, Birbhum, Murshidabad, and Nadia – are under a higher alert for more intense thunderstorms with thunder and lightning. Kolkata itself is also likely to witness thunderstorms with lightning

and light to moderate rain accompanied by gusty winds of 30 to 40 kmph, particularly in the afternoon. The meteorological office has indicated that there will be no significant fluctuations in temperature across South Bengal over the next seven days. The current trend of below-normal day and night temperatures for May is expected to persist. Thunderstorm activity is predicted to continue across all districts of South Bengal from today until Tuesday. Furthermore, gusty winds reaching up to 50 kmph are possible in several districts on Saturday and Sunday. In North Bengal, a high probability of thunderstorms with gusty winds of 50 to 60 kmph is expected in Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Alipurdwar, Cooch Behar, and Jalpaiguri on Saturday and Sunday. The remaining districts of North Bengal may experience gusty winds ranging from 30 to 50 kmph. Thunderstorms with gusty winds are forecast for all districts of North Bengal, from Darjeeling to Malda, on Monday and Tuesday, although the wind speed may slightly decrease during this period. Similar to South Bengal, no major temperature changes are anticipated in North Bengal until Tuesday.

Cat Seen Eating from Serving Pot at Hotel in Nabadwip. A Tourist File Complaint, Police Investigate

MI News Service, Nadia: A shocking incident has come to light in Nabadwip's busy Baralghat ferry area, where a hotel has been accused of serving food to tourists in utensils that were allegedly also used to feed a cat. Following the complaint, the local police visited the hotel for an on-site investigation, drawing a crowd of curious locals, a police sources

said. The incident occurred around noon on Saturday when Shankar Pal, a tourist from Guwahati visiting Nabadwip with his family, went to a local hotel to have a vegetarian lunch. According to him, "The same container used to serve rice to us was also being used to feed a cat. It was highly unhygienic and unacceptable." Shankar Pal later went to the local

police station to lodge a formal complaint. Officers arrived at the hotel and questioned the staff. Shankar also presented mobile photos to the police and bystanders as evidence. The hotel owner, however, denied all allegations, claiming that "no such incident took place and it's all a misunderstanding." But upon being shown photographic evi-

dence, he apologized and assured that such an incident would not happen again. The police let him off with a warning. The incident has raised concerns about hygiene standards in eateries around this popular pilgrimage site. Locals are now demanding stricter health inspections and regular monitoring of food service establishments in the area.

Bangladeshi intruders arrest Again in Nadia

MI News Service, Nadia: Yet another case of illegal infiltration has surfaced in the border areas of Nadia. On Saturday morning, seven Bangladeshi nationals — four men and three women — were arrested by the police from the border area under Hanskhali Police Station. According to officials, they were attempting to return to Bangladesh with the help of a local smuggler. Initial interrogation revealed that the group had illegally entered India from Bangladesh about three years ago. Since then, they had been residing in various locations using forged identity documents. On Sat-



urday morning, their suspicious movement in the border area raised alarms among local residents, who promptly informed the police. Acting on the tip-off, Hanskhali police detained the seven individuals and conducted preliminary

questioning. None of them were able to produce valid identification documents. It was later confirmed that they were originally from different regions of Bangladesh. The incident comes in the backdrop of heightened border vigi-

lance following a recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, which claimed the lives of 26 tourists. In response, Indian authorities have intensified crackdowns on illegal infiltrators from Pakistan and Bangladesh. The arrested individuals were produced in court on Saturday. Meanwhile, an investigation is underway to trace the agents or smugglers who facilitated their entry and were possibly aiding their return. Authorities have stated that surveillance and operations along the border areas will be further strengthened to prevent such illegal movements.

Dilip Ghosh associate Ziaurul Responds to Arjun Singh's allegations

MI News Service, Barasat: A political controversy has erupted in West Bengal following BJP leader Arjun Singh's explosive allegations linking Dilip Ghosh's close associate, Ziaurul Haque, to a notorious smuggler with ties to the Trinamool Congress. The claims have sparked a sharp response from Ziaurul Haque, who denies any connection to the alleged smuggler and challenges Arjun Singh to provide proof. This development comes amidst internal strife within the Bengal BJP, particularly following Dilip Ghosh's recent visit to the Jagannath temple in Digha, adding further fuel to the ongoing political tensions. A political dispute has intensified in West Bengal following allegations by BJP leader Arjun Singh, who claims a close associate of Dilip Ghosh, Ziaurul Haque, maintains connections with the Trinamool Congress through an alleged association with a notorious smuggler. Arjun Singh's assertions have drawn a firm denial from Ziaurul Haque, who has challenged the veracity of these claims. The controversy stems from Arjun Singh's public statements, wherein he alleged that Ziaurul Haque, a frequent companion of Arjun Ghosh, is the "right hand" of Barik Biswas, an individual described as a notorious smuggler with reported ties to Sheikh Jahajahan of the Trinamool Congress. Arjun Singh further suggested that Dilip Ghosh facilitated this association. Ziaurul Haque, in a telephonic interview, categorically denied any relationship with Barik Biswas. He stated that he has been accompanying Dilip Ghosh for six years and identifies himself as a "responsible representative of the government." He challenged Arjun Singh to provide concrete evidence substantiating his claims, stating, "If Arjun Singh can prove that he has any relationship with Barik Biswas or Trinamool, then let him prove it.

Legal Aid Services is conducting legal aid and counseling courses

NURUL ISLAM KHAN

Legal Aid Services of West Bengal, which is supervised by retired judges, has been working silently for 44 years all over Bengal. This organization, founded by former Calcutta High Court judge D.K. Basu, is currently quite popular in the state judiciary. It started its work first in High Court Para. This organization has set up its own office in Hazra Road. It was inaugurated by former judge and Chairman of the State Human Rights Commission, Hon. Shri Jyotirmoy Bhattacharya. In addition, there were eminent people who were once judges of the Calcutta High Court like Hon. Arunabh Barua (Vice Chairman of the organization) - Hon. Ra-



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bindranath Samanta (Chairman of RERA). Legal aid is provided on various issues by this organization. Editor Biplab Kumar Sarkar said - "Along with legal aid, we are conducting PG courses in counseling approved by the University of Calcutta." Classes are being held twice a week under the supervision of Course Director Satyajit

Dasgupta from April 26. Chief Law Instructor Shri Samarendu Chakraborty (Security Training School, Kolkata Police), who has enrolled in this course, said - "The role of counseling in analyzing and curing mental illness is outstanding. I think it will be useful and will enrich the counseling related to the judiciary and future career."

TMC worker found dead and naked in river after nighttime departure

MI News Service, South Dinajpur: The discovery of the bloodied, naked body of a Trinamool Congress worker, Subrata Debnath alias Bapan, in the Srimati River near his home in the Sonadangi area of Joyhat Gram Panchayat, Itahar, Uttar Dinajpur, has triggered widespread shock and allegations of murder from his family. Subrata, who worked as a tutor and insurance agent and was known locally as an active TMC member, had left his residence after dinner on Friday night but did not return. Locals found his body in the river mud the following morning, prompting a police investigation and an autopsy. Family members and local TMC leaders are demanding a thorough probe and severe punishment for those responsible for his death.

The discovery of the bloodied and unclothed body of a Trinamool Congress (TMC) worker, identified as Subrata Debnath, also known as Bapan, has ignited a wave of concern in the Sonadangi area under the Joyhat Gram Panchayat of Itahar police station. Arijit Debnath's body was found in the Srimati River, situated not far from his residence. His family has alleged foul play, suspecting murder.

Arijit Debnath was a tutor and an insurance agent, recognized locally as an active member of the ruling TMC. According to reports, he departed from his home after dinner on Friday night but failed to return. The following morning, local residents discovered his injured and naked body in the mud within the Srimati River. The circumstances surrounding his death

have led his family to assert that he was killed.

Upon receiving information about the incident, the Itahar police promptly arrived at the scene, recovered the deceased's body, and dispatched it to Raiganj Medical College for a post-mortem examination. Authorities have initiated a comprehensive investigation into the matter.

Arijit Debnath, the nephew of the deceased, recounted receiving a call around 1 am from his aunt, informing him of Arijit Debnath's absence from home. He expressed the family's distress, stating, "This morning I found my aunt dead in the river. She was stabbed. She was murdered. I don't know why she was murdered. But I want the culprit to be punished."

Rafiquddin Sheikh, the Trinamool chief of Jayhat Gram Panchayat, provided further details, stating that Arijit Debnath had left his house around 8:30 pm after having his meal, indicating he was heading towards a nearby culvert, a place he reportedly visited daily for fresh air. His failure to return home overnight prompted concern, leading neighbors to discover his body in the river, approximately 30 meters from the culvert. Rafiquddin Sheikh has called upon the administration to ensure that those responsible for Arijit Debnath's death are severely punished. The ongoing police investigation aims to ascertain the cause of death and identify any individuals involved in this tragic incident.

Bangladeshi allegedly kidnap 2 Indian youth

MI News Service, South Dinajpur: Tension is escalating in Anantapur village along the India-Bangladesh border in South Dinajpur district following the alleged abduction of two Indian youths, Philip Soren (34) and Avinash Tudu (23), by several Bangladeshi individuals. The incident occurred while the men were irrigating their land situated at the zero point on the Indian side of the border fence. Local sources suggest the abduction may be a retaliatory act following the detention of two Bangladeshi youths by the BSF on the Indian side. The families and villagers are urgently appealing for the safe return of the abducted men, and flag meetings between the border security

forces of both countries have been initiated to resolve the situation. This incident gains further significance against the backdrop of a controversial social media post by a former DG of Bangladesh Rifles (now BGB) regarding potential territorial actions against India. Two Indian youths, identified as Philip Soren (34) and Avinash Tudu (23), residents of Anantapur village under the Gangarampur police station along the India-Bangladesh border, were reportedly abducted by several Bangladeshi nationals on Friday. The incident has triggered significant concern and demands for their immediate release from their families and the local community.

Trinamool Congress MP...

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decided by courts, the conviction rate was 93.6 per cent with only three acquittals. Meanwhile, Gokhale accused the Centre of using the probe process as a punishment. "The idea is to turn the process into punishment in order to blackmail and extort the innocent accused into breaking down and following the orders of the BJP," he said.
Navin on Thursday claimed that the slowdown in the adjudication of these cases could be attributed to a "general delay" in the judicial system of the country, combined with the inherent complexity of such investigations. Speaking at an event held here to mark the ED Day, the agency chief said though the PMLA was enacted in

2003 and came into force on July 1, 2005, it remained "largely ineffective" in the initial years with less than 200 cases coming up every year, mostly "restricted" to drug-related offences. "After 2014, however, there has been a significant step-up in enforcement activity. From 2014 to 2024, 5,113 new PMLA investigations were initiated, averaging more than 500 cases per year," Navin said. The central probe agency was established on May 1, 1956. It implements two criminal laws -- The Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act (FEOA) -- apart from the civil provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA).

70.2 pc voters turnout in...

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over anomalies in ballot papers. The voter turnout is over 70 per cent. Re-poll will be held in three/four centres where polling had to be stopped today due to mistakes in printing in ballot papers. Overall, the poll went off peacefully, Dutta said.
In the first phase, the Panchayat poll was conducted in 164 Zila Parishad constituencies, 861 Anchalik Panchayat constituencies, 861 Gaon Panchayat president constituencies, and 8,610 ward member constituencies.
The total number of polling stations is 8,269.

The districts included in the first phase of the Panchayat election are parts of Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Sivasagar, Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Jorhat, Golaghat and Nagaon.
The Assam State Election Commission has appointed 16 observers to ensure smooth and fair conduct of the local election. An official of the Commission informed that though no major election-related violence has been reported, security has been beefed up in all the sensitive areas. The second and third phases of the Panchayat election are scheduled for later this month.

IAF conducts night drill...

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the airstrip for surveillance and security. "This ensures safe operations and quick response in case of any untoward incidents," he said.
Traffic was halted for nearly three hours on the Bareilly-Etawah route that intersects the expressway while the sorties took place. Dwivedi said that during the exercise, some fighter jets were seen landing with the help of ropes dropped from helicopters, followed by ground tactical deployment. "Despite strong winds and unfavourable weather during the day, the drill was completed successfully, with the night operations proving to be smoother and more efficient," he added.
The drill was originally scheduled for two days, but IAF officials completed the entire exercise in one night. "The programme scheduled for the next day was cancelled as the objective was already achieved," the SP said.
Additional District Magistrate (Finance and Revenue) Arvind Kumar said, "Fighter jets made contact with the airstrip near the VIP camp and then took off again. Over 1,000 sanitation workers and other personnel from the Panchayati Raj De-

partment were deployed along a 40-kilometre stretch to ensure no animals or obstructions entered the airstrip." Locals watched the exercises with enthusiasm from fields nearby, he said.
"It was a historic moment for the district," Kumar said. The airstrip on the Ganga Expressway is now capable of supporting fighter jet landings and operations both day and night, officials confirmed.
The state cabinet had in September 2021 approved the construction of the 594-km Ganga Expressway between Meerut and Prayagraj.
The estimated cost of civil and construction work on the expressway was Rs 36,230 crore at the time of the approval. The project, being made in a public-private partnership model, is running as per schedule.
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ICSE & ISC: Most schools in Kolkata report 100% success rate

MI News Service, Kolkata: Most schools in Kolkata reported a 100 per cent success rate. Among them, Rammohan Mission High School saw all 202 ICSE candidates and all 66 ISC candidates pass. Of these, 72 ICSE and 24 ISC students scored 90 per cent and above. Calcutta Boys' School also recorded a 100 per cent pass rate: 227 passed in ICSE (95 with 90 per cent and above) and 123 passed in ISC (51 scoring 90 per cent and above). La Martiniere for Girls had 197 students appear for and pass the ICSE, with 95 scoring 90 per cent and above. In ISC, all 162 candidates passed, 120 of whom scored 90 per cent and above. At The Future Foundation School, 98

students appeared for ICSE and all passed, with 53 scoring above 90 per cent. Among them, student Sriyani stunned with a perfect score of 400/400 (100 per cent). "I never imagined I'd get full marks in English," she said. "I kept asking my mother to refresh the page, thinking it was a glitch." The school also saw all 112 ICSE candidates pass, 61 of whom secured 90 per cent and above. Meanwhile, Debotri Majumder from Delhi Public School (DPS) Megacity scored 100 per cent in ICSE, topping the country according to school authorities. Of the 402 students from the school, 200 scored 90 per cent and above. In ISC, 109 out of 315 students scored 90 per cent and above marks.

JU brings East & North East India's first ever Library for visually impaired



MI News Service, Kolkata: The peers quite often say that to do anything good one needs a passionate heart to feel, a creative brain to think, and effective limbs to execute the thought. Jadavpur University (JU) has always amalgamated these diverse yet linked components to create magic in every domain it steps in. This time it was no exception either. In a landmark initiative blending technology, compassion, and collaboration, Jadavpur University (JU), one of the India's premier educational institutions, recently celebrated the successful upgrade of its Accessible Library for visually impaired students.

With over 230 students across undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels depend-

ing on the facility, the need for modernization was urgent. Previously, the library struggled with outdated resources—operating with just a single Braille printer that required 6–8 months to convert academic texts. Critical tools like DAISY book makers, digital magnifiers, and transliteration software were missing, limiting access, especially in STEM subjects.

Recognizing this gap, a powerful collaboration formed between Rotary Clubs from Kolkata and the USA, along with the Global Jadavpur University Alumni Foundation (GJUAF). Through a Rotary Global Grant of over 38 lakh, they successfully transformed the library into a state-of-the-art, inclusive learning space. The project was



led by the Rotary Club of Belur (RCB) in Kolkata and the Rotary Club of Danville San Ramon (RC DSR) in California, with strong support from other Rotary partners including Rotary Clubs of Calcutta South City Towers, Calcutta Chowrenghee, Calcutta North East, Calcutta Yuvis, Richmond (CA), and Chico (CA). The Global Jadavpur University Alumni Foundation (GJUAF) and JU Alumni Association, Georgia, USA also played pivotal roles.

Two JU alumni—Rtn Vishnu Dhandhanian (RC Belur) and Rtn Dr. Ranjit Chakravorti (RC DSR)—were instrumental in envisioning and driving the project across continents.

The event witnessed the gracious presence of eminent dignitaries including Dr. Krishnendu

Gupta, District Governor, RI District 3291, and Prof. Bhaskar Gupta, Vice Chancellor, JIS University, who joined as the Guest of Honour. The upgraded library now boasts a range of cutting-edge assistive technologies such as Braille E-Motion displays with speech output, Readit Zen Max scanners, Evo DAISY audiobook players, Dolphin Publisher software, Braille embosser machines, video magnifiers, and transliteration tools. Additionally, significant infrastructure enhancements were made, including a unisex accessible restroom, tactile-tile ramps with safety railings, soundproof audiobook recording rooms, a digital reading room for 20 students, and comprehensive Braille signage. Hands-on training work-

shops were also conducted to empower staff and senior students to confidently use and maintain the new technologies, creating a sustainable ecosystem of knowledge sharing and peer support.

"It was our dream to ensure that every visually impaired student at JU could access knowledge with dignity and ease," said Rtn Vishnu Dhandhanian, Project Chair, Rotary Club of Belur. "This project demonstrates the power of global collaboration and a shared vision for inclusive education."

Rtn Dr. Ranjit Chakravorti, Project Visionary and a member of Rotary Club of Danville San Ramon, added, "We believe this upgraded library will not only transform the academic journey of hundreds of students but also set a benchmark for other institutions across India."

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Amitava Datta, Pro Vice-Chancellor of JU, said, "At JU, we have always believed in equal opportunities for all our students. This modernized Accessible Library reaffirms our commitment to inclusion and innovation."

The project's impact will be far-reaching—accelerating access to educational resources, boosting inclusion in STEM fields, improving academic and career outcomes, and fostering a truly inclusive campus culture at Jadavpur University.

Bengal to get 'Preventive oncology mission' with 'Cancer navigator support system'

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal is all set to have a unique shield in terms of fighting with cancer. The state is going to have a 'preventive oncology mission' along with a 'cancer navigator support system', a unique system that has been coined to fight the menace of cancer in the state of West Bengal in the most effective manner. With around 2 lakhs new cancer patients cropping up in the state, a unique mission has been chalked out to fight a brave battle against cancer. The 'Cancer Care and Cure Society of Bengal' takes a bold and pragmatic step in its battle against cancer. This effort fosters a sense of belonging and hope among the

cancer fighters and survivors as well. The central theme of this effort is 'Cancer has answer and it is not the end of the road. It can be cured and life can return to normal'. In a press conference at Kolkata Press Club on Friday, the Cancer Care and Cure Society of Bengal intimated various projects taken up by them including one of creating temporary employment(s) to the relative(s) of the cancer patient(s) at the hospital(s) where the cancer patient(s) has or have been admitted. Eminent physicians like Dr. Gautam Mukhopadhyay, Dr. Sayan Pal, Dr. Soumen Das and Dr. Tanmoy Mondal and few brave cancer survivors were present at the occasion.

S P Mookerjee Port launches night navigation in upper reaches of Hooghly

MI News Services, Kolkata: Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) marked a significant milestone in its operational efficiency with the successful commencement of night navigation in the upper reaches of the River Hooghly, from Budge Budge to the Sea — a crucial development aimed at reducing turn round time and pre-berthing detention of vessels.

Speaking of the groundbreaking achievement, Chairman of SMP Kolkata, Rathendra Raman, delightedly stated, "This is a historic day for SMP Kolkata. The successful introduction of night navigation in the upper stretches of the River Hooghly is a testament to the scientific and technological approach adopted by the port. It will significantly improve operational efficiency and turnaround time, paving the way for enhanced trade throughput. Shri Raman, Chairperson, SMP Kolkata congratulated Marine Department led by Capt. Avijit Ghosh and all others who made the initiative possible."

Historically, the long and meandering 232-km river channel from sea to Kolkata Dock System (KDS), marked by restrictions in navigable depth and strong cross-tidal currents, posed a significant challenge for continuous vessel movement. The absence of night navigation between Diamond Harbour and Kolkata was a longstanding impediment to optimal maritime operations.

Leveraging modern electronic aids like electronic charts and navigational simulators, and backed by significant improvements in navigational infrastructure—including track lights, transit lights and illuminated channel buoys—SMPK has now enabled seamless nighttime vessel transit through the river channel.

The National Technology Centre for Ports, Waterways and Coasts (NTCPWC), IIT Madras, prepared a comprehensive study and roadmap for night navigation in collaboration with the Port of Antwerp. A navigational simulator, jointly installed by IIT Madras and ARI, is now operational to support pilot training and real-time scenario analysis.

As mentioned, ARI is actually Applied Research International. In stretch of 32 nautical miles between Noorpur to Kolkata, there are 8 crossings where the channel moves from one bank of the river to another bank of the river. In

these stretches there are shore transits called tracks. A pilot has to keep on the transit line for safe navigation. Some of these transits have been lighted for safe navigation.

The inaugural run, conducted in the early hours today, saw the successful transit of the container vessel M V SinarPenida, with a Length Overall (LOA) of 117 meters and a draft of 6.0 meters, carrying a cargo quantity of 8000 MT from Budge Budge to the sea during complete darkness. This successful transit marks the beginning of a new era for navigation on the Hooghly.

With the introduction of night navigation, the port is expected to witness a notable increase in the number of vessels that can be handled daily, significantly improving berth availability and port throughput. The ability to operate round the clock will decongest the channel, facilitate quicker vessel turnaround, and directly impact critical Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) such as Pre-Berthing Delay, Berth Occupancy Rate and Ship-Day Productivity. This strategic enhancement is poised to make SMPK a more attractive and competitive hub for global shipping lines, said Samrat Rahi, Dy. Chairperson, SMP Kolkata.

Samrat Rahi also lauded the efforts of team SMPK and also said that "This achievement is truly commendable, which reflects the spirit of innovation and coordination among all individuals involved."

Rathendra Raman, Chairperson, SMPK further said that with further acclimatization of pilots and continuous technological upgradation, we look forward to enabling night navigation for larger vessels with deeper drafts, ultimately transforming SMPK into a more agile and future-ready port."

The initiative has been widely appreciated by stakeholders and port users, who have congratulated SMPK for this forward-looking step. The introduction of night navigation is poised to significantly reduce vessel turnaround time, ease river traffic congestion, and enhance overall port efficiency. With a strong focus on innovation and technology-driven solutions, SMPK continues its stride toward a future of improved operational performance and superior service delivery.

Name Change
I, Idennesha Bibi,Wife Of Minhaj Uddin Mollick,Residing At Chak Kashiipur,2no Molla Para, Nodakhali, South24 - 743318, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Eider Nisha Bibi Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 29/04/2025.That Idennesha Bibi And Eider Nisha Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sanjay Mandal,Son Of Dulal Mandal, Residing At Vill - Sankarpur, Po & Ps - Dhantala, Nadia - 741202, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sanjay Mondal Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025. That Sanjay Mandal And Sanjay Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Haji Haroon & Md Haroon (old names) son of Late Abdul Latif Haji, residing at 1/5, Rowland Road, Elgin Sarani, P.O.- L.R. Sarani, Kolkata- 700020, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Haroon Mohammad (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Haroon Mohammad (New Name) and Haji Haroon & Md Haroon (old names) all are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Munni Begum (old name) wife of Md. Ilias and daughter of Abdul Sattar, residing at G-263, 2nd Floor, Ramnagar Lane, P.S.- Garden Reach, Kolkata- 700024, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shamima Khatoon (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Shamima Khatoon (New Name) and Munni Begum (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Korban Ali (old name) son of Late Sekh Rabial Haque, residing at Vill- Sandhipur, P.O.- Ilahipur, P.S.- Chanditala, Hooghly Rural- 712707, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Korban (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Sekh Korban (New Name) and Sk Korban Ali (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Sekendar Badsha & Sk Sakender Badsha (old names) son of Sekh Korban, residing at Vill- Sandhipur, P.O.- Ilahipur, P.S.- Chanditala, Hooghly Rural- 712707, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Sekendar Badsha (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Sekh Sekendar Badsha (New Name) and Sk Sekendar Badsha & Sk Sakendar Badsha (old names) all are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mahuya Sinha (old name) wife of Kuntal Sinha, residing at 70/1, Tanpura Lane, P.S.- Shibpur, Howrah- 711104, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mahuya Basu (New Name) as declared before the Ld 1st class judicial magistrate at Alipore Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Mahuya Basu (New Name) and Mahuya Sinha (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Malabika Mondal(old name) daughter of Sanjay Mondal, residing at Vill & P.O.- Hatgacha, P.S.- K.L.C., Kolkata- 700156, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Malabika Sanjay Girl(New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Malabika Sanjay Girl (New Name) and Malabika Mondal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Karamjit Singh Seahra (old name) son of Sewa Singh, residing at Puratan Dakghar Naskarpura, P.S.- Maheshtala, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700141, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Karamjit Singh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Karamjit Singh (New Name) and Karamjit Singh Seahra (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Farhin khan or Mithu Roy are same and one identical Person af fidavit No 2282 of Ld 1st class Judicial magistrate Dist. South 24 Parganas at Baruipur at present Kolkata-700144. My date of birth is 01.01.1977. I declare that henceforth Aadhar card, voter card, Ration card, driving licence and in all will be treated as Mithu Roy, D/O Ratan Roy, w/o Firoj Khan and Date of birth 01.01.1977 instead of 21.07.1978.

Name Change
I, Prolay Chandra Saha S/o late Madhab Chandra Saha, residing Memanpur, Vivekananda Pally, Maheshtala, P.S.- Maheshtala, P.O.- Vivekananda Pally, South 24 Pargana, Pin- 700139. In my daughter's (Progyana Saha) Birth certificate and passport my name is wrongly recorded as Prolay Saha. Vide an affidavit (36419) sworn before the First Class Judicial Magistrate Court Alipore on 02.08.2023 I will be known as Prolay Chandra Saha. Prolay Saha and Prolay Chandra Saha both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shri Kiran Sankar S/R S/O Lt Nakuleswar Sankar R/O Sukatanagar, Sonarpur, Kol-700150 Have Declared By An Affidavit Before Notary Public At Baruipur, Kol-700144 On 28/04/2025 That My Name Has Been Wrongly Recorded In My Daughters (Shri Ta Sarkar) Passport No- N5049104 As Kiran Sankar Kiran Kiran Sankar And Kiran Sankar Sarkar Is Identical Same Person.

Name Change
I, Vimla Bhansali and Bimla Devi Bhansal (old names) wife of Jinen- der Kumar Bhalsali, residing at 74 and 74/1 Narkeldanga Main Road, Kolkata- 700054, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bimala Devi Bhansali (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Bimala Devi Bhansali (New Name) and Vimla Bhansali and Bimla Devi Bhansal (old names) all are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Jinender Bhansali (old name) son of Mohan Raj Bhansali, residing at 37, Pandiya Road, Flat-4, Floor-19, Block-4, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jinender Kumar Bhalsali (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Jinender Kumar Bhalsali (New Name) and Jinender Bhansali (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Tamali Bhattacharya Sikder (old name) wife of Kolahal Bhat- tacharya, residing at AE/5, Purba Para, Arjunpur, Rajarhat, Baguiati, Bidhannagar- 700059, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tamali Sikder (New Name) as de- clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Tamali Sikder (New Name) and Tamali Bhattacharya Sikder (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Israfil Shaikh,S/O Sk Ismail,R/O 100/4/2,M.P.School Road,Titagarh, Khardah,North 24 Parganas,Ps Rahara. Pin-700119 West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Israfil,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Be- fore The Notary Public At Kolkata On 30/04/20 25,That Israfil Shaikh And Sk Israfil All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ram Kumar Das(Old Name),Son Of Naren Das,Residing At Bana- malipur,Barasat,North24parganas - 700124,West Bengal,Shall Hence- forth Be Known Ram Das(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Be- fore The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025,That Ram Kumar Das And Ram Das Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Monitosh Hira,(Old Name),Son Of Ganesh Hira, Residing At No057 Baridpur, Kenna, Purba Bardhaman - 713401,West Ben- gal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Monitosh Hira(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025,That Monitosh Hira And Monitosh Hira Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Imtiyaz Md and Md Imtiyaz(As per DI No - WB0120050267488) (old names) son of Haroon Mo- hamammad, residing at 1/5, Rowland Road, Elgin Sarani, P.O.- L.R. Sarani, Kolkata- 700020, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammed Imtiyaz (New Name) as declared before the Ld 1st class judicial magis- trate at Alipore Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Mohammed Imtiyaz (New Name) and Imtiyaz Md and Md Imtiyaz (old names) all are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Prodiip Kumar Biswas (Old Name),S/O Late Biswas,R/O Dhaka- pur,Ratanpur,Po-Kushidanga,Ps- Amdanga,North 24 Parganas- 743126,West Bengal,Shall Hence- forth Be Known As Pradip Kumar Biswas(New Name) Vide An Af- fidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/ 20 25,That Prodiip Kumar Biswas And Pradip Kumar Biswas All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Kalam (old name) son of Late Abdul Saiyad, residing at Musalman Para, Multi, P.O.- Itachuma, P.S.- Pandua, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin- 712147, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Abdul Kalam (New Name) as de- clared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Hooghly, dated 16/04/2025. Sk Abdul Kalam (New Name) and Abdul Kalam (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaikh Shamim (old name) son of Shaikh Ashique, residing at 1/1/H/5, Bangali Shah Warsi Lane, P.O.- Khiddirpore, P.S.- Ekbalpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SK Shamim (New Name) as de- clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. SK Shamim (New Name) and Shaikh Shamim (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Arati Bhushan Panja (old name) son of Jugal Kishore Panja, residing at 650,INDIRA PALY,WORD-03,ARAMBAGH,hooghly-712601, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Arati Bhusan Panja (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Arati Bhusan Panja (New Name) and Arati Bhushan Panja (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ranuka Panja (old name) wife of Arati Bhushan Panja, residing at 650,INDIRA PALY, WORD-03, ARAMBAGH,hooghly-712601, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Renuka Panja (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/ 2025. Renuka Panja (New Name) and Ranuka Panja (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Rebekabula Gomez (Old Name) W/O Lucas Cecil Gomes, Residing At Kunderali Paschim Para,Indrapa- la,Dist-South 24 Parganas,Pin- 743610,West Bengal,India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rebek- abula Gomes (New Name) As De- clared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025.Rebek- abula Gomez (Old Name) And Re- bekebula Gomes (New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Nazim (old name) son of Md Sakur, residing at 40, CHANDRA NATH ROY ROAD KOLKATA 700039, P.O. & P.S.-TILJALA, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Nazim Ansari (New Name) as declared before the No- tary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Md Nazim Ansari (old name) and Md Nazim (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Julfikar Ali (old name) son of Farhd Sk, residing at Vill- Mirpur, P.O.- Chak Enayet Nagar, P.S.- Bish- nupur, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743503, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Julfikar Ali Sk (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at ALI- pore, dated 28/04/2025. Julfikar Ali Sk (New Name) and Julfikar Ali (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Amzad Ali (old name) son of Md Halim Ali, residing at 51/B Dr Sudhir Bose Road, P.O.- Khidder- pore, P.S.- Waugunge, Kolkata 700023, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Sk Amjad Ali (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/ 05/2025. Sk Amjad Ali (New Name) and Sk Amzad Ali (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Farahat Jahan (old name) son of Sk Amjad Ali, residing at 51/B Dr Sudhir Bose Road, P.O.- Khidder- pore, P.S.- Waugunge, Kolkata 700023, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Farhat Jahan (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/ 05/2025. Farhat Jahan (New Name) and Farahat Jahan (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mahroon Nissa (old name) wife of Md Shakil, residing at 36/A/H/3, Waugunge Street, P.S.- Waugunge, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mehrun Nessa (New Name) as de- clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Mehrun Nessa (New Name) and Mahroon Nissa (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Firoz Alam (old name) son of Noor Alam, residing at 507, Lenin Nagar, Madal Danga Road, P.S.- Noapara, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743133, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Firoj Alam (New Name) as declared be- fore the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Firoj Alam (New Name) and Firoz Alam (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Prodiip Kumar Chakraborty(Old Name),Son Of Surendra Kumar Chakraborty, Residing At Natun Pally,K.C. Mazumder Street,Po & Ps Nimta, North 24 parganas - 700049,West Bengal,Shall Hence- forth Be Known As Pradip Kumar Chakraborty(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025, That Prodiip Kumar Chakraborty And Pradip Kumar Chakraborty Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sk Md Mojful Islam(Old Name),S/O Late Sk Mantaj Islam,R/O Battala,Tajpur,East Me- dinipur,721656,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Mofji- ful Islam(New Name),Vide An Af- fidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/ 2025,That Sk Md Mojful Islam And Sk Mojful Isla All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Abu Bakkar Ali Molla (old name) son of Late Ahamad Molya, residing at Bhagowanpur Pakka Polerhat, P.S.- Uttar Kashiipur, Kolkata- 700135, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abubakkar Molla (New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Abuba- kkar Molla (New Name) and Md Abu Bakkar Ali Molla (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Julfikar Ali (old name) son of Sk Kesimuddin, residing at BARAGHUNI,PURBA MEDINIPUR, 721656, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Sk Julfikar (New Name) as declared before the No- tary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Sk Julfikar (New Name) and Sk Julfikar Ali (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Abira Karmakar Ghosh (old name) daughter of Jayanta Ghosh, residing at 76/1,SHASTRI ROAD6 NAIHATI,PO-NAIHATI,NORTH 24 PARGANAS-743165, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abira Ghosh (New Name) as de- clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Abira Ghosh (New Name) and Abira Karmakar Ghosh (old name) both are same and identical person.



Ashwini Vaishnaw, MR inspected upcoming bullet train station at BKC, Mumbai today(3.5.2025)

Celebration of 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division

Prabhat Pheri and Cleanliness Drive Held at Pakur Station



MI News Service, Kolkata: Today on 3rd May 2025, as part of the ongoing celebration of 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division, a vibrant Prabhat Pheri and dedicated cleanliness drives were organized at Pakur Station under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Sri Sanjeev Kumar. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from railway staff, local residents, and community members, who came together to mark this historic milestone. The Prabhat Pheri, a traditional morning procession, was flagged off in the early hours of the day. Participants marched with great zeal, holding banners and placards that highlighted the century-long journey of the Howrah Division, spreading messages of unity, heritage, and commitment to public service. Following the procession, a cleanliness drive was carried out at the station premises. Volunteers took up the task of cleaning platforms, surrounding areas, and public spaces, demon- strating the importance of maintaining hygiene and envi- ronmental responsibility. This initiative echoed the Indian Railways' larger vision of a "Swachh Bharat" and reflected the values that have guided the Howrah Division over the past 100 years. The event not only celebrated the glorious legacy of the division but also reinforced the ideals of com- munity engagement, civic sense, and shared pride in the railway's role in nation-building. The success of the program at Pakur Station is a testament to the strong bond between the Indian Railways and the people it serves.

Name Change
I, Sk Md Tarik,Son Of Sekh Saiful Islam, Residing At Sijberia,Po - Ulu- beria, Howrah - 711315,West Ben- gal,Henceforth Be Known As Sekh Md Tarek Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 29/04/2025,That Sk Md Tarik And Sekh Md Tarek Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Kavita Mayank Kumar Amin (old name) daughter of Kirit Patel, re- siding at 1/6, Rowland Road, Near- Roland Hotel, Elgin Road, P.O.- L.R. Sarani, Kolkata- 700020, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kavita Amin (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Ju- dicial Magistrate at Kolkata, dated 29/04/ 20 25. Kavita Amin (New Name) and Kavita Mayank Kumar Amin (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaukat Ali & Sawkat Ali (old names) son of Noor Mohammed, residing at 27/H/5, Sir Syed Ahmed Road, Linton, Itally S.O, Kolkata- 700014, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Saukat Ali (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Saukat Ali (New Name) and Shaukat Ali & Sawkat Ali (old names) all are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Dharmander Jaiswal (old name) son of Late Jagannath Jaiswal, re- siding at 77/H/46, Kailash Bose Street, Amherst Street, Kolkata- 700006, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dhar- mendra Kumar Jaiswal (New Name) as declared before the No- tary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Dharmandra Kumar Jaiswal (New Name) and Dhar- mander Jaiswal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I,Riazul Islam Kazi,Son Of Son Of Kazi Sirazul Islam, Residing At Vill - Sundarpur,Po - Joyngar,Ps - Ghatul, West Medinipur - 721212, West Bengal, Shall Hencе forth Be Known As Kazi Riazul Islam Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/ 20 25,That Riazul Islam Kazi And Kazi Riazul Islam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Masuma Bibi,Wife Of Md Hasinul Hoque, Residing At Sekhpura,Po - Mathurapur,Ps - Manikchak,Malda - 732203,West Bengal,Shall Hencе- forth Be Known As Masumak Khatun Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025,That Ma- suma Bibi And Masumak Khatun Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Delhi HC finds prima facie contempt in 'sharbat jihad' row

MI News Service, New Delhi: MI News Service, New Delhi: Delhi High Court said yoga practitioner Ramdev was "not in control of anyone" and lived in his own world, finding him in prima facie contempt of its order on his controversial "sharbat jihad" remark against Hamdard's Rooh Afza. Ramdev said he would re- move the contentious com- ments from his latest video. The court had ordered him not to issue any statement or share videos in future on Hamdard's products. "In view of the last order, his affidavit as well as this video are prima facie in contempt. I will issue a con- tempt notice now. We are just calling him here," Jus- tice Amit Bansal said after being informed on Thurs- day that despite the court's April 22 directions, Ramdev published a video making objectionable statements. "He (Ramdev) is not in con- trol of anyone. He lives in his own world," the judge remarked. Ramdev's coun- sel urged the court to take up the matter after some time as the arguing counsel was unavailable. The court deferred the hearing for some time. Hamdard Na- tional Foundation India had filed a plea against Ramdev and his Patanjali Foods Ltd over the controversial re- marks. The court had on the last occasion said Ramdev's remark of "sharbat jihad" on Hamdard's Rooh Afza had shaken its conscience and was indefensible.

Modi to lead Inter- national Yoga Day on June 21

MI News Service, Amara- vati: Prime Minister Naren- dra Modi announced that he will lead the Interna- tional Yoga Day celebra- tions on June 21 in Andhra Pradesh, following an invitation from Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. The Prime Minister highlighted that this year marks the 10th anniversary of June 21 being declared as the Inter- national Yoga Day."Thanks to (Chandrababu Naidu) for inviting me for (Yoga Day)... I will definitely come," said Modi, adding that it would be held in Vizag, during his speech while relauching Amaravati construction works.

Name Change
I, Masuma Bibi,Wife Of Md Hasinul Hoque, Residing At Sekhpura,Po - Mathurapur,Ps - Manikchak,Malda - 732203,West Bengal,Shall Hencе- forth Be Known As Masumak Khatun Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025,That Ma- suma Bibi And Masumak Khatun Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Abul Kalam (old name) son of Abdul Kadir, residing at 2/1/H/1, Jala Lane, P.O.- Alipore, Kolkata- 700027, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Abdul Kalam (New Name) as de- clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Sk Abdul Kalam (New Name) and Abul Kalam (old name) both are same and identical person.

Miscellaneous

Trains losing punctuality on account of obstruction by Road Traffic at the level crossings

In FY 2024-25, on an average, 31 trains lost punctuality daily in Eastern Railway due to level crossing gates not closing in time on account of obstruction by road users.

Road users must stop their vehicle as soon as they hear the buzzer sound or see the red light at the road signal of the gate or if the level crossing gate is closing.



• In FY 2024-25 on an average 31 trains daily have lost punctuality for road traffic obstruction at level crossing gates over Eastern Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway is taking all-round endeavour for maintaining punctuality in train running. Despite the best efforts for maintain- ing the punctuality, it has been observed that in FY 2024-25, daily on an aver- age 31 trains have lost their punctuality over Eastern Railway because level crossing gates could not be closed in right time for road traffic obstruc- tion. As per statistics of 30.04.2025, as many as 79 trains have lost punctuality on that day due to delay in closure of level crossing on account of obstruction by road vehicles at level crossings. This delay in closing the level crossing is due to the road traffic jam by reckless drivers or the road vehicles have entered the level crossing disre- garding the buzzer sound or road signal indicating the approaching train and consequent difficulty in closing the level crossing gate.

It has been observed that at different level crossings over Eastern Railway, road vehicles and pedestrians forcibly en- tered the level crossings even when the gate is closing and the buzzer is audible regarding approaching train. This has results in road traffic jam which not only delays the movement of road vehicle but at the same time affects the punctuality of the trains also.In respect of the train punctuality in case of the gate could not be closed in right time, then not only the approaching train get affected but also several other trains in the path lose punctuality as a cas- cading effect. As a result, both the passengers in

ER to run Summer Special Train between Kolkata & Lalkuan

• More than 12,400 berths to be generated. MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear the expected rush of passengers during sum- mer, Eastern Railway has decided to run one sum- mer special train between Kolkata & Lalkuan. This special train will offer ad- ditional capacity and flexi- bility to accommodate the extra rush of passengers during this season. Addi- tional 12,460 berths will be generated by running this summer special. 05060 Lalkuan - Kolkata summer Special will leave Lalkuan at 13:35 hrs. on every Thursday between 15.05.2025 & 26.06.2025 (07 trips) to reach Kolkata at 23:55 hrs. on the next day. 05059 Kolkata - Lalkuan summer Special will leave Kolkata at 05:00 hrs. on every Sat- urday between 17.05.2025 & 28.06.2025 (07 trips) to reach Lalkuan at 15:45 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at 33 sta- tions including Naihati, Bandel, Bardhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chit- taranjan, Madhupur and Jasidih stations over East- ern Railway jurisdictions in both directions enroute. The train will have Gen- eral Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned Accommodations. The booking of 05059 Kolkata - Lalkuan summer Special is available through PRS & Internet.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Palash Chatterjee/ Sanjoy Chatterjee/ Bonani Chatterjee/ Ramnagar Road, Sukanta Pally Bongaon M, West Bengal, N 24 Parganas- 743235/ LBCAL0004963721, LBCAL00005388939 & LBCAL00005400110	Mouza No 224, Bongaon, Dag No. 4775 & 4776, Touzi No 3525, Khatian No. 4601, P.S Bongaon, Bongaon Municipality, Sub Registry and Division Bongaon, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area of 3 Cottah and 8 Chittacks./ Date of Physical 28.04.2025	January 27,2022 Rs. 33,13,772.00/-	Bongaon

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: May 03, 2025, Place: Bongaon Sincerely Authorised Signatory, For ICICI Bank Ltd,

‘Gita’ lesson for better peace studies in Delhi Univ

MI News Service, New Delhi: A Delhi University committee objected to a draft syllabus for psychology at the undergraduate level that seeks to include the Israel-Palestine war and the Kashmir issue in the teaching material for conflict resolution.

Instead, the standing committee on academic affairs, headed by Prakash Singh, a political science faculty member and director of the university's South Campus, has suggested content on the Mahabharata and the Bhagavad Gita to make students understand the psychology of peace. Singh is of the opinion that the Kashmir matter has been resolved. Two members of the standing committee said the psychology department had prepared the syllabus for the 7th and 8th semesters for undergraduate students. DU had in 2022 introduced a four-year undergraduate programme as per the National Education Policy and the syllabi for all courses are being revised. After the standing committee ratifies the syllabus, it is sent to the academic council.

Monami Sinha, a member of the committee and the academic council, said the syllabus sought to include content on the Israel-Palestine war and the Kashmir issue under the unit Conflict Resolution. But Singh has contended that the Kashmir issue has been resolved and there is no need to teach the Israel-Palestine conflict.

Police arrest 6 for stabbing man to death

MI News Service, New Delhi: Three men who allegedly stabbed a man to death in the Sultampur area of outer Delhi have been arrested, police said. Six men in all were have been arrested in connection with the killing, they said. Ritik, 19, Rahul, 23, and Nikhil, 19, all of them with a history of violent crimes, were arrested near a big drain in the area.

Police seize ganja worth Rs 1.22 Cr; 4 detained

MI News Service, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar: (May 2) Police have seized ganja worth Rs 1.22 crore in Kannad tehsil of Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar district, and detained four persons in this connection, an official said. The drug was seized by the district rural police in Dabhadi area of Kannad, he said. "The police seized 409 kilograms of ganja worth Rs 1.22 crore. A four-wheeler worth Rs 18 lakh which was used in transporting the contraband was also seized," he said.

Delhi CM flags off 400 battery buses

MI News Service, New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta inaugurated 400 new electric buses under the Delhi Electric Vehicle Initiative (DEVI). Speaking at the launch, Gupta said, "This is the power of a triple-engine government.



Minister Aroop Biswas inaugurated the renovation and beautification of Ganguli Bagan Pond and a huge Shiva statue in the middle of the pond with the funds from the 'MLA Area Development Project, Parliament Fund and Councilor Fund' in Ward 100 of Tollygunge Assembly. MP Sayani Ghosh was present. The initiative was taken by Municipal Representative Prosenjit Das. On Saturday.

Cong fuels Pak narrative: BJP

MI News Service, New Delhi: The BJP on Saturday said the Congress was repeatedly supplying "oxygen" to Pakistan, and slammed the opposition party for its leader Charanjit Singh Channi's remarks questioning the veracity of Balakot air strikes that followed the 2019 Pulwama terror attack.

"Inside it is the Congress Working Committee but outside it acts like Pakistan inside Working Committee," BJP national spokesperson Samvit Patra alleged in a press conference. Patra said it has become a pattern with the Congress that its resolutions and leadership speak in one voice, while its several other leaders speak in another.

The Congress Working Committee, the key organisation body of the party, passed a resolution on Friday asking the Centre to act with firmness and clarity to teach Pakistan a lesson for its continued export of terror to India. Patra told reporters that immediately after the CWC passed the resolution Chhanni held a "parallel" press conference in which he questioned the genuineness of India's air strike in Balakot after the 2019 Pulwama terror attack and also taunted Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He told reporters, "The Congress spares no occasion to supply oxygen to the Pakistani Army and

terrorists and to boost their morale." Referring to the Pulwama attack, Channi said 40 Indian soldiers were killed and when elections were held, the government boasted of action. "But we have never seen where in Pakistan the strikes were done and where people were killed. If someone threw a bomb in our country, will people not know? They claim to have conducted surgical strikes against Pakistan but nothing had happened. Surgical strikes were not seen anywhere and no one knew about them," the former Punjab chief minister said. Asked if he had sought proof of those strikes, he said, "I have always been demanding that." He, later, backtracked following the BJP's counterattack and said no proof was needed. Patra, however, hit back saying the oxygen supplied to Pakistan cannot be taken back. The BJP leader said opposition leaders such as Akhilesh Yadav and parties like AAP were cited by a Pakistani senator for their questioning of the Modi government's stand, and added that Congress's Rahul Gandhi is now trying to join them in getting praise in the neighbouring country. Patra referred to other controversial comments of several Congress leaders related to the Pahalgam terror attack to slam the party over a gap in its official pronounce-

ments and its members' public comments.

He named Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah, Maharashtra MLA Vijay Wadetiwar, Himachal Pradesh minister Inder Singh, and Rahul Gandhi's brother-in-law Robert Vadra for allegedly raising issues on the terror attack, which left at least 26 civilians, mostly tourists dead.

Patra alleged that they have questioned the need for war and asked whether terrorists had indeed religiously profiled their victims, and said this raises questions about the sincerity of the Congress' official stand. It is more than a co-incidence and is in fact a pattern, he said. The BJP leader asked if a string of such controversial remarks by Congress leaders has not lowered the morale of armed forces and Indians in general. The Congress, he noted, has asked the government to spell out its strategy following the terror attack.

Patra said the moment Congress leaders are informed of the government's plans, they will seek to best each other in conveying the message to Pakistan. In this context, he also took up Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's repeated attack on Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi over the latter's alleged visit to Pakistan. Patra noted that Sarma has also said that Gogoi's children are not Indian citizens.

SC junks judicial probe plea on Pahalgam attack

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court declined to entertain a PIL that sought a judicial probe into the April 22 Pahalgam attack, saying such pleas would only "demoralise" the security forces at a time when the entire country was standing united. A bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, however, granted liberty to the petitioners to move the high court concerned over apprehensions of possible targeting of Kashmiri students in other states in the wake of the Pahalgam attack.

The petitioners also wanted proper coordination between the Centre, Jammu and Kashmir administration, NIA, the CRPF and other security establishments to prevent the recurrence of such incidents. It also sought a directive to the Press Council of India to ensure that media houses report only factual accounts of the issue in view of the sensitivity involved. "Please don't bring these issues into the public domain. This is not the time. This is the crucial hour when each citizen has joined hands to defend the country. Don't make any prayer which can demoralise our security forces.

Chhota Bheem Teams up with Western Railway to spread Railway Safety Awareness



Shri Vineet Abhishek, Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway & Shri Rajiv Chilakalapudi, the creator of Chhota Bheem, are seen exchanging collaboration letters at WAVES 2025, Jio World Centre, Mumbai.

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a unique initiative to promote public awareness and railway safety, Western Railway has entered into a collaboration with Chhota Bheem. Western Railway will utilize beloved characters from the Chhota Bheem universe for educational and outreach activities. Western Railway's Chief Public Relations Officer, Shri Vineet Abhishek and Shri Rajiv Chilakalapudi, CEO & Managing Director of Green Gold Animation Pvt. Ltd. the creators of Chhota Bheem, signed the Letter of Collaboration at the World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025, Jio World Centre, Mumbai on 2nd May, 2025. According to a press release issued by Chief Public Relations Officer of Western Railway, WR will go the non-conventional way to get to the hearts of the masses. Characters such as Chhota Bheem and his family will be used across various media formats including print, digital, television, radio, and physical installations like posters and school programs for a period of 1 year. This strategic collaboration aims to harness the wide appeal of the Chhota Bheem franchise to effectively communicate essential messages on railway safety and responsible behaviour in railway premises, particularly targeting younger audiences and families. Notably, the nationwide and global popularity of Chhota Bheem has a good impact on children and has the potential to influence them positively. Western Railway's initiative aligns with this sentiment by integrating these familiar characters into public interest campaigns to enhance reach and engagement. Shri Vineet further said this partnership is a step forward in making railway safety education more engaging and accessible. With the help of Chhota Bheem and family, Western Railway hopes to create a lasting impact and educate the children and the general public.

India urges IMF, World Bank to re-view aid to Pak

MI News Service, New Delhi: India will be asking global multilateral agencies, including the IMF, to have a relook at funds and loans provided to Pakistan, as New Delhi seeks to corner the neighbouring state diplomatically following the dastardly terror attack in Pahalgam last month which killed 26 tourists.

"We will be asking all multilateral agencies to review the loans and support to Pakistan," a government source said.

The IMF Executive Board is scheduled to meet Pakistan officials on May 9 for first review of the extended funding facility, and request for an arrangement under the resilience and sustainability facility.

The IMF Board will evaluate fresh USD 1.3 billion arrangement for Pakistan under its climate resilience loan programme. It will also assess an ongoing USD 7 billion bailout package.

As of December 31, 2024, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed 764 public sector loans, grants, and technical assistance totalling USD 43.4 billion to Pakistan. ADB's current sovereign portfolio in Pakistan includes 53 loans and 3 grants worth USD 9.13 billion. ADB committed a USD 320 million loan for the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Rural Roads Development Project to upgrade around 900 kilometers of flood-susceptible rural roads in the province.

In January 2025, the World Bank approved USD 20 billion lending package for Pakistan for the cash-strapped country to overcome its challenges.

Union Min Bambhaniya reviews wheat procurement arrangement

MI News Service, Ludhiana: Union Minister Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya along with Punjab Minister Lal Chand Kataruchak visited Asia's largest grain market Khanna to review wheat procurement arrangements.

Punjab Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Kataruchak raised concerns before the Union minister regarding the demands of 'arhtiyas' (commission agents) and labourers involved in wheat procurement in Punjab, according to a release issued by the district administration here.

He urged the Centre to hike the commission agents' fees due to rising inflation. Besides, he highlighted the issue of insufficient storage space across Punjab, emphasising that the state procures grain for the central pool and thus requires enhanced storage facilities.

UP woman kills infant daughter over marital dispute

MI News Service, Etah (UP): A woman allegedly strangled her three-month-old daughter to death following a dispute with her husband, police here said. The incident took place in Ishepur village under Bagwala police station limits. Vinita was living with her daughter at her maternal home after a dispute with her husband, they said. She strangled her daughter to death. After getting information, a police team arrived at the spot and sent the baby's body for post-mortem examination at the medical college.

बिज्ञप्ति
एतद्वारा जानना चाहिये है- आमार मेकेलपान साथी मेने पिता - हरिदास मेने, अक्षेपर सरदार पिता- निशिकांत सरदार, सोमनाथ मंडल पिता- सुभाष मंडल बिगत २०२५ साले कपिलपुर मौजा, जे एल १८, एल आर ८०० नं दांगे, एल आर ७९२ नं बखियाने १० काठा जमी बिकार गायनेनर के पके निजुक आमामोजारगन श्यामीली मेने, मेरेवा मंडल, मेरेवा सरदार निकट हीहेटे ADRS बरहिपुरे रेजिस्ट्रिकृत २९८४/२६ नं दलिलमले बरिद करेन। आमार मेकेलपान BLRO ते रेकड बुक करार जना आवेनन करेन। काहारे आपडि थारिले बरहिपुरे BLRO ते थोयोयोफा करन।

काजी विपु सुतान, आयाडाकाट आसिपर जज कोर्ट

Tender Notice
E-Tenders are invited by the Prodhon, Bali-II Gram Panchayat (Under Nowda Panchayat Samity), Shyamnagar, Nowda, Dist- Murshidabad, NIET NO. 01/2025-26 & 02/2025-26. Last date of submission (online) 10.05.25 up to 2.00 PM. visit www.wbtenders.gov.in
Sd/- Prodhon
Bali-II Gram Panchayat

आमामोजारनामा
२९/०४/२०२४ तारिख नं 100/१२/22/2024 मेमेर प्रस्तावित आमामोजारनामा मुले मिडिटेपरेर निमाबली आमामोजारनामा ग्रहिता सुशीली लखर,पिता श्री मेनेन जे नर नर सां ओ पोः नरपुस,थाना सारिकाहिल,कोला हाउडा। आमामोजार नापा-WEIRD INDUSTRIES LTD एर पके डरिक्टेर श्री मुकेल साइ,पिता श्रीमामोजार साह सां हाथपुर,पोः साइतागाही, थाना जालाहा हाउडा ०१/२/२०२४ तारिख ए. डि.अ.आर. रानिटी, 1-6659/2023 नं आमामोजार रेजिस्ट्री होसेन। मौजा सारिकाहिल, जे.एल.नं ७५ हास एल आर बखियान नं ८२९,९५७,८४२ नं हास एल आर २१५,२१६ नं दांगे शालि जमि २६ शके आमामोजार निगे १९/०२/२०२४ तारिखे १९८४/२०२४ नं दलिलमले ए.डि.एस.आर रानिटी रेजिस्ट्री अखिस रिक्कर करियेन। क्रेपः- बाबू लदुई, पिता अमरेजेनना लदुई, सां सारिकाहिल, पोः सिक्केर, थाना-जंगबहादुरपुर, जेला-हाउडा।

११ बिज्ञप्ति ११
आमामोजार नापा
एतद्वारा सबलके जात करा यहीतेहे ये, १)श्रीमती श्यामी मेनी सुनी मुकेल साइ, सारिक वि.एम. रोड, टिपनली, अक्षेपर, हंगली, २)श्रीमती शशि मेनी शमी मुकेल साइ, सारिक किरिनाला, जालपुर, डि. ४८४४२२, ३)श्रीमती राजकुमारी मेनी, सारिक वि.एम. रोड, टिपनली, अक्षेपर, हंगली, ४)श्रीमती समपति मेनी शमी बरत साइ सारिक थिरिपर, कलकाता-२० महाराष्ट्र पारित ई १६/०५/२००९ तारिखे डि.एस.आर-11, हंगली, छुड्डा, अखिस रेजिस्ट्रिकृत IV-07/2007 नं आमामोजारनामा दलिल बले आरार मकेल श्री राजेन्द्र साइ पिता अशुभम साइ सारिक वि.एम. रोड, टिपनली, अक्षेपर, हंगली, महाराष्ट्र केमताग्रां आमामोजार निजुक करेन एर उक्त केमताग्रां आमामोजारनामा ओ हंगर केमता बले आरार मकेल निजेजुत तपशील बनिंत सम्पति बिगत ई २४/०५/२००९ तारिखे ए.डि.एस.आर, सननपूर, हंगली, अखिस रेजिस्ट्रिकृत I-12/2007 नं रिक्कर कोलना दलिल मुले कुश कुमार साइ पिता अशुभ लाल साइ सारिक ३,वि.एम. रोड, टिपनली, अक्षेपर, हंगली, महाराष्ट्र के सम्पति रिक्कर करेन।

तपशील - जेला हंगली, थाना अक्षेपर, मौजा सारिकाहिल, जे.एल.नं ७५ हास एल आर बखियान नं ८२९,९५७,८४२ नं हास एल आर २१५,२१६ नं दांगे शालि जमि २६ शके आमामोजार निगे १९/०२/२०२४ तारिखे १९८४/२०२४ नं दलिलमले ए.डि.एस.आर रानिटी रेजिस्ट्री अखिस रिक्कर करियेन। क्रेपः- बाबू लदुई, पिता अमरेजेनना लदुई, सां सारिकाहिल, पोः सिक्केर, थाना-जंगबहादुरपुर, जेला-हाउडा।

Notice regarding Power of Attorney as per West Bengal Govt Order No. 1000-15/22/2024 dated 27.02.2024
This is to notify that smt. PUJA BURMAN W/O RAVI KUMAR PRASAD Address R.V.S. SHASTRI RESIDENCY PS COMMERCIAL STREET Dist BANGALORE (KARNATAKA) has/have purchased the below mentioned land schedule by virtue of deed/deeds no.7121 dated 31/08/2021 (A.D.S./RDSR/ADSR) with the help of power of attorney deed no.7987 dated 04.12.2015 (A.D.S./RDSR/ADSR) executed by smt. PUTUBALA DASIPAL W/O Late KEDARNATH PAL address NISCHINTA PALPARA PS ASANSOL(N) Dist. PASCHIM BARDHAMAN and the said applicant has/have applied with the same land schedule for mutation vide mutation case no. MN/2025/2305/4951 Dist. Paschim Bardhaman at the office of the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) dist.Paschim Bardhaman. If there is any objection for mutation in this respect, any concerned principle are requested to submit objection along with relevant documents to the concerned revenue office at the office off the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) within one month from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise law will take it own course.

Land Schedule
Block :ASANSOL Sub-Divisional Land and Land Reforms office (EP-1)
Mouza:- NISCHINTA
J.L.NO:- 32
Plot no.:- 2796
Name of the recorded owner: PUTUBALA DASIPAL
Khatian:- 884

Notice regarding Power of Attorney as per West Bengal Govt Order No. 1000-15/22/2024 dated 27.02.2024
This is to notify that smt. MITHU BAURI W/O LAKHU BAURI Address GIRMIT COLLIERY, PARIHARPUR PS ASANSOL(N) Dist Paschim Bardhaman has/have purchased the below mentioned land schedule by virtue of deed/deeds no.5643 dated 15/07/2024 (A.D.S./RDSR/ADSR) with the help of power of attorney deed no.1.1108 dated 12.02.2024 (A.D.S./R/ADSR) executed by sri.DULAL GHOSAL S/O Late NILKANTH GHOSAL address ADARSHA PALLY, KALLA(C.H) PS ASANSOL(N) Dist. PASCHIM BARDHAMAN and the said applicant has/have applied with the same land schedule for mutation vide mutation case no. MN/2025/2305/4948 Dist. Paschim Bardhaman at the office of the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) dist.Paschim Bardhaman. If there is any objection for mutation in this respect, any concerned principle are requested to submit objection along with relevant documents to the concerned revenue office at the office off the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) within one month from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise law will take it own course.

Land Schedule
Block :ASANSOL Sub-Divisional Land and Land Reforms office (EP-1)
Mouza:- KAKHAYA
J.L.NO:- 30
Plot no.:- 163
Name of the recorded owner: DULAL GHOSAL
Khatian:- 198

११ बिज्ञप्ति ११
आमामोजार नापा
एतद्वारा सबलके जात करा यहीतेहे ये, श्री विजय कुमार पांडे पिता श्री राधेगोपाल पांडे सकिम पांडेपुर, निमेष, बरहामपुर, बागार, बिगत-८०५१०३० हाथार बिगत ई १६/०४/२०१८ तारिखे ए.डि.एस.आर., श्रीरामपुर, हंगली अखिस रेजिस्ट्रिकृत IV-159/2018 नं आमामोजारनामा दलिल बले आरार मकेल श्री उन्नन मित्र पिता अशुभकुमार मित्र सारिक १०० नं जि.टी. रोड देवेबाही, श्रीरामपुर, हंगली-९५५५५५ महाराष्ट्र के कमतग्रां आमामोजार निजुक करेन एर उक्त केमतग्रां आमामोजारनामा बले आरार मकेल निमेजुत तपशील बनिंत सम्पति बिगत ई ०९/०५/२०१० तारिखे ए.डि.एस.आर, श्रीरामपुर, हंगली, अखिस रेजिस्ट्रिकृत I-504/2016 नं रिक्कर कोलना दलिल मुले 1)Salmu Bibi W/o. Md. Sipahi, D/o. Jalil Laskar, & 2)Md. Sipahi, D/o. Mohammad Salim उक्केर सारिक ६, आर.वि.ए. रोड, टिपनली, लैलावाटी, श्रीरामपुर, हंगली-९५५५५५, महाराष्ट्र महाराष्ट्र के ०२ काठा सम्पति रिक्कर करेन। तपशील - कोला हंगली, थाना श्रीरामपुर, मौजा सिपुस, ४ नं जे.ए. रोड, सारिक ८४६ नं हास एल.आर. ८४६ नं दांगे, सारिक १५०८ नं बखियाने तथा १ हास एल.आर. १८४८ नं बखियाने शालि जमि १ काठा ओ २ हास एल.आर. १६६३/१६ नं बखियाने शालि जमि १ काठा, एक्केर उक्त हीहेटि हाल बखियान हीहेटे मोटे १-१-२ काठा शालि जमि ४ हास दलिल आमामोजारनामा बले रिक्करकृत सम्पति हीहेटे, एतद्वारा सबलके अवगत करा यहीतेहे ये, बरहाम पांडेपुर १)Salmu Bibi W/o. Md. Sipahi, D/o. Jalil Laskar, & 2)Md. Sipahi S/o. Mohammad Salim तपसेपर थरिल सम्पति निज निज नामे नरन करियार जना वि.एल.आर.ओ एल.आर.ओ श्रीरामपुर ररक अखिस आयेनन करियारके/करियारयेन। हीहेटे काहारे केन आहिननुग आपडि थारिले बिज्ञप्ति ग्रांर हीहेर आपडी १ मासेर मथे सारिठि अखिस आपडि जानाहेते पारियेन, अनाथा निमय अनुसारे कार्य करा हीहेर।

जे.एम. टी बिस्वस ग्रांटेड लिमिटेड-एर पके डरिक्टेर श्री मुकेल सिंह (आमामोजार)

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Chairman, Haringhata Municipality invites e-Tender No.-WBMD/ULB/HM/NIT-3e (3rd Call)/2024-25, **Memo. No. 838/HM/25** Dated: **03/05/2025**. Tender Id: 2025_MAD_841803_1, Date of Publish:-03/05/2025 Bid Submission Closing Date-23/05/2025, For details please visit-www.wbtenders.gov.in
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Lalkuan-Kolkata Special			05060	05059	Kolkata-Lalkuan Special		
Day	Arr.	Dep.	Stations		Arr.	Dep.	Day
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	02.05	02.15		Gorakhpur	02.35	02.45	
	17.50	17.52		Jasidih	11.23	11.25	
Fri	19.42	19.47		Asansol	09.08	09.13	Sat
	22.23	22.25		Bandel	06.15	06.17	
	23.55	–		Kolkata ↑	–	05.00	

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Date: May 03, 2025, Place: Kolkata
Authorised Officer, Team ICICI Bank

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Open E-Tender Notice
Open Tender Notice No:- EL-1578/DC-23/04/2025. The Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer/Maintenance/CLW/Chittaranjan on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through the Indian Railways e-Procurement System (www.reps.gov.in) for the execution of the following work listed below. These tenders can be uploaded on the mentioned website by 15:00 hours on the date specified for the work. The tenders will be opened immediately after 15:00 hours on the same day (Opening Date). S.N.: 1. Tender No.: EL-1578. Description of Work: Upgradation of Street lights in CLW township area (year 2025). Tender Closing/Opening Date: 15.05.2025. Approximate Value: ₹ 2,50,29,314. Earnest Money/Bid Security: 2,75,200. Completion Period: 6 Months. Validity of Tender: 60 Days. Cost of Tender Document: Nil for downloading from IREPS portal & ₹ 10,000.00 for obtaining from Dy. CEE/M. 1. The bidder must upload all necessary qualification documents and scanned copies of PAN/ESTIN on the IREPS portal. 2. The bidder must have a Class-III Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) to participate in the e-tender. 3. The work will be subject to applicable taxes, including GST, BOCWW (Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare), Income Tax, and other statutory taxes as per regulations. 4. The definition of Similar nature of works applicable for the work as below: The Similar Nature of work is, "Supply and installation of street lighting system/Platform lighting system OR Supply, Installation of HT/LT cable laying". 5. For detailed information on the format of the tender notice and tender notice, visit the railway website www.reps.gov.in. **PR02:018** Under Dy. CEE(M)/CLW/Chittaranjan **LK01:008** www.facebook.com/clwrailways

Fishing chimps found to enjoy termites as a seasonal delicacy

CALIFORNIA [US] : The discovery that chimps utilise tools to collect termites altered our knowledge of their abilities; yet, essential context is still required to better understand termite fishing and chimp minds.

Researchers from the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) and the University College London (UCL) investigated the relationship between termite abundance and chimp fishing. They discovered that termites are most abundant early in the wet season. Despite the plethora of other foods available at the time, chimps prefer termite fish.

"I believe these results set up an interesting hypothesis about wild chimpanzee foraging cognition," said Dr Vicky Oelze, UCSC, senior author of the study in *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*. "Though we can never read a chimpanzee's thoughts, we can perhaps start to get an idea of their expectations of resource availability by analyzing the instances in which they arrive at termite mounds and investigate them for fishing viability."

Termites are a key source of nutrients for chimpanzees -- but the species chimpanzees prefer to live deep within fortress-like mounds. However, some termites will disperse to start a new colony elsewhere, leaving the mound via flight holes the chimpanzees exploit for termite fishing. In some places, chimpanzees fish all year: in others, fishing is seasonal.

Understanding termite availability is important to understanding the variation in chimpanzee use of fishing tools. Does tool use vary between chimpanzee populations because the opportunities are different, because needs are different, or because tool use is unlikely to be invented or maintained? To understand the predators, we need to



understand the prey. The scientists focused on Issa Valley, Tanzania, which has very distinct wet and dry seasons. The researchers collected years of meteorological data and camera trap footage of 13 mounds to map the dispersals and predation of termites across time. They also carried out termite-fishing trials at 14 mounds between 2018 and 2022, copying chimpanzee tools and techniques.

"When I first visited the Issa Valley, I quickly learned that it was more difficult to termite fish than I had expected," said Seth Phillips, UCSC, corresponding author. "It alerted me to the idea that effective foraging for these termite prey might be more complicated than people commonly understand it."

Of 1,924 attempts at termite fishing, 363 extracted termites. The scientists found that they were much more likely to be able to extract termites as rainfall increased -- until 200mm of rain had fallen. Then the proportion of successful trials dropped. Most termite mounds were most active

between 50-200mm of cumulative rainfall. Dispersal flights only took place in the wet season and stopped almost completely after 400mm of rainfall.

"We are currently reviewing camera trap footage of the chimpanzee behaviours at these mounds," said Phillips. "We want to know how chimps adapt their searching behaviour according to seasonal changes."

For instance, do they investigate termite mounds directly after rainfall after a long dry spell? This data could say something interesting about their foraging cognition as related to tool use."

Chimpanzees were among the most frequently recorded predators at termite mounds during dispersal flights and often arrived carrying a tool. At this time of year in Issa Valley, other food is available: the chimpanzees use tools to termite fish because they can, not because they need to.

Although some chimpanzee communities exploit termites all year, including at relatively nearby Gombe Stream, termite fishing also peaks in the early wet season. Some year-round fishers may be benefiting from softer soil or more effective toolsets. It's unclear whether more sophisticated tools would allow continuous exploitation of termite mounds at Issa Valley, but initial tests suggest otherwise.

"At the end of the day, we are human experimenters attempting to replicate a chimpanzee's behaviour," cautioned Phillips. "It should not be taken for granted, for instance, that we are just as effective at foraging for termites with these tools as chimpanzees. I would expect the window of opportunity for chimpanzees to termite fish in the Issa Valley is at least a little bit wider than it is for human researchers."

Medication significantly decreases TB growth, find scientists



WASHINGTON : A promising new cancer treatment looks to be especially successful against tuberculosis (TB), one of the world's most fatal infectious diseases.

Texas Biomedical Research Institute (Texas Biomed) scientists discovered that the medication significantly decreases TB growth, especially in drug-resistant bacteria. The findings, published in the journal *Biomedicine & Pharmacotherapy*, were made in unique cellular models containing TB-infected human cells, which can aid in the screening of future TB medications and therapies such as this one.

The medication tested in this study comprises two molecules, one of which is already FDA-approved for use in cancer patients and another that is being tested in Phase 1/2 cancer clinical trials.

The substances assist the body in initiating natural cell death processes in specified locations, whether malignant cells or, in this case, cells infected with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (M.tb), the bacteria that causes tuberculosis (TB).

Every year, TB kills more than 1.6 million people worldwide. The bacterium attacks the lungs mostly. Patients must take antibiotics for months to control active infection; drug resistance is on the rise, making treatment even more difficult.

Dr Schlesinger's lab at Texas Biomed is focused on understanding the fundamental biological interactions between airborne-transmissible bacteria and humans and then using those insights to identify potential treatment targets.

M.tb blocks a normal cell death process called apoptosis. This allows the bacteria to grow inside immune cells in the lungs, called alveolar macrophages. This new paper shows that by inhibiting two key proteins, MCL-1 and BCL-2, M.tb can no longer hijack the apoptosis process and macrophages are able to kill M.tb.

Importantly, this happens inside granuloma structures, the dense cellular clumps that the body forms around M.tb to try to contain it. Antibiotics and other treatments have a notoriously difficult time penetrating granulomas, which is one reason why M.tb is so hard to eliminate.

"Immunotherapy has been a game-changer in the cancer field by finding ways to help a patient's own immune system

fight tumours more effectively," said Larry Schlesinger, MD, Texas Biomed Professor, President and CEO, and senior paper author. "We believe that, similarly, host-directed therapies can be a game-changer for infectious diseases."

The research team, led by Texas Biomed Staff Scientist Eusondia Arnett, PhD, tested MCL-1 and BCL-2 inhibitors individually, together and in combination with TB antibiotics to see how TB growth was affected. Using both inhibitors was more effective at limiting TB growth than just one or the other; and combining them with antibiotics was far more effective than either inhibitors or antibiotics alone.

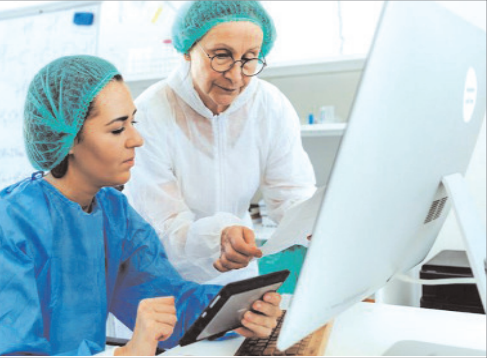
"The inhibitors combined with antibiotics controlled TB up to 98 per cent, which is very exciting," said Dr Arnett, the first paper author. "But even more exciting is the inhibitors were just as effective at controlling drug-resistant TB as drug-susceptible TB. That is the power of a host-directed therapy targeting the human's immune response versus trying to attack the pathogen directly."

A key aspect of the research is the cellular models used to test the effectiveness of the inhibitors: human macrophages and a human granuloma model developed and refined in Dr. Schlesinger's lab over the past decade. Human blood cells donated by volunteers are cultured with M.tb, which leads to the formation of granuloma-like structures.

"Granulomas are unique, dense environments that are not well replicated in mice," Dr. Arnett said. "Our studies demonstrate that this cellular model can serve as an important bridge to identify compounds that can penetrate and retain activity in granulomas, before we move to the necessary - but more complex, time-consuming and expensive - animal research phase."

Dr. Schlesinger and Dr. Arnett have filed a provisional patent for the combination therapy for infectious diseases. They are planning additional cell, mouse and nonhuman primate studies to gather further evidence about the therapy's effectiveness and seek partnerships with industry collaborators. They are hopeful the therapy can move quickly to the clinic because years of safety studies have already been completed, or are underway, for the inhibitors for cancer applications.

Ribosomes help to recognise RNA crosslinking damage: Study



LOS ANGELES : According to a study, ribosomes can act as a sensor for crosslinking damage. Ribosomes are made of RNA and protein, and are responsible for protein synthesis in cells. Ribosomes read the messenger RNA (mRNA) sequence and translate it into a string of amino acids. Recently, Professor Julian Stinglele of the Gene Centre Munich and colleagues demonstrated that RNA crosslinking damage is deleterious because it interferes with protein synthesis.

"It was previously difficult to study specifically RNA crosslinking damage, as most chemicals also damage DNA," said lead author Jacqueline Cordes. "We, therefore, utilized a new approach to induce and study RNA damage in the absence of DNA damage," added DrShubo Zhao, also lead author of the study. The study used a new approach to study RNA damage without DNA damage. The researchers discovered that ribosomes get stuck when they encounter a lesion. This causes collisions with other ribosomes, which triggers the removal of the damage. Aldehydes are toxic chemicals produced by metabolic processes in the body. They are dangerous because they bind to and crosslink biological macromolecules like DNA, RNA, and proteins.

Crosslinking damage to DNA must be repaired by the cell to prevent premature ageing and cancer. However, whether and how cells detect and repair single-stranded RNA cross-linking damage was previously unknown.

Bear genes exhibit circadian rhythms even when hibernating

WASHINGTON : A genetic study found that grizzly bears' internal clocks continue to tick during hibernation. This tenacity highlights the significance of circadian cycles in the metabolism of many organisms, including humans.

The genetic study, led by Washington State University, verified observational data that bears' energy production still swells and wanes on a daily basis, even when they sleep for several months without eating.

The researchers also discovered that the amplitude of energy output was blunted during hibernation, implying that the range of highs and lows was reduced. The peak occurred later in the day during hibernation than it did during the active season, although the daily variability remained.

"This underscores the importance of the circadian rhythms themselves--that they give organisms the flexibility to still function in a state as extreme as a hibernating bear," said Heiko Jansen, a professor in WSU's integrative physiology and neuroscience department and senior author on the study in the *Journal of Comparative Physiology B*.

Other research has shown that circadian rhythms, the 24-hour physical



cycles common to most living animals on Earth, have ties to metabolic health. In humans, major disruptions to these patterns, such as those occurring in night shift work, have been linked to metabolic problems like weight gain and a higher prevalence of diabetes. In some sense, bears are extreme shift workers, taking as much as six months off when they hibernate. Researchers like Jansen's team are attempting to figure out how they engage in seemingly unhealthy habits of gaining excessive weight then going without food and not moving much for several months - all without detrimental effects like loss of bone mass or diseases like diabetes. Unlike hibernating rodents, who are

almost comatose, bears do move around occasionally during this dormant period. Through observation studies of grizzly bears at the WSU Bear Center, researchers found these movements tend to follow a circadian rhythm with more activity during the day than at night.

In the current study, the researchers looked to see if that circadian rhythm was expressed on the cellular level. They took cell samples from six bears during active and hibernating seasons, then cultured those cells to conduct an array of genetic analyses. To mimic hibernation, the researchers examined the cells at the bears' typical lowered body temperature during hibernation at about 34 degrees Celsius (93.2 degrees Fahrenheit) and compared that to 37 C (98.6 F) during the active season.

They found thousands of genes were expressed rhythmically in hibernating bear cells. This translated into rhythms of energy through the rise and fall of the production of adenosine triphosphate or ATP, the body's cellular source of energy. ATP was still produced in a daily pattern under hibernation but the production had a blunted amplitude with lower peaks and valleys.

New method to identify keystone microbial species

MASSACHUSETTS : Keystone species, which are thought to exist in low abundance in microbial communities, are thought to have a disproportionate impact on community stability. It can be difficult to identify these keystone species, especially in the human gut, because systematic eradication cannot be utilised to separate them.

A team of researchers led by Brigham and Women's Hospital, a founding member of the Mass General Brigham healthcare system, has created a novel data-driven keystone species identification (DKI) platform that leverages machine learning to solve this problem. Using a deep-learning model trained on real human gut microbiome data from a curated metagenomic database, the investigators were able to simulate the removal of any species in any gut microbiome sample. This "thought experiment" enabled them to calculate the "keystone-ness" or the relative essentiality of each species in each community. The scientists found that the predicted keystone species varied across communities. Some scored low median keystone-ness across all samples, and were unlikely to be essential to any community. By contrast, those species with high median



Children's brains are altered by the time they spent on electronic devices

WASHINGTON : According to a review of 23 years of neuroimaging research, time spent watching television or playing computer games has significant and long-term implications on children's brain function, which, while exhibiting some negative effects, also shows some favourable ones.

The researchers, however, stop short of endorsing screen time limits, which they believe can lead to conflict. Instead, they advocate for legislators to assist parents in navigating the digital world by promoting programmes that promote positive brain development.

The evidence review, which was published today in the peer-reviewed journal *Early Education and Development*, is an examination of 33 research pieces that used neuroimaging technology to assess the influence of digital technology on the brains of children under the age of 12. There are almost 30,000 participants in all.

The study discovered that screen usage causes alterations in the pre-frontal cortex of the brain, which is the foundation of executive skills including working memory and the ability to plan or respond flexibly to situations.

It also discovers effects on the parietal lobe, which aids in the

processing of touch, pressure, heat, cold, and pain; the temporal lobe, which aids in memory, hearing, and language; and the occipital lobe, which aids in the interpretation of visual information.

"It should be recognized by both educators and caregivers that children's cognitive development may be influenced by their digital experiences," said the study's corresponding author, Chair Professor Hui Li, from the Faculty of Education and Human Development Faculty of Education and Human Development, at The Education University of Hong Kong.

"Limiting their screen time is an effective but confronting way, and more innovative, friendly, and practical strategies could be developed and implemented."

"Those in policymaking positions should supply suitable guidance, involvement and backing for children's digital use."

The research team, which as well as experts from the Education University of Hong Kong, included those from the Shanghai Normal University in China and Macquarie University in Australia, wanted to know how digital activity affected the brain's plasticity - or malleability - during critical periods of development. It



is known that visual development mostly takes place before the age of eight, while the key time for language acquisition is up to 12.

They synthesized and evaluated studies on children's digital use and associated brain development published between January 2000 and April 2023, with the ages of participants ranging from six months upwards.

Screen-based media were the most commonly used by the participants, followed by games, virtual visual scenes, video viewing

and editing, and internet or pad use.

The paper concludes that these early digital experiences are having a significant impact on the shape of children's brains and their functioning.

This was deemed as both potentially positive and negative, but mainly more negative.

For example, negative impacts were witnessed in some studies on how screen time influences the brain function required for attention, executive control abilities,

inhibitory control, cognitive processes, and functional connectivity. Other studies suggested that higher screen time is associated with lower functional connectivity in brain areas related to language and cognitive control, potentially adversely affecting cognitive development.

Some device-based research was assessed in the research pool. Tablet device users were found to have worse brain function and problem-solving tasks. Video gaming and high internet users were

found, in four studies, to produce negative changes in brain areas, impacting intelligence scores and brain volume.

General "intensive media usage" was shown to potentially impact visual processing and higher cognitive function regions.

There were six studies, however, demonstrating how these digital experiences can positively impact a child's brain functionality.

Such as, one found improved focusing and learning abilities in the frontal lobe of the brain. Meanwhile, another study suggested playing video games can increase cognitive demand, potentially enhancing children's executive functions and cognitive skills.

Overall Chair Professor Li's team conclude that policymakers must act on these findings to support evidence-based practice for teachers and parents.

Lead author, DrDandan Wu of the Education University of Hong Kong, states: "This investigation contains significant implications for practical improvement and policymaking. Foremost, it should be recognized by both educators and caregivers that children's cognitive development may be influenced by their digital experiences. As such, they should supply

suitable guidance, involvement, and backing for children's digital use.

"It is imperative for policymakers to develop and execute policies grounded in empirical evidence to safeguard and enhance brain development in children as they navigate the digital era."

"This could involve offering resources and incentives for the creation and examination of digital interventions aimed at bolstering brain growth in children."

A limitation of the study, the authors comment, is the lack of research reviewed, which they state maybe because this topic is "novel and emerging, and research technologies are also evolving". Additionally, "this scoping review", they add, "has not addressed the critical questions, such as whether it is the early digital use (for example, screen time) or the cognitive processes (i.e., learning experience) that have driven the change of brain function and structure, and whether there are different effects of digital equipment types and the mode of use."

Therefore, the authors recommend future research should explore techniques such as longitudinal research on the impact of screens on brain functions.

Minister of Railways flagged off Inaugural run of Pune – Jodhpur Express and MGR Chennai Central – Jodhpur Express

MI News Service, Delhi: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Information and Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology flagged off the Inaugural run of Pune (Hadapsar) – Jodhpur Express and Through Video Conferencing flagged off MGR Chennai Central – Jodhpur (Bhagat Ki Kothi) Express in the august presence of Shri Murlidhar Mohol, Hon'ble Union Minister of State of Cooperation and Civil Aviation; Smt Medha Kulkarni, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Shri Sunil Kamble, Hon'ble MLA at Pune Railway station on 3.5.2025. Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Union Minister of State of Culture and Tourism, Miss. Vanita Seth, Hon'ble Mayor, Jodhpur; Hon'ble Members of Parliament Shri Rajendra Gehlot, Shri Lumbaram Choudhary; Hon'ble MLAs Shri Atul Bhansali, Shri Devendra Joshi were present at Jodhpur Railway Station on the occasion. Dr. L. Murugan, Hon'ble Union Minister of State of Information & Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs also joined through video conferencing. Shri Dharam Veer Meena, General Manager, Central Railway welcomed the dignitaries and briefed about the new train services.

Benefits of the New Trains: 1. Direct Travel Between Maharashtra/Tamilnadu and Rajasthan 2. Boosts trade and commerce, facilitates tourism 3. Encourage trade and

business interaction between the regions 4. Saves time and effort for passengers, especially long-distance travelers 5. Facilitates closer cultural ties and promote regional unity Details of the inaugural run of Hadapsar (Pune) – Jodhpur Express are as under:

Inaugural Train no 01401 Hadapsar (Pune) – Jodhpur Express will leave Pune at 17:30 hrs on 03.05.2025 and reach Jodhpur at 14:00 hrs next day. Details of the regular train services between Hadapsar and Jodhpur are as under:

Train no 20496 Hadapsar – Jodhpur Express will leave Hadapsar at 19:15 hrs daily from 6.5.2025 and reach Jodhpur at 15:10 hrs next day. Train no. 20495 Jodhpur – Hadapsar Express will leave Jodhpur at 22:00 hrs daily from 5.05.2025 and reach Hadapsar at 17:10 hrs next day.

Halts for Regular Train: Pune, Chinchwad, Lonavala, Kalyan, Vasai Road, Vapi, Surat, Vadodra, Gerapur, Ahmedabad, Mahesana, Palanpur, Abu Road, Pindwara, Jawai Bandh, Falna, Rani, Marwar Jn, Pali Marwar and Luni.

Composition for Regular Train: Two AC-2Tier, Three AC-3Tier, Two AC-3Tier Economy, 7 Sleeper Class, 4 General Second Class, 1 General Second Class cum Guard's Brake Van and 1 Generator Van. Reservation: Bookings for regular Train No. 20496 will be available from 5.5.2025 at all computerised reservation centres and on website www.irctc.co.in



J&K National Conference President Farooq Abdullah interacts with tourists, in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, in Anantnag district, Jammu & Kashmir.

'Batti Gul' protest against Waqf Act a major success, says AIMPLB

MI News Service, New Delhi: The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) has declared the "Batti Gul" (Lights Off) protest against the Waqf Act a nationwide success, stating it drew overwhelming support from across communities.

The symbolic 15-minute blackout, held on April 30 from 9 to 9:15 pm, aimed to register opposition to the recent amendments to the Waqf Act, which the board deems unjust and unconstitutional. In a statement on Thursday, AIMPLB spokesperson Dr Qasim Rasool Ilyas said reports from across the country indicated that the protest was widely observed. "Homes, shops, factories, markets, and business centers in Muslim-majority

areas switched off their lights.

Mosques also turned off their lights during the Isha (night) prayer," he said. "What is even more encouraging is that many individuals from other faiths joined in, showing remarkable solidarity." Dr Ilyas noted that Muslims from all sects — Shia, Sunni, Deobandi, Bareilvi, and others — took part enthusiastically, reflecting unity and shared concerns about the law. He also highlighted that some who had initially opposed the protest eventually supported it, recognizing the greater cause of community solidarity.

"The message is loud and clear: the Muslim community rejects these amendments. The central government must under-

stand that those it considers community representatives do not reflect the people's true sentiments," he said. He urged the government to act responsibly by withdrawing the "divisive" amendments that, according to the Board, violate the spirit of the Constitution and fundamental rights. Expressing gratitude, Dr Ilyas thanked participants from all backgrounds. "This show of unity and determination has already begun to produce positive results. We are confident that the community will remain steadfast in this struggle until the unjust changes to the Waqf Act are reversed." The AIMPLB concluded by reiterating its commitment to continue peaceful resistance and uphold constitutional rights.

Iran says it has 'every right' to enrich uranium after talks with US postponed

MI News Service, Tehran: Iran — Iran defends its "right" to enrich uranium despite growing Western concern that Tehran may be seeking nuclear weapons, and as talks with the United States were delayed.

Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi says in a post on X that "Iran has every right to possess the full nuclear fuel cycle," citing Tehran's longstanding membership of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). "There are several NPT members that enrich uranium while wholly rejecting nuclear weapons," Araghchi says. Under the NPT, signatory states are obliged to declare their nuclear stockpiles and place them under the supervision of the UN's nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The United States and other Western countries have long accused Iran of pursuing nuclear weapons — a claim Tehran denies, insisting that its atomic program is solely for civilian purposes.

At least 100 people executed in Saudi Arabia this year – AFP tally

MI News Service, Dubai: United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia executed two people convicted of terrorism related charges, the Saudi Interior Ministry says, bringing the total number of executions carried out this year to at least 100, according to an AFP tally. The ministry's announcement posted on social media says the two Saudi nationals had been executed for their involvement in "terrorism," including joining a terrorist organization and attending training camps abroad, where they learned to produce explosives. "After they were referred to the competent court, a ruling was issued confirming the charges against them and ordering their execution as a punishment," the statement reads. According to an AFP tally, of the 100 people executed this year, 59 were individuals convicted of drug-related crimes, 43 of whom were foreign nationals.

Angolan President Lourenço brings 'message of admiration and friendship' in State visit to India

MI News Service, New Delhi: Angolan President Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenço, during his state visit to India, emphasised a renewed vision for India-Angola ties, calling for a deeper economic partnership. During a joint press meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Lourenço said, "Both our nations combined can help establish a significantly expanded foundation for business opportunities.

Al Farah Mission's Bakibillah Gayen ranks second in the state after achieving success in Fazil like Alim

Nurul Islam Khan

Darunnida Siddiqua Madrasah run by Al Farah Mission in Hooghly is one of the glorious educational institutions with continuous success. Like every year, this year too, they have achieved eye-catching success in the Madhyamik equivalent Alim examination. This year, the Mission has added new success to its crown.

For the first time, Mission students have participated in the Fazil, or higher secondary equivalent, examination and won it for the first time.

Mission student Bakibillah Gayen achieved amazing success by removing all uncertainties — he impressed everyone by securing second place in the state.

The headmaster of the mission said, "This institution is the dream institution of Pir Allama Abul Farah Siddiqui (RA). His dream was to provide quality education to the marginalized sections of the society, so we have tried to provide the highest quality education to the students from the very beginning. Bakibillah's success is the result of our efforts. Bakibillah took the Alim exam from this mission and his marks in the Alim exam were enviable. We are hopeful that he will brighten the face of the mission in the future as well." Bakibillah Gayan, a child of Kalagachi, a remote village in South 24 Parganas, is a mosque imam by profession. He has brought a son into a poor family with a bright light. He is also very happy with his son's success. And Bakibillah Gayan, about whom so much is said, while talking about his success, said, "I studied regularly, followed the instructions of the teachers, and always remained steadfast in my goal. I want to do something bigger in the future



and study Arabic literature."

Mission General Secretary Peerzada Tamimuddin Siddiqui said, "The beginning was not easy. When the admissions for the first year of Fazil began in the 2023-24 academic year, some did not dare to enroll, while others enrolled again and returned after a few days. Everyone had doubts about the novelty. Nevertheless, our gratitude to those who stayed—those who remained steadfast in their faith from the beginning to the end—is boundless. This beginning will one day be history, InshaAllah." On the other hand, like last year, out of 10 examinees in Alim, 8 passed in the first division and 2 in the second division, continuing the success of the Mission. Mission General Secretary Peerzada Tamimuddin Siddiqui, along with all the teaching and non-teaching staff of the Mission, are happy with the success of the students.

"This extraordinary success of Bakibillah Gayen is not only his personal achievement, but it is also a symbol of society's trust and respect for Al Farah Mission. Through this success, Al Farah Mission has proven that a thoughtful education system, an ideal religious environment, and concentration can take students to the highest heights. This success will pave the way for Bakibillah's future, as well as inspire many students and parents.

BJP MP demands data on Madrasahs in Telangana; questions the nationality of students

MI News Service, Hyderabad: MP Raghunandan Rao, member of Bharatiya Janata Party on Friday demanded Telangana chief minister to release data on illegal Pakistanis and Bangladeshis. Mentioning multiple incidents of communal disturbances in the state of Telangana he said you are aware of several incidents that have been occurring in this state, like the Durga Devi mandap vandalism in Nampally idol destruction in Old City and Vikarabad's Muthyalamma Temple incident. Rao then cited the incident of temple desecration. However, it was proven to be done by monkeys after the police reviewed the CCTV. The Hindutva members had accused Madrasa students of desecrating an idol, attacked the students and vandalized the place. "I have written a letter to the CM requesting that Police should launch a search of madrasas across the state to trace some children they destroyed gods' idols and we were suspicious

and found out that there was something wrong," he said. The MP attempted to raise suspicion on Madrasa students and said "Out of 70 students 65 hail from Kishanganj in Bihar but no one has complete details about them many are suspecting that they are not from India."

"Do we have records of the students studying in Madrasa across Telangana, their family details and which country they come from and what is being taught? Appealing to CM re-vanth Reddy he called for an immediate review of all the Madrasas and its students. "Take steps to protect both education and law and order. I urge you to disclose this information to the people of Telangana," he said. His remarks have been met with criticism with netizens questioning his accusations on madrasa students. Madrasas continue to be under threat as the state's surveillance intensifies and bulldozer justice becomes increasingly routine.

32 Palestinians killed in Israeli airstrikes across Gaza: Civil defence

MI News Service, Gaza: At least 32 Palestinians have been killed and many others injured in Israeli airstrikes across the Gaza Strip, the enclave's Civil Defence reported. Six people were killed and several others injured in an Israeli raid targeting a charitable hospice near the Abdel-Al Junction in the centre of Gaza City, and two were killed in an Israeli shelling targeting a house in the Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood north of the city, Civil Defence spokesperson Mahmoud Basal told Xinhua news agency on Friday.

In northern Gaza, at least six people were killed in an Israeli airstrike targeting a funeral home for the al-Masri family in the town of Beit Lahia, Basal said.

In central Gaza, at least nine were killed in an Israeli strike targeting a house belonging to the Abu Zeina family in al-Bureij refugee camp, he added. In southern Gaza, two were killed in an Israeli strike at a gathering of civilians near the town of Asdaa in the governorate of Khan Younis, at least two others were killed in an Israeli drone strike at a group of civilians in the Qizan al-Najjar area south of Khan Younis, and five more were killed in other raids on different areas of Rafah and Khan Younis, Basal said. The Israeli army has not commented on these incidents yet, Xinhua news agency reported.

Israel halted the entry of goods and supplies into Gaza on March 2 following the expiration of the first phase of a January ceasefire agreement with Hamas. The second phase has yet to be implemented due to a lack of consensus between the parties.



Vehicles move through a waterlogged road after heavy rain, in Gurugram.

Desperate children, adults in Gaza struggle to get food as Israel blocks aid

MI News Service, Khan Younis: Screaming in anguish as the desperate crowd crushes them against a barrier, young children and adults frantically wave pots and pans at charity workers, begging for a portion of some of the last food aid left in Gaza: Rice.

The chaos at the community kitchen in Khan Younis in southern Gaza on Friday was too overwhelming for Niveen Abu Arar. She tried and tried, but the 33-year-old mother of eight didn't get to the front of the crowd in time. She left with her pot empty, and her eyes full of tears. "Until when will life be like that? We're slowly dying. We haven't eaten bread for a month and a half. There is no flour. There is nothing," said Abu Arar, whose ninth child, a 1-year-old boy, was killed in an Israeli strike near their home at the start of the war in 2023. "We don't know what to do... We don't have money. What do we get for them?"

She cradled a toddler in her lap as she spoke. With no milk to provide, she poured water into a baby bottle and pressed it into

her youngest daughter's mouth, hoping to stave off the baby's hunger pangs.

With Israel blocking any form of aid — including food and medicine — into Gaza for the past two months, aid groups have warned that Gaza's civilian population is facing starvation. Israel has said that the blockade and its renewed military campaign aim to pressure Hamas to release the remaining hostages it still holds and to disarm. Aid groups stress that blocking humanitarian aid is a form of collective punishment and a violation of international law. Israeli authorities didn't immediately respond when asked about accusations that starvation was being used as a weapon of war, but in the past they have accused the Hamas militant group governing Gaza of stealing aid. In an emergency call with reporters on Friday to discuss Gaza's humanitarian crisis, aid groups described a territory nearly out of food, water and fuel, with prices for the meagre supplies remaining skyrocketing beyond the reach of many. When the entire pop-

ulation is reliant on humanitarian aid, according to the United Nations, warehouses are empty, community kitchens are closing down, and families are skipping meals. A 25-kilogram bag of flour now goes for 1,300 shekels (USD 360), said Ghada al Hadad, Oxfam's media coordinator in Gaza. "Mothers in Gaza now feed their children one meal per day, dinner, so they don't wake up and complain they are starving," she said. Amjad Shawwa, the director of the Palestinian NGO network, said that more than 70 of their community kitchens inside Gaza would close within the week if the Israeli blockade continues.

Israeli airstrikes have also taken out large swaths of Gaza's agricultural land and livestock, making it nearly impossible for the territory to produce its own food, said Gavin Kelleher, a humanitarian manager with the Norwegian Refugee Council who recently left Gaza. Even fisherman have been targeted, he said, killed in small fishing boats by Israeli naval forces.

Israeli forces to demolish over 100 homes in West Bank, local governor says



MI News Service, Jerusalem: Israeli forces were preparing on Friday to carry out home demolitions across two northern urban refugee camps in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, according to the governor of one of the camps and Israeli military documents shared with The Associated Press by the United Nations.

Abdallah Kamil, the governor of Tulkarem, wrote on Facebook on Thursday that the military was preparing to demolish 116 homes across Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camps, two main targets of Israel's raid into the northern West Bank. There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military.

Two demolition orders indicated that the buildings would be demolished in 24 hours, according to military documents shared by a UN official on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. The news sent resi-

dents of the now evacuated Nur Shams and Tulkarem camps scrambling back to collect belongings before the destruction of their homes. The UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, said there were reports of Israeli forces arresting and firing warning shots at Palestinians as they did so.

The Israeli military has been carrying out an operation in the West Bank over the past several months that displaced, at its height, approximately 40,000 Palestinians. It had emptied and largely destroyed several urban refugee camps in the northern West Bank, like Tulkarem and Nur Shams, that housed the descendants of Palestinians who fled or were driven from their homes in previous wars. That's the largest displacement in the West Bank since Israel captured the territory in the 1967 Mideast war. Israel has said that troops will stay in some camps for a year.



Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Jacob Bethell plays a shot during the IPL 2025 match against Chennai Super Kings, at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Saturday. (ANI Photo)

"CLARITY AND BACKING MAKE THE DIFFERENCE": PRAGYAN OJHA LAUDS PRASIDH KRISHNA'S IMPACT FOR GT

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Former India spinner and JioStar expert Pragyan Ojha has heaped praise on Gujarat Titans (GT) seamer Prasad Krishna for his sharp spells and consistent impact this Indian Premier League (IPL) season, especially highlighting the support system behind the fast bowler's rise.

Krishna delivered a match-winning spell of 2/19 in four overs as Gujarat Titans defeated Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) by 38 runs in Ahmedabad. The victory propelled GT to the second spot on the IPL 2025 points table.

Speaking on JioHotstar, Ojha applauded Krishna's execution and composure, attributing much of his success to the clarity in his bowling and the environment created by the team leadership.

"I think he's been brilliant so far. What I love about him is the clarity he has in his bowling," said Ojha.

"He's also got strong backing from his captain and coach Ashish Nehra. If you've heard Nehra speak, he always emphasizes bowling hard lengths--and Prasad thrives on that," he added.


Ojha further underlined the confidence that comes with having a well-defined role and the right encouragement.

"When you're backed for your strengths, everything becomes easier. Once he gets those early wickets, the momentum carries forward. And that's exactly what he's done consistently," he added.

With Krishna finding rhythm at a crucial juncture of the tournament, Gujarat Titans will be hoping their strike pacer continues to fire as the playoff race heats up.

Coming to the fixture, GT maintained its flawless record of defending a 200-plus target in their home den. Gujarat's 38-run triumph against the misfiring Sunrisers was laid by an early blitzkrieg from Sudharsan (48) and Gill (76), topped up by Buttler's rollicking 64(37).

SRH's pursuit of 225 turned into a massacre as Gujarat hunted in packs to leave Hyderabad dwindling. While Sunrisers went for runs with gallantry, wickets came at regular intervals, sending Hyderabad on the brink of exit after they surrendered to a 38-run defeat.



AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey thanks Odisha Government for hosting Kalinga Super Cup

BHUBANESWAR (ODISHA) : At the 2025 AIFF Awards ceremony held in Bhubaneswar, All India Football Federation (AIFF) President Kalyan Chaubey emphasised the federation's growing commitment to recognising talent and contributions across Indian football.

"All India Football Federation has recently started (since last year) to honour the best male, female player, goalkeeper, striker...", Chaubey said, outlining the expanded scope of the awards introduced under his leadership.

"We also acknowledge the efforts and contributions from the member association," he added.

The AIFF President extended his gratitude to the Odisha government for its continued support in hosting football events and creating an environment for the sport to thrive.

"I thank the government of Odisha, Ministry of Sports, for supporting the All India Football Federation to host this tournament," Chaubey said, highlighting the successful staging of the Kalinga Super Cup.

With Odisha emerging as a key player in Indian football infrastructure and talent development, the partnership between the state and the AIFF is seen as a crucial pillar for the sport's national growth.

Subhasish Bose and Soumya Guguloth were named the AIFF Best Men's and Women's Players of the Year 2024-25 on the AIFF Awards Day in Bhubaneswar on



Jaydev Unadkat backs Pat Cummins' leadership amid SRH's struggles in IPL 2025

AHMEDABAD (GUJARAT) : Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) may be enduring a difficult season in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025, but seamer Jaydev Unadkat has expressed full confidence in skipper Pat Cummins' leadership, praising his calm demeanour and clarity in communication both on and off the field.

SRH, currently placed ninth on the points table with only three wins in ten matches, have failed to replicate the success of their previous campaign where they reached the IPL 2024 final, and lost to Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) by eight wickets. Despite the contrasting fortunes this year, Unadkat believes Cummins has remained a steady and positive influence in the dressing room.

"He has been really good. I have played two seasons now,

this is my second season here, and he is a good thinker on and off the field and keeps the atmosphere positive -- and that's what you need from a leader," Unadkat said. Reflecting on the shift in team performance from last season, where SRH finished second on the table and had a dream run to the final, the left-arm pacer acknowledged the challenges the team has faced in maintaining momentum this year.

"We were winning a lot last season, so it was different, obviously. This season has been a little tough. There have been wins and losses -- probably the momentum has not come on our side yet. We are trying for it, and that's all you can do," he added.

While results haven't gone their way, Unadkat credited Cummins for continuing to lead by example and maintaining

Mohammed Shami struggles in IPL 2025, expert raises concerns ahead of India's England Tour



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Mohammed Shami has had a tough time in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025, and many are starting to worry, especially with India's Test tour of England coming up soon. Earlier this month, Shami nearly broke an unwanted record by conceding 75 runs in four overs against Punjab Kings (PBKS). That's just one run short of the most expensive four-over spell in IPL history, held by Jofra Archer, as per ESPNcricinfo.

While going for runs is part of T20 cricket, Shami hasn't looked like his usual self this season.

As commentator Aakash Chopra said, "He's not looking good," as quoted from ESPNcricinfo.

Shami missed IPL 2024 due to an ankle injury and underwent foot surgery in March 2024. Just a season earlier in 2023, he was in red-hot form and won the Purple Cap with 28 wickets for Gujarat Titans (GT). But this season, the numbers are worrying. Against his former team GT on Friday night, he gave away 48 runs in three overs without taking a wicket. So far, he has just six wickets from nine matches, with a high bowling average of 56.17 and an economy rate of 11.23.

"You've had a big surgery like that. I think psychologically for a start (it gets you down)," Danny Morrison said on ESPNcricinfo's Time Out.

"And then you've got to come back and pace yourself, I just wonder: he is no 29-year-old anymore, is he? So there are all of those things that are stacked against you," he said.

"That's a big question there, no, because it's not like he came

Zimbabwe announces squad for one-off Test against England, Sikandar Raza returns

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Star all-rounder Sikandar Raza made his place in the Test team as Zimbabwe announced a 15-member squad for the one-off Test against England.

The match will be played will be played from May 22-26. This will be the first Test match for the Zimbabwe side on English soil since 2003, as per the ICC official website.

The announcement follows a fiercely-contest Test series against Bangladesh, wherein the African side took the first Test before the Tigers fought back to tie the series.

For their game against England, Zimbabwe have introduced three changes to the squad that toured Bangladesh.

Sikandar Raza returns, replacing Johnathan Campbell. Also making a return is Clive Madande, having recovered from an injury setback to take over the backup wicketkeeper role from Nyasha Mayava.

A notable absentee will be leg-spinner Vincent Masekesa, who



snapped a five-wicket haul in his debut Test against Bangladesh. Masekesa will miss out as Zimbabwe have opted for an extra pace option for England, bringing Newman Nyamhuri into the squad. Expressing firm confidence in the squad, Zimbabwe Head Coach Justin Sammons said as quoted by the ICC, "In terms of performance, I expect us to play to a standard that can compete with one of the best teams in the world. I really want to see the guys walking out there believing that they belong, embracing and enjoying the moment." Following the Test

against England, Zimbabwe will face South Africa in a four-day match at Arundel starting June 3. The game will serve as preparation for the Proteas ahead of their ICC World Test Championship final against Australia beginning June 11. Zimbabwe Test squad for England tour: Craig Ervine (c), Brian Bennett, Ben Curran, Trevor Gwandu, Clive Madande, Wessly Madhevere, Wellington Masakadza, Blessing Muzarabani, Richard Ngarava, Newman Nyamhuri, Victor Nyauchi, Sikandar Raza, Tafadzwa Tsiga, Nicholas Welch, Sean Williams.



INDIA WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM GOES DOWN 2-3 AGAINST AUSTRALIA IN NERVE-BITING THRILLER

PERTH [AUSTRALIA] : The Indian women's hockey team put up a spirited fight but fell short following a 2-3 defeat to Australia in the fourth game of their Australia tour, at the Perth Hockey Stadium on Saturday.

Navneet Kaur (35') and Lalremsiami (59') were the scorers for India, while Australia struck through Grace Stewart (2'), Jade Smith (36'), and Greta Hayes (42') in the nail-biting encounter.

Australia drew first blood to take a 1-0 lead in the first quarter. The breakthrough came as early as the second minute when Grace Stewart found the back of the net. India worked hard to level the score in the remainder of the quarter but could not find the equaliser.

In the second quarter, India successfully defended an early penalty corner and withstood another set-piece threat late in the period, keeping the deficit to a single goal at halftime.

India fought their way back into the contest in the third quarter, when Navneet successfully converted a penalty corner in the 35th minute to level the scores. The respite was brief as Australia responded immediately with Jade Smith's field goal giving them the lead in the 36th minute. Australia won two more penalty corners before Greta Hayes' 42nd-minute goal extended their lead again.

India reduced the margin in the final quarter when Lalremsiami found the net late in the game, but Australia kept the Indian attack at bay to secure victory.

On Thursday, the Indian women's hockey team showed plenty of fight but lost 0-2 in the third game of their tour of Australia. Courtney Schonell (9') opened the scoring for the hosts in the first quarter, before Grace Stewart (52') added a second in the final phase to seal the result. Following two encounters with Australia A, this was India's first clash against the Australian team.

