26 thousand jobs cancellation: State moves SC for reconsideration of verdict

Following Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's earlier announcement of seeking a review, the West Bengal state government has now moved the Supreme Court again, along with the School Service Commission (SSC), requesting a reconsideration of the Calcutta High Court's order that cancelled 26,000 jobs. This development comes after the Board of Secondary Education previously sought and received a temporary reprieve from the Supreme Court, allowing teachers to continue working for nine months is pending new recruitments, while the fate of non-teaching staff remained uncertain due to corruption allegations in Group-C and Group-D exams. PG 3



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Europe should show sensitivity, we need Air Chief Marshal A P partners & not preachers: Jaishankar Singh meets PM Modi

rope must display some sensitivity and mutuality of interest for deeper ties with India, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Sunday, asserting that New Delhi is looking for partners and not "preachers". In an interactive session, Jaishankar said India always advocated on the "Russia realism" and there is an "important fit" and "complementarity" between India and Russia as a resource provider and consumer.

The external affairs minister also criticised earlier attempts by the West to find a solution to the Russia-Ukraine conflict without involving Russia, saying it "challenged the basics realism"."Just like I am an advocate of Russia realism, I am also an advocate of America realism," he said at the 'Arctic Circle India

"I think the best way to en-



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar speaks at the Arctic Circle India Forum 2025 on Sunday.

gage today's America is also through finding mutuality of interests rather than putting ideological differences upfront and then allowing it to cloud the possibilities of working together," he said. The external affairs minister

was broadly delving into global consequences of developments in the Arctic and how the changing world order impacts the region. In answering a question on India's expectations from Europe, Jaishankar said it has to get beyond

preaching and start acting based on a framework of mutuality. "When we look out at the world, we look for partners; we do not look for preachers, particularly preachers who do not practice at home and preach abroad," he

"I think some of Europe is still struggling with that problem. Some of it has changed," the external affairs minister said, adding, Europe has "entered a certain zone of reality check". Now whether they are able to step up to it or not, it is something we will have to see," he said. "But from our point of view, if we are to develop a partnership, there has to be some understanding, there has to be some sensitivity, there has to be a mutuality of interest and there has to be a realisation of how the world works,

"And I think these are all

work in progress to differing degrees with different parts of Europe. So some have moved further, some a little bit less,' Jaishankar said.

On India-Russia ties, he said there is such an "important fit and complimentarily" between the two countries as a "resource provider and resource con-sumer". "Where Russia is concerned, we have always taken a view that there is a Russia realism that we have advocated." "When passions were very high (in) 2022, 2023..if one looks back at that period, the kind of predictions and scenarios which were put forward have turned out not to be well founded." he said In the course of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, New Delhi remained engaged with Moscow and increased its procurement of Russian crude oil notwithstanding increasing disquiet in the West



MI News Service, New Delhi: Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal A P Singh on Sunday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and is understood to have discussed the security situation arising out of the rising tensions between India and Pakistan over the deadly Pahalgam terror attack. The meeting came less than 24 hours after Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi apprised the prime minister on the overall situation in the critical sea lanes in the Arabian Sea. The Air chief held a meeting with PM Modi, sources said without giving further details. There is no official word on the Modi-Singh meeting yet. Citing "cross-border linkages" to the April 22 Pahalgam attack that killed 26 civilians, India has promised severe punishment to those involved in the strike. In a high-level meeting with the top defence brass, Prime Minister Modi on last Tuesday gave the armed

"complete tional freedom" to decide on the mode, targets and timing of the response to the Pahalgam terror attack. Modi also emphasised the national resolve to deal a "crushing blow to terrorism". A day after the attack, India announced a raft of punitive measures against Pakistan, including suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, shutting down of the land border crossing at Attari and downgrading of diplomatic ties. sponse, Pakistan shut its airspace to Indian airliners and suspended all trade India, including through third countries. In fresh punitive measures, India imposed a complete ban on imports of all goods from Pakistan with immediate effect on the grounds of national security and public policy. New Delhi also suspended all postal services from Pakistan and banned entry of Pakistani-flagged

Terror plot : British counterterrorism officers nab several Iranian men MI News Service, London: not being named "for oper-

British counterterrorism officers arrested several Iranian men over an alleged plot to attack an unspecified target in London, the Metropolitan Police force said Sunday. Police said five men aged between 29 and 46 were detained on Saturday in various parts of England on suspicion of preparing a terrorist act. Four are Iranian citizens and the nationality of the fifth is still being established. Three other Iranian men, aged 39, 44 and 55, were arrested in London on suspicion of a national security offense as part of a separate investigation, police said. All the suspects are being questioned not been charged. Police said they are searching several properties in London, Manchester in northwest England and Swindon in western England. Police said the attack plot targeted a single location that was

ational reasons." mander Dominic Murphy, head of the force's Counter Terrorism Command, said police are still working to establish a motive "as well as to identify whether there may be any further risk to the public." Home Secretary Yvette Cooper said the arrests were "serious events that demonstrate the ongoing requirement to adapt our response to national security threats. "The government continues to work with police and intelligence agencies to support all the action and security assessments that are needed to keep the country safe," she said. In October, the head of Britain's MI5 domestic se curity service, Ken McCallum, said his agents and police have tackled 20 "potentially lethal" plots backed by Iran since 2022, most aimed at Iranians in the U.K. who oppose the country's authorities

J&K: Army vehicle plunges into 700 ft deep gorge killing 3

MI News Service, Srinagar: Three Army personnel were killed when their vehicle skidded off the road and plunged into a 700feet deep gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Sunday, officials said. The army truck was part of a convoy moving from Jammu to Srinagar along national highway 44 when the accident occurred near Battery Chashma at around 11.30 am, the officials said. They

said a joint rescue operation was launched immediately by army, police, SDRF and local volunteers and three soldiers, travelling in the vehicle, were found dead on-the-spot.

The deceased were identified as sepoys Amit Kumar, Sujeet Kumar and Man Bahadur and their bodies are being retrieved from the gorge, the officials said, adding the crash reduced the vehicle into a mangled heap of metal.



A security personnel stands guard in Srinagar on Sunday.

Pak troops violate ceasefire along LoC for 10th day in a row

MI News Service, New Delhi/Srinagar: Pakistani troops continued unprovoked small arms firing in different sectors along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, prompting effective retaliation by the Indian army, officials said on Sunday. The ceasefire violation by Pakistan was reported from eight places spread across five districts in the Union Territory during the intervening night of Saturday and Sunday but there was no report of any casualty, the officials said.

This was the 10th consecutive night of unprovoked firing from across the border in Jammu and Kashmir, amid heightened tensions following the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam that left 26 people, mostly tourists, dead. "During the night of May 3 and 4, Pakistan Army posts resorted to unprovoked small arms fire across the LoC in areas opposite Kupwara, Baramulla, Poonch, Rajouri, Mendhar, Naushera, Sunderbani, and Akhnoor in J-K. Indian Army responded promptly and proportionately," a defence spokesper-

The ceasefire violations along the LoC and International Border (IB) have been very rare since India and Pakistan renewed the ceasefire agreement on February 25, 2021.

Taking precautionary measures, the panicked border villagers have already started cleaning their community and individual bunkers to make them habitable. Since the night of April 24, just hours after India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty following the Pahalgam terror attack, Pakistani troops have been resorting to unprovoked firing at various places along the LoC in J-K, starting from the Kashmir Valley.

Initially beginning with unprovoked small arms firing at several posts along the LoC in Kupwara and Baramulla districts of north Kashmir, Pakistan swiftly expanded its ceasefire violations to the Poonch sector and subsequently to the Akhnoor sector of the Jammu region.

This was followed by small arms firing at several posts along the LoC in the Sunderbani and Naushera sectors of Rajouri district. Subsequently, the firing expanded to Mendhar in Poonch district and the international border in Pargwal sector in Jammu district. The renewed ceasefire violations come despite a recent hotline conversation between the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) of India and Pakistan, during which the Indian side is learnt to have cautioned Pakistan. On April 24, Pakistan blocked its airspace for Indian airlines, closed the Wagah border crossing, suspended all trade with India, and warned that any attempt to divert water would be con-

India cuts water flow through Baglihar dam



MI News Service, New Delhi: India has stanched the flow of water through the Baglihar Dam on the Chenab River and is planning similar measures at the Kishanganga Dam on the Jhelum River, a source said. The source familiar with the matter said these hydroelectric dams --Baglihar in Ramban in Jammu and Kishanganga in north Kashmir -- offer India the ability to regulate the timing of water releases. Air Chief Marshal AP Singh on Sunday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan over the terror attack. The meeting comes just a day after the prime minister held a meeting with Navy Chief Admiral

Dinesh K Tripathi yesterday. India's decision to suspend the decades-old treaty follows the killing of 26 people, mostly tourists, in a terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam. The Indus Waters Treaty, brokered by the World Bank, has governed the use of the Indus River and its tributaries between India and Pakistan since 1960. The Baglihar Dam has been a longstanding point of contention between the two neighbours, with Pakistan having sought World Bank arbitration in the past.

The Kishanganga Dam has faced legal and diplomatic scrutiny, especially regarding its impact on the Neelum River, a tributary of the Jhelum.

A envisages cutting 1,000 staff positions

MI News Service, Washington: The CIA plans to cut more than 1,000 staff positions through attrition over the next few years as the Trump administration shrinks the federal government, according to officials briefed on the plans.

The agency does not plan any more mass firings. About 80 recently hired employees were let go in March. The CIA is also firing officers who had worked on diversity issues, although a judge has temporarily halted that effort. For the next rounds of reduction, the agency plans, for now, to use normal attrition, including retirements and resigna-

spokeswoman for the agency did not directly confirm the plan to reduce its size but



said in a statement that John "moving swiftly" to ensure that Ratcliffe, the CIA director, was

the administration's national security priorities." The cuts were confirmed by officials who were not authorised to speak publicly about them. Changes at the agency, the spokeswoman said, would "provide opportunities for rising leaders to emerge, and better position CIA to deliver on its mission." The plan to reduce the size of the agency was earlier reported by a news paper.

The CIA does not officially discuss the size of its staff, but it is believed to number about 22,000. Other intelligence agencies, including the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the National Security Agency, are planning reductions as well. The CIA has a message for Chinese government officials worried about their place in President Xi Jinping's government: Come work with us. America's premier spy agency released two Mandarin-language videos on social media on Thursday inviting disgruntled officials to contact the CIA. The recruitment videos posted to YouTube and X racked up more than 5 million

The outreach comes as CIA director John Ratcliffe has vowed to boost both the agency's use of intelligence from human sources and its focus on China, which has recently targeted US officials with its own espionage opera-tions. The videos are "aimed at recruiting Chinese officials to steal secrets", Ratcliffe said. He said China "is intent on dominating the world economically, militarily, and technologically.

Missile attack: Al Delhi-Tel Aviv flight diverted to Abu Dhabi

MI News Service, New **Delhi:** An Air India flight from the national capital to Tel Aviv was diverted to Abu Dhabi on Sunday as there was a missile attack near the airport in the Israeli city, according to sources. The attack happened less than an hour before the Air India flight AI139, operated with a Boeing 787 aircraft, was to land at Tel Aviv, the sources said. As per information available on flight tracking website Flightradar24.com, the flight was in the Jordanian airspace when it was decided to divert the flight to Abu Dhabi. Air India's flight from Tel Aviv to Delhi has been cancelled for Sunday. A statement from Air India was awaited. Air traffic to the Tel Aviv airport was briefly suspended after a missile launched from Yemen landed near the Tel Aviv airport.

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North Dinajpur:

Body of unidentified male recovered by police from trolley in Islampur

MI News Service, Islampur: Police recovered the body of an unidentified male from a trolley at Islampur town in North Dinajpur on Friday morning. Dilip Pal, who owns a corn field in the Sonakhoda-Jamalbari Road area of ward nine of Islampur, spotted the trolley on his field on Friday morning. The foul stench coming from it prompted him to inform the police. A team from the Islampur police station arrived and found a male body packed inside the trolley. The body has been sent to the local subdivisional hospital for post-mortem.

"I was on my way to the local market. While crossing my field, I smelled the stink. As I walked into the field, I spotted the trolley. I was in my field even last night, and the trolley was not there. I have no inkling how it came here," said Pal. Police said the deceased is around 45years-old. "We have circulated the photo in neighbouring police stations so that the person can be identified. Preliminary examination suggests that there are some injury marks on the face. We are checking CCTV footage of nearby areas as it seems that the trolley was brought from somewhere else and dumped in the field," said an

Kanaialal Agarwala, the civic chairman of Islampur, said he has asked the councillors to check for missing persons from the town. "We have also asked the elected members and Trinamool workers of the neighbouring panchayat areas to try and gather information about the person," he said.

India-Nepal border force nabs six suspected Myanmarese nationals without valid papers

MI News Service, Siliguri: The Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) posted at the India-Nepal border in Panitanki of Siliguri subdivision on Saturday apprehended six suspected Myanmarese nationals without valid papers. Sources said that troopers of the SSB 41st battalion posted at Panitanki, which connects Kakarvitta in Nepal, some 45km from here, intercepted the suspected Myanmarese while they were trying to cross the border to visit an adventure parkin Nepal.

SSB sources said that they suspected that the six were from Myanmar but would not confirm it as of now. The SSB personnel nabbed three students first and three others after a while. All six were travelling in groups with some students, sources said. During their preliminary investigation, SSB officers learnt that the six youths, who are between 25 and 30 years old, had entered Mizoram in India in 2022 and 2023 without any passport or visa. "They had even obtained fraudulently prepared Aadhaar cards and voter ID cards, and one of them had a fake PAN card. Most of these documents had been made in Delhi," said a source. All six of them had enrolled at the Witter Theological College in Vankhosung in Wokha of Nagaland in 2023 for a degree course in theology, the source said. "They had come to Siliguri on a holiday with Indian and Nepali students of the same institution and were traveling in three groups. They were planning to go to an adventure park in Nepal's Birtamod when they were nabbed," the source added. Currently, the SSB officers are interrogating them on why they had infiltrated India without valid documents.

They will be handed over to the police in due course for further legal proceedings, sources said. | Phulbari (Banpur) village.

Sikkim promotes microgreens farming to boost livelihoods and urban agriculture

Sikkim agriculture department has taken an initiative to promote the cultivation of microgreens across the state to diversify farming practices and create new livelihood avenues for traditional farmers and aspiring entrepreneurs. The Centre of Floriculture and Agri-Business Management (Cofam), which functions under the North Bengal University (NBU) in Siliguri, was enlisted for technical support. The project, sources said, seeks to introduce modern farming techniques, particularly suited to Sikkim's terrain and urban limitations. In the first phase, experts at Cofam trained around 150 Sikkim government officials in the techniques used for the cultivation of microgreens by using vertical and terrace-based farming models.

Amarendra Kumar Pandey, the practical demonstrator of Cofam, said that in Gangtok and similar urban pockets of Sikkim, where the availability of agricultural land is a persistent challenge, terrace farming was positioned as a practical and sustainable alternative.

"The concept of 'grow your



own greens' will be actively promoted among residents and institutions, especially in the tourism and hospitality sectors that define much of Gangtok's economy. We have trained around 150 officials of the agriculture department, and they will now train the farmers," he said. "The idea of the Sikkim government is to offer farmers an additional income stream and provide local youths with startup opportunities in agriculture. In particular, the department finds

good business potential in microgreens not just as raw product, but also through value-added processing and packaging ventures," he added. Microgreens, also known microleaves, are young seedlings of popular vegetables that are rich in nutrients.

Pandey said plans were drawn up to eventually turn the pilot project into a two-phased programme, with the first phase focusing on training and setup, and the second on expansion and market linkage.

Microgreens can be grown even in small spaces like terraces. People in Sikkim often struggle with land availability, especially in Gangtok. This is an ideal solution. Given the strong presence of tourism and hotels in this region, microgreens can serve as both a nutritional option and a business model," he said. Yogesh Sharma, the joint director of the Sikkim agriculture department, said block technology managers (BTMs) and assistant technology managers (ATMs) of the Agriculture Technology Management Agency, which functions under the department, had received the training. "They are now the master trainers and are involved in cascading the training to the grassroots. Farmers and youths who are unemployed will be trained so that they have the skill to grow microgreens as a start-up project," said Sharma. He has said polyhouses are being introduced to support vertical farming, allowing for year-round cultivation of microgreens with minimal land use. "This is a new alternative earning option for youths of the state," he added.

Survey for an alternative route to connect the hill town of Kalimpong with NH10



The state Kalimpong: rural development department has recently done a survey for an alternative route to connect the hill town of Kalimpong with NH10. The initiative, sources said, has been taken in response to a longstanding demand of Kalimpong residents. "It is an old demand to have an alternative road, other than the existing one that NH10 with connects Kalimpong, for faster and smoother traffic movement. Recently, represenorganisations of the town submitted memorandums to the officials of the district administration and the GTA. It seems the state government has finally taken note," said a Kalimpong resident.

Kalimpong is located around 66km from Siliguri. The principal highway that connects Kalimpong is the NH10, which also links the neighbouring state of Sikkim. From Teesta Bazaar, the highway heads towards Sikkim, while an-other road leads to Kalimpong. A source in the department said the survey was conducted for a road to connect Kalimpong Bazaar via Komesi and till Bangey Bazaar and 27th Mile on the NH10. "The survey was done for build-ing an alternative road to Kalimpong from NH10. The survey team did a detailed study of the terrain, feasibility and challenges of road construction from Komesi to Bangey Bazaar and 27th Mile," said an official. "If this route is developed as an alternative highway, it will help Kalimpong get rid of traffic snarls, especially during monsoon, when traffic gets the most disrupted because of sudden and frequent landslides," he added. Usually, it takes two-and-a-half hours to reach Kalimpong from Siliguri. However, during monsoon, it takes twice the time to cover the distance due to landslides.

"This proposed route will cut the distance between Kalimpong to Silig-uri by 10km and one can cover the distance under two hours," said a source. An administrative official said the department would soon submit its survey report. Once the road comes up, traffic snarls in and around Kalimpong will also greatly reduce, he said.

Mustak Hossain should be awarded Padma Bhushan: Joy Goswami



Nurul Islam Khan

Poet Joy Goswami has drawn the attention of the central government to give Padma Bhushan to Mustak Hossain. Mostak Hossain is doing endless work in the promotion of education and human welfare. Poet Joy Goswami commented that Mostak Hossain, who has dedicated his life to social welfare, should be honored with an honor like Padma Shri or Padma Bhushan. He praised Mustak Hossain's life and work in several books including 'Mustak Hossain: Jibon Ö Aitijhya'.Publisher and editor Faruque Ahamed were present in the meeting. The poet said that such great, compassionate, public wel-

fare and educational people are very necessary in society. Fiction writer Shirshendu Mukherjee wrote in the book, "I am fascinated and surprised to know about Mustak Hossain's life-oriented activities. People like him are rare today. Senior poets, writers, professors, researchers and emerging publishers have written about Mustak Hossain. Joy Goswami further said, Mustaq Hossain is a colorful personality who has fought against all odds and won. He has built 'Flag' empire. However, his life was not limited to personal success. He has led in social service and education. He has become an icon. He has set a rare example in the service of public welfare and the needy by overcoming all obstacles and providing education and health services. Mustak Hossain has spent his entire life in the service of nation and the underprivileged community of Bengalis. He said that if he can be honored, society

larly her nose."He would al-

Nadia man bites sleeping wife's nose in jealous rage, tries to kill her



MI News Service, Nadia: A woman in West Bengal's Nadia district is undergoing treatment after surviving a horrific attack allegedly carried out by her own husband-because her nose was "too beautiful." Consumed by iealousy over attention she received from others, the man reportedly bit off a portion of her nose while she was asleep and attempted to strangle her to death.The shocking incident took place in Gopalpur under the Santipur police station area on Friday night. According to police sources, the victim has sustained serious injuries to her nose, left hand, and chest, and is currently being General Hospital. She has since filed a police complaint accusing her husband of attempted murder.The couple had been married for nine years. The victim alleges that her husband, Bapon Sheikh, had subjected her to both physical and mental abuse from the beginning of their marriage. His jealousy grew from repeated remarks by friends and relatives praising her appearance-particu-

ways say, 'Why is your nose so beautiful? Why do people keep praising you? The local boys are losing their minds because of you. I can't tolerate this," the woman said from her hospital bed with her nose heavily bandaged. The violence peaked on the night of May 2, when Bapon allegedly attacked his wife while she was sleeping. As per the complaint, he first tried to strangle her with both hands, and when she resisted, he bit into her nose and chest, saying, "I'll kill you tonight." screams alerted her brother, who was nearby, and Bapon fled the scene. The woman further stated that after giving birth to a daughter eight years ago, she had been routinely harassed by her husband and in-laws. She had moved to her parental home, but the abuse continued as her husband often staved there as well. Despite enduring everything silently in hopes of saving her marriage, she said the latest attack left her no choice but to seek legal help.Police have begun an investigation and are currently searching for the accused. A senior officer at Santipur police station confirmed the complaint and assured that stringent action would be taken. The incident has sent shockwaves through the local community, with neighbors and social workers condemning the act as not just domestic abuse, but a grave threat to a woman's freedom and dignity.

BSF Strikes Big at Border: Seizes Gold Worth 1.56 Crore and Silver Valued at Rs 8 Lakh

Howrah Gopal Banerjee Lane Barwari on Sunday.

MI News Service, Nadia: The vigilant jawans of Border Outpost Banpur of 32 Battalion of BSF South Bengal Frontier once again foiled an attempt to smuggle gold on the Indo-Bangladesh international border in Nadia district of West Bengal. The vigilant border troops seized 12 gold biscuits weighing a total of 1662 grams when 3 Indian smugglers were trying to smuggle this illegal gold packet from Bangladesh to India. The estimated value of the seized gold is ₹ 1,56,06,180/-.On May 3, the jawans of Border Outpost Banpur of 32 Battalion of Border Security Force (BSF) received reliable input that gold could be smuggled from Bangladesh through Banpur village area. Acting on the input, the jawans of the border outpost at Banpur immediately made a plan and laid an ambush near the fencing and started keeping an eye on suspicious activities. At around 11 am, jawans saw three suspected smugglers hiding in a trench near the fencing from the Indian side and moving towards Bangladesh. At the same time, another smuggler was seen throwing some packets from the Bangladesh side into the Indian border. As soon as the Indian smugglers moved forward to pick up those packets, the BSF jawans already deployed

tried to surround them.

Sensing the presence of BSF

jawans, the smugglers

started running towards the

nearby densely populated



State Food Processing Industries and Horticulture Minister Arup Roy was present at the blood donation camp on at

Due to the dense population around the incident site, the jawans to avoid any collateral damage avoided using any weapons and pursued them. But even after a lot of effort, they could not succeed in catching them. However, immediately following the incident, a search operation was carried out in the area, during which 12 gold biscuits were recovered from three plastic-wrapped packets. The total weight of the gold was found to be 1,662 grams, with an estimated value of ₹1,56,06,180.In a significant operation on the same day, the jawans of Bor-der Outpost Tarali of 143 Battalion of BSF arrested an Indian smuggler with 10.83 kg of silver ornaments when he was trying to smuggle those ornaments from the check post Nityanandkati of Border Outpost Tarali by hiding them in the oil tank of a motorcycle. The estimated value of the seized silver ornaments is ₹ 8.36/- lakh.The recovered gold biscuits and silver ornaments have been deposited in the concerned department and a complaint has been lodged to catch the

Mysterious death of BSF Jawan , body arrives home in Nadia from Jodhpur



MI News Service, Shantipur (Nadia) : Just days after Nadia lost brave jawan Jhantu Ali Sheikh in a gunfight with militants in Kashmir, tragedy has struck the district again. Amit Haldar, a BSF jawan from Shantipur in Nadia district, has died under mysterious circumstances while on duty in Jodhpur Rajasthan. His mortal remains reached his native village on Saturday and subsequently it was taken to Motiganj burning ghat and burnt on Saturday midnight.Amit Haldar. around 35, a resident of Go-vaga Colony under Haripur Gram Panchayat under Shantipur police station area in Nadia, had joined the Border Security Force (BSF) nearly 12 years ago. He was trained in Seemanagar, Krishnanagar, and served at various posts in-cluding Bongaon, Kashmir, and finally Rajasthan. He got married 10 years ago and is survived by his wife Shravani and a young daughter Neha (7), cousin Rahul Halder said.Before last Friday, the family received a phone call informing them that Amit had allegedly attempted suicide by consuming poison. He was admitted to a private hospital and remained under treatment for several days. The family persons

jasthan and reached at MDM Hospital on night of before last Saturday. Maternal uncle Amal Halder who too went to Jodhpur said on this Sunday, " Amit was unconscious in hospital when we reached. Later he died on Thursday night."However, according to him, Amit consumed poison following a family unrest. Quoting Amit's wife Shrabani, Amal Halder said , " On night of the incident, he came home with drunken state, eaten chawmin and then started to search a document. As he was unable to find it out, an altercation developed between him and his wife. Consequently he consumed poison." However, the auwas done in hospital. His parents are profoundly shocked. His father Anil Halder (65) is an agri-cultural worker and mother Juthika (55) is a housewife. Their condition is very crucial and to keep them stable and better, the other family members have burnt the photographs of Amit available in home, Amal Halder said. He had completed his HS from local Haripur High school.His death has left the family and local community in shock. They claimed there were no signs that Amit was mentally disturbed or de-

rushed to Jodhpur in Ra-

Pen Festival in Kolkata



Nurul Islam Khan

Pen Festival 2025' concludes on Sunday at ICCR premises Actor Supriyo Dutta, former Justice Subhrakmal Mukherjee and actor Loknath Dey were present at the inauguration. The festival was organized by Sayak Aadhya and his team. Around

4 to 5 thousand pens including dot pens, ballpoint pens, gel pens, fountain pens were displayed here. The festival had a live ink mixing session, along with an opportunity to learn and watch calligraphy. In short, it was a dreamy meeting place for those interested in writing instruments and calligraphy.

Behala building fire; blaze erupts at James Long Sarani

MI News Service, Kolkata: A fire has broken out in a residential building on James Long Sarani in Behala, the latest in a series if recent fire incidents across the city. Their blaze, which started on the fourth floor, triggered panic among residents, who were evacuated as the black smoke billowed from the affected flat. Three fire engines are currently on the scene, battling the flames that have spread to the furniture inside, while James Long Sarani has been closed to traffic. The cause of the fire remains unknown, through initial speculation from residents suggests a possible AC malfunction or electrical short circuit. Firefighters are currently battling a blaze that erupted on the fourth floor of a residential building situated on James Long Sarani in the Behala area of Kolkata. This incident marks the latest in a series of recent fire outbreaks across the city, following previous occurrences in Barabazar, Laketown, and Salt Lake Sector Five. The fire, which commenced on the building's fourth floor, prompted the immediate evacuation of all residents as flames and thick black smoke emanated from the affected apartment. Three fire tenders have been deployed to the scene, and personnel are actively working to extinguish the fire, which has reportedly spread to the interior furnishings, complicating control efforts. Consequently, James Long Sarani has been temporarily closed to vehicular traffic. The cause of the fire remains undetermined at this stage, with firefighters conducting investigations. Preliminary accounts from local residents suggest potential origins in an air conditioning unit or an electrical short circuit. Efforts to contain the fire are ongoing, including the utilization of water resources from adjacent properties. The situation has understandably caused considerable anxiety among the

Regent's Park: Police nab promoter for assulting teenagers

building's occupants.

MI News Service, Kolkata: A real estate promoter has been arrested in the Regent Park area of Kolkata following allegations of severely beating several teenagers. The incident reportedly occurred after a ball, being used by the youngsters while playing in a nearby field, inadvertently landed in the promoter's flat.

According to preliminary reports, when the teenagers approached the flat to retrieve their ball, the promoter allegedly responded with violence, using bamboo sticks to assault them. Two of the teenagers sustained serious injuries and subsequently sought medical attention. A formal complaint has been lodged against the promoter at the Regent Park police station, prompting his arrest and the initiation of an investigation into the matter. This incident has sparked outrage among the local community, with many expressing concern over the alleged disproportionate and right reaction. tionate and violent reaction of the promoter.

It also draws attention to a series of recent incidents in the state where have children harmed, including a separate incident in the Nashipur Diyar area of Lalgola where two students were critically injured in a bomb explosion while playing near an abandoned house. Authorities are investigating the circumstances surrounding the placement of the explosive device. These events have amplified public concern regarding the safety and well-being of children in the region.

Container Cargo surge propels Shyama Prosad Mookerjee port's massive growth

MI News Service, Kolkata: Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP). Kolkata erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust, has reported a remarkable 45.32% year-on-year increase in cargo throughput for April 2025, handling 5.967 million metric tonnes (MMT) compared to 4.106 MMT in April 2024. This achievement positions SMP Kolkata as the fastest-growing major port in India for the month.Chairman Shri Rathendra Raman expressed his appreciation, stating, "This outstanding performance is a testament to the unwavering commitment and efficiency of the entire SMPK family. Shri Raman extend his heartfelt gratitude to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Govt of India for their continued support and guidance. Shri Raman also thanked all stakeholders, port users, and the supremely dynamic and dedicated team of SMP



Kolkata whose relentless efforts have made this growth possible.Dock-Wise Performance:- Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) handled 4.363 MMT in April 2025, up from 2.993 MMT in April 2024, marking a 45.77% increase.Kolkata Dock System (KDS)

managed 1.604 MMT, compared to 1.113 MMT in April 2024, reflecting a 44.12% growth. The surge in cargo handling was driven by significant growth across various commodities.Container Throughput:In April 2025, SMP Kolkata handled a total of 75.716 Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs), comprising 62,021 TEUs at KDS and 13,695 TEUs

This represents a 31.18% increase from 57,717 TEUs in April 2024 (KDS: 48,495; HDC: 9,222).HDC registered growth in respect of POL Product, LPG, Other Liquid, Vegetable Oil, , Coking Coal, Thermal Coal, Other Coal, Metallurgical Coke Raw Petroleum Coke, Manganese Ore, Other Ore, Fly Ash, Pulse, Container Tons and TEUs etc. while KDS registered growth in respect of Finished Fertilizer, Coking Coal, Other Coal, Pulses, Metallurgical Coke, Foodgrain, Container Tons and TEUs etc. during April' 2025 vis-à-vis April' 2024. This milestone underscores SMP Kolkata's pivotal role in Eastern India's maritime logistics and its growing significance in the national maritime industry.

Kolkata Sees Launch of Pioneering Factory

MI News Service, Kolkata: ESIC Joka, in collaboration with Braithwaite & Co. Limited (BCL), has launched its first-ever Factory Health Adoption Program in Kolkata. This unique initiative aims to deliver continuous healthcare services directly within the factory premises, marking a first for India. The launch was attended by key figures like Prof. Dr. Nandakishore Alva N and Dr. Jayanta Karmakar, who were felicitated by BCL Directors Shri Sanjeev Rastogi and Shri R. Veerabahu. Prof. Dr. Alva emphasized the program's role in bridging the gap between hospitals and workplaces. A dedicated ESIC team will regularly visit BCL, conduct health check-ups, and ensure preventive care

IMD predicts rain and thunder showers in

MI News Service, Kolkata: cent mornings, Sunday in Kolkata brought increased heat with sunshine, recording a minimum temperature of 25.7 degrees Celsius and previous day maximum of 34.2 degrees Celsius. However, the Meteorological office has indicated a high likelihood of thunderstorms South Bengal on Sunday, particularly in eight districts, due to multiple cyclonic circulations, due to multiple cyclonic circula-tions and low- pressure axis affecting the region. North Bengal also excepted to experience increased rainfall and thunder-While Kolkata experi-

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Salt Lake: Family complaints of police harrasment

MI News Service, Kolkata: The family of a father and son murdered in Jafrabad, who had sought shelter in Salt Lake, Kolkata after relocating from Murshidabad, have alleged police harassment including forceful entry into their dwelling. BJP leaders arrived at the scene following the family's accusations. Police, however state they were investigating reported kidnapping complaint. Subsequently, the bereaved family has reportedly left their Salt Lake shelter and sought refuge at the residence of Opposition leader Suvendu Adhikari. A tense confrontation has erupted in Salt Lake following allegations of police harrasment aganist the family of a father and son who were murdered in Jafrabad, Murshidabad. The bereaved family, who sought refuge in Salt Lake approximately a week ago, alleges that contingent of murshidabad police forcibly entered their temporary residence on Sunday morning. According to the family's account, the police arrived and attempted to engage them in

conversation, which they declined. Subsequently the family claims that the police forcibly breached to premises. This incident promoted the arrival of BJP delegation, including Shankhudev Panda, Tarunjyoti Tewari, and Sajal Ghosh, leading to a heated exchange with the police officers present. The police, however, maintain that their presence was in response to a formal kidnapping complaint filed by a member of the deceased's family, necessitating an investigation in Salt Lake. The landlord of the property where the family was residing expressed dismay at the police's actions, stating that the officers' behavior was excessively aggressive. BJP councilor Sajal Ghosh questioned the timing of the police's intervention, noting their absence during the initial murder investigation and their subsequent arrival after a significant distance. Following the alleged harassment, the family has relocated to the residence of Opposition Leader Shuvendu Adhikari, seeking further assistance and pro-

26 thousand jobs cancellation: State moves Supreme Court for reconsideration of verdict relief, allowing teachers to remain in

MI News Service, Kolkata: Following Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's earlier announcement of seeking a review, the West Bengal state government has now moved the Supreme Court again, along with the School Service Commission (SSC), requesting a reconsideration of the Calcutta High Court's order that cancelled 26,000 jobs. This development comes after the Board of Secondary Education previously sought and received a temporary reprieve from the Supreme Court, allowing teachers to continue working for nine months pending new recruitments, while the fate of non-teaching staff remained uncertain due to corruption allegations in Group-C and Group-D exams.

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non-teaching staff remained uncertain due to corruption allegations in Group-C and Group-D exams. The West Bengal government, fulfilling Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's prior statement, has formally filed a review petition with the Supreme Court concerning the annulment of 26,000 employment positions. The School Service Commission (SSC) has also submitted a similar request for review. This action follows an earlier appeal by the Board of Secondary Education to the apex court, seeking a temporary modification of the High Court's SSC verdict. The Board had argued for the continuation of employment until the completion of a new recruitment process, citing potential disruptions to state schools if a significant number of teachers and educational personnel were simultaneously dismissed. The Supreme Court had previously granted partial

their posts for nine months pending new recruitment. However, this interim measure did not extend to Group-C and Group-D non-teaching staff due to substantial allegations of corruption in their examinations. with the court mandating their participation in a fresh recruitment process. Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee had announced a monthly allowance for these affected staff, although non-teaching employees have since requested an increase in this allowance. The genesis of this legal challenge was the Calcutta High Court's order on April 22, 2024, which mandated the cancellation of approximately 26,000 teaching and non-teaching jobs, along with the nullification of the entire recruitment panel. Subsequently, the state government challenged this verdict in the Supreme Court. The apex court largely upheld the High Court's decision, making an exception only for the case of a cancer-stricken employee, Soma Das, on humanitarian grounds. The Supreme Court had directed the completion of a new recruitment process, requiring those who lost their jobs to re-qualify. Against this backdrop, the state government's renewed appeal to the Supreme Court seeks a comprehensive review of the original verdict.

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pattern of recent days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a forecast indicating a high probability of thunderstorms across South Ben-The maximum temperature recorded in the city on Saturday was 34.2 degrees Celsius, with relative humidity levels fluctuating between 49 and 94 percent. The meteorological analysis points to the influence of multiple cyclonic circulations situated over South-West Rajasthan, North-East Rajasthan, North Bangladesh and adjoining areas, northern Gangetic West Bengal, North Assam and Marathwada, and Uttar Pradesh. Additionally, a low-pressure axis extending from Gangetic West Bengal to Vidarbha, passing over Odisha and Chhattisgarh, is contributing to the prevail-

LIC under fire for targeting slain Pahalgam victims wife amidst security questioned

MI News Service, Kolkata: yet to be disbursed. "There is The family of Sameer Guha, a no truth to the ₹1.70 crore Kolkata resident killed in the figure being circulated. This is false propaganda and Pahalgam militant attack, has vehemently denied receiving deeply hurtful. Certain indi-₹1.70 crore in compensation viduals are trying to exploit our tragedy," he said. The from LIC, labeling such reports as "baseless propafamily also raised serious concerns about a man identi-'extreme mental harassfied as Debashis Bagh, who ment." Guha's wife, Shabri, allegedly took photographs of and brother-in-law, Subrata their home without their consent, claiming to represent LIC. "This is a breach of our Ghosh, expressed their anguish to the media, stating they only received ₹10.20 privacy," Subrata stated. "If lakh and decrying the unau-LIC wanted to use our case for any advertisement, they thorized actions of an LIC representative. They also should have formally comraised serious questions municated with us first. We about the security arrangeare considering legal action.' ments in Pahalgam, recount-Expressing concern over the ing the hour-long delay in the long-term impact of such army's arrival after the atmisinformation, Subrata added, "This kind of propatack. The family of Sameer Guha, a Kolkata resident ganda can harm our future, killed in the recent Lashkarespecially my daughter's. It e-Taiba militant attack in Pamust be stopped immedi-Kashmir, ately." Shabri and Subrata halgam, strongly refuted media reports suggesting that they resecurity in Pahalgam, which ceived ₹1.70 crore in they described as a "sensitive compensation from the Life region." Recounting the traumatic events of the attack. Insurance Corporation (LIC). they said they had just arrived at the location when they heard gunfire. "A local Addressing a press conference in Behala, his wife Shabri Guha and brother-inlaw Subrata Ghosh called the shopkeeper suggested it might claims "baseless and misbe a minor disturbance. Moleading," alleging they have ments later, the situation escacaused immense mental dislated into a major attack, tress. Shabri Guha, visibly Subrata recalled. He alleged distraught, said, "My husthat it took nearly an hour for band was the sole breadwinsecurity forces to respond. "It is unacceptable that there was such a delay in a high-risk ner of our family. These false claims are only adding to our trauma. The government area. The government owes must step forward and support us in this critical time." us answers for this failure in security." The family has called on both the government Subrata Ghosh clarified that the family had only received and LIC to clarify the situation and provide appropriate sup-port during their time of grief. ₹10.20 lakh from LIC so far, with some remaining dues

Dilip Ghosh fiasco: BJP issues directive

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal BJP has issued a gag order to its members regarding comments on Dilip Ghosh, following a controversy sparked by his appearance alongside Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at a temple inauguration. This directive comes after a wave of internal criticism, including personal attacks from party leaders, prompting the state leadership to mandate that only the state president or chief spokesperson address the issue. The party aims to quell internal disputes and present a unified front ahead of the 2026 elections.

The West Bengal unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has issued a directive to its members, urging restraint in their public comments regarding Dilip Ghosh, former state president and current party leader. This move comes in the wake of significant internal discord triggered by Mr. Ghosh's recent appearance alongside Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at the inauguration of

the Jagannath temple in Digha. The presence of Mr. Ghosh, and subsequent social media activity, ignited a firestorm within the state BJP, with several leaders, including MP Soumitra Khan, launching personal attacks against him. This internal strife prompted the party leadership to intervene, issuing a clear message to all levels of the organization: comments on Dilip Ghosh are to be minimized, ideally

Kolkata rooftop restaurant are banned, municipality issues closure guidelines



MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has issued guidelines for rooftop restaurants, prohibiting mutations of open roofs and terraces. Existing rooftop restaurants must close, and new ones won't be allowed. KMC will take strict action against non-compliant establishments. A five-member committee has been formed to oversee implementation, with the Kolkata Police and Fire Department providing assistance. This move aims to ensure safety and adherence to building

The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has taken a significant step towards ensuring safety and adherence to building regulations by issuing official guidelines for rooftop restaurants. As per the new directives, mutations of open roofs, rooftops, and terraces will no longer be permitted. This decision aims to prevent unauthorized use of these areas and ensure that buildings are used in accordance with their approved plans. The

ground floors. Doors leading to roofs must remain unlocked and unsealed, and corridors, staircases, common passages, and roof areas must be kept clear of obstructions and materials. This will enable swift evacuation in case of emergencies and prevent potential hazards. According to Rule 117(4) of the KMC Building Rules, 2009, every roof on the highest floor of any building must have common access and cannot be subdivided. These areas will be open to all owners, occupiers, and the public, ensuring that there are no unauthorized enclosures or private use of common spaces. The Raiforth, Assessment-Collection Department has prohibited any mutation of open roofs, rooftops, or terraces on upper floors, reinforcing the corporation's commitment to enforcing building regulations. Strict action will be taken against establishments that fail to comply with these guidelines. Following the mayor's order, the KMC issued a directive

Kolkata airport opens new routes, boosting passenger convenience

MI News Service, Kolkata: After a year of upgrades, Kolkata Airport has reopened a significant portion of its longest taxiway, Taxiways A, along with Taxiway C. This move is expected to significantly ease flight operations by reducing aircraft waiting times on the runway and improving overall operational efficiency at the airport.

In a move poised to sig-

nificantly enhance operational efficiency, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata has announced the reopening of a substantial portion of its longest taxiway, Taxiway A, along with Taxiway C. These key infracomponents were partially or fully closed for a period of one year to facilitate essential repairs and upgrades. The reopening, which took effect on Friday, is anticipated to considerably alleviate aircraft congestion and reduce waiting times on the airport's runways. Taxiway A, the closest taxiway to the terminal building, spans a total length of 2,940 meters. However, a 1,644-meter section of this crucial pathway had been undergoing extensive upgrades. Simultaneously, Taxiway C was also temporarily out of service for necessary enhancements. The concurrent reopening of both taxiways marks a significant step towards streamincreasingly busy airport. Airport authorities have

stated that the upgrades to Taxiway A and Taxiway C were specifically undertaken to minimize the amount of time aircraft spend waiting on the active runway before departure or after arrival. This reduction in runway occupancy time is a critical factor in improving overall air traffic flow and enhancing the airport's capacity to handle a greater volume of flights. The enhanced taxiway infrastructure will enable smoother and more expeditious movement of aircraft between the terminal gates, parking stands, and

The partial reopening of Taxiway A, coupled with the full recommissioning of Taxiway C, represents a tangible benefit for airlines and passengers alike. Reduced taxiing times transto lower fuel consumption for airlines and potentially shorter overall journey times for travelers. Furthermore, improved operational effi-ciency can contribute to greater punctuality of flight schedules. Airport officials are optimistic that these infrastructural improvements will have a positive impact on the airport's daily operations, particularly during peak hours. The reopening underscores the airport's commitment to maintaining and upgrading its facilities to meet the

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to close rooftop restaurants lining aircraft take-off and guidelines also emphasize growing demands of air ing weather conditions in the importance of maintainon Saturday night. landing procedures at the travel in the region. the region. avoided altogether. Printed and Published by Prem Shankar on behalf of Prem Shankar and Printed at Saraswati Print Factory Private Limited, 789, Chowbhaga West, Near Chaina Mandir, Kolkata-700105 and Published at 30, Chittaranjan Avenue, 4th Floor, Kolkata-700012,

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NAME CHANGE I Zarina Begam D/O Zakir Hussain, wife of Abid Hussain mother of Arshalna Zarin age. About. 35 years residance of 13 P.B.M bye Lane 2. Champdani.P.O Baidyabati.PS Bhadreswar of Dist Hooghly.My actual name is Zarina Begam in recorded in my Aadhar Card .EPIC. PAN card and Bank Áccount Pass book.but my name has mistake Zarina Khatoon in my daughter Arshalna Zarin's Birth Certificate in place of Zarina Begam. That, Zarina Begam and Zarina Khatoon is the same and one identical Person and my actual and Correct name is Zarina Begam Vide an Affidavit sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Serampore Hooghly

Change of Name

Naskar Residing at 19 No Ward, Gadipara Road, Rajpur Sonarpur, P.o - Kodalia, P.s - Sonarpur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700146 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Sarala Naskar. declare that Bina Rani Naskar and Sarala Naskar is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 02-05-2025.

Change of Name

Sipra Naskar D/o Late Rati Kanta Naskar Residing at 19 No Ward, Gadipara Road, Rajpur Sonarpur, P.o - Kodalia, P.s - Sonarpur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700146 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Shipra Naskar. declare that Sipra Naskar and Shipra Naskar is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 02-05-2025.

Change of Name Salim Khan S/o Mohammad Basir Khan Residing at 7MG Tara Shankar Sarani, Belgachia, P.o+P.s - Tala, District - Kolkata. Pin - 700037 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Md Salim Khan. I declare that Salim Khan and Md Salim Khan is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 02-

Change of Name Ishtiaque Ahmed Quraishi (Passport) S/o Jamal Ahmed Residing at 13/2, Moulana Md Ali Road, P.o - Khiddirpore, District - Kolkata, Pin- 700023 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Ishtiyaque Ahmed Qureshi. I declare that Ishtiyaque Ahmed Quraishi (Passport) and Ishtiaque Ahmed Quraishi is samé and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 02-05-2025

NAME CHANGE

I,Sk Mukhtar Hoossain And Mukhtar Hussain(Old Name),Son Of Sk Jahor Hussain, Residing At 3 Roshan Guldar Lane,Po - Howrah,Howrah - 711101,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mukthar Hussain(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025. That Sk Mukhtar Hoossain And Mukhtar Hussain Also Mukthar Hussain All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Prashanta Mistri (old name) Son of Ajit Mistry, residing at Santimay Nagar Colony, Barasat-1, North 24 Parganas Pin-700128, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Prosanta Mistry (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 30/04/2025. Prashanta Mistri (old name) and Prosanta Mistry (new name) both are same and identical

NAME CHANGE

Ram Batabyal, residing at Annapurna Apartment, RajchandraBhatak Road, Megha Marriage Hall, Ushumpur Agarpara, Po-Agarpara, North 24 Parganas Pin-700109, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rana Batabval (new name) as declared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 30/04/2025. Rana Batabbale (old name) and Rana Batabyal (new name) both are same and identical

NAME CHANGE

Jainam H Mehta and Jainam Hitendra Mehta(old name) Son of Hitendra R Mehta, residing at T3,7AH, 61,B.L saha Road, New Alipur, New Alipore S.O., New Alipore, Kolkata-700053, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jainam Mehta (new name) as declared before the notary nublic at kolkata dated 30/04/2025 Jainam H Mehta and Jainam Hitendra Mehta (old name) and Jainam Mehta (new name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

Rachel D Shah and Debosmita Rachel Shah(Old Name), Daughter of Late Jayanta Kallol Kumar Shah,residing at Pratima App.Flat-4D,5 Roy Bahadur Road Behala Kolkata - 700034.West Bengal, shall henceforth be known as Rachel Debosmita Shah vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 02/04/2025. That Rachel D Shah and Debosmita Rachel Shah(Old Name) and Rachel Debosmita Shah(New Name) both are the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Mst Rafija Begam (old name) W/O Md Safique Ahammed, residing at Rajukber,Chowrashi, Deganga, Dist.-Rajukber,Chowrashi, Deganga, Dist.-North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743424, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) Rafija Begam (new name) vide an affidavit Notary Public at Kolkata on 02/05/2025. Rafija Begam (new name) and Mst Rafija Begam (old name) both are same identical

NAME CHANGE

Firoza Mondal (old name) wife of Maniruzzaman Mandal, residińg at Vill-Madhya Barunhat Purba Muslim Para, P.O.- Barunhat, P.S.- Hasnabad, Dist.-North 24 Pgs, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Firoza Khatun (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Basirhat, dated 21/04/2025. Firoza Khatun (New Name) and Firoza Mondal (old name) both are same and

NAME CHANGE

Md Abdul Rajjak,S/O Yeasin Ali,R/O /ill-Bokunda, Po-Baidyapur, Ps-Shasan, 24 Parganas, 743423, West Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abdur Rajjak,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025,That Md Abdul Rajjak And Abdur Rajjak All Are The Same Änd One

NAME CHANGE

I, Ajay Singh Lodha (old name) son of Sujan Mal Lodha, residing at 22 BALLYGUNGE PARK ROAD, KOLKATA-700019, West Bengal, INDIA, my DL NO- WB0119920490280, have nanged my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajjay Singh Lodha (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Magistrate at Alipore, dated 02/05/2025 Ajjay Singh Lodha (New Name) and Ajay Singh Lodha (old name) both are sam and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

,Biswajit Bitte (Old Name) S/O Gupinath Bitter, Residing At Ck-154,Salt Lake City, Sector-III, Bidhan Nagar(M), Sech Bhawan,Dist-North 24 Parganas, Pin-700091, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Known As Biswajit Bitter (New Name) As Declared Before The Ld.1St Class Judicial Magistrate At Kolkata On 19/04/2025.Biswajit Bitte (Old Name) And Biswajit Bitter (New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Sk Shajhan and Sk Shahjahan (old nameS) son of Md Salim, residing at 46/D/H/7 Gora Chand Road, P.O.-Entally, P.S.- Beniapukur, Kolkata 700014, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Sajahan (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Sk Sajahan (New Name) and Sk Shajhan and Sk Shahjahan (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

Abdur Razzak Md (old name) son of Md at Vill.-Habibur Rahaman, residing Hasnabad, P.O.- Hasnabad, P.S.- Hasnabad, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743426, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Abdur Razzak (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Md Abdur Razzak (New Name) and Abdur Razzak Md (old name) both are same and

NAME CHANGE

I, Atiar Ali (old name) son of Ahed Ali Gazi, residing at Vill.- Dakshin Bhebia Uttar, P.O.- Dakshin Bhebia, P.S.- Hasnabad, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743456, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Atiyar Rahaman Gazi (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Atiyar Rahaman Gazi (New Name) and Atiar Ali (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Sonali De (old name) wife of Deepak Kumar Jaiswal, residing at Arunanjali Apartment BL-B, FL-F1, 29, Italgacha Road, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700079, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sonali De Jaiswal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata (vide an affidavit No.57), dated 102/05/2025. Sonali De Jaiswal (New Name) and Sonali De (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

l, Mafijudhin (old name) wife of Rabbani Dhali, residing at BENIPUR KUMAR PARA, MAGRAHAT (S) PGS-743355, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mafijuddin Dhali (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Mafijuddin Dhali (New Name) and Mafijudhin (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Tamasa Sarkar (old name) wife of Debarshi Sarkar, residing at EE-162A, Flat No-7, Sector- 2, Salt Lake, PS-Bidhannagar East, North 24 Pgs-700091, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Famasa Sarker (New Name) as declared pefore the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Tamasa Sarker (New Name) and Tamasa Sarkar (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE BODARUDDIN MOLLA (old name) son of Late ABUCHATTAR MOLLA, residing at Vill- Raghunathpur Paschimpara, P.O.-Kholapota, P.S.- Matia, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, PIN- 743428, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall nenceforth be known as BADARUDDIN MOLLA (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. BADARUDDIN MOLLA New Name) and BODARUDDIN MOLLA old name) both are same and identical

NAME CHANGE

Bidhan Ch Roy,S/O-Late Mahendra Nath Roy,R/O Vill Daccapara,Po & Ps -Bongaon,North 24 Parganas-43235,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Bidhan Roy, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025,That Bidhan Ch Roy And Bidhan Roy All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE

Syed Asgher Ali (old name) son of Syed laider Ali, residing at Green Park, Upper Chelidanga Asansol Paschim Bardhaman Pin- 713304, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Syed Asghar Ali (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Syed Asghar Ali (New Name) and Syed Asgher Ali (old name) both are same and identical

Asthma awareness campaign in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata recently hosted awareness regarding Asthma during the 'World Asthma Day'. World Asthma Day is organized annually by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA). This year the theme was — "Empowering People with Asthma".

This year - Allergy & Asthma Treatment Centre (AATC) Moulali joined the campaign with top professionals across Kolkata and the districts of West Bengal in empowering people with Asthma. AATC Moulali conducts free PFT tests along with many others to ascertain the Lung function of the individuals. They also organise free camps in different districts of West Bengal. Chairman AATC Dr Arijit Das says "We remain committed in delivering personalised evidence-based care for Asthma and Allergic disorders."

NAME CHANGE

Pragya Majumder Bhatnagar & Pragy Majumder(Old Name) W/O Kaushik Majumder, Residing At 3A, 20, Subhash Pally,Baranagar,Dist-North 24 Parganas,Pin-700108,West Bengal,India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Pragya Bhatnagar (New Name) As Declared Dham Station. Railway officials, Before The Notary Public At Bidhannagar staff, and members of the local 29//04/2025.Pragya Bhatnagar And Pragya Kaushik Majumder (Old Name) And Pragya Bhatnagar (New Name) All Are Same And Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE

I Monjila Sardar,W/O Sabir Sardar,R/O Vill Purba Polta,Po Sarapul,North 24 Parganas-743273,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Manjila Bibi Sardar, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 30/04/2025, That Monjila Sardar And Manjila Bibi Sardar All Áre The Same And

NAME CHANGE

Mahabur Rahaman (Old Name) S/O Bojlur Rahaman, residing at Basirhat rimohini Paschim Para, Basirhat College, Basirhat, Dist- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743412, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mahabubar Rahaman (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 30/04/2025. Mahabubar Rahaman (New Name) and Mahabur Rahaman (Old Name) both are same and

NAME CHANGE

Julakha Khatun (Old Name) W/O Mahabubar Rahaman, residing at Basirhat Trimohini Paschim Para, Basirhat College, Basirhat, Dist-North 24 Pgs, Pin-743412, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Julekha Rahaman (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 30/04/2025. Julekha the Howrah Division celebrates Khatun (Old Name) both are same and

NAME CHANGE

I Akashdeep Agarwal (old name) son of
Ashok Agarwal residing at Onkar Tower, Flat 6B, 36A Garcha 1st Lane Ballygunge, Kolkata-700019, West Bengal, changed my name and shall henceforth be Eastern Railway, solidifying its known as Ákash Agarwol (new name) as declared before the video notary No.dated 02/05/2025. Akashdeep Agarwol (old The A.H. Wheeler Bookstall. name) and Akash Agarwol (new name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Swapan Chowdhury (old name) son of Late Sukhendubikash, residing at 53 HAREN MUKHERJEE ROAD,SIĽIGURI, HAKIMPARA, SILIGURI 734001, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name terials—from novels and magaand shall henceforth be known as Swapan Kumar Chowdhury (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Swapan Kumar Chowdhury (New Name) and Swapan Chowdhury (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

Mohammed Raju Molla (old name) son of Hazi Abdulla Molla, residing at W - 110 Hazi Ratan Lane, P.S.- Raja Bagan, Kolkata- 700018, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Raju Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 02/05/2025. Md Raju Molla (New Name) and Mohammed Raju Molla (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

, Dinesh (old name) son of Anirudh Tripathi, residing at 6/7, Bhairabber P. Uday Kumar Reddy, Gener-Lane, P.O.- Howrah, P.S.- Howrah, Dist.-Howrah, Pin- 711101, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dinesh Tiwari (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated officers of Metro Railway and 02/05/2025. Dinesh Tiwari (New Name) and Dinesh (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

Amit Panda (old name) son of Late Mahitosh Panda, residing at Vill-Raghunathpur, P.O.- Demarihat, P.S.-Tamluk, Dist- Purba Medinipur, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amit Kumar Panda (New Name) as declared before theLd. Executive Magistrate . 1st Class at Tamluk, Purba Medinipur, dated 11/04/2025. Amit Kumar Panda (New Name) and Amit Panda (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE Nagraj Pujari,S/O Babu Pujari,R/O 13,6Th Lane,Vidyasagar Park Pir Pukur Road,Kolkata-700070,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As G.b. Nagraj Pujari ,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025,That Nagraj Pujari And G.b. Nagraj Pujari All Are The Same And One

Howrah Division continues Centenary Celebrations with Events at Barddhaman and Nabadwip Dham stations



part of the ongoing celebration of 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division, a series of commemorative events were held to honor the division's century-long legacy of excellence and service under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Sri Sanjeev

On 2nd May 2025, a Prabhat Pheri and Tree Plantation Drive were organized at Nabadwip staff, and members of the local community came together for the early morning procession, which highlighted the spirit of unity and pride. The tree plantation initiative reflected the division's commitment to environmental sustainability and green practices, contributing to a cleaner and healthier railway environment.

Continuing the celebrations,

Pheri, Cleanliness Drive, and Leaflet Distribution were conducted at Barddhaman Station and its circulating areas. Participants from all sections of the railway family joined the morn-ing march, while the cleanliness campaign demonstrated the division's active support of the Swachh Bharat Mission. Leaflets were distributed among passengers, spreading awareness about the division's achievements, available passenger ser-

vices, and safety protocols. These events exemplify Howrah Division's dedication to engaging with the community and promoting awareness, cleanliness, and sustainability as key pillars of its future vision.

The Division will continue to mark its centenary year with similar initiatives, aiming to reinforce its legacy while embracing modern values of service, re-

A.H. Wheeler Bookstall: A Heritage **Landmark at Howrah Station**



the Howrah Division celebrates (New Name) and Julakha its centenary in 2025, one of the most cherished landmarks within Howrah Station is the A.H. Wheeler Bookstall. A familiar sight for generations of passengers, this iconic bookstall, established on 1877, has recently been have honored with a heritage tag by

The A.H. Wheeler Bookstall, operating since 1905 at Howrah station, has been a haven for literature enthusiasts, travelers, and casual readers alike. It is not merely a place to buy books but a part of the station's rich fabric, offering a variety of reading mazines to newspapers and travel guides. Tinkari Banerjee, an employee of A.H. Wheeler's helped to expand the Wheeler network in India and was instrumental in developing the book stall by garnering books, magazines, periodicals published in Indian nguages. Over the years, it has become

a meeting point for people from all walks of life, with its shelves offering both escapism and knowledge to countless passengers wno pause for a moment of leisure amidst their journey. This bookstall has witnessed the evolution of Howrah Division, from the steam-powered trains of yesteryears to the fast-paced electric locomotives of today. Yet, it has remained a constant, symbolizing the importance of culture, learning, and continuity.

General Manager inspects Jai Hind Bimanbandar to Mother's Wax Museum Metro Station stretch of orange line



MI News Service, Kolkata: al Manager, Metro Railway inspected Jai Hind Bimanbandar to Mother's Wax Museum Metro station stretch of Orange Line officers of Metro Railway and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) accompanied him during this in-

Shri Reddy also inspected the Box Pushing location inside Airport Authority of India (AAI) premises today.

General Manager started his inspection from Jai Hind Bimanbandar station this morning. He inspected Tunnel Ventilation System, Entry and Exit Points, AFC-PC Gates, Platforms and Electrical Sub-station of this station. At Mother's Wax Museum station, Shri Reddy inspected the Entry and Exit Points, Platforms, different passenger amenities to be available here.

He instructed officials to complete the scheduled work within the stipulated deadline

Metro to run 40 services on purple line from Monday

Kolkata: For the benefit of the commuters, Metro Railway, Kolkata has decided to operate more services on Purple Line between Joka and Majerhat from 05.05.2025 (Monday). A total of 40 services (20 UP + 20 DN) on this stretch will be operated at an interval of 22 minutes from that day. At present, 18 ser-

vices (9 UP + 9 DN) are

being operated daily at

an interval of 50 minutes from Monday to Friday on Purple Line. There will be no ser-

vices on Saturdays and Sundays as usual. FIRST SERVICE From Majerhat: At 08:27 hrs (instead of 08:55 hrs) From Joka : At 08:30 hrs

(No Change)

LAST SERVICE From Majerhat: At 15:28 hrs (instead of 15:35 hrs) From Joka: At 15:28 hrs (instead of 15:10 hrs)

Trains losing punctuality on account of obstruction by road traffic at the level crossings

Kolkata: Eastern Railway is taking all-round endeavour for maintaining punctuality in train running. Despite the best efforts for maintaining the punctuality, it has been observed that in FY 2024-25, daily on an average 31 trains have lost their punctuality over Eastern Railway because level crossing gates could not be closed in right time for road traffic obstruction. 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 disregarding the buzzer sound or road signal indicating the approaching train and consequent difficulty in closing the level crossing

It has been observed that at different level crossings over Eastern Railway, road vehicles and pedestrians forcibly entered 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 punc-



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 cascading effect. As a result, both the passengers in train route or road vehicle are getting affected due to delay in reaching their destinations.

According to the Railway Act, 1989, the Railway Administration has the right to use and control the land and the track within its Right of Way for the purpose of railway operation and maintenance. Railway's Right of Way on the Railway track refers to its right for prioritised use or exclusive ownership of the land designated for the track, ensuring safe and efficient train operations. Railway has the first priority to run the train on track seamlessly. Road traffic should not interfere the seamless movement of train and keep a mindset to give priority to railway movement which is beneficial for larger section of the people. Moreover, disregarding the safety rules at level crossings by the road users may also lead to a probable fatal incident. Such incidents have the potential for huge disruption in road as well as train traffic movement.

If any road user prevents the on-duty gateman in closing the level crossing gate in proper time then such act of that person is a punishable offence also under the provisions of Rail-

Eastern Railway once again appealing to all the road users that when the buzzer sound is audible or road signal at level crossing is red or the level crossing gate is closing, keep themselves at a safe distance from the level crossing to facilitate smooth closure of the level crossing gate for facilitating free passage of train. It will be beneficial for both the road and train traffic as such proper closing & opening of level crossing gate will maintain the free flow of both road & train

Modernisation of crew lobby at Andal junction for enhanced loco pilot convenience

Kolkata: In line with Indian Railways' commitment to improving the working conditions and welfare of its frontline staff, Asansol Division of Eastern Railway has undertaken comprehensive renovation and modernization of the Combined Crew Booking Lobby at Andal Junction (UDL). These initiatives aim to create a more efficient, comfortable, and digitally integrated workspace for loco pilots.

The renovation includes structural improvements such as redesigning the layout for better workflow and space optimization. The lobby has been extended to accommodate increased operational requirements and staff strength. Infrastructure upgrades include roof repair, installation of durable tiled flooring, and false ceiling for improved insulation and aes-

Recognizing that the alertness and efficiency of loco pilots are directly linked to the safety of train operations, Indian Kallways places high priorrest. After long and strenuous duty hours, a clean, comfortable, and well-equipped envi-



expanded and improved for better hygiene and comfort. The Crew Booking Counters has also been modernized with improved and ergonomic designs. One additional Crew Management System (CMS) Machine is being procured to facilitate smooth sign-on/signoff processes and better crew schedule management. Addiity on ensuring their adequate are being installed to provide of ongoing works, reaffirming restrictions, caution boards, ment to timely execution and and yard diagrams, ensuring staff welfare.

improved communication and situational awareness. To support technical effi

monitoring of Trains. Furthercot, chairs. The waiting area more, essential troubleshoothas been upgraded with moding toolkits for drivers have ern seating arrangements, been procured. and the restrooms have been These developments reflect Indian Railways' broader vision of modernizing crew facilities, promoting digital

well-being of its operating On 03.05.2025 the Additional Divisional Railway Manager of Asansol Division, along with concerned branch officers and staff, visited the Andal Crew tionally, LED display boards Lobby to examine the progress real-time information on speed the administration's commit-

integration, and ensuring the

Senior DCM pulls out a lady passenger from gap between standing train and platform, saves her life

Naihati: A swift and courageous act by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Sealdah Sri Jasram Meena, today averted a potential tragedy at Naihati station. Sri Meena, was present on the platform no. 4 when a lady accidentally slipped and fell into the gap between the train and the platform.

Without hesitation, Meena immediately rushed to the woman's aid. Displaying remarkable presence of mind and physical strength, he able to pull the lady out of the dangerous gap just moments before the train was scheduled to depart.

The lady, who appeared to be in shock but thankfully



sustained no major injuries, expressed her profound grat-

life-saving intervention. Onlookers at the station also applauded for the heroic action of Sri Jasram Meena. This incident highlights

the alertness and dedication of railway officials in ensuring the safety of passengers. The prompt response of the Sr. DCM Sealdah Sri Jasram Meena undoubtedly prevented a serious accident and serves as an exemplary display of commitment to public

DRM Sealdah Sri Rajeev Saxena said that passengers to exercise cautiously while boarding and alighting trains and to be mindful of the gap between the train and the platform.

others. GNIHM eventually hosted

AMANTHRAN 2025, which was

dedicated to the latest advance-

ments in tourism, hospitality,

form for the exchange of inno-

vative concepts, transformative

research, and practical strate-

gies aimed at transforming the

tourism, hospitality, and regional

development sectors.

It served as an engaging plat-

and regional development.

Kolkata hosts hospitality & tourism summit

The University of Burdwan, West Service, Kolkata: Kolkata recently hosted an international seminar on tourism and hospitality management. The tag of the programmee was 'Amanthran'. The seminar in Kolkata hosted stalwarts in this domain from all over India and abroad. It also included people from government of India including UNESCO. The conference welcomed an

Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS) recently celebrated the Birth Anniversary of Satyajit Ray in Kolkata.

esteemed lineup of guests, including Prof. Dr. Satish Chandra Bagri, Member, Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO; Dr. M. A. Sofique,

Bengal; Samik Ray, IITG, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India; H.E. Ram Krishna Jaiswal, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Maldives in Kolkata; Dr. Bhaskar Gupta, Vice Chancellor, JIS University; Debjit Dutta, CEO, Impression Tourism Services; Dr. Rasheedul Haque, Associate Professor, Faculty of Business, Hospitality, Accounting and Finance, Mahsa University, Malaysia; and Dr. Ashish Dahiya, Associate Dean, Centre for International Academic Affairs, M.D. University, Rohtak, Haryana and

<u>বিজ্ঞপ্তি</u> _____ সামার মক্কেল সীমা গায়েন স্বামী-নির্মল গায়েন গত ইং-01-03-2019 তারিখে 1190 নং দলিলমূলে ক্যানিং ধানার অন্তর্গত A.D.S.R-মাতলা সাব রেজিষ্ট্রী অফিস ইেতে গৌড়দহ মৌজার L.R- ৫৮২ নং খতিয়ানের L.R ৬৬৪ নং দাগের ১.৫০ কাঠা জমি রেকর্ড মালিক বাঁশীরাম প্রকাইতের ওয়ারিশগণের পক্ষে নামমোক্তার বাপী নস্কর, পিতা– স্বর্গীয় পালান াঙ্করের নিকট হইতে খরিদ করেন। আমমোক্তার ালিল নং ০২২ তাং– ০৮-০২-২০১৭ A.D.S.R-মাতলা উক্ত আমমোক্তার দলিল লইয়া কাহারো কোন অপত্তি থাকিলে ক্যানিং–১ নং B.L. & L.R. অফিসে ৫দিনের মধ্যে আপত্তি দাখিল করিবেন।

> Sd/-Shreya Shil, Advoca Red. No. F/2180/2506/2019



CRPF sacks constable for 'concealing' marriage to Pak woman

constable Munir Ahmed beyond the validity of her Khan for "concealing" his visa," a CRPF official said. marriage to a Pakistani woman, saying his conduct was detrimental to national

Munir, who had married his PoK-based cousin Minal Khan two and a half months back, was transferred from Jammu and Kashmir to Bhopal on Friday.

'Munir Ahmed of 41 Battalion of CRPF has been dismissed from service with immediate effect for was solemnised by clerics in

"His actions were found national security," he add-

CRPF's permission in 2023 to marry Minal, a resident of Sialkot. Before the CRPF could decide on his request, Munir got married on May 24 last year. His marriage

The case came to light earlier this week when Minal was told to leave Jammu after India revoked visas of to be in violation of service Pakistani nationals in the conduct and detrimental to wake of the Pahalgam terror attack.

ed. Minal was granted Sources, however, said last-minute relief by Jammu Munir had sought the and Kashmir High Court, which stayed her deportation on April 30 till the outcome of her long-term visa application. Minal was at the Attari-Wagah border when her lawyer Ankur Sharma informed her about

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

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

Ramdev said he would remove the contentious comments from his latest

The court had ordered him not to issue any statement or share videos in future on Hamdard's prod-

"In view of the last order, hearing for some time.

contempt. I will issue a contempt notice now. We are just calling him here," Jus-tice Amit Bansal said after being informed on Thursday that despite the court's April 22 directions, Ramdev published a video making objectionable statements.

'He (Ramdev) is not in control of anyone. He lives in his own world," the judge remarked.

Ramdev's counsel urged the court to take up the matter after some time as the arguing counsel was unavailable.

The court deferred the Hamdard National Foun- mosques.

against Ramdev and his Patanjali Foods Ltd over the controversial remarks.

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, prompting him to give an assurance that he would immediately take down the related videos and social media posts.

The counsel for Hamdard claimed that while promoting Patanjali's "gulab sharbat", Ramdev alleged the money earned from Hamdard's Rooh Afza was used to build madrasas and

Communal tension flares up in Nainital over rape case

Nainitai: A large number of Nainital residents, including teachers and lawyers, have been organising dharnas against the alleged rape of a minor girl in Tallital earlier this week, with the crime acquiring a communal colour in the thick of the tourism season.

All restaurants remained closed in Tallital and adjoining Mallital, where the majority of tourists stay. Schools, colleges and the Kumaun University campus didn't open for the second consecutive day.

Hindutva groups have tried to give the crime a communal colour. Mohammad Usman, 60, a civil contractor, is accused of raping a 12-year-old girl from the majority community on Tuesday night when her parents were away.

Protesters ransacked shops owned by Muslims.

nicles of the snopkeepers. As the police resorted to a lathi-charge to disperse the crowd, some BJP leaders joined the protest.

Nitin Karki, the president of the Nainital town unit of the BJP, and some members of the Sri Ram Sewa Dal organised a dharna at Kotwali police station on Wednesday night and demanded that Usman be handed over to them.

Karki said that the protesters were against the conduct of the medical examination of the girl at a particular hospital because a relative of the accused worked there.

Expressing his support for the protesters, Maruti Shah, president of the Nainital Vyapar Mandal, said: "It is a disturbing incident. We all are concerned about the safety of the children. There are different groups

Service, They also damaged the ve- of protesters but they all will continue their protest because they believe that someone helped Usman in committing the crime."

There is anger in the people and we must stand by them. We know that it is a tourist spot and so we have opened stalls at several places in the town where free food packets will be available as long as the restaurants are closed,"

Shah said. Pramod Shah, the circle officer of the area, said: The protesters had submitted a memorandum with the administration on Wednesday and we told them today that we have

accepted their demands." 'The accused has been booked under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act and the medical examination of the victim was done by a panel of doctors,"he added.

Caste census: Patnaik welcomes centre's decision

News Service, Cuttack: The Biju Janata Dal (BJD), the principal Opposition party in Odisha, has extended its support to the Narendra Modi government's decision to hold a caste-based census.

Former chief minister and BJD president Naveen Patnaik wrote on X: "Welcome the decision of the Union Cabinet to include Caste Enumeration in the forthcoming census.'

He said: "BJD has been repeatedly demanding countrywide caste census and removal of 50% cap on reservation. In Odisha, we also took certain concrete steps in 2023 to enumerate the number of people belonging to different classes to help us in making plans for their development and upliftment. The same objectives would now be met by this decision of the Central Government to conduct a

caste-based census. We in Biju Janata Dal always stand for special justice especially for backward classes such as ST, SC and

In 2021, the BJD submitted a memorandum to the Union Home Minister Amit Shah and urged a castebased census, demanding that a central legislation was required for changes in the 50 per cent ceiling

on reservations. "We had cited several court judgments to convince Shah about the need for a detailed scientific database of the Other Backward Castes (OBC) category to formulate an efficient reservation policy. Only through a caste-based census can a state identify and figure out the exact population of the OBCs. In the absence of authentic data on Socially and Educationally Backwards Class (SEBC) or OBC pop-

ulation, focused welfare programmes for the OBC groups cannot be formulated," said former minister and BJD MLA Ranendra Pratap Swain.

Senior Congress leader Srikant Jena said that his party had been fighting on the issue for long. The Modi government was not interested.... After consistent demand from us and NDA allies, the Centre buckled under pressure and agreed on the caste census. But there should be a definite timeline. Bihar and Telangana have already done the caste-based census. The next move should be proportional reservation by eliminating 50 per cent cap and reservation in the private sector."

The Odisha Pradesh Congress held a victory rally on Wednesday night and distributed sweets to

Indian Army's Northern Command gets new chief MI News Service, New appointment of GOC-in-C,

Delhi: Lieutenant General Pratik Sharma took over as the general officer commanding-in-chief (GOC-in-C) of the Indian Army's North-ern Command amid heightened tensions with Pakistan after the Pahalgam terror attack and the ongoing border standoff with China.

Udhampur-based Northern Command is in charge of guarding the frontiers with Pakistan and China, especially in the Jammu and Kashmir and sectors, besides handling counter-infiltration and counter-terrorism operations.

He succeeded Lt. Gen. M.V. Suchindra Kumar. "Lt

Northern Command, today. The general officer has rich operational experience. He commanded an infantry battalion, brigade and division along the Line of Control, and has commanded a strike corps in the Western Sector," the defence ministry said in a

He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla; Indian Military Academy, Dehradun; and Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.

He had in the past served as the director-general of military operations (DGMO), the crucial wing of the Indian Army that oversees the operational requirements

Odisha Raj Bhavan embraces solar power & electric mobility

Cuttack: Odisha's Raj Bhavan is charting a sustainable future by embracing solar power and electric mobility. A 150kw solar installation has been generating clean energy and plans are under

way to add another 400kw. The Raj Bhavan has introduced a fleet of electric vehicles that were made in India — ranging from official cars to two-wheelers — underscoring its commitment to green transportation.

At his first press conference on Saturday, governor Hari Babu Kambhampati said: "Every ride now contributes to a quieter, cleaner and more responsible tomorrow. This isn't merely a choice; it's the path we have chosen. By leading in sustainability, Raj Bhavan sets an example for government institutions nationwide."

Once the expanded solar capacity is online, the Raj Bhavan's monthly electricity bill - currently around 50,000 units — will drop effectively to zero, with 16,000 units already supplied by the existing panels. Any surplus

Appealing to citizens to adopt solar energy, the governor urged them to leverage both central and state incentives. "Take advantage of these subsidies to switch to green power," he advised.

Deputy chief minister and energy minister K.V. Singh Deo announced a forthcoming EV policy to accelerate electrification across the state. He revealed that secretariat employees with vehicles older than 20 years will be required to switch to EVs or face entry restrictions. "Ultimately, we aim for all government staff to transition to electric vehicles," he

Principal secretary for energy Vishal Kumar Dev detailed the combined subsidy framework: the central government offers ₹30,000 per kw for the first two kilowatts and ₹18,000 for the third, up to 3kw. Odisha adds ₹25,000 per kw for the first two kilowatts and ₹10,000 for the third — bringing the total potential subsidy for a 3kw

13K Cr Vizhinjam project: A big leap in marine & logistics sectors

Service, Kochi: Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) managing director Karan Adani has said that India's biggest private port operator is focusing on scaling up its marine, logistics and agri-logistics businesses.

Adani said that APSEZ, flagship company of the Adani group, will invest Rs 13,000 crore in Vizhinjam International Seaport in phase 2, which will take this deep-water port's cargo handling capacity from current 1.2 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) to almost 5 million TEUs by

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 2 commissioned the Vizhinjam International Seaport which was completed at an estimated cost of Rs 8,867 crore.

"Within APSEZ, we have three big verticals that we are building on -- marine business, logistics business and agri-logistics business," he

While pointing out that AP-SEZ is the the largest operator in the country in marine business, Adani said, "the idea now is to keep scaling that (marine business) business up within India, as well as outside of India".

On the logistics side, Adani said APSEZ is looking at building multi-model logistics parks, similar to what the Adani group has done in the ports.

"We want to build large, multi-modal logistics parks, and then to help it bring in volume, as well as to drive

efficiency," he said.

Referring to agri-logistics business, Adani said the grains which are stored today in India, are not stored in a proper manner.

'So we are looking at silos, building silos and storing them," he said.

Asked how is Vizhinjam International Seaport is different from APSEZ's other ports, Adani explained that Adani group's ports are predominantly doing the domestic volume and the import -export volume, none of them do transshipment volume.

"Vizhinjam International Seaport is the first one in the country with 100 per cent transshipment volume --currently all the cargo which is moving from our ports are going to Singapore and to Colombo, those are the ones (cargo) which we are targeting to bring into Vizhinjam

port," he said. Currently, 75 per cent of India's transshipment cargo is handled at ports outside India and Indian ports lose up to USD 200-220 million of potential revenue each year on transshipment handling of cargo originating/destined for India.

The Vizhinjam project is intended primarily to bring home the Indian cargo transshipment presently being undertaken at the foreign ports of Singapore, Colombo, Salalah and Dubai.

A transshipment port is a kind of transit hub where cargo from one ship is transferred to another ship on the way to its final destination.



Rishra's Haji Ashfaq Ahmed's two daughters have made Rishra's name shine by excelling in the ICS and ICSC exams. The elder daughter Arifa Ara scored 93% in the ISC exam and the younger daughter Atifa scored 87% in the ICSC exam. Both the girls are students of Gospel School in Sherampur. Arifa has also excelled in the CLAT exam.



Aspirants leave the examination centre after appearing for the National Eligibility Entrance Test Undergraduate (NEET UG) exam, in Kanpur on Sunday.

PM should act so strongly that "failed state" Pakistan thinks 100 times before harming **India: AIMIM Chief Owaisi**

Champaran: All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) President Asaduddin Owaisi on Sunday called Pakistan a "failed state" and urged the Indian government to take 'strong' and decisive action against it for supporting terrorism.

Addressing a public meeting, Owaisi said, "We hope the Prime Minister will take strong action against the Pakistani terrorists and the failed state of Pakistan that it will think a hundred times before sending anyone to harm India again."

He criticised Pakistan for questioning India's evidence after past terrorist attacks. 'Pakistan is shamelessly asking for proof. Didn't we invite you to Pathankot and show you where your terrorists attacked our Air Force base? You sent your team, they saw it with their own eyes, yet you took no action against those terrorists," he said.

Referring to the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, Owaisi shared a personal

story to highlight the pain ments made by a person in caused by cross-border terrorism."The 26/11 attacks happened. I know a place in Telangana called Nizamabad. One of our daughters from there had just gotten married a few days before, and she was at VT Station with her family when Pakistani terrorists opened fire.

She, too, was killed," he said. He accused Pakistan of continuously denying its role in such attacks. "Pakistan will never admit that terrorists from its land come and kill people in India. The time to try and convince Pakistan is over," he said.

in peace.

ends forever," he said.

Northeast. "In Bangladesh, too, a person is talking nonsense that he will do somein your country," he said.

points a finger at India, we

Speaking at another rally in Bahadurganj on Saturday, Owaisi again called Pakistan a failed state and said it would never let India live

Pakistan is a failed nation, and these forces will never let India live in peace. Today is the time to give them a befitting reply. So that this poison of terror

thing in the Northeast. I would also tell them that the country you have got is because of us, and live in peace He called for unity among Indians in the face of such threats. "When someone

Bangladesh about India's

forget all our differences and stand together like a wall, Owaisi urged international organisations to act against Pakistan. "Pakistan should be put in the grey list of FATF," he said, refer-

ring to the Financial Action Task Force, which monitors global efforts against money laundering and terrorism fi-Speaking on Pakistan's recent missile tests, he added, Test whatever missiles you

want, but always remember that India is more powerful than you and will always

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta launches advanced digital platform 'MedLEaPR' to make Medico Legal systems more transparent MI News Service, New LEAPR, transparency and maintains a comprehensive

Delhi: In a major step towards making Delhi's Medico Legal systems more transparent, accountable and technologically empowered, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday launched an advanced digital platform called 'MedLEaPR' (Medical Legal Examination and Post Mortem Reporting) in the

Deini Secretariat. Speaking at the occasion, CM Rekha Gupta said that this digital platform has been developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC). "It enables effective reporting of medico-legal cases (MLCs) and post-mortem reports (PMRs) across health institutions. The goal of the system is to enhance transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the medico-legal documentation process," CM Gupta said.

Delhi Minister Ashish Sood, Chief Secretary Dharmendra and senior officers of the Delhi Police, Home Department and NIC were also present on the occasion.

Delhi will increase. Electronic submission of medico-legal and post-mortem reports will not only reduce paperwork but will also ensure accountability through a centralised database and audit trail. Our and trustworthy services to the public through the use of a strong example of our commitment to Digital India and

e-Governance. Highlighting the key features of the platform, the Chief Minister explained that MedLEaPR facilitates electronic submission of medico-legal and post-mortem reports, thereby eliminating the need for handwritten documentation. All reports will be stored in a secure, centralised database, accessible only to authorised personnel. The system incorporates user access control, ensuring that only authorised users can submit or access reports, thereby gating Agencies (Police), Fo-CM Gupta further stated, maintaining confidentiali rensic La "With the launch of Med- ty. Additionally, MedLEaPR Judiciary.

speed in judicial processes in audit trail, ensuring that all accountability is upheld. She further stated that the

initiative will significantly reduce the time required to prepare and submit reports. Compared to manual docugovernment is committed to mentation, it will offer greatproviding fast, transparent, er accuracy. Improved coordination between healthcare institutions and law enforcetechnology. Today's launch is ment agencies will enhance operational efficiency. Moreover, the clear audit trail provided for all reports will further strengthen accountability. The platform is now fully integrated with the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS), ensuring seamless data flow and coordination between institutions.

The Chief Minister emphasised that MedLEaPR reflects the government's digital commitment to strengthening Medico Legal systems. It aims at enabling seamless information exchange among Hospitals, Investirensic Laboratories, and the

Congress' UP chief stokes row with Rafale toy plane sporting lemon and chillies, asks "When will Govt act against terrorists? News Service, ward off bad luck and the evil our forces! Congress

Varanasi: Uttar Pradesh Congress President Ajay Rai on Sunday criticised the central government's "big talk and no action" against perpetrators of Pahalgam terror attack saying that they purchased Rafale fighter jets but those are lying in hangars with "nimbu mirchi" (lemon

and chillies) hanging on them. Displaying a toy plane with Rafale written on it and with lemon-chillies hanging on it, Ajay Rai said, "Terrorist activities have increased in the country, and people are suffering from it. Our youth lost their lives in the Pahalgam terror attack... But, this government, which talks a lot, says that they will crush terrorists - they brought Rafale, but they are in their hangars having chilly and lemon hanging in them. When will they take action against terrorists, those who support them, and

their backers? Hanging 'nimbu-mirchi' from vehicles is believed to

BJP leader CR Kesavan condemned the "reprehensible" action by the Congress leader which he said was "trying to lower the morale and resolve of our armed forces."

The Congress Party and its leaders are being disloyal to India and our people, and the Congress leaders are deliberately trying to defame and demoralise our brave armed forces. The deplorable statements by Ajay Rai, UP Congress chief, from where Rahul Gandhi is MP, are most condemnable. Congress leaders are reprehensible, repeated offenders who are repeatedly dishonourably trying to lower the morale and resolve of our armed forces. But the Congress party's sinister ploy will not be successful..." Kesavan said. BJP leader Pradeep Bhan-

dari also took to his X platform to post, "Rahul Gandhi's Close aide Ajay Rai mocks

our forces! Congress today has become the Pakistani Congresss and the Spokesperson of Asif Munir's Pakistan in India!."

Terrorists shot and killed 26 people, mostly tourists in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22.

The government has affirmed its resolve to deal a crushing blow to terrorism. It has said that the terrorists responsible for the attack and the conspirators behind it will face severe punishment.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi government has given the armed forces complete operational freedom to decide on the mode, targets, and timing of India's re-

The Central government convened an all-party meeting after the terror attack and Opposition parties have expressed their full support for any action taken by the government against the perpetrators of the terror attack.

OMAHA: , Billionaire Warren Buffett shocked an arena full of shareholders Saturday announcing that he will retire at the end of the year, bringing the curtain down on a six-decade run leading Berkshire Hathaway that made him the most influential investor in the world.

Buffett said he will recommend to Berkshire Hathaway's board on Sunday that Vice Chairman Greg Abel should replace him.

"I think the time has arrived where Greg should become the chief executive officer of the company at year end," Buffett said.

Abel has been Buffett's designated successor for years, and he already manages all of Berkshire's noninsurance businesses. But it was always assumed that he would not take over until after Buffett's death. Previously the 94-year-old Buffett always said he had no plans to retire.

Buffett announced the news at the end of a five-hour question and answer period without taking any questions about it. He said the only board members who knew this was coming were his two children, Howard and Susie Buffett. Abel, who was sitting next to Buffett on stage, had no warning.

Abel returned an hour later without Buffett to conduct the company's formal business meeting, and he responded to the news.

"I just want to say I couldn't be more humbled and honored to be part of Berkshire as we go forward," Abel said.

Many investors have said they believe Abel will do a good job running Berkshire, but it remains to be seen how good he will be at investing Berkshire's cash. Buffett endorsed him Saturday by pledg-ing to keep his fortune invested in the company.

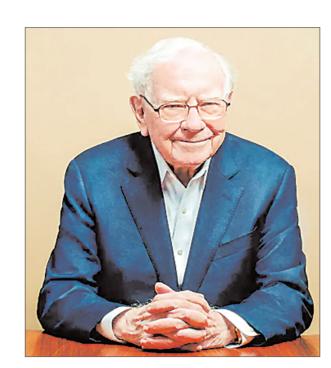
"I have no intention — zero of selling one share of Berkshire Hathaway. I will give it away eventually," Buffett said. "The decision to keep every share is an economic decision because I think the prospects of Berkshire will be better under Greg's management than mine.

Thousands of investors in the Omaha arena gave Buffett a prolonged standing ovation after his announcement in recognition of his 60 years leading the company.

During that period Berkshire nearly doubled the returns of the S&P 500, with a 19.9% compounded annual growth rate compared with the index's 10.4% gain.

Buffett had such a devoted following among investors that markets would move when his investments were disclosed because so many people copied him.

CFRA research analyst Cathy Seifert said it had to be hard for



WARREN BUFFETT TO RETIRE AT **END OF YEAR**

Buffett to decide to step

"This was probably a very tough decision for him, but better to leave on your own terms," Seifert said. "I think there will be an effort at maintaining a business as usual' environment at Berkshire. That is still to be determined."

Abel expected to do well In many respects, Abel has already been running much of the company for years. But he hasn't been managing Berkshire's insurance operations or deciding where to invest all of its cash. He will now take those tasks on, but Vice Chairman Ajit Jain will remain to help oversee the insurance companies.

Investment manager Omar Malik of Hosking Partners in London said before Buffett's announcement that he wasn't worried about Berkshire's future under Abel.

"Not really (worried). He's had such a long time alongside Warren and a chance to know the businesses," Malik said about Abel. "The question is will he allocate capital as dynamically as Warren? And the answer is no. But I think he'll do a fine job with the support of the others."

Cole Smead of Smead Capital Management said he wasn't surprised Buffett is stepping down after watching him Saturday because the 94-year-old

wasn't as sharp as in past years. At one point, he made a basic math mistake in one of his answers. At other points, he got off track while telling stories about Berkshire and his investing without answering the question he was

Abel is well regarded by Berkshire's managers and Buffett has praised his business acumen for years. But he will have a hard time matching Buffett's legendary performance, and since he doesn't control 30% of Berkshire's stock like Buffett does, he won't

have as much leeway. "I think the challenge he's going to have is if anyone is going to give him

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Buffett or (former Vice Chairman Charlie) Munger's pass card? Not a chance in God's name,' Smead said. Buffett always enjoyed a devoted follow-

ing among shareholders.

Buffett has said that Abel might even be a more hands-on manager than he is and get more out of Berkshire's companies. Managers within the company say they have to be well prepared before talking to Abel because they know he will ask tough questions.

Steven Check, president of Check Capital Management, said he never thought he would see Buffett retire.

"I didn't think he would retire while his mind is still working so well, nor did I think it'd happen at the annual meeting," Check said. "But overall I'm very happy for him."

Buffett earlier warned that Trump's tariffs were harmful

Earlier Saturday, Buffett warned of dire global consequences from President Donald Trump's tariffs while telling the thousands of investors gathered at his annual meeting that "trade should not be a weapon" but "there's no question that trade can be an act of war.'

Buffett said Trump's trade policies have raised the risk of global instability by angering the rest of the world.

"It's a big mistake in my view when you have 7.5 billion people who don't like you very well, and you have 300 million who are crowing about how they have done," Buffett said as he addressed the topic on everyone's mind at the start of the Berkshire Hathaway shareholders

meeting.
While Buffett said it is best for trade to be balanced between countries, he doesn't think Trump is going about it the right way with his widespread tariffs. He said the world will be safer if more countries are prosperous.

Market turmoil doesn't

create big opportunities Buffett said he just doesn't see many attractively priced investments that he understands these days, so Berkshire is sitting on \$347.7 billion in cash, but he predicted that one day Berkshire will be "bombarded with opportunities that we will be glad we have the cash for.

Buffett said the recent turmoil in the markets that generated headlines after Trump's tariff announcement last month "is really nothing." He dismissed the recent drop as relatively small. He cited when the Dow Jones industrial average went from 240 on the day he was born in 1930 down to 41 during the Great Depression as a truly significant drop in the markets. Currently the Dow Jones Industrial Average sits at 41,317.43.

"This has not been a dramatic bear market or anything of the sort," he

Buffett said he hasn't bought back any of Berkshire's shares this year either because they don't seem to be a bargain either.

Investor Bloomstran, who is president of Semper Augustus Investments Group, told the Gabelli investment conference Friday that a financial crisis might be the best thing for Berkshire because would create opportunities to invest at attractive prices. "Berkshire needs a crisis. I mean Berkshire thrives in Bloomstran said.

AI GOVERNANCE **CRUCIAL FOR ACCOUNTABILITY** AND RISK MITIGA-TION, SAYS CII

NEW DELHI:Adopting robust Al governance frameworks is essential to ensure accountability and manage potential risks associated with artificial intelligence, according to the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

In its latest guidebook on AI adoption, released recently, CII emphasised that responsible AI use not only mitigates adverse impacts but also builds trust among stake-

Al governance refers to the framework, policies, practices, and standards that guide the ethical, responsible, and accountable use of artificial intelligence (AI) within organisa-

The guidebook adds that the goal of AI governance is to ensure that AI is ethical, transparent, safe, reliable, responsible, fair, and compliant with legal and regulatory stan-

Al governance also involves managing the risks, quality, and accountability of AI systems and their outcomes. With the increasing integration of AI into various aspects of business, Al Governance has become a critical business imperative to minimise the potential harms, risks and misuse of AI (such as privacy breach, bias, security threat) while ensuring that the organisation reaps maximum benefits of AI,

the Industry body added. CII further added that the companies need to implement processes to identify and mitigate biases and risks associated with the use of AI in various aspects of business.

Al requires careful governance to fully leverage its capabilities while mitigating the risks and challenges it presents, CII said.

The Guidebook underlines that as AI continues to transform industries and business environments, Board members play a crucial role in steering organisations towards responsible and ethical AI adoption.

"Through thoughtful governance, executive Boards can guide their organisations in harnessing benefits of AI while safeguarding stakeholder trust and maintaining compliance with emerging regulations," the CII added in the guidebook.

It emphasizes on criticality of establishing and upholding clear and enduring values for maintaining accountability in use of AI within business operations.

"By addressing both the opportunities and risks, Boards can navigate the complex Al landscape, ensuring sustainable, responsible, and value-driven innovation," it added.

Furthermore, it highlights the importance of promoting interdisciplinary collaboration between AI experts, legal advisors, and busiket in the country is estimated to touch USD17 billion by 2029, driven by digital platforms and sustained by television and movies, according to a joint report by Media Partners Asia (MPA), IP House and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

As per the report, with online video will contribute USD 8.6 billion, making it the largest revenue segment by 2029, driven by affordable data, mobile penetration, and the rise of localised digital content.

Television, while slightly declining. remains a close second at USD 6.8 billion, underscoring its widespread reach and cultural inertia across Indian households. Movies are set to earn USD 1.9 billion, recovering steadily through hybrid release strategies and multiplex revival, as per the report. Together, the three formats signal a shift from traditional to digital, while still coexisting in a hybrid. multi-screen future, the report added.

According to the report, by 2029, one in every two dollars in India's screen economy will come from online video, accounting for 50 per cent of all screen entertainment revenue, surpassing television and redefining how the nation watches its stories unfold. The joint report projects total content investments to reach USD 7.5 billion by 2029, and online video is set to match television's share.

US dominates perception battle with India as they negotiate a trade deal: GTRI's Ajay Srivastava

NEW DELHI: The US administration has been able to dominate the perception battle with its Indian counterpart at a time when both partner countries are negotiating for a bilateral trade deal, according to Ajay Srivastava, Founder of the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) and a former trade officer.

Since assuming office for his second term, President Donald Trump has reiterated his stance on tariff reciprocity, emphasising that the United States will match tariffs imposed by other countries, including India, to ensure what he termed "fair trade". The tariffs have been kept in abeyance for 90 days, as several countries have contacted the US administration for a trade deal. President Trump has on multiple occasions labelled India as a 'tariff king', and accused the country of imposing high import duties on goods, among other non-tariff barri-

"The United States has succeeded in painting India's tariffs and rules as the reason for the US trade deficit, hence demanding that India buy more American goods, oil, and weapons and dilute regulations restricting India business of Google, Meta, Amazon, Walmart, Tesla and other US firms," Ajay Srivastava has argued in an analysis.

Srivastava argues that the reality is different. He argues that India pays more dollars to the US than it gets back for trade, and the overall economic balance currently favours

India and the US aim to ink the deal by fall of 2025.

The trade deficit argument of President Trump against India, according to Srivastava, is far from

"The picture changes completely when you include US arms sales to

India, profits and royalties earned by American banks and companies, the free access US tech giants enjoy in India and over USD 15 billion spent by Indian students every year in studies in the USA," Srivastava

He cited an example where a 'Made in India' iPhone sold in the US adds more to the US exchequer than "For every iPhone sold at around

USD 1,000 in the US, Apple earns over USD 450, while India's share is less than USD 25. Yet, in trade data, the full value is counted as an export of India, adding to the US trade deficit," Srivastava said.

Under US pressure, Indian officials, according to the GTRI Founder have urged companies to cut imports from China and buy more from the

"Instead of challenging the US narrative, Indian officials urge com-

Ajay Srivastava suggested that India must tread carefully. He added that committing to a sweeping FTA under current uncertain global conditions could undermine key national interests; a limited, industrial goods-only pact would be a far safer and smarter move for India.

"India's unilateral concessions silence have allowed Washington to dominate the perception battle. This helps them seek more concessions from India in the FTA negotiations," he noted.

India's exports reportedly rose 11.6 per cent to USD 86.5 billion, while imports rose 7.4 per cent to USD 45.3 billion in 2024-25, resulting in a higher trade surplus of USD 41 billion. The US administration imposes reciprocal tariffs on countries with a sizable trade deficit.

During their meeting in mid-

panies to cut imports from China and buy more from the US," he said

February 2025, President Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi resolved to expand trade and investment to make their citizens more prosperous, nations stronger, economies more innovative, and supply chains more resilient.

They resolved to deepen the US-India trade relationship to promote growth that ensures fairness, national security and job creation. To this end, the leaders set a bold new goal for bilateral trade -"Mission 500" - to more than double total bilateral trade to USD 500 billion by 2030.

India's Commerce Piyush Goyal was recently in the US. This follows Trump-Modi's plans to negotiate the first tranche of a mutually beneficial, multi-sector Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) by the fall of 2025. The two leaders had committed to designating senior representatives to advance these negotiations.

Study finds men more likely to fall sick die from 3 common health conditions

NEW DELHI: Men in many countries are more likely to fall sick and die from hypertension, diabetes, and HIV/AIDS as compared to women, according to a new

However, compared to women, men were found to be less likely to seek medical care and adhere to treatment for these common health conditions due to norms related to masculinity and healthcare financing.

Men were also more likely to smoke, while women were more likely to be obese and engage in unsafe sex, the study, published in the jour-

nal PLOS Medicine, found. The research highlights sex-based differences at each step of the "health pathway", which includes being exposed to a risk factor -- such as smoking -- developing a condition, diagnosis, treatment and death, study authors "Most of these differences

are not explained by sex (biology) alone, but by socially-constructed gender -highlighting the importance of taking a gender justice approach to reducing health inequities. A gender analysis can help to shape systems of health for all," Kent Buse, cofounder of Global 50/50, a UK-based research initiative seeking to achieve gender equality in global health,



said. The findings are in line with those from previous studies showing men using fewer preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services for conditions such as HIV and COVID-19, compared to

The study found that men and women received different care for hypertension in 200 countries.

Also in 39 countries such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Ecuador and Ethiopia, men and women received different care for diabetes, and in 76 countries, Australia, Chile, Italy and Lesotho, they received different care for HIV.

Overall, the authors said

oped for encouraging men to participate in preventive and health care services. "We have long advocated

strategies need to be devel-

the benefits of publishing sex disaggregated data. As our Gendered Health Pathways demonstrates, such data can reveal where the health journeys of men and women diverge be it in relation to the risk factors they are exposed to, their health care seeking behaviours or their experiences in health care systems. That is an important first step towards health equity," Buse

"Males had significantly higher prevalence rates of conditions in 56 per cent of countries for HIV and AIDS 30 per cent for diabetes, and four per cent for hypertension," the authors wrote. "Females, on the other

hand, had significantly higher

prevalence rates of conditions in 14 per cent of countries for HIV and AIDS, five per cent for diabetes, and only in India for hypertension," they wrote. Further, compared to women, death rates were

found to be higher among men in 131 countries (64 per cent) for HIV/AIDS, 107 for hypertension (53 per cent) and 100 for diabetes (49 per cent). Death rates among women were higher, compared to men.

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64 anti-Muslim hate incidents reported post-Pahalgam attack

recent report published by India Hate Lab has revealed that between April 22 and May 2 across nine states and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, there have been 64 incidents targeting

The report under the title "64 anti- Muslim hate speech events recorded in 10 days post Pahalgam attack" includes states like Maharashtra Uttar Pradesh Uttarakhand Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh Himachal Pradesh, Bihar and Chhattisgarh Maharashtra tops the list with a total of 17 incidents reported. While Uttar Pradesh reported 13 Uttarakhand and Haryana witnessed 6 such

According to the report after Pahalgam attack hindutva groups like Vishwa Hindu Parishad Bajrang Dal, Antarashtriya Hindu Parishad, Rashtriya Bajrang Dal, Hindu Jan Jagriti Samiti, Sakal

MI News Sevice, New Delhi: A Hindu Samaj and others initiated head campaigns to stir communal tensions across these states. These organisations organised rallies, events and continuously pedalled anti-Mulsim narrative on social media.

> that derogatory terms used by these organisations in the duration of 10 days like green snakes, piglets, insects and mad dogs were used by speakers who incited violence against Muslims.

livered. Between April 23 and 29 multiple events were organised by these Hindutva outfits in states like Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh and Maharashtra. In one of these events, a BJP MLA Nandkishor Gurjar was also present. Gurjar and members of hindutva organisations encouraged the public to boycott Muslim economically and socially and urged them

Pakistani nationals married to Indians have no right to

the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday welcomed the Centre's decision to deport Pakistani nationals following the Pahalgam terror attack, asserting that even those married to Indian citizens have no right to remain in the country. BJP's chief spokesperson in J&K, Sunil Sethi, warned that such individuals could potentially act as "sleeper cells" for Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), as part of a broader, "nefarious" strategy against India.

Sethi's comments came amid controversy over the deportation of Minal Khan, a Pakistani woman married to CRPF jawan Munir Khan. Minal arrived in Jammu on February 28 on a short-term visa and married Munir in May 2023. However, her visa expired on March 22, and she was awaiting approval of a long-term visa (LTV) when deportation proceedings began. She was granted a temporary stay by the Jammu and Kashmir High Court just as she was about to be deported through the Attari border.

Despite the legal support extended to Minal Khan by BJP member and advocate Ankur Sharma, the CRPF dismissed Munir Khan from service for failing to disclose his marriage to a Pakistani national, deeming his conduct a threat to national se-

The report also details

Hate speeches were de-

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stay in India: BJP MI News Sevice, Srinagar: The Sunil Sethi Jammu and Kashmir unit of that overstaying Pakistani rimonial relationships with Indian citizens, have no automatic right to remain in India or receive long-term visas based on emotional grounds. "Security of the nation cannot be compromised for personal or political sympathy," he said. Sethi also suggested that the Pahalgam attack, which

killed 26 people—mostly tourists-on April 22, was not possible without local support. However, he acknowledged that a majority of Kashmiris opposed the attack and assisted the victims, highlighting a shift in public sentiment since the abrogation of Article 370 in Sethi further praised the

Centre's recent decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty with Pakistan, calling it a long-awaited move that would benefit regional development. He also criticized the 1972 Simla Accord, stating it undermined India's strategic advantage gained after the 1971 war.

He concluded by emphasizing that terrorism can only be eradicated by dismantling its roots and infrastructure. Sethi said Pakistan's continued support for terror had isolated it globally, while India, backed by its people and political leadership across party lines, re mains united in safeguard-

HC halts demolition of Nainital rape accused, lashes out at officials for 'violating Supreme Court orders'

MI News Sevice, Deradun: The Uttarakhand High Court halted the demolition of the house of Mohammad Usman, who is alleged to have raped a minor in Nainital.

The court slammed Nainital district administration and municipal council for issuing illegal encroachment notice and sending bulldozers to Usman's house. The notice had demanded a response within three days. The court questioned this, as the Supreme Court ordered the authorities to give a time of at least 15

The bench led by Chief Justice G Narender and Justice Ravindra Maithani expressed strong criticism to the officials and said, "We are taking this seriously. It is a contempt of court since you broke the Supreme Court laws.

The notice was challenged by Usman's wife. She stated that they have been living there for at least 20 years and no notice was served before. She stated, "Since he is arrested now, out of nowhere, they wish to demolish

In its response, the Nainital Municipal Corporation accepted that it did not follo w the laws set by the Supreme

Mohammad Usman who was arrested by the police had upset the locals. His arrest triggered arson and vio-

lence in Nainital. The court also questioned the police for failing to control the mob violence after the arrest of Usman and mentioned the dereliction on the part of police. The court obected and said, "Shops were burnt and livelihood was lost. Where were the senior police

The court has also ordered the officials to issue an unconditional apology to the family of Usman noting that such actions are considered as lawlessness and create

The next hearing is likely to be announced soon. Meanwhile, the High Court is observing the entire situation.

BJP MP demands data on Madrasas in Telangana;

'Batti Gul' protest against Waqf Act a major success, says AIMPLB MI News Sevice, New Delhi: jority areas switched off ers community repre

sonal Law Board (AIM-PLB) 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

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 Mus-

lims from all sects — Shia, Sunni, Deobandi, Barelvi, and others — took part enthusiastically, reflect-ing 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-

tatives 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 par-ticipants from all back-grounds. "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

Houthi missile hits Israel's biggest airport hours before top officials vote on plans for Gaza war

missile launched by Iranian-backed rebels in Yemen on Sunday briefly halted flights and commuter traffic at Israel's main international airport after an impact left a plume of smoke and caused panic among passengers.
The Houthi rebels have

been striking Israel throughout the war in Gaza in solidarity with Palestinians. The attack on Ben-Gurion International Airport came hours before top Israeli Cabinet ministers were set to vote on whether to intensify the country's military operations in the Gaza Strip. The army meanwhile began calling up thousands of reserves in anticipation of a wider operation in Gaza, officials said.

The missile launch Sunday set off air raid sirens in multiple parts of Israel. A plume of smoke was visible at the airport, according to footage shared by Israeli media. Passengers were heard yelling clear whether the projectile, which landed in a field near an access road leading to airport parking lots, was the missile or its fragments, or an interceptor from Israel's air defence systems. It left a deep crater in the ground and a nearby road was lit-

tered with dirt. Police said that air, road and rail traffic were halted following the attack. The traffic resumed after about an hour, Israel Airports Authority said. Israel's paramedic service Magen David Adom said four people were lightly wounded.

Houthi military spokesman Brig. Gen. Yahya Saree said in a video statement that the group fired a hypersonic ballistic missile at the

Houthi rebels have been firing at Israel since the war with Gaza erupted on Oct. 7, 2023, and the missiles have mostly been intercepted, al-though some have penetratsystems, causing damage.

Israel has struck back against the rebels in Yemen and the U.S., Israel's top ally, also launched a campaign of strikes in March against

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz vowed retribution for the airport attack: Whoever harms us, we will harm them sevenfold."

An Israeli official said the influential security Cabinet would meet on Sunday evening to vote on plans to expand the fighting. A military official said the country was calling up thousands of reserves. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

Far-right Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, in an interview with Israeli Army Radio, said he wanted to see a "powerful" expansion of the war, but did not disclose details as to what the new plans

Israel deploys forces in southern Syria as intense airstrikes spark widespread condemnation

The Israeli military confirmed on Saturday that it had deployed forces in southern Syria to prevent the entry of "hostile forces" into Ďruze-majority areas, following a significant escalation in the region.

On Friday night, Israe-li warplanes launched what has been described as "the largest air attack" against Syria this year, targeting over 20 sites across six provinces. The operation has fueled regional tensions and drawn widespread condemnation.

The Israel Defense (IDF) reported Forces that 12 fighter jets were involved in the airstrikes, which targeted key infrastructure, including anti-aircraft cannons and a surface-to-air missile launcher. The IDF emphasized its commitment to "eliminate any threat in the area" and stated that operations would continue with a focus on safeguarding Israel's se-

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights characterized the bombardment as the most intense of the year, with strikes hitting locations such as Mount Qasioun, Barzeh, and Harasta in Rural Damascus.

dozens of injuries, though meeting with Druze figures in Beirut to discuss the secthe full extent of casualties remains unclear. tarian violence.

In another development, an Israeli Air Force helicopter delivered aid the Druze-majority province of Suwayda in southern Syria. According to Israel's Kan TV, the delivery was approved by Israeli political leadership, and 15 Druze Syrians were evacuated to Israel for medical treatment in recent days. The Israeli government has claimed that the Druze commu-



nity in Syria requested assistance amid its ongoing clashes with Syria's pro-government forces, which have reportedly resulted in over 100 deaths.

Despite Israel's claims of protecting the Druze in Syria, Lebanese Druze Walid Jumblatt called for the community to reject "Israeli interference" in Syria's internal affairs. "Preserving the (Druze) brothers in Syria involves rejecting Israeli interfer-

strikes prompted swift demnation from sever-United Nations

al international bodies. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the Israeli airstrikes, particularly those near Syria's presidential palace in Damascus, urging Isra-el to respect Syria's sovereignty and territorial integrity. "It is essential that these attacks stop and that Israel respects Syria's sovereignty, unity, territorial integrity, and independence," said UN spokesperson Stephane

Two killed, four wounded in Gaza blasts. says Israeli army

MI News Sevice, Jerusalem: An officer and a soldier were killed and four others injured in two separate incidents in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli military said Sunday.

Captain Noam Ravid and Staff Sergeant Yaly Seror, from the Yahalom elite engineering unit, were killed when an explosive device detonated in a tunnel shaft they were inspecting inside a building in the southern city of Rafah, said the military.

One soldier was seriously wounded and another moderately injured in the same blast, the military said. Both were evacuated to a hospital in Israel.

In a separate incident in northern Gaza, two reservists with the Jerusalem Brigade's 7007th Battalion were wounded, one of them seriously, it added. The Israeli Army Radio

reported that the two were injured after a tank shell malfunctioned and exploded. The soldiers had fired the shell from an Israeli position when the explosion occurred.

The incidents came as the military was preparing to expand its operation in the Gaza Strip, saying on Saturday that it would mobilize thousands of reservists in the coming days.

Six Israeli soldiers have been killed since Israel resumed its military operation in Gaza on March 18, according to an Israeli tally.

In the same period, at least 2,396 Palestinians had been killed and 6,325 others injured, according to the Gaza health authority. The Israeli attacks in Gaza have killed more than 52,000 people since the beginning of the Is-

Two Sanatani Ekta Manch members arrested for pasting Pakistani flag

MI News Sevice, Gopalnagar: In a disturbing incident aimed at inciting communal unrest, a Pakistani national flag was found pasted on the wall of a public washroom near Akaipur railway station, located under the jurisdiction of Gopalnagar Police Station. The incident, which triggered alarm among local residents, prompted an immediate police response.

Following a swift investigation, the authorities identified and apprehended two individuals involved in the act: Chandan Malakar, aged 30, and Progyajit Mondal, aged 45. Both are residents of the area and are known to be affiliated with a political party, as well as tne organization Sanatani Ekta Manch.

Upon interrogation, the duo confessed to deliberately placing the Pakistani flag on the wall. Further, they revealed a disturbing plan to inscribe inflammatory slogans such as 'Hindustan Murdabad" and "Pakistan Zindabad" alongside the flag. Their intent, as uncovered during the investigation, was to provoke communal sentiments and create

disturbances in the region. The authorities acted promptly, registering a specific case against the accused and arresting both individuals. The investigation so far indicates that the act was premeditated and executed with the clear intention of disrupting communal harmony.

Paank raises alarm over 45 mutilated bodies in Quetta hospital, calls for probe

MI News Sevice, Geneva: The nity in death." Human Rights Department of the Baloch National Movement, Paank, has expressed grave concern over disturbing reports from Quetta, where over 45 mutilated and tortured bodies have reportedly been brought to the Quetta Civil Hospital morgue in recent weeks. Taking to the social media

platform X, it stated, "Paank expresses grave concern over the alarming reports emerging from Quetta, Balochistan, where over 45 severely mutilated and tortured bodies have reportedly been brought to the morgue of Quetta Civil Hospital. According to our verified sources, five bodies were received just recently, adding to an already overburdened facility where decomposing corpses are being stacked atop one another, creating an unbearable and hazardous environment."

According to Paank, these are not isolated incidents but part of a larger pattern of suspected fake encounters by Pakistani security forces. Paank stated, "Over the past month, more than two dozen individuals have reportedly been killed in suspected fake encounters carried out by Pakistani security forces. Among these victims, approximately a dozen have been identified and laid to rest by their families, while the rest remain unclaimed, unidentified, and denied dig-

Paank emphasised that the current situation constitutes not only a public health emergency but also a grave human rights crisis. The presence of mutilated, unidentified bodies raises serious and urgent concerns regarding allegations of torture, extrajudicial killings, and enforced disappearances, all of which are severe violations of international human rights law.

In response to this alarming situation, Paank has issued a strong call to action, urging the Government of Pakistan and relevant international human rights bodies to act immediately.

Paank demanded that the Government of Pakistan and relevant international human rights institutions take immediate steps to address the crisis. These include conducting transparent and independent forensic investigations to determine the cause of death for each recovered body; publicly identifying the deceased wherever possible and ensuring their timely and respectful return to their families; holding all those responsible accountable, particularly in cases involving custodial deaths or extrajudicial executions; and granting international human rights observers access to the affected areas to independently monitor and assess the

Controversial Sambhal Police officer Anuj Chaudhary transferred in Rejig

MI News Sevice, Sambal: Circle Officer (CO) Anuj Chaudhary, a controversial figure in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, was transferred to Chandausi on Saturday in a significant reshuffle. Known for his communally sensitive and polarising remarks, Chaudhary's transfer comes five months after violent clashes erupted in Sambhal during a survey of the Shahi Jama Masjid.

The November 24 violence resulted in the deaths of five Muslims, allegedly due to police firing — a claim the police have strongly denied.

Taking over Chaudhary's position is 2022 batch IPS officer Alok Kumar. Alongside Chaudhary, Sambhal Superintendent of Police Krishna Kumar Bishnoi also transferred officers in charge of two other key police circles. Alok Sianu was appointed to lead the Bahjoi Circle, while Dr. Pradeep Kumar, the outgoing Bahjoi CO, was named the new Traffic CO, according to media reports.

Chaudhary sparked widespread controversy earlier this year with comments made before the Hindu festival of Holi. He urged Muslims to offer Friday prayers at home, stating, "The festival of colours comes only once a year, while Friday (Jumma) prayers happen 52 times." His remark — "Holi comes once, Jumma 52 times" drew sharp criticism and accusations of insensitivity, becoming the centre of a heated political debate. Despite the backlash,

Chief Minister Yogi Aditya-

nath defended Chaudhary, attributing his bluntness to his background as an Olympian, Arjuna Awardee, and former wrestler. "A wrestler speaks like a wrestler," Yogi remarked, adding that while some may be offended, "truth

The chief minister's support triggered political uproar, with the Samajwadi Party and Congress accusing tne BJP government of pro moting divisive politics. SP leader Ram Gopal Yadav alleged that Chaudhary instigated communal tensions and should be held accountable.

Chaudhary's transfer also coincides with the revocation of a clean chit previously granted to him by a committee led by ex-IPS officer Amitabh Thakur. A new investigation into his conduct has now been initiated.

Earlier this year, Chaudhary faced criticism after a video emerged of him in uniform, participating in a religious procession while carrying a mace symbolising Lord Hanuman. The incident raised serious concerns about his impartiality as a law en-

Israeli army orders mass reservist call-up ahead of Gaza offensive expansion MI News Sevice, Jerusalem: humanitarian conditions in aimed at dismantling Hamas the enclave.

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) have said that it issued call-up orders to tens of thousands of reservists in preparation for an escalation of its military campaign

in the Gaza Strip.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held a security consultation on Saturday in which he reviewed the planned offensive, which will require substantial mobilisation, according to Channel 12, Ynet, Kan and others.

During a security briefing on Friday, the IDF outlined its expanded operational plans in Gaza to Prime Minister Netanyahu, Xinhua

news agency reported. At the same time, the IDF is gearing up to oversee the resumption of aid delivery into the Strip under stricter supervision.

As the blockade on aid has passed the two-month mark, international organisations are warning of dire

the Strip.

to expand the offensive are not final, as Israel wants to give more time for hostage negotiations. The network said a new offensive is unlikely before US President Donald Trump's trip to the region from May 13 to 16 (the US leader is expected in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, but not Israel).

The security cabinet is exhas already greenlit.

Israeli media reported that the stated objective of the current campaign is to increase pressure on Hamas to agree to a hostage release deal, rather than to eliminate the Palestinian military

Israeli authorities have consistently cautioned that if no agreement is reached soon, a full-scale assault could begin.

The forthcoming phase of the offensive will include IDF activity in additional ar-

eas of the Gaza Strip. According to the IDF, the reservists being called up Saturday evening are ex-pected to report for duty starting next week.

Many of them have likely been mobilised multiple times for the conflict.

for the past month-and-ahalf since the breakdown of a ceasefire and hostage release deal between Israel

and Hamas. The terror group has demanded that any new agreement lead to a permanent ceasefire and full Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, in exchange for the release of the remaining living hostages, as envisioned in the pre-

vious deal. Netanyahu has rejected this trade, saying Hamas

Arabic media reported on Friday that Israel had rejecteď an Egyptian proposal for a temporary ceasefire, leading Netanyahu's office to issue a swift denial.

Since the first phase of the deal concluded on March 1, Israel has blocked any aid from entering Gaza, asserting that enough had gone in to feed the population of two million for an extended period and that Hamas was diverting aid for its fighters.

But with that blockade now entering its third month, humanitarian groups on Friday described scenes of starvation and fights over water in Gaza, warning that aid operations are on the brink of total collapse. The Hamas-run Health Ministry in Gaza said on Thursday that at least 2,326 people have been killed since Israel resumed its campaign in Gaza, bringing the overall death toll since the war

gana 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

ber of Bharatiya Janata Party on Friday Telangana the chief minister to release data on illegal Pakistanis and Bangla-Mentioning multiple incidents of communal disturbances in the state of Telan-

MI News Sevice, Telangana:

MP Raghunandan Rao, mem-

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

"I have written a letter to the CM requesting that Police should launch a search

questions the nationality of students
elangana: Vikarabad's Muthyalamma to trace some children they ily details 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 of madrasas across the state across Telangana, their family details and which country they come from and what is being taught? Appealing to CM revanth Reddy he called for an imme-

diate 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.

Channel 12 said the plans

pected to meet on Sunday to vote on formally approving the plans, which Netanyahu

Fighting has been ongoing

cannot remain in power in broke out to 52,418.

GAME



Kolkata Knight Riders' Rahmanullah Gurbaz and captain Ajinkya Rahane run between wickets during the IPL 2025 match against Rajasthan Royals, at Eden Gardens stadium in New Delhi on Sunday.

"Bihar emerging as sports super power-house," says BSSA CEO Raveendran Sankaran

PATNA: Bihar State Sports Authority (BSSA) DG and CEO Raveendran Sankaran said that the state is emerging as a "super powerhouse" as it prepares to host the seventh edition of Khelo India Youth Games.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate the seventh edition of the Khel India Youth Games 2025 in Bihar's Patna on Sunday. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will attend the inauguration ceremony. Players from across the India are participating in Khelo India Youth Games. This Khelo India hosting will boost the sports culture and Infrastructure in Bihar.

Speaking to ANI, Sankaran said, "Today Bihar is all set to host the 7th edition of Khelo India Youth Games. It's a very big platform for Bihar to establish that Bihar is slowly emerging as a super powerhouse in the arena of sport. With respect to all the arrangements, our CM Nitish Kumar personally visited all the places, inspected and gave sug-gestions and we are all set for the games to start."

Hosts Bihar will be staging its first biggest multi-discipline sporting event in its history, where more than 6,000 athletes will compete in 27 medal sports till

Maharashtra will aim for a hat-trick of titles. Having won the team championships in Madhya



Pradesh (2023) and Tamil Nadu (2024), Maharashtra will be fielding more than 430 athletes in the Bihar edition of the Khelo India Youth Games, an under-18 championships this time.

Bihar, which finished 21st in the last KIYG in Tamil Nadu, will take inspiration from the fact that a state has always done well whenever it hosted the youth

Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu finished on the podium in the years they hosted KIYG. Bihar and Maharashtra will be fielding the biggest contingents in the Khelo India Youth Games.

Both states will have more than 400 athletes each. Haryana, a traditional powerhouse in these Games, will have more than 300 athletes. Karnataka (236) and Tamil Nadu (307) will also have

big representations, a release said. Thirty-six states and Union Territories will feature in KIYG 2025. The attraction of the Games has touched every corner of the country, and this reflects in the fact that Andaman and Nicobar Islands will field a 10-member team, including five women, many of them cyclists.

Ladakh, known for ice and snow sports, will have 14 while Lakshadweep will have 12 and Sikkim 15 athletes.

The Khelo India Youth Games 2025 will be significant from a long-term prospect point of view. Several scouts will be watching every sport to spot talent who can be groomed for the 2032 and 2036 Olympics.

It is pertinent to mention that India have bid to host the 2036 Summer Games. Several Khelo India athletes will feature in these Games, and all eyes will be on their performance. In the last Games, 30 records were created.

These included 22 national youth weightlifting records and eight athletic meet records. In Bihar, 284 gold medals will be at stake. The maximum number (38) of gold medals will be in swimming. Athletics will have 34, while wrestling, weightlifting, and boxing will have more than 20 gold medals each. Day 1 action starts with archery (in Bhagalpur), kabaddi (in Rajgir), and volleyball



FC Goa clinch second Super **Cup, seal AFC Champions League spot**

BHUBANESWAR: The victory marked FC Goa's first trophy under head coach Manolo Marquez, whose chapter at the club came to an end in the perfect manner. It was Goa's second Super Cup title overall, making them the first club to win the tournament twice. The result also secured their qualification for the AFC Champions League Two 2025-26 as they will return to an Asian club competition after four ears. The match was billed as a battle between FC Goa's attacking firepower and Jamshedpur's unbreached defence, vet by fulltime, it was clear which side had authority. stamped Jamshedpur, known for their compact shape and counter-attacking style, and having not conceded a single goal until the final, simply couldn't cope with Goa's expansive play, as per the

AIFF press release. While Jamshedpur did show some early promise, Javier Hernandez forcing a sharp save from Hrithik Tiwari in the third minute, the momentum quickly swung in Goa's favour. With Aakash Sangwan and Dejan Drazic tearing down the wings and Carl McHugh and Borja pulling the strings in midfield, Goa dominated both possession

and territory. The opener arrived in the 23rd minute. Sangwan made a blistering run down the left and unleashed a powerful drive that Albino Gomes could only parry. Borja was first to the rebound -his first shot was blocked, but he coolly slotted the second into the roof of the net. Jamshedpur's best chance came late in the first half when Lazar Cirkovic's header rattled the crossbar, but their lack of attacking thrust was evident throughout.

FC Goa doubled their lead in the 51st minute with a moment of brilliance. Borja, picking the ball up near midfield, surged forward and unleashed a ferocious 25vard strike that arrowed into the top corner, leaving Gomes helpless. Khalid Jamil's men tried to claw their way back, with Jordan Murray setting up Javier Siverio, but the forward blasted over from close range. The third and final goal came in the 71st minute and showcased Goa's poise and precision. McHugh dissected the defence with a perfectly weighted through ball, and Drazic latched on, rounded the keeper, and tapped home into an empty net. As the match wound down and rain began to fall, the mood turned celebratory as FC Goa's players danced to cap off a wonderful performance and embrace their moment in history.

Indian Women's Hockey Team ends tour on a high with 1-0 win against Australia



NEW DELHI : The Indian Women's Hockey Team enjoyed a 1-0 victory over Australia in the fifth and final game of their Australia tour, at the Perth Hockey

Stadium on Sunday. Navneet Kaur (21') scored the only goal of the match to ensure India ended the series on a strong

note, as per a press release from Hockey India

quarter, Australia In the first dominated the play and won two penalty corners but India's resilient defence denied them the opening goal. Six minutes into the second quarter, India clinched the lead courtesy of a field goal from Vice Captain Navneet Kaur.

It was a cagey affair in the second half with both teams eveing to score a goal but India held their composure at the back and successfully defended their slim lead. In the final quarter, Australia received a crucial penalty corner, however, they squandered the over the victory to the visitors. After two losses against the

Australia A side and two losses against the senior team, India bounced back well in the series with a positive win over the hosts on the final day.

In their previous match, India was edged out 2-3 by Australia senior side. 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') to edge a closely contested encounter.

Before that, India fell 0-2 to Australia's senior side. 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 matches Australia A, Indian side faced 3-5 and 2-3 losses

Before this tour, the Indian team last competed in the FIH Hockey Pro League (Women) at home, where they registered two wins and one shootout victory in a mixed campaign. They ended the tournament on a high, clinching a bonus point against World No. 1 Netherlands in a thrilling shootout after a 2-2 draw across regulation

Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial **Shooting Championship: Kedarling** Uchaganve bags gold in air pistol



of the top six positions as Kedarling Balakrishna Uchaganve struck gold, relegating teammate Ajay Kumar Ambawat to silver, with the Navy's Ujjawal Malik's bronze, preventing what would have been an Army medal sweep in the men's 10m air pistol event of the on-going 23rd Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial (KSSM) Shooting Championship.

Taking aim here at the MP State Shooting Academy range Finals Hall on Saturday, both Kedarling and Ajay went into the final two shots of the 24-shot final tied at 223.6 and the latter even fired a perfect 10.9 on his 23rd to go 0.7 ahead. However, a 9.6 put paid to his hopes as Kedarling finished with a strong 10.6 (244.4) under pressure to take the win by 0.3. There were 552 starts in the men's air pistol. Among those in the mix were Paris Olympics bronze medalist Sarabjot Singh, who shot a 579 to finish 18th while two other Army shooters, Ravinder Singh and Olympian Gurpreet Singh, back from representing India at the year's first two Buenos Aires and Lima World Cup stages, also shot good scores of 583 and 581 respectively. Ravinder finished sixth in the

The junior title was won by Chandigarh's Dhairya Prashar who shot 241.6 in the final. Over 300 juniors competed in the qualifications. Sandeep Bishnoi of Rajasthan and Haryana's Kapil won silver and bronze respectively. Dhairya also won the youth category silver in the event, going down to local favourite Yugpratap Singh Rathore in the final. Uttar Pradesh's Chirag Sharma won



Star all-rounder returns as Zimbabwe confirm squad for historic England Test

HARARE: Zimbabwe have named a 15-member squad for the one-off Test against England later this month, with star all-rounder Sikandar Raza included in the squad. The Chevrons will face England in a historic Test at Trent Bridge later this month. The match, beginning on May 22, marks Zimbabwe's first Test on English soil since 2003, as per ICC.

The announcement follows a fiercely-contested 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. Star all-rounder 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 Nvasha Mavavo

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, "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."

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

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.

"He has a flaw while playing....": DC mentor Pietersen highlights shortcomings in Harry Brook's batting

NEW DELHI: Delhi Capitals mentor and cricketer England Pietersen has expressed disappointment over young England batter Harry Brook pulling out of the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) season. Pietersen said Brook has technical flaws while facing spin in the subcontinent and he had hoped to help

the 26-year-old improve. Brook had been bought by DC for Rs 6.25 crore in the IPL mega auction last year, but withdrew before the season began, citing the need to "recharge himself" before a busy season with the England team. Almost a month later, Brook was appointed as England's new white-ball captain, replacing Jos Buttler after the team's poor performances in recent ICC tourna-

Brook had also skipped last year's IPL due to personal reasons -- the death of his grandmother -- and missed England's tour of India. As per IPL rules, he has now been banned from participating in the league for two years after withdrawing twice in a row. Brook played for Sunrisers Hyderabad in IPL 2023, scoring 190 runs in 11 matches at an average of 22.11. His only major knock was a century against the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR). Speaking to ESPNCricinfo, Pietersen said



that he was "bitterly disappointed" with Brook missing out on the experience of playing the league since he wanted to work with him on correcting his technical flaws while playing spin in India. "I told him, I was like, 'Dude, I am gutted that I cannot work with you for a few months.' I think that he is a star... You do not hit one ball over extra cover and the next,

same ball, over midwicket if you cannot play,' said Pietersen. "So he can properly play, but he has technical flaws in the subcontinent -- in India, in particular. I really wanted to work with him, but people make their own choices in life and you have got to respect them. He has a flaw playing spin in India -- a real big flaw. Two months here, imagine what might have happened if he

had fixed that? Brook's overall record in India includes 310 runs in 14 matches at an average of 22.14, with two half-centuries and a best of 66. This includes his performance in the 2023 Cricket World Cup. During the recent ODI and T20I series against India earlier this year, Brook struggled against spin, scoring only 141 runs in eight innings. In all five T20Is, he was dismissed by spinners -- three times by Varun Chakravarthy

and twice by Ravi Bishnoi.

Pietersen said he had hoped to help Brook like he did with Joe Root and Jonny Bairstow in their early days. "Root turned out to be the greatest player of spin England's ever had. I am not saying it is because of what we did when he was a youngster, but we spent hours together batting in the nets, going through drills and practising. I love that stuff," he added. Pietersen has had an excellent record in India across all formats, scoring 1,876 runs in 36 matches at an average of 45.75, with three centuries and 13 fifties. His best score was 186 in a Test match in Mumbai in 2012. Meanwhile, Delhi Capitals are currently in fifth place on the IPL points table with six wins and four losses. Their next match is against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in Hyderabad on Monday.