

Heavily armed woman Naxalite leader killed in encounter in Chhattisgarh

MI NewsService, Raipur : A heavily armed woman member of a Naxalite gang was killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district amid the ongoing massive anti-Naxal operation in the area on Tuesday. Informing this a senior police official said today that the fierce encounter took place on Monday night in the forest around Karregutta hills along Chhattisgarh-Telangana border.

Quoting Inspector General of Police, Bastar Range, P Sundarraj, the official said with this encounter, the bodies of four women Maoists have been recovered in the area since security forces launched the operation, involving some 24,000 personnel from different units, on April 21..

A number of automatic and .303 rifles were recovered from the site of the encounter this morning, Sundarraj said.

On April 24, three women Naxalites were killed on Karregutta Hills and a huge cache of weapons, explosives and other materials was recovered.

The ongoing operation, said to be one of the biggest counter-insurgency operations launched in Bastar region, involves personnel of the District Reserve Guard, Bastar Fighters and Special Task Force, all units of the Chhattisgarh police; Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and its elite unit CoBRA, among others.

The operation was launched following inputs about the presence of some senior cadres of the 'battalion number 1' -- considered to be the strongest military formation of the Maoists -- and leaders of the Telangana state committee of the Maoists in the area.

The densely forested area with a series of hills is said to be the base of the battalion no 1, according to the police.

Intelligence suggests that several senior Maoist cadres have either been killed or seriously injured during the operation, said Sundarraj.

Hundreds of Naxalite hideouts and bunkers have been destroyed so far and a huge cache of explosive materials, detonators, food stock and items of daily use have been seized, he said. At least six security personnel belonging to STF, DRG and CoBRA were injured in separate incidents of pressure IED blasts, but all of them were out of danger, Sundarraj said. As many as 146 Naxalites have been killed in separate encounters in the state so far this year.Of them, 129 were killed in the Bastar division comprising seven districts including Bijapur.



West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee is offering the job of Home Guard in Bengal police to the widow of slain Army jawan Jhantu Ali Sheikh at a programme at Suti in violence hit Murshidabad district on Tuesday..

Mamata Banerjee blames opposition and BSF for orchestrating violence in Murshidabad

MI News Service, Bahrampur (Murshidabad) : West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has squarely blamed the BJP and the BSF for violence that took place in the border areas of Murshidabad district last month leaving three people dead and over 300 arrested. Speaking at a meeting at Bahrampur before leaving for the affected areas on Tuesday, she alleged that the unrest near the Indo-Bangladesh border areas of Suti and Samsheganj in the district took place because of the opposition party and the firing resorted to by the BSF. In that context, she without naming Union Home minister Amit Shah,said " I wonder who is running the country ?. I will tell him, don't do divisive politics sitting on a chair. Instead of communal

unrest, focus on protecting the borders."

Reiterating that violence in Murshidabad, which started during protests against the amended Waqf Act, was "pre-planned", the Chief minister asked how the unrest suddenly began around the protest sites ? Why the situation went out of hand? Who is behind it? However, I am investing everything and the full truth about this matter will be revealed soon." Alleging that Bengali migrant workers in several other states are now being harassed for speaking in Bengali language, the Chief Minister asked these migrant workers to return to West Bengal and find suitable jobs here.

Turning her attention to the affairs of Murshidabad, Mamata Banerjee said

new sub-division offices are being formed for the people of Suti, Dhulian and Farakka. She also laid the foundation stone and inaugurated as many as 167 projects and announced new projects worth about Rs 718 crore in Murshidabad district.

In addition Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced from an administrative meeting at Suti, a government job for the wife of Army jawan Jhantu Ali Sheikh, who laid down his life in a recent gun battle with militants in Jammu and Kashmir. The wife of the deceased jawan stood by her side when the Chief Minister made this announcement that she would be given a Home Guard job in addition to a financial compensation of Rs 10 lakhs. The state adminis-

tration will also take the responsibility for the education of the jawan's children, Mamata Banerjee said. Later she handed over symbolic keys to the victims of last month's violence, under the 'Banglar Bari Project'.

From Suti the Chief Minister went to Shamsherganj in the same district by helicopter and talked to the affected families at the BDO office there.

Incidentally Mamata Banerjee who is on a two-day visit to Murshidabad, reached Berhampur on Monday afternoon. After spending a night there, she left for Dhulian, Shamsherganj, and Suti and met the violence affected families there on Tuesday. She is also scheduled to hold a meeting on the law and order situation in Jangipur later in the day.

Mamata Banerjee provides job to slain Army jawan Jhantu Ali Sheikh's widow

MI News Service, Suti (Murshidabad) : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday provided the widow of Indian Army Havildar Jhantu Ali Sheikh, who laid down his life during an encounter in a terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir last month, with the job of a Home Guard in Bengal police and assured the family of all help in future.

Speaking at a meeting at the violence affected Suti in Murshidabad district this afternoon the Chief minister said the state government has taken the responsibility of providing proper education to the slain jawan Sheikh's children.

Sheikh died in a gun battle between security forces and terrorists during a search operation in Jammu &

Kashmir's Udhampur area last month.

"Jhantu Ali Sheikh of Tehatta in Krishnanagar has given his life for the nation. We are proud of him, we salute him. Today, his wife Shahnaz Sheikh is getting a job as a home guard in Krishnanagar Police District. We have taken the responsibility for the education of the children,"Mamata Banerjee said.

In addition the state government has given the family Rs 10 lakh as compensation, she said and assured the family that she would always be there as a member of their family.

Since Tuesday Chief minister Mamata Banerjee is on a two-day trip to Murshidabad district, where she met the victims of last month's violence in which three people were killed and over 300 arrested.

"Not Riots, We Want Peace", says Mamata Banerjee In Murshidabad

MI News Service, Suti (Murshidabad) : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has emphasized that peace and complete harmony must be maintained in the state at all costs and alleged that miscreants and rioters were brought from outside.

Speaking at various places of Murshidabad district, including Suti, Sasherganj and Dhulian which had witnessed massive violence between the communities claiming three lives and loss of huge property in arson, ransacking and loot last month.

She urged people to not indulge in any sort of violence and regretted that it happened during the protests over the Waqf Amendment Act. She also assured that the new Act will not be implemented in West Bengal. "Rioters were brought to the state from outside, do not get provoked by them. Do not create division among people by listening to people from the BJP," Mamata Banerjee cautioned.

Her statement comes after protests over Waqf laws turned violent in parts of Murshidabad, including Samsheganj, Suti, and Dhulian, killing three persons. On the first day of her Murshidabad visit on Monday, she had called the BJP a "heavily-loaded virus" that spreads communal tension and hatred. Her attack on the party comes as the state prepares to go to polls this year.

While in the violence-hit district, the Trinamool Congress chief met the families of those impacted by the clashes. She assured the affected families of all possible government support and promised strict action against those responsible for inciting the violence

The Waqf Amendment Act was passed by both Houses of the Parliament



West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee is addressing a rally at Suti in Murshidabad district on Tuesday.

and then given assent by President Droupadi Murmu. The law, governing Muslim charitable assets and properties, mandates having non-Muslims on the Waqf boards. The Supreme court will soon hear pleas, to be heard by a Bench led by the next Chief Justice BR Gavai, challenging its implementation.

Terming the violence in Murshidabad as 'orchestrated' and 'well planned', Mamata Banerjee once again fired off a political salvo at the BJP-ruled Centre, accusing it of "creating communal tensions". She added: "Instead of indulging in communal violence, please take care of the borders. Please take care of India. We love India, it is our motherland. Please save the country from any disaster. Please give justice to those who have lost their dear ones.

Do not do nasty and dirty politics. I am the last person to tolerate nasty politics." Speaking on the Governor's report to the Centre, before boarding the helicopter to Murshidabad, Banerjee said: "I have no information about Bose's report to the MHA. The Governor's health is not okay. Let us pray to God for his speedy recovery." Asserting that the situation in Murshidabad has

stabilised, Banerjee said: "I could have come to Murshidabad earlier but if there is no peace and stability there, we should not come and disturb. Stability has returned long back and so I am coming there," she remarked. The Governor's report to Union Home minister Amit Shah flagged rising radicalisation and communal polarisation, administrative collapse and lack of coordination between state agencies, recommendations for a Commission of Inquiry, permanent BSF-CAPF outposts and tighter border surveillance. There was also a reference to Article 356 (President's Rule) as a potential measure if the situation worsens.

Banerjee said that she had been inquiring into the events that led to the violence in the district ."Why did the BSF fire shots? If BSF hadn't fired shots this violence would not have happened," she added. claiming that those on administrative positions should not discriminate on religion. "If you are occupying a chair, you cannot divide the people of two communities. Don't play nasty and dirty politics. Try to be honest, sincere, and reasonable when you are in your chair. Peace and communal harmony should prevail,"she said.

Government to review preparations for civil defence mock drills

MI News Service, New Delhi: Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan has directed the ministry officials to review the preparations for strengthening the country's civil defence mechanisms that include conducting mock drills on air-raid warning sirens, training civilians to protect themselves in the event of a "hostile attack" and cleaning bunkers and trenches.

The Union Home Secretary has convened a crucial meeting on Tuesday with the chief secretaries of all states and Union Territories (UTs) to review measures and finalise protocols for a massive Nationwide civil defence mock drill.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has asked all states to conduct mock drills on Wednesday, given the "new and complex threats" that have



emerged amid rising tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack.

"The home secretary will review the preparations for civil defence being made across 244 districts. Chief secretaries and heads of civil defence from across the country will participate in the meeting via video conferencing," official sources said on Tuesday.

According to a home ministry communication, the measures to be taken

during the mock drills include the operationalisation of air-raid warning sirens, training civilians on civil-defence aspects to protect themselves in the event of a "hostile attack" and cleaning bunkers and trenches.

The other measures are provisions for crash-blackout measures, early camouflaging of vital plants and installations and updating and rehearsing evacuation plans. The mock drills also include the opera-

tionalisation of hotline and radio-communication links with the Indian Air Force (IAF), testing the functionality of control rooms and shadow control rooms.

"In the current geopolitical scenario, new and complex threats and challenges have emerged, hence, it would be prudent that optimum civil defence preparedness in the states/UTs is maintained at all times," the letter from the Directorate General Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards to the states and UTs said.

It said the government has decided to organise a civil defence exercise and rehearsal across the 244 categorised civil defence districts in the country on May 7. "The conduct

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Govt officials review the facilities for Amarnath Yatra in July

MI News Service ,Jammu : A thorough development plan to enhance civic amenities for the upcoming Amarnath Yatra was reviewed by the government authorities here on Tuesday.

Informing this official sources said the review focused on improving infrastructure and sanitation to ensure a smooth experience for thousands of devotees expected to participate in the annual pilgrimage to the revered 3,880-metre-high Amarnath cave shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas, they said.

The 38-day yatra is scheduled to commence on July 3 from the twin routes -- the traditional 48-km Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14-km shorter but steeper Baltal route in Ganderbal district. The first batch of pilgrims will leave the Jammu base camp on July 2.

Informed sources said the Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar today chaired a meeting to review the development plan for augmentation of civic amenities and renovation works for smooth conduct of



Amarnath Yatra 2025 enroute Jammu division. The meeting attended by

MD JPDCL, Commissioner JMC, Deputy Commissioners of Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Ud-

hampur, Reasi, Ramban and officials from Tourism, RDD, PWD, Health and Jal Shakti discussed the execution of the identified works as per the approved works plan. The Divisional Commissioner directed the District Administrations and concerned Heads of departments for floating tenders of the works at the earliest. The district wise works approved included repair, renovation and augmentation of basic amenities such as power, water, toilet facilities at the various lodge and centres in the districts en

route the annual holy pilgrimage.

The Divisional Commissioner directed MD JPDCL to start work for providing power supply to the lodge and centres and Yatra camps at Lakanpur Kathua, Bhagwati Nagar Jammu and in Chanderkote Ramban and illumination works. He further asked the Commissioner JMC and Deputy Commissioner Jammu to start the process for tenders of works at Yatra camp Bhagwati

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UNSC members call for de-escalation of tension, ask Pakistan 'tough questions'

MI News Service, New Delhi / Washington (DC) : Discussing the rising tensions between India and Pakistan at closed-door consultations, the UN Security Council has called the envoys of both the countries for de-escalation of tensions and asked Pakistan some "tough questions". Greece, president of the UNSC for the

month of May, had called the meeting on Monday following a request by Pakistan, which is currently a non-permanent member. The meeting comes days after Pakistan backed terrorists killed 26 people, mostly tourists, in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, triggering outrage in India.

The 15-member UNSC did not issue a statement after the meeting, but said the Council discussed in detail the rising tensions between India and Pakistan at closed-door consultations, where envoys of both the countries were called for de-escalation. The members also asked Pakistan some tough questions.

Assistant Secretary-General for the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific in the Departments of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations Khaled Mohamed Khiari of Tunisia briefed the Council on behalf of both departments (DPPA and DPO). Coming out of the meeting, Khiari said there was a call for dia-

logue and peaceful resolution of the conflict. He noted that the situation is volatile. Ambassador Evangelos Sekeris, a Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations and the current UNSC President, described it as a productive meeting, helpful.A Russian diplomat said, We hope for de-escalation. Meanwhile,

informed sources here said that members of the 15-nation Security Council raised "tough questions for Pakistan at its informal session. It was advised to sort out the issues bilaterally with India, they said. The sources added that there was

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Chanditalla Police seizes 450 kg of illegal firecrackers and Battery



MI News Service, Hooghly: In a major operation, Chanditalla Police seized 450 kg of illegal firecrackers and arrested two accused Raju Nath and Govind Adhikari involved in its distribution. The operation was carried out on a tip-off. Police officials reached a godown where the banned explosives were kept and seized a huge quantity of explosives and arrested the two persons.

The police have registered a case under relevant sections of the law and are conducting further investigations to trace the supply chain.

The police have reiterated their commitment to public safety, especially ahead of the festive season when such illegal activities usually increase. This seizure of illegal firecrackers is a major achievement in the ongoing efforts to curb the spread of dangerous and uncontrolled firecrackers which pose serious threats to public health and safety. On this day, Chanditalla police station, after receiving information from another reliable source, has busted a battery theft case and arrested an accused. According to sources, on receiving the information, Chanditalla police raided the Ultratech company and arrested a person named Abhay Kumar alias Golu Kumar and recovered 8 batteries from him.

An FIR has been registered under the provisions related to theft and criminal interference. The police are now looking for the buyers and such associates who may be part of the illegal network.

Talking about the operation, the Chanditalla SDPO said, "The arrests are the result of our active patrolling and timely information. We are determined to eliminate such crimes that can affect the lives and safety of the public."

3-day program of Howrah Rural Police



Nurul Islam Khan: A 3-day district-level sensitization program for citizen volunteers began on Panchla Country Road from Tuesday. The meeting for the civic volunteers and civics of the District Intelligence Branch (DIB) of Howrah Rural Police was inaugurated by SP, Subimal Pal, Howrah Rural Police. He highlighted the important role of intelligence and community policing in his speech. A detailed discussion session was held on the duties, performance appraisal and responsibilities of the meeting. Senior police officers were also present at the event, who enlightened the civic volunteers and civics with their valuable experience and guidance.

The main objective of this initiative is to enhance the skills, knowledge and alertness of the CVs in the field of intelligence and public service.

Meeting of Bengal Police Welfare Committee



Nurul Islam Khan: An annual general meeting was held at Durgapur under initiative of the West Bengal Police Welfare Committee, under the leadership of the First IR and First RAF Force. Shri Bijitash Raut, Convener of West Bengal Police Welfare Committee, IPS Subimal Pal and other representatives of the Central Committee, DSP Mr Akhtar Ali, all Inspectors, officers of various district/unit branches and members of all forces were present. He narrated the history of the fight for salary increment of the employees. And he raised several demands including expressing the hope of further salary increase of the employees. He also demanded a total of 108 days of additional salary.



West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee is greeting a child during her visit at Samsherganj in violence hit Murshidabad district on Tuesday.

Jumbo attacks: Alipurduar dist admin compensates farmers

MI News Service, Alipurduar: The Alipurduar district administration on Monday distributed over ₹4 crore to around 1,100 farmers as compensation for losses caused by wild elephants. "The farmers of Kalchini block were brought under the ambit of the Bangla Shasya Bima or the crop insurance scheme of the state government. They cultivated potatoes and had to bear losses because of frequent elephant attacks. We assessed their losses and accordingly,

we disbursed ₹4.03 crore to 1,130 farmers of the block today. It will help them in compensating their losses," R. Vimala, the district magistrate, said.

Sources in the administration said according to the state's guidelines, the farmers were paid ₹85,000 per hectare. In Alipurduar, the Kalchini block is close to the Buxa Tiger Reserve area. In a regular manner, wild elephants stray into the agricultural fields for fodder.

"In other blocks of the district, a farmer could harvest around 34,000 kilos of potatoes from one hectare of land. But in Kalchini, the yield was low, that is, around 18,000 kilos per hectare. However, because of elephant depredation, it further declined to 10,000 kilos per hectare. It is good that the administration took the initiative to help these farmers through the crop insurance scheme," said a wholesale potato merchant based in Alipurduar.

BJP MLA seeks Udayan Guha's help in dev of civic infrastructure

MI News Service, Siliguri: Siliguri BJP MLA Shankar Ghosh met north Bengal development minister Udayan Guha on Monday and sought his intervention to resolve traffic congestion and improve civic infrastructure in the city.

Ghosh, who met the minister at Uttarkanya, the branch secretariat in Siliguri, said: "Traffic congestion in the city is one of the major issues. On all major thoroughfares, vehicles slow down because of congestion during most of the daytime."

"One of the major reasons for the congestion is a lack of adequate parking spaces. I have requested the minister to take initiatives and build multi-level parking spaces in

Siliguri," he added. Siliguri, a city with an annual vehicular growth rate of 280 per cent, has hardly any large parking lots. Thousands of vehicles are parked beside the roads, which eventually narrows the space for the movement of vehicles.

The MLA pointed out that the central government was constructing an elevated corridor along NH10 in the north of Siliguri, along with some flyovers and bridges.

"We believe there should be proper parking spaces when we are having such road infrastructure in the city. Unfortunately, the civic body here has not done anything to address the issue. The number of vehicles is increasing every day, but there

is no space to park the vehicles," he added.

The MLA requested Guha to take steps to improve civic infrastructure in some wards of the Siliguri Municipal Corporation. They included a sewerage system, roads, culverts, embankments and community toilets.

"I have also requested him to improve the sewage system at the Siliguri Regulated Market," he added.

Located in the Champasari area of Siliguri, the regulated market is the largest wholesale market of fish, fruits, and vegetables in north Bengal. For years, traders and others associated with the market have been demanding a proper sewerage and waste disposal system.



Bengal Football Academy defeated Mohun Bagan 2-0 in the Under-17 AIFF Elite Youth League match in Guwahati on Tuesday. Dev Dhara and Tanvir Dey scored two goals for Bengal Football Academy. In the previous matches, BF A defeated Reliance Foundation Young Champs 5-1 and Kerala Blasters 1-0. With this win, they reached the quarter-finals from the top of the group. Sports Minister Aroop Biswas congratulated all the footballers, coaches and officials of Bengal Football Academy for this success.

Lakhs stolen, thieves indulge in AC comfort and fridge treats

MI News Service, Kolkata: Dumdum Homeowner Returns to Find Lakhs Looted, Thieves' Chilling Indulgence in Comfort and Sweets A Dumdum resident, Biswajit Pal, owner of a rubber factory, returned to his locked home on Private Road after a trip to Mumbai to discover a shocking scene of burglary. Not only were an estimated 10-12 lakh in cash and gold jewelry missing, but the thieves had also allegedly ransacked the house, left the air conditioning running,

and consumed sweets from the refrigerator, adding an unsettling layer to the crime.

Lakhs Looted in Dumdum Home; Thieves' Bizarre Post-Burglary Conduct Under Investigation. A residence on Private Road in Dumdum became the scene of a significant burglary, with the homeowners reporting the loss of an estimated ₹10-12 lakh in cash and gold jewelry. Biswajit Pal, the owner of a rubber factory, had locked his house on April 27th before traveling to Mumbai

with his wife and son. While his in-laws were expected to oversee the property, they were also away when the incident occurred.

The crime came to light when Mr. Pal's daughter-in-law and son-in-law visited the house and discovered a forced entry. The interior of the home was ransacked, with cupboards broken open and belongings strewn across the bed. Jewelry boxes were found scattered, indicating a thorough search by the perpetrators.

Indian Delegation Reaches Bangkok to Participate in 7th World Meet 2025



MI News Service, Bangkok/Kolkata: The Indian delegation has officially landed in Bangkok to participate in the 7th World Meet, which is scheduled to be held on 8th May 2025 at the Royal Thai Army Club, Bangkok, Thailand. This prestigious international event is being organized by the World Martial Artist Council in collaboration with the International Diplomatic Cooperation

Organization, bringing together participants and dignitaries from more than 50 countries.

The Indian team comprises a mix of renowned personalities, martial artists, and contributors to social and cultural causes. The delegation includes HRH M. A. Ali, a respected global leader in martial arts, along with Ayesha Noor, an international karate champion. Other notable participants include

Monimala Halder, Md Ali Waris, Omme Ruman, Erum Seraj, Humairah Shami, Shina Faiyaz, Sufia Khatun, and Eqra Sabder. Also accompanying them are Sk Sabder Ali, Babul Gomasta, Jayashree Sengupta, Mohammad Ihsan Khalilullah, Mohammad Ibrahim Khalilullah, Mohammad Khalil Ullah, Ranu Khalil, Md Zidaan, and Shahjahan Noor.

The World Meet, which began in 2019, has successfully been organized in international venues including Manchester (UK) and Jakarta (Indonesia). This year's edition promises grand cultural displays, prestigious international awards, and competitive martial arts events including the World Open Karate Championship.

School headmistress under scrutiny amid corruption allegation

MI News Service, Kolkata: Sonarpur School Headmistress Denies Corruption Claims Amidst Investigation: Acharya Prafullanagar Vidyayan in the spotlight as allegations of embezzlement and misconduct surface, prompting a police probe and sparking reactions from teachers and parents.

Sonarpur School Under Investigation Following Corruption Allegations Against Headmistress Acharya Prafullanagar Vidyayan, a school located in Chapannuto under the Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality, is currently under scrutiny following serious allegations of corruption leveled against its headmistress, Bhavani Sardar Mandal. The school education department has received a formal complaint,



prompting an investigation by the circle inspector, who has already visited the premises and questioned teaching staff. The accusations against Bhavani Sardar Mandal include the alleged embezzlement of funds allocated for mid-day meals and school development. Furthermore, both teachers and guardians have voiced concerns regard-

ing the purported collection of unauthorized fees for various school-related activities, such as uniforms, application forms, admissions, and transfer certificates.

Pratap Chandra Shankhari, a teacher at the institution, has publicly stated that Ms. Mandal exhibits unprofessional behavior towards her colleagues and has accused

her of extorting money from parents through dubious means. Pratap Chandra Shankhari claims he has faced repercussions for protesting these alleged actions. He further asserted that the school's mid-day meal program has been suspended due to the alleged financial irregularities, thereby impacting the students.

In response to these serious allegations, Headmistress Bhavani Sardar Mandal has vehemently denied any wrongdoing. She contends that the accusations are part of a conspiracy against her, which she claims began after she assumed her position in December 2022. The ongoing investigation by the circle inspector aims to ascertain the veracity of these claims and counter-claims.

North & South Bengal to receive heavy rain & thunderstorms: MeT Dept

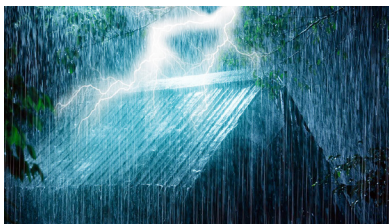
MI News Service, Kolkata: An east-west trough extending from a cyclonic circulation over southwest Rajasthan to north Bangladesh, passing through north Madhya Pradesh, north Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Sikkim at around 0.9 km above mean sea level, is expected to bring thunderstorm activity across the districts of West Bengal on Tuesday, said Regional Meteorological Centre forecast.

A moisture incursion from the Bay of Bengal and a favourable wind pattern aid these weather developments.

A gradual rise of 3-5°C is also expected over the subsequent two days.

The maximum relative humidity is forecasted to range between 80-90 per cent over coastal districts and around 70-80 per cent in interior districts.

Minimum relative humidity levels



may vary from 45 to 55 per cent in coastal areas and 30-40 per cent inland.

On May 6, thunderstorm activity is likely over several districts of West Bengal.

In south Bengal, thunderstorms accompanied by gusty winds reaching speeds of 40-50 kmph, lightning and light to moderate rainfall are likely to occur at one or two places in Birbhum,

Nadia and Murshidabad districts.

The rest of south Bengal may also experience similar weather, though with less intense gusts of wind at 30-40 kmph. North Bengal may also witness heavy rainfall (ranging between 7 and 11 cm) at one or two places in Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar districts.

Thunderstorms with gusty winds (30-40 kmph), lightning and light to moderate rain may also take place at one or two places across all districts of north Bengal. The thunderstorm activity is expected to persist in parts of north Bengal on May 7. Thunderstorms accompanied by gusty winds (30-40 kmph), lightning and light to moderate rainfall may also occur in one or two places over the districts of Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Kalimpong, Alipurduar and Coochbehar.

Jalpaiguri Govt Medical Coll & Hosp mulls setting up thalassaemia facility

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: The Jalpaiguri Government Medical College & Hospital (JGMCH) is all set to introduce a new day-care unit for thalassaemia patients, which will eliminate the need for prolonged hospital stays. It will be especially helpful for children as they will be able to return home sooner.

The five-bed facility will be opened in the pediatric emergency wing on May 8, which is World Thalassaemia Day, said a source at the hospital.

Thalassaemia is a genetic

blood disorder that requires regular blood transfusions, particularly among children. "Currently, the district has 1,023 registered thalassaemia patients, most of whom are minors," said the official.

"Until now, these children had to be admitted to the pediatric ward for transfusions and often required overnight hospitalisation and at least two days for the full procedure," he added.

Kalyan Khan, the medical superintendent-cum-vice-principal of JGMCH,

said once the day-care unit is opened, the hospital stay will be reduced.

"Parents can bring the children to the unit, get the transfusion done, and take them home on the same day. This will help the patients and the hospital by reducing the burden on indoor beds," he said.

"Initially, the unit will operate two days a week, that is, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and will be staffed by pediatric specialists, trained nurses, and other healthcare

workers," added Khan.

He mentioned that the emergency and inpatient facilities will continue as usual, and patients requiring close observation will be admitted when necessary.

"Earlier, transfusion procedures required admission and constant monitoring over extended hours. The new unit is expected to streamline the process, minimise patient stress, and ease logistical challenges for families, many of whom travel long distances for treatment," said Khan.

ABAVP unhappy about works of state tribal dept

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Akhil Bharatiya Adivasi Vikas Parishad (ABAVP), an apex body of tribals across Bengal, expressed disappointment over the performance of state tribal affairs minister Bulu Chik Baraik on Monday and said they would hold a protest march in Calcutta next week.

"We want Bulu Chik Baraik to meet some of our longstanding demands. Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has formed a separate tribal affairs department, but we are not happy with the minister's role. He has hardly taken any initiative for the tribal populace in Bengal," Birsia Tirkey, the state president of ABAVP, said at a news conference here.

According to him, the trib-

al affairs department has not taken up pending issues, ranging from permanent jobs of tribal people working in different civic bodies across Bengal as casual workers for years to a college to encourage tribal girls for higher studies in the Doors and training facilities for tribal youths for competitive exams.

"We also want the state tribal affairs minister to answer why the academic performance of students who study in Eklavya schools is poor. Also, he should speak on why tribals have been deprived of jobs in the Malbazar subdivision (in Jalpaiguri), which is a tribal-dominated belt, and in the super-specialty hospital there, even though recruitments were made," Tir-

key added.

The ABAVP state president, who admitted that the Trinamool government had earlier taken certain initiatives for them, said the performance of Baraik and his department left them disappointed.

"In protest of the abysmal performance of the minister and his department, we will organise a protest march to Adivasi Bhawan in Calcutta (from where the department runs). Our leaders and supporters from across the state will join the march," he added.

The organisation, Tirkey said, is also concerned over the state's decision to hand over a portion of the unused land in tea gardens for tourism and allied activities.

"We apprehend that tea

workers and their families, including tribals, might get impacted due to such a decision. Most of them still do not have land rights," he said.

Baraik, who was in Siliguri on Monday to attend an event, however, denied the charges levelled at him.

"The chief minister has taken up several welfare projects for the tribal population. The department is providing free coaching to 1,150 students of SC and ST communities for different competitive and entrance exams," said Baraik.

On being told about ABAVP's protest march in Calcutta, the minister said: "I cannot comment on it. It is their decision, but they have never approached me with their grievances."

Blood warrior and nature lover Sanjib Das's new philanthropic mission

MI News Service, Sagardighi: With a sincere feeling of social service work, a 30-year-old young man from Jagdal village of Sagardighi in Murshidabad district, Sanjib Das created a voluntary organization called Winner Welfare Trust five years ago. He himself is the secretary of this organization.

"Winner Welfare Trust" got its auspicious start by distributing clothes to the poorest women. Inspired by this social service work, Radharani Deb Nath Das, Mithun Das, Mirza Jazbul, Mazir Hossain, Sabir Mondal, Rahul Bhakat, Arunita Das, Samad Sheikh, Rana Mirza, Biswajit Saha, Ujir Sk and near about 40 others joined the trust as members. Sanjib Das, a nature lover and blood warrior, started his work mainly with blood donation and greening.

Sanjib Das first took the initiative to organize a blood



donation camp on his birthday at Sagardighi. On any festive occasion, he organized blood donation camp. In addition, he constantly meets the need for blood by sending live blood donors to various areas including Murshidabad, Birbhum and Malda districts day and night to meet the needs of patients in need of blood.

On the initiative of Sanjib Das, many blood donors who cannot donate blood during the day due to work pressure

and keeping this in mind, blood donation camps have been organized at night as well and this initiative has probably never been done before in Murshidabad or Sagardighi.

Sanjib Das, along with other members, has planted more than 2500 trees so far and arrangements have been made to grow them carefully. Apart from this, on the initiative of Sanjib Das, more than 21 thousand saplings have been distributed among the common people. He has prioritized greening by distributing saplings at all kinds of events, such as puja, Eid, birthday, wedding etc. He has even distributed saplings himself through a motorbike in many remote villages. His main initiative is to protect the environment and build a green world. Not only blood donation or sapling distribution, Sanjib Das himself, along with some members, extended

his hand of cooperation in various ways, including providing food to the distressed people of the area during the deadly coronavirus pandemic. In June 2020, Sanjib Das reached Basanti block of Sundarbans in South 24 Parganas with dry food and clothes for those affected by the devastating cyclone Amphan. Again, in September 2020, he reached the victims of the river bank collapse in the Samserganj area with dry food, clothes, and many other things. He also reached the Bogran Jalpai area of East Medinipur and the Gobindpur area of the Sundarbans of South 24 Parganas with dry food for the people affected by the terrible cyclone Yash in 2021. In addition, every year on the occasion of Durga Puja and Eid, he distributes new clothes to the needy people, as well as winter clothes to the cold-stricken people.



On the instructions of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Minister Aroop Biswas and Kolkata Mayor Firad Hakim handed over financial assistance to the parents of Bitan Adhikari, who was killed in Pahalgam terrorist attack, and the wife of Sameer Guha, who was killed in the attack. Minister Aroop Biswas also handed over financial assistance to the wife of Bitan Adhikari, who was killed in Pahalgam terrorist attack.

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of the exercise is planned up to the village level. This exercise aims to assess and enhance the readiness of civil defence mechanisms across all states and Union territories," the letter said.

It said the active participation of the district controllers, various district authorities, civil-defence wardens, volunteers, home guards (active and reservists volunteers), National Cadet Corps (NCC), National Service Scheme (NSS), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), college and school students is envisaged in the exercise.

"The said civil defence exercise is aimed to assess the operational efficacy and operational coordination of various civil defence measures," it said.

There have been rising tensions in relations between India and Pakistan after the April 22 terror attack in south Kashmir's Pahalgam, in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has vowed to pursue the perpetrators of the attack and those who took part in its conspiracy to the "ends of the earth" to inflict punishment on them "beyond their imagination". The Union Home Secretary has convened a crucial meeting on Tuesday with the chief secretaries of all states and Union Territories (UTs) to review measures and finalise protocols for a massive Nationwide civil defence mock drill.

According to officials, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued an advisory on Monday directing all states and UTs to conduct coordinated civil defence exercises on May 7. These

drills will cover all of India's 244 designated civil defence districts, many of which have been identified as vulnerable to various threats, including potential wartime scenarios.

The main objective of the exercise is to evaluate and enhance the preparedness of civil defence machinery in the face of any potential hostile attacks or emergencies. The mock drill will simulate a war-like situation and is expected to include the operationalisation of air raid warning systems, including the sounding of sirens, coordinated responses from local emergency services, and public safety drills.

"The civil defence drill will be the first of its kind in decades and will test both infrastructure and human response across multiple regions simultaneously," an official said.

This is the first such exercise since 1971. Notably, no such national-level civil defence drills were carried out even during the 1999 Kargil conflict (Operation Vijay).

Officials stressed the importance of public cooperation, with local authorities expected to issue detailed advisories on how residents in vulnerable zones should respond during the drill. State disaster response forces, health departments, local police, and district administrations will all participate in the exercise.

While the government has not made any official link between the mock drill and the current geopolitical climate, the timing of the exercise has raised eyebrows among analysts and defence observers.

Bengal ministers hand over compensation to families of Pahalgam terrorist attack

MI News Service, Kolkata: As directed by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim and Minister Aroop Biswas today visited the families of Sameer Guha and Bitan Adhikari, who tragically lost their lives in the Pahalgam militant attack on April 22. Their visit served as a demonstration of the state government's solidarity and commitment to supporting its citizens in times of crisis, with immediate financial compensation provided to the grieving families. Mayor Firhad Hakim and Minister Aroop Biswas first met with Shabri Guha, the widow of late Sameer Guha, and other family members at their residence. Expressing deep sorrow on behalf of the Chief Minister and the state government, Mayor Firhad Hakim also expressed

his condolences and presented the family with a financial compensation package. "Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is a person of her word; she consistently acts upon her assurances," stated Mayor Firhad Hakim. "We are all deeply saddened by the irreparable loss suffered by Shabri Guha and her family." Subsequently, the delegation visited the family of Bitan Adhikari. Minister Aroop Biswas reiterated the Chief Minister's unwavering commitment to the welfare of every citizen. "Our Chief Minister always keeps her promises and remains steadfast in her support for every individual during their times of sorrow and hardship," Minister Aroop Biswas affirmed, as he offered condolences and financial assistance to the family. The militant attack in

Pahalgam in south Kashmir has been met with widespread condemnation. The prompt response from the West Bengal government, through these personal visits and the provision of financial aid, underscores its commitment to providing immediate relief and support to the affected families. This initiative highlights the state's policy of proactive engagement in times of adversity, ensuring that citizens feel supported and secure. The financial compensation aims to alleviate the immediate financial burdens faced by the families as they navigate this period of profound grief. The visits by the Mayor and the Power Minister also served as a significant gesture of empathy and solidarity from the state government towards the bereaved families.

St. Xavier's college Alumni association announces Xaverian soccer league season 2



Rev.Dr.Domic Savio, Principal of St. Xavier's college along with the teams Sharp Shooters 8 teams and alumni players Sharp Shooters, Rahim Nabi as their marquee player, Xaverian Tigers, Ashim Biswas, BTL Blasters, Md. Rafique, Levitas, Deepak Mandal, Digital Strikers, Denson Devadas, Warriors, Dipankar Ray, LOD Lions, during Grand Press conference the officially launch of the second edition of the Xaverian Soccer League at St.Xavier College. on Tuesday at Kolkata.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The St. Xavier's college (Calcutta) Alumni association (SX-CCAA), in collaboration with the college's Department of Sports, today launched the second edition of the Xaverian Soccer League(XSL) at a press conference. Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Principal and president of SXCCAA, and Fridausul Hasan, Honorary Secretary of SXCCAA, presided

over the event, attended by team owners, players, students, alumni, and media representatives.

Scheduled for May 10th and 11th, 2025, on the college grounds, XSL Season 2 builds upon the success of its inaugural year, establishing itself as a significant youth foot balling event. This year features eight corporate-backed franchise teams, each comprising a unique blend of a Marquee Player, a Guest Player, three current students, and three alumni, fostering intergenerational mentorship through a 5-a-side format. Participating teams include Sharp Shooters (Rahim Nabi), Credo Accelerate (Mehtab Husain), Xaverian Tigers (Ashim Biswas), BTL Blasters (Md. Rafique), Levitas (Deepak Mandal), Digital Strikers (Denson Devadas), Warriors (Dipankar Ray), and LOD Lions (Alvito D'Cunha). The league aims to promote youth football, strengthen bonds between alumni and students, and provide young talents exposure to elite players. Supported by alumni, corporate partners, celebrity ambassadors, and collaborations like the British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata, XSL underscores the college's commitment to holistic development and community engagement.

Behala Bodhayan Celebrates 25 Years of Service to Intellectually Disabled Children

MI News Service, Kolkata: Behala Bodhayan, a Sarshuna-based inclusive residential school and home dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of children with intellectual disabilities, marked its 25th anniversary with a special event in Kolkata. The celebration, themed "Consciousness, Compassion, and Freedom from Disability," was held at Sujata Sadan and showcased the talents and spirit of the children through vibrant cultural performances. The event was inaugu-

rated by Swami Dibyananda Maharaj of Bharat Sevashram Sangha, who emphasized the importance of community support for these children. Dignitaries Pandit Mallar Ghosh and audiologist Md. Shahidul Arefin were also present. Behala Bodhayan honored former students Gaurab Ghosh and Robin Sau for their achievements, along with authors Ahan Sengupta, Srijan Sengupta, and Soumya Upadhyay, who have made literary contributions despite language-

related challenges. Founder-secretary Rikta Ghosh shared an emotional reflection on the institution's 25-year journey and the dedication required to create a nurturing haven. Md. Shahidul Arefin praised Behala Bodhayan's work as an embodiment of empathy that inspires societal respect and dignity for individuals with special needs. The event concluded with a heartwarming cultural program by the children, highlighting their self-expression and joy.

7 day ED blitz hits Kolkata neighborhoods

MI News Service, Kolkata: The ED has launched a fresh round of raids across Kolkata, focusing on allegations of corruption in the seats in private medical colleges. The investigation was initiated following a complaint filed at the Electronics Complex police station, alleging the sale of these coveted seats for substantial sums. The ED conducted multiple raids across Kolkata stating Tuesday morning, targeting allegations of corruption in the admission process for MBBS seats under the Non-Resident Indian (NRI) quota in private medical colleges. This action follows a complaint lodged at the Electronics Complex police station, detailing the alleged sale of these seats for substantial sums of money. According to sources within the ED, searches were carried out at approximately five locations in the city. One of the premises

raided was the residence of a lawyer, Munmun Banerjee, and her husband Debashis Banerjee, situated on Tarak Dutta Road near the Kadeya police station in South Kolkata. The central focus of the ED's investigation is the alleged corruption surrounding admissions to medical colleges under the NRI quota. In connection with this, the ED also searched a residence on the fourth floor of CE 28 in New Town, where a coaching center named Education World was reportedly operating. ED sources indicated that Sourav Saha, identified as a key intermediary in the alleged fraudulent admissions, resides at this New Town address. This is not the first instance of ED action in this case. The agency had previously conducted searches at several medical colleges, including Laxman Seth's Medical College, in connection with the same allegations.

NCW addresses Jafrabad slave family case, write to DGP

MI News Service, Kolkata: Responding to a letter from the wives of the deceased Hargobinda Das and Chandan Das, the National Commission for Women (NCW) has intervened in the Jafrabad killings and alleged police harassment case. NCW Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar has written to West Bengal DGP Rajiv Kumar, demanding an immediate report on the incident and summoning concerned police officers to appear before the commission on May 9th. The NCW's move follows allegations of police overreach and attempts to take away the bereaved family, who are now under the protection of Leader of Opposition Shuvendu Adhikari in Kolkata. The National Commission for Women (NCW) has taken cognizance of the alleged police harassment of the Das family, whose father and son, Hargobinda Das and Chandan Das, were killed in Jaffrabad, Murshidabad. Following a letter from the wives of the deceased to the commission, NCW Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar has written to the West Bengal Director General of Police (DGP) Rajiv Kumar, seeking an immediate and comprehensive report on the matter. The Das family, who had sought refuge in a safe house in Salt Lake, Kolkata, following the killings that occurred amidst recent tensions over the Waqf Act in Murshidabad, alleged that a significant number of police personnel attempted to forcibly take them from their shelter on Sunday night. While police sources claimed the family had been kidnapped, the victims' relatives maintain they moved to the safe house voluntarily. In response to these allegations, a Chairperson Vijaya Rahatkar has not only demanded a report from the DGP but has also summoned the police officers reportedly involved in the incident to appear before the commission in person on May 9th. Vijaya Rahatkar, who had previously visited Murshidabad to assess the situation, reiterated her support for the bereaved family. Meanwhile, the Das family is currently residing in a rented accommodation provided by the Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, Shuvendu Adhikari, in Salt Lake.

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broader condemnation of the terrorist attack and recognition of the need for accountability.

Some members specifically brought up targeting of tourists on the basis of their religious faith, the sources said.

UNSC members refused to accept the false flag narrative and asked whether Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba was likely to be involved.

The closed-door meeting that lasted about an hour and a half did not take place in the UNSC Chamber where Council members sit at the horseshoe table, but in a consultation room next to it.

Sources added Pakistan's efforts to internationalise the situation also failed. Many members expressed concern that Pakistan's missile tests and nuclear rhetoric were escalatory factors.

Before the UNSC meeting, India's former Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin had said that no consequential outcome "can be expected from a discussion where a party to the conflict seeks to shape perceptions by using its membership of the Council. India will parry such Pakistani efforts." Following the meeting, he said, Pakistan's grandstanding has flopped again today as in the past. As was expected, there was no meaningful response by the Council. Indian diplomacy has yet again successfully parried Pakistani efforts to seek the Security Council's intervention.

Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad told reporters that the objectives of the closed consultations included enabling the Council members to have a discussion

on the deteriorating security environment and rising tensions between India and Pakistan and to have an exchange of views on how to address the situation, including avoiding confrontation that could have serious consequences and the need for de-escalation. Ahmad thanked Council members for their engagement and their calls for restraint, de-escalation and dialogue. He said that while Pakistan does not seek confrontation, we are fully prepared to defend our sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Pakistan also raised the issue of India's suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960. Water is life, not a weapon. These rivers sustain over 240 million Pakistanis, he said.

Ahmad said at the meeting Pakistan reiterated its commitment to peaceful, cooperative relations with all our neighbours, including India.

We remain open to dialogue based on mutual respect and sovereign equality, he added.

In view of the gravity of the situation, the calls for dialogue, de-escalation and peaceful resolution of disputes, such as by the Secretary-General, and what we also heard from the Council members today are most pertinent, Ahmad said. Just hours before the closed consultations, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres voiced concern over tensions between India and Pakistan being at their highest in years. "It pains me to see relations reaching a boiling point," he said. He made these remarks to the press from the UNSC stake-out Monday morning. Guterres said he understands the raw feelings following the awful terror attack in Pahalgam and reiterated his strong condemnation of that attack.

Wife in Bangladesh, second marriage in Bengal sparks "Treachery" Claim

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a startling revelation during Enforcement Directorate (ED) interrogation, Azad Mallick, the alleged head of a passport fraud ring, confessed to voting twice in India, in the 2021 assembly elections and the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The ED uncovered that Mallick is actually a Pakistani citizen named Azad Hossain and possesses an Indian voter card, having voted from the North Dum Dum assembly constituency in 2021.

Investigations by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) into a passport fraud ring led by Azad Mallick, a Pakistani national, have revealed that he illicitly voted in India on two occasions: during the 2021 assembly elections and the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. During ED interrogation, Mallick confessed that his actual name in Pakistan is Azad Hossain and that he possesses an Indian voter card, having voted from the North Dum Dum assembly constituency.

Further inquiry revealed that Azad Mallick married an Indian woman after 2020. Investigators discovered that he allegedly used the identity

documents of his wife and in-laws to fraudulently obtain a voter card under the name Azad Mallick, claiming to have married according to Hindu rituals in a temple. The ED also learned that Azad Mallick has another wife in Bangladesh, raising further questions about his intentions and activities. Law enforcement officials are increasingly suspicious of Azad Mallick's true identity and are exploring the possibility of his involvement in espionage for Pakistan. His evasive behavior during interrogation and consistent refusal to cooperate have heightened these concerns. Investigators noted that his systematic avoidance of answering key questions is a tactic often employed by trained spies or agents. Consequently, the possibility of Azad Mallick being an operative for Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) is being actively considered by both the ED and the National Investigation Agency (NIA), who are not ruling out this angle. Azad Mallick has been interrogated twice in connection with the passport fraud and the emerging revelations.

Name Change
I, Motilal Bhowmick & Matilal Bhowmick (old name) son of Sudhir Bhowmick, residing at Vill- Boro-dangi, P.O. & P.S.- Golaghat, Dist- Purba Medinipur, Pin- 721134, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Matilal Bhowmick (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 05/05/2025. Matilal Bhowmick (New Name) and Motilal Bhowmick & Matilal Bhowmick (old names) all are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Ariful Islam Mondal (old name) son of Daud Al Mondal, residing at Bamihati, P.O.- Jassure, P.S.- Habra, Dist-North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743233, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ariful Islam Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 05/05/2025. Ariful Islam Mondal (New Name) and Md Ariful Islam Mondal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) TIRTHA RAJ PAUL S/O- SALIL CHANDRA PAUL, Residing at, Vill- Himadri Apartment najrul Sarani(North Singa tazar) Post- Malda, Ps- English-bazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732101, West Bengal. Do hearly declare that I have Changed my name from TIRTHA RAJ PAUL To TIRTHARAJ PAUL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) TIRTHARAJ PAUL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 April 2025. TIRTHARAJ PAUL and TIRTHA RAJ PAUL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sulata Banerjee (old name) wife of Bhaskar Bandyopadhyay, residing at Flat No. 11/224, 480 Maduradah, Rail Vihar, EKT.P, PS -Anandapur, Kolkata - 700107, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sulata Bandyopadhyay (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 06/05/2025. Sulata Banerjee (old name) and Sulata Bandyopadhyay (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, ANUP SAHA, S/o Late Nityananda Saha, Residing at 4/B Taran Bose Road, Naihati, P.O. + P.S. - Naihati, North 24 Parganas, Pin 743166, shall henceforth be known as ANUP KUMAR SAHA as declared before the Alipur Notary Public dated 06.05.2025. ANUP SAHA and ANUP KUMAR SAHA both same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Joyprakash Ghosh @ Joyprakash Ghosh Hazra, S/O Rakshakar Ghosh Hazra, resident of R. C. Das Road, P.O & P.S. - Burdwan, Dist - Purba Bardhaman, declare that henceforth I shall be known as Joyprakash Ghosh vide affidavit sworn before the Notary, Burdwan Dist. Judges' Court on 2.5.2025.

Name Change
I, Ananya Ghosh @ Ananya Ghosh Hazra, W/O Joyprakash Ghosh @ Joyprakash Ghosh Hazra, resident of R.C. Das Road, P.O. & P.S.-Burdwan, Dist-Purba Bardhaman, declare that henceforth I shall be known as Ananya Ghosh vide affidavit sworn before the Notary, Burdwan Dist. Judges' Court on 02.05.2025.

Change of Name
I, T. THYAGRAJU NAIDU S/o Late T. Durgayya Naidu R/O Nag Bushan Building, Ward No. - 14, Mainandra Road, P.O : Nimpura, PS : KGP (T) Dist Paschim Medinipur- 721304 have changed my name T. RAMA RAO S/O Late. T.D. Naidu @ Tirumala Durgayya Naidu vide affidavit No. 2784/18 on 25.06.24 In the Court of the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kharagpur. T. THYAGRAJU NAIDU S/o Late T. Durgayya Naidu and T. RAMA RAO S/O Late. T.D. Naidu @ Tirumala Durgayya Naidu is same. One & identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Hemantika Paul, W/O- Nayan Sen, Residing at 538, Dum Dum Park, Bangur Avenue, Kolkata- 700055. Now I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Hemantika Paul Sen as declared before Notary Public Sealdah Court, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 7095 dated 22/04/2025 Hemantika Paul & Hemantika Paul Sen both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Tapas Tarat, S/O- Umesh Chandra Tarat Residing at FE By 5, Vidyasagar Pally, Rajarhat Gopalpur (M), P.O. Jyngara, District- 24 PGS (N) Pin- 700059. Now I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Tapas Kumar Tarat as declared before Notary Public Sealdah Court, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 3351 dated 04/04/2025 Tapas Tarat & Tapas Kumar Tarat both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ahfaz Anjum (Old Name) S/O. Abdul Ghaffar resident of Railpar, Hazinagar, P.O.-Dakhin Dhaokra, P.S.- Asansol (North), Dist.- Paschim Bardhaman, W.B., Pin-713302, have changed my name shall henceforth be known as MD. Ahfaz Anjum as declared before the LD. First Class Judicial Magistrate at Asansol Court, Paschim Brdhaman, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 5873/25 dated 21.04.2025 Ahfaz Anjum (Old Name) and MD. Ahfaz Anjum (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
Md. Sharib Hossain, son of Sanowar Hossain residing at 85, Park Street, Kol-16, His actual name is Md. Sharib Hossain as per his Birth Certificate Reg. No. FA06003917, but his School Certificate being Index No. (Roll No. 2253358/061) his name appeared as Sharib Hossain instead of Md. Sharib Hossain. That said Sharib Hossain and Md. Sharib Hossain is the same and one identical person as per Judicial Magistrate Calcutta Affidavit Section, Affidavit No. 20 dated 02/05/25.

Name Change
I, Subrato Saha S/O Kingkar Saha (my & my father old name) , residing at Vill- Kalinagar, P.O.-Guma, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743704, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my & my father name as Subrata Saha S/O Kinkar Saha (my & my father new name) as de- clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 06/05/2025. Sub- rata Saha S/O Kinkar Saha (my & my father new name) and Subrato Saha S/O Kingkar Saha (my & my father old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Faraz Ahmad (old name) S/O Reyaz Ahmed, residing at 1-34, Kasai Para ,PO.- Garden Reach Kolkata, Pin-700024, West Ben- gal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Faraz Ahmed (new name) as de- clared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 06/05/2025. Faraz Ahmed (new name) and Faraz Ahmad (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Bhupendra Kumar Goda (Old Name),Son Of Late Manikant Goda, Residing At 53,Subasini Ganguly Sarani, Bhawanipore, Kolkata - 700025, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Bhupendra Kumar Manikant Goda(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/05/2025 Stating That Bhupendra Kumar Goda, Bhupendra Kumar Manikant Goda , Bhupendra Kr Manikant Goda, Bhupendra Kumar M Goda & Bhupendra Goda All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Bimala Tamang,W/O Anup Tamang, Residing At Ward 6 Kawayl Goan Mirik Darjeeling - 734214,West Bengal ,Shall Hence forth Be Known As Bimala Rai Tamang Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/05/2025. That Bi- mala Tamang And Bimala Rai Tamang Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Vineeth Jalan, Residing At Cf - 142, Sector - 1, Saltlake City,Bid- hamnagar, North24parganas - 700064,West Bengal,Do Hereby Declared That My Minor Son Ahan Jalan(Old Name) Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ahaan Jalan(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Be- fore The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/05/2025. That Ahan Jalan And Ahaan Jalan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Puskar Bhattacharjee (Old Name), Son Of Paritosh Bhat- tacharjee, Residing At 23 Bidhan Park,Baranagar, North24parganas - 700090,West Bengal,Shall Hence- forth Be Known As Puskar Bhat- tacharya(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/05/2025. That Puskar Bhattacharjee And Puskar Bhattacharya Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Subhas Dey (Old Name),Son Of Upendralal Dey, Residing At 35 Subarna Pattan, Kazipara, Barasat, North 24 parganas - 700124,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Subhash Dey(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The No- tary Public At Kolkata On 06/05/ 2025. That Subhash Dey And Sub- has Dey Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Tapashi Dey (Old Name),Wife Of Subhash Dey, Residing At 35 Sub- arna Pattan, Kazipara,Barasat, North 24 parganas - 700124,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Tapasi Dey(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/05/2025. That Tapashi Dey And Tapasi Dey Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Shahid Siddiqui (Old Name), S/O Abul Fazal Siddiqui, R/O 14, Ripon Street, Kolkata - 700016, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shahid Siddiqui (New Name),Vide An Affidavit Sworn Be- fore Notary Public At Kolkata On 05/05/2025, That Md Shahid Sid- diqui And Shahid Siddiqui All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sariful Tarafder (Old Name),Son Of Nurul Islam Tarafder,Residing At 00073,Kushberia Dakshin Purbana- para,Ps - Barbaria,Ps - Dhantala, INDIA - 741501,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shariful Tarafdar(New Name) Vide An Af- fidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/05/2025, That Sariful Tarafder And Shariful Tarafdar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, SK Rony S/O- SK Manik resident of Puratan Chak, Bat Tala, P.O.- Nutanganj, P.S.- Burdwan, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713102, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'SK RONI' vide an affi- davit before the Notary public at Purba Bardhaman on 29/04/2025. That SK Rony and SK Roni both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Goffar Mondal S/O- Ah Ohab Mondal resident of Vill- Deulia, P.O.- Ajhapur, P.S.- Memari, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713401, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'GAFFAR MONDAL' vide an affidavit before the Notary public at Purba Bardhaman on 06/05/2025. That Goffar Mondal and Gaffar Mondal both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Paromita Das (old name) D/O Amar Das, residing at MIG A-5, Niva Park, PH-3, Brahmapur, P.S.-Bansdroni, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 700096, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Paramita Sen (new name) as declared be- fore the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 06/05/2025. Paramita Sen (new name) and Paromita Das (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Rajib Kumar Ghosh (old name) S/O Sunil Ghosh, residing at 42/4, Umesh Mukherjee Road, P.O. & P.S.- Belgharia, Kolkata- 700056, West Bengal, INDIA, my date of Birth is 30/04/1975, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajib Ghosh (new name) as declared before the Notary Pub- lic at Kolkata, dated 06/05/2025. Rajib Ghosh (new name) and Rajib Kumar Ghosh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Muslim Khan (old name) S/O Late Yousuf Khan, resid- ing at Hamid Nagar, P.O.- Burnpur, Asansol, Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713325, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Md Muslim Khan (new name) as declared be- fore the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 06/05/2025. Md Muslim Khan (new name) and Mohammed Muslim Khan (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Mustaqim Khan & Md Mustaqim (old names) S/O Md Muslim Khan, residing at Hamid Nagar, P.O.- Burnpur, Asansol, Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713325, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Mustaqim Khan (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 06/05/2025. Md Mustaqim Khan (new name) and Mohammed Mus- taqim Khan & Md Mustaqim (old names) all are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Kritibas Mandal (Old Name), Son Of Bhushan Mandal, Residing At Vill - Madhabpur,Po - Bagalia,Ps - Hura,Purulia - 723126,West Ben- gal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Krititbas Mandal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The No- tary Public At Kolkata On 06/05/ 2025. That Kritibas Mandal And Krititbas Mandal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rijaj Ahmad (old name) S/O Imdad Ahmed, residing at I-34, Kasab Para, PO.- Garden Reach Kolkata, Pin-700024, West Ben- gal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Reyaz Ahmed (new name) as de- clared before the notary public at kolkata, dated 06/05/2025. Reyaz Ahmed (new name) and Rijaj Ahmad (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mrinal Saha (old name) S/O Kalyan Kumar Saha, residing at Roy Danga, P.O.- Durgapur, Paschim Bardhaman, 713201, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mrinal Kanti Saha (new name) as declared before the No- tary Public at Kolkata, dated 06/05/ 2025. Mrinal Kanti Saha (new name) and Mrinal Saha (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mahfooz Ansari (old name) S/O Md Maqsood Alam, residing at 49/51/12/14, karl Marx sarani po khidderpore ps South Port kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Mahfooz Ansari (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 05/05/2025. Md Mahfoz Ansari (new name) and Mahfoz Ansari (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Shamim Ara (old name) wife of Md Zakir, residing at 1E/11/2 Ibrahim Road, P.O.- Khidderpore, P.S.- Ek- balpore Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shamim Ara Begum (New Name) as declared before the No- tary Public at Kolkata, dated 06/05/ 2025. Shamim Ara Begum (New Name) and Shamim Ara (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sunita Devi Agarwal (old name) wife of Sushil Agarwal, residing at Tolly Gardens, 4, Moore Avenue, Regent Park, Kolkata- 700040, P.S.- Regent Park, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sunita Agarwal (New Name) as de- clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 05/05/2025. Sunita Agarwal (New Name) and Sunita Devi Agarwal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Ilias Karim (old name) son of Rejaul Karim, residing at 22, Haltu School Road, Haltu, Kolkata, 700078, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Ilias Karim (New Name) as declared before the No- tary Public at Kolkata, dated 05/05/ 2025. Ilias Karim (New Name) and Md Ilias Karim (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sushil Kumar Agarwal (old name) son of Late Radha Kishan Agarwal, residing at Tolly Gardens, 4, Moore Avenue, Regent Park, Kolkata- 700040, P.S.- Regent Park, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sushil Agarwal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 05/05/2025. Sushil Agarwal (New Name) and Sushil Kumar Agarwal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Md. Abdur Rauf Mondal(Old Name),Son Of Ketab Ali Mondal, Residing At Vill - Makra,Po - Thaura,Ps - Bagdah, North24par- ganas - 743297,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abdur Rauf Mondal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/05/2025.That Md. Abdur Rauf Mondal And Abdur Rauf Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identi- cal Person.

Name Change
I, Md Hozaiifa Mondal (Old Name),Son Of Abdur Rauf Mondal, Residing At Vill - Makra,Po - Thaura, Ps - Bagdah, North 24 parganas - 743297, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hozaiifa Mondal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The No- tary Public At Kolkata On 06/05/ 2025.That Md Hozaiifa Mondal And Hozaiifa Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

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

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

Name Change
I, Gurbinder Kaur, W/O Avtar Singh Brar, R/O 433,Garia Main Road, Opp- Sitala Mandir,Po-Garia,Ps-Naren- drapur, South 24 parganas - 700084,West Bengal, Shall Hence- forth Be Known As Gurbinder Kaur Brar,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025, That Gurbinder Kaur And Gurbinder Kaur Brar All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Supreet Kaur, D/O Avtar Singh Brar, R/O 433,Garia Main Road, Opp- Sitala Mandir,Po-Garia,Ps-Naren- drapur, South 24 parganas - 700084,West Bengal, Shall Hence- forth Be Known As Supreet Kaur Brar,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Be- fore The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025,That Supreet Kaur And Supreet Kaur Brar All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Puja Roy, Daughter Of Dilip Roy, Residing At 21B Fort Road, Bally- gunge Kolkata - 700019,West Ben- gal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Diganitika Roy Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/05/2025,That Puja Roy And Diganitika Roy Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Matiar Rahman Sk (old name) S/O Sadek Sekh, residing at Vill- Sonaria, P.O.- Sonaria Neilya, P.S.- Nodakhali, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743377, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mati Rahaman Sk (new name) as de- clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 06/05/2025. Mati Rahaman Sk (new name) and Ma- tiar Rahman Sk (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Lokey Limboo (old name) S/O Tak Bahadur Limboo, residing at Garage line,sonoda, Khasmahal, Darjeeling, 734029 West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lok Bahadur Limboo (nev name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 06/05/2025. Lok Bahadur Limboo (new name) and Lokey Limboo (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaikh Zakir Hossain & Zakir Hossain (old names) S/O Mustafa Shaikh, residing at 16/A, Ahiri Pukur 1st Lane, Ballygunge, Kolkata- 700019, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Zakir Hossain (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 06/05/2025. Sk Zakir Hossain (new name) and Shaikh Zakir Hossain & Zakir Hossain (old names) all are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Bishnu Saboo (old name) S/O Late Ridhi Karan Saboo, residing at 64/3, G.T Road, P.O.- Salkia, P.S.- Go- labari, Howrah- 711106, West Ben- gal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bishnu Kumar Saboo (new name) as declared before the Notary Pub- lic at Kolkata, dated 06/05/2025. Bishnu Kumar Saboo (new name) and Bishnu Saboo (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Aman Kumar Saboo (old name) S/O Bishnu Kumar Saboo, residing at 64/3, G.T Road, P.O.- Salkia, P.S.- Golabari, Howrah- 711106, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Aman Saboo (new name) as declared before the Notary Pub- lic at Kolkata, dated 06/05/2025. Aman Saboo (new name) and Aman Kumar Saboo (old name) both are same and identical person.

Foreign investors inject nearly Rs 8.5K Cr in India's equity mkts

MI News Service, New Delhi: Foreign investors have infused nearly Rs 8,500 crore in the coun- try's equity markets last week, after a phase of heavy outflows earlier in the month, supported by renewed investor confi- dence, resilient domestic economy and relative insu- lation from global trade disruptions.

During the holiday- truncated week ended April 18, Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) made a net investment of Rs 8,472 crore in equities.This in- cludes withdrawal of Rs 2,352 crore on April 15, but investment of Rs 10,824 crore in the follow- ing two days, data with the depositories showed. While the recent uptick in FPI activity signals a po- tential shift in sentiment, the sustainability of these flows will hinge on the evolving trajectory of global macroeconomic conditions, stability in the US trade policy, and the continued strength of India's domestic growth outlook, Himanshu Srivas- tava, Associate director - Manager Research, Morn- ingstar Investment, said.

During the week, trad- ing took place on just three days from April 15 to 17 -- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The stock mar- ket was closed on Monday and Friday due to Ambed- kar Jayanti and Good Friday, respectively. Overall, FPIs pulled out Rs 23,103 crore from the equities in April so far, taking the total outflow to Rs 1.4 lakh crore since the beginning of 2025, data showed. The

RBI looks to double investment limit for foreign individuals

MI News Service, New Delhi: India's central bank is set to double to 10% a cap on investment by individual foreign in- vestors in listed companies, as it aims to boost capital in- flows, according to two senior government officials. Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), pressured by poor earnings, high valuations and prospects of U.S. tariffs, have pulled more than \$28 billion out of Indian stocks since Septem- ber's record high in the benchmark NSE Nifty 50. To boost foreign investment, India is widening to all foreign investors benefits it had until now restricted to overseas Indians, while also raising applicable investment limits, the officials said.

"It is felt that these proposals may be implemented as early as possible," the central bank told the government in a letter last week, pointing to disruption in capital inflows among recent developments in the external sector. Emails seeking comment from the finance ministry, the central bank, and the market regulator, the Securities and Ex- change Board of India (SEBI), did not get any response. The plans envisage allowing all foreign individual investors to invest a maximum of 10% in a listed company, the docu- ment showed. That is up from the 5% holding in an Indian company allowed to overseas Indian citizens by special rules under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). "Current foreign exchange management rules only mention non-resident Indians (NRIs) and overseas citizens of India (OCIs) under Schedule III," the second government official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "We are broadening this to include all individual foreign investors." The central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), will also raise to 24% the combined holding limit for all overseas in- dividual investors in an Indian listed company, from 10% now, the officials added. The plan to hike foreign investor limits in Indian listed firms is in the final stages of discussion between the government, the RBI, and SEBI, the officials said. While the government and the RBI favour the move, the market regulator has flagged some challenges in mon- itoring compliance with foreign investment limits.

India's forex reserves jump \$1.56 bn to USD 677.83 bn

MI News Service, Mumbai: India's forex reserves in- creased by USD 1.567 bil- lion to USD 677.835 billion for the week ended April 11, the Reserve Bank said. This is the sixth consecu- tive week of a rise in the kitty.

Name Change
I, Lithuuddin Shek (old name) S/O Sahid Mir, residing at M A SARANI, BANKRA, PO- BIRATI, PS- AIRPORT, NORTH DUM DUM (M),DIST- NORTH 24 PGS, PIN - 700051, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lithu Mir (new name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Barasat, dated 19/04/2025. Lithu Mir (new name) and Lithu- uddin Shek (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ajay Sikder (old name) S/O Late Anath Sikder, residing at Vill- Barasat, P.O.- Bhaduri, P.S.- Taherpur, Nadia - 741121,West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajoy Sikder (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 06/05/ 2025. Ajoy Sikder (new name) and Ajay Sikder (old name) both are same and identical person.

Celebrating 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division: Rajdhani Express



MI News Service, Kolkata: As the Howrah Division, Eastern Railway celebrates its centenary in 2025, Howrah Station, a histori- cal landmark in Indian Railways, has witnessed many pioneering develop- ments over its century-long existence, most of which have been passenger-cen- tric. Among the most notable achievements is the introduction of the Rajdhani Express, India's first superfast, fully air-con- ditioned train, connecting the national capital with major cities across the country. This revolutionary step was a response to the growing passenger traffic on the Delhi-Calcutta route dur- ing the 1960s.

In 1967, trial runs began on the Howrah- Delhi route via the Grand Chord, already in use at the time. The result was the launch of the Rajdhani Ex- press, which had its maiden run on March 3, 1969. Operated as a bi- weekly service between Howrah and New Delhi, it quickly became a symbol of speed, efficiency, and modernity. The train ran at speeds up to 120 kmph, making it the fastest in

India, surpassing the Kalka Mail, which had a top speed of 100 kmph. The Rajdhani Express was equipped with onboard catering, full air-condition- ing, and a dedicated team of staff from electrical, me- chanical, signalling, and telecommunication depart- ments to address any oper-

ational issues during the jour- ney. To accom- modate its high speed, extensive work was un- dertaken on the tracks, and safety measures were in- tensified. Special training drives were also conducted for gatekeepers at level crossings to prevent ac- cidents, as many crossings lacked warning systems at the time.

Over the years, the train's frequency in- creased, and it now runs daily—six days via Dhan- bad and once a week via Patna. In 2000, another Rajdhani Express service was introduced between Sealdah and New Delhi, further enhancing connec- tivity. The Rajdhani Ex- press remains a prestigious offering of Indian Railways, reflecting its commitment to passenger service and operational excellence.

Celebration of 100 Glorious years of Howrah Division: Prabhat Pheri And Leaflet Distribution at Howrah Station



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing celebra- tions of 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division, a vibrant Prabhat Pheri and leaflet dis- tribution program were or- ganized at Howrah Station on 6th May 2025 under the direction of Divisional Rail- way Manager, Sri Sanjeev Kumar. The event was en- thusiastically carried out by railway staff and dedicated volunteers, adding colour and energy to the early morning hours at one of the busiest railway stations in the country.

The Prabhat Pheri com- menced from the station premises and proceeded through key areas, with par- ticipants raising slogans that reflected the pride and

legacy of the Howrah Divi- sion. The procession created a spirited atmosphere, draw- ing the attention of passen- gers and the general public alike. Leaflets showcasing the remarkable journey, major milestones, and con- tributions of Howrah Divi- sion over the past century were distributed among commuters. The objective was to highlight the Divi- sion's pivotal role in the de- velopment of Indian Railways and to foster awareness about its achieve- ments and future vision. The event was a meaningful tribu- te to the illustrious history of Howrah Division and served to inspire continued commitment towards excel- lence in railway service.

General Manager inspects Central Park depot of Green Line



MI News Service, Kolkata: Shri P. Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway inspected the Central Park Depot. of Green Line today i.e. on 06.05.25. During this inspection,

Shri Reddy interacted with the staff and officers of the depot. and took stock of the maintenance work. Senior officers of Metro Railway accompanied him during this inspection.

India-UK trade deal will unlock growth, jobs, and innovation: Piyush Goyal

MI News Service, New Delhi: In his first statement after the much-awaited India-UK FTA is finalised, Commerce Ministry Piyush Goyal termed the deal to be a future-ready step that will unlock growth, jobs, and innovation in India.

He further stated it to be a true reflection of India's rising global economic stature.

"Under the guidance, leadership, and constant encouragement of Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi ji, India achieves another historic milestone. The IndiaUKFTA, along with a Double Contribution Convention, is a bold, future-ready step that will unlock growth, jobs, and innovation--accelerating our journey towards ViksitBharat2047. A true reflection of India's rising global economic stature," he wrote on X.

UK FTA negotiations were launched on January 13, 2022. Multiple rounds of negotiations have been held before finally reaching the deal.

UK Business and Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal held final talks in London last week after relaunching negotiations only two months ago. Negotiators across both sides have worked around the clock since February to get this deal done.

Prime Minister Modi and his UK counterpart Keir Starmer had a telephone conversation today. The two leaders welcomed the successful conclusion of an ambitious and mutually beneficial India-UK Free Trade Agreement along with the Double Contribution Convention.

The Leaders described it a historic milestone in the bilateral Comprehensive Strategic Partnership that would foster trade, investment, innovation and job creation in both the economies.

Both agreed that the landmark agreements between the two big and open market economies of the world will open new opportunities for businesses, strengthen economic linkages, and deepen people-to-people ties.

PM Starmer said that strengthening alliances and reducing trade barriers with economies around the world is part of their Plan for Change to deliver a stronger and more secure economy.

"Today we have agreed a landmark deal with India - one of the fastest growing economies in the world, which will grow the economy and deliver for British people and business. Strengthening our alliances and reducing trade barriers with economies around the world is part of our Plan for Change to deliver a stronger and more secure economy here at home," the UK PM said.

PM Modi and Starmer agreed that expanding economic and commercial ties between India and the UK remain a cornerstone of the increasingly robust and multifaceted partnership.

The conclusion of a balanced, equitable and ambitious FTA, covering trade in goods and services, is expected to significantly enhance bilateral trade, generate new avenues for employment, raise living standards, and improve the overall well-being of citizens in both countries.

It will also unlock new potential for the two nations to jointly develop products and services for global markets. This agreement cements the strong foundations of the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, and paves the way for a new era of collaboration and prosperity.

Prime Minister Modi invited Prime Minister Starmer to visit India. The leaders agreed to remain in touch.

EASTERN RAILWAY
e-TENDER NOTICE FOR SERVICE CONTRACT
Dy. Chief Materials Manager, Halisahar, Eastern Railway, West Bengal- 743145 invites open GeM service tender for "Monthly Basis Cab & Taxi Hiring Services-SUV; 2500 km x 320 hours; Local". **BID No.: GEM/2025/B/6192839**
Dated. 02.05.2025; **EMD:** Rs 50,363.00; **ePBG:** 5% of P.O. value; **The estimated value of tender:** Rs. 25,18,128.00; **Date & time of opening:** 13.05.2025 (Tuesday) at 10.30 hrs. **Period of completion:** 03 years. The GeM Service BID documents will be available at GeM site (Government e-Marketplace) i.e. GeM Portal: <https://gem.gov.in> and rates are to be quoted online and submitted online through GeM portal i.e. <https://gem.gov.in> (Stores-09/2025-26)
Tender Notices are also available at Website www.enr.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in
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APPOINTMENT OF ATVM FACILITATORS
Notice No. : C206/UTS/ATVM/Facilitator/1/25, Date : 05.05.2025. Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Adra, S.E. Railway for and on behalf of the President of India invites ATVM Facilitators at various locations over Adra Division. **Description of work :** Appointment of ATVM Facilitators to proliferate ATVMs and to educate the passengers about the feature of the ATVMs at **08 (Eight) locations (Adra, Burnpur, Purulia, Bokaro, Bankura, Bishnupur, Chandrakona Road & Garhbeta)** over Adra Division for a period of 02 (two) years. All the details are available at www.ser.indianrailways.gov.in Interested persons can download the form from the website. **Closing date and time :** 27.05.2025 at 13.00 hrs.
(PR-123) **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Adra**
South Eastern Railway
We serve with a smile

EASTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No. NIT/02/25/20, Dated: 05.05.2025. Principal Chief Materials Manager, Eastern Railway, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, 2nd Floor, Fairlie place, Kolkata-700001 invites e-tenders for supply of the following items : **Sl.No.; Tender No.; Description & EMD** are as follows: (1); 06251652; Procurement of UTS thermal paper ticket roll; Rs. 2,65,710.00; (2); 20255009; Retro-fitting of Aerosol Fire Suppression System (1 Basic Unit consists of 6 nos.= 1 Set) in various electrical cabinets in conventional EMUs and MEMUs as per technical requirements mentioned in Annexure-G1 of RDSO specification No. RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0192-20 Rev-1; Rs. 5,96,800.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 20.05.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. for Sl. No. 1 & 2; (3); 12521083; 60 Kg 1 in 8.5, CMS obtuse angle Xing for Diamond confirming to RDSO Drg. No. T-6495, ALT No. 1; Rs. 2,63,820.00; (4); 20253011; EMU/MEMU/DEMU Motor coaches, for HHP Tr. Motor; Rs. 2,65,710.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 21.05.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. for Sl. No. 3 & 4; (5); 16255001A; Procurement of Transformer; Rs. 5,40,280.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 23.05.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. (6); 06251653; Procurement of ATVM with QR code thermal paper ticket roll etc.; Rs. 1,04,160.00; (7); 08255020A; Supply and installation of Aerosol fire; Rs. 2,24,200.00; (8); 11241644; EMERGENCY BATTERY CHARGER ETC; Rs. 1,41,620.00; (9); 12255279 Ballast stop plate cylinder for BCM & FRM; Rs. 1,01,030.00; (10); 21241364A; Automatic Pressure Modification etc.; Rs. 1,92,220.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 26.05.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. for Sl. No. 6 to 10; (11); 10251802; SUB KIT IOH-1; Rs. 1,82,910.00; (12); 11251146; Ball Joint roll link; Rs. 2,77,900.00; (13); 11251619; PAD FOR SECONDARY SUSPENSION; Rs. 18,34,460.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 27.05.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. for Sl. No. 11 to 13; (14); 10251159; Purchase of Pantograph complete for conventional etc.; Rs. 1,93,560.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 29.05.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. (15); 10252429; CYLINDRICAL ROLLER UNIT CRU-150; Rs. 229460; **Tender Opening Date :** 30.05.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. (16); 12255295; 1 Mtr. Long Fish Plate for 60 KG; Rs. 1,83,380.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 02.06.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. (17); 10242466; DRIVER SEAT AND PEDESTAL ASSLY; Rs. 2,36,770.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 04.06.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. (18); 10244153B; POH REPLACEMENT KIT; Rs. 1,39,980.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 05.06.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. (19); 12251103; Fittings for Level Crossing for 60kg Rails as per RDSO Drg. No. T-8983; Rs. 2,46,850.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 09.06.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. (20); 10242514A; IOH Kit for ELGI Compressor etc.; Rs. 3,76,010.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 10.06.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. (21); 10252256; End frame NDE assly for Tr.Motor etc.; Rs. 1,71,100.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 12.06.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. (22); 10241875A; FINGER CONTACT WITH FLEXIBLE SHUNT ASSLY; Rs. 7,83,380.00; (23); 10251797; MAIN COMPRESSOR WITH MOTOR; Rs. 2,57,140.00; (24); 10252372; Set of Outer Labyrinth (DE) for 3 Phase Tr. Motor etc.; Rs. 3,13,970.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 16.06.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. for Sl. No. 22 to 24; (25); 10252326; Auxiliary Contactors-Schaltbuss etc.; Rs. 1,68,350.00; (26); 10252539, POH Kit for ELGI make Compressor etc.; Rs. 2,49,820.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 26.06.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. for Sl. No. 25 to 26; (27); 19255010; Air Compressor (Water Cooled) etc.; Rs. 3,23,890.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 30.06.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. (28); 10251016; CONDENSER BUSHING; Rs. 2,48,180.00; **Tender Opening Date :** 04.07.2025, **Time :** 13.30 hrs. **Tender Cost:** Rs. 0.00 for all Tenders. **Note :** All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are requested to submit their bids online through the IREPS website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in> For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website. (Stores-08/2025-26)
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FTA with UK opens "massive export opportunities" for India's labour-intensive sectors, 99% exports to benefit from zero duty

MI News Service, New Delhi: India and the UK have successfully concluded an ambitious and mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement (FTA), along with a Double Contribution Convention in a historic deal that will open up massive export opportunities for many labour-intensive sectors in India.

The conclusion of FTA was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his UK counterpart Sir Keir Starmer.

The Commerce and Industry Ministry said in release that the "historic and ambitious deal" will boost jobs, exports and national growth.

It said that 99 per cent Indian exports will benefit from zero duty and the agreement will provide significant boost to trade in services, such as IT/ITeS, financial services, professional services, other business services and educational services.

The Commerce Ministry said that the forward-looking Agreement is aligned with India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 and complements the growth aspirations of both the countries.

The engagement builds upon the discussions held between the two Prime Ministers on the sidelines of the G-20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in November 2024.

Following the meeting between the two Prime Ministers, intense FTA negotiations resumed in February 2025 marked by several engagements between the Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and the UK Secretary of State Jonathan Reynolds and their teams.

PM Modi said the landmark agreements will catalyse trade, investment, growth, job creation, and innovation in both countries.

"In a historic milestone, India and the UK have successfully concluded an ambitious and mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement, along with a Double Contribution Convention. These landmark agreements will further deepen our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, and catalyse trade, investment, growth, job creation, and innovation in both our economies," he said in a post on X.

Piyush Goyal thanked the Prime Minister for his guidance and encouragement which made the trade deal possible, and under whose visionary leadership India is looked upon as "Vishwa Mitra - Trusted Partner" of the world.

"This Agreement sets a new benchmark for equitable and ambitious trade between two large economies. It will benefit Indian farmers, fishermen, workers, MSMEs, startups and innovators. It brings us closer to our goal of becoming a global economic powerhouse. This FTA is not only about goods and services, but also about people, possibilities and prosperity. It protects our core interests while opening doors to India's greater participation in global value chains," he said.

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal emphasised that this FTA is a game changer and will set India further on the path of rapid economic growth and benefit India's global integration. This is the most comprehensive free trade deal ever entered into by India and will be the gold standard for our future engagements.

The FTA takes place in the backdrop of growing economic relations between India and the UK as exemplified in the bilateral trade of about USD 60 billion which is projected to double by 2030.

The release said that this comprehensive and forward-looking agreement is the culmination of intense negotiations aimed at deepening trade and investment ties across a range of sectors, including goods, services and technology. It is designed to promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth, ensure resilient supply chains and generate high-quality employment in India.

In an unprecedented achievement, India has secured an exemption for Indian workers who are temporarily in the UK and their employers from paying social security contributions in the UK for a period of three years under the Double Contribution Convention. This will make Indian service providers significantly more competitive in the UK, the release said.

The release said that FTA with the UK is a modern, comprehensive and landmark agreement which seeks to achieve deep economic integration along with trade liberalisation and tariff concessions.

The FTA ensures comprehensive market access for goods, across all sectors, covering all of India's export interests. India will gain from tariff elimination on about 99% of the tariff lines covering almost 100% of the trade value offering huge opportunities for increase in the bilateral trade between India and the UK.

"The FTA provides positive impact on manufacturing across labour and technology intensive sectors and opens up export opportunities for sectors such as textiles, marine products, leather, footwear, sports goods and toys, gems and jewellery and other important sectors such as engineering goods, auto parts and engines and organic chemicals. This will substantially improve Indian goods competitiveness in the UK vis-a-vis other countries," the release said.

The FTA will have significant positive gains for employment in India.

"India will benefit from one of the most ambitious FTA commitment from the UK in Services such as IT/ITeS, financial services, professional services, other business services and educational services, opening up new opportunities and jobs," the release said.

The FTA eases mobility for professionals including Contractual Service Suppliers; Business Visitors; Investors; Intra-Corporate Transferees; partners and dependent children of Intra-Corporate Transferees with right to work; and Independent Professionals like yoga instructors, musicians and chefs.

Immense opportunities for talented and skilled Indian youth will open up in the UK which is a major global centre for digitally delivered services due to its strong financial and professional services sectors and advanced digital infrastructure, the release said.

India has secured significant commitments on digitally delivered services for Indian service suppliers, specially in professional services such as architecture and engineering, computer related services and telecommunication services.

"The exemption for Indian workers who are temporarily in the UK and their employers from paying social security contributions in the UK for a period of three years under the Double Contribution Convention will lead to

significant financial gains for the Indian service providers and enhance their competitiveness in the UK market that would create new job opportunities as well as benefit large number of Indians working in the UK," the release said.

India has ensured that non-tariff barriers are suitably addressed to ensure free flow of goods and services and that they do not create unjustified restrictions to India's exports, the release said.

The FTA seeks to promote good regulatory practices and enhance transparency that are in sync with India's own focus on domestic reforms to enhance the ease of doing business.

"As two leading democracies and global innovation hubs, India and the UK reaffirm their commitment to strengthening economic cooperation and working together to address global challenges," the release said.

The India-UK FTA sets a new benchmark for fair, ambitious, and modern trade agreements worldwide, it added.

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NIT No.: JOY2/02 of 2025-26, Date: 28.04.2025. It is here invited by the BDO/EO, Joynagar-II for e-Tender of 5 nos. of Work vide **Tender Id: 2025_ZPHD_841137.1 to 2025_ZPHD_841137.5** and Last Date of Bid Submission is **16.05.2025**. For details visit website <https://wbttenders.gov.in/>
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আমোজারনামা
২৭/০৪/২০২৪ তারিখে 100-15/22/2024 নং মেমোর প্রকাশিত আমোজারনামা নং নিউটেশনের নিম্নোক্ত আমোজারনামা প্রকৃতি ছাড়া জেলা মডল, পিতা স্বামী লক্ষী মডল, সাং মধ্যসংস্থের, পোঃ দক্ষিণ সন্তোষপুর, থানা জগৎরত্নপুর, বেলো হাউজ।
আমোজার দাতাঃ শ্রী জেলান পাণ্ডে দি, পিতা স্বামী বিজয় প্রকোষ বিজয় পাণ্ডে, সাং যমুনাবারী, পোঃ দক্ষিণ সন্তোষপুর, থানা জগৎরত্নপুর, বেলো হাউজ।
২৪/০৪/২০২৪ তারিখে এ. ডি. এস. আর. বড়হাতিয়া, 1-235/2024 নং আমোজার প্রকৃতি হয়েছে। মৌজা মধ্যসংস্থের, জে. এল. নং ৫৫, হাল এল আর খতিয়ান নং ২৫৫১, ২৫৪৯, ২৫৫০ নং হাল এল আর ১১৬৯ নং সাং শালি জরি ২১২৫ শতক আমোজার নিয় ১৪/০৪/২০২৪ তারিখে ১৬৭/২০২৪ নং দলিলমুদ্রা এ. ডি. এস. আর. বড়হাতিয়া প্রকৃতি অধিকার বিচার করিবে।
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এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ১/আরওর খা স্বামী উত্তম কুমার খা সাকিম হাসান, মাকালপুর, দারপু, হাঙ্গলী-১২২০০৫, ১/কাজল মডল, স্বামী জীবালা মডল, সাকিম দক্ষিণ দিহা, জালীপাড়া, হাঙ্গলী-১২২০০৬, ৩/গৌরী কান্টালী স্বামী মানিক কান্টালী সাকিম ৫২/এ চক ফুলমানপাড়া, বৈদ্যপাড়া, ভদ্রেশ্বর, হাঙ্গলী-১২২১১২, ৪/চাটমা ঘোষ, স্বামী শীল ঘোষ, সাকিম দলুপাড়া পশ্চিমপাড়া, দলুপাড়া, দিহা, হাঙ্গলী-১২২০০৫, ৫/মামতা ঘোষ স্বামী রবীন্দ্র ঘোষ সাকিম হাসান, মাকালপুর, দারপু, হাঙ্গলী-১২২০০৫, ৬/মামতা ঘোষ স্বামী রবীন্দ্র ঘোষ সাকিম হাসান, মাকালপুর, দারপু, হাঙ্গলী-১২২০০৫, ৭/মামতা ঘোষ স্বামী রবীন্দ্র ঘোষ সাকিম হাসান, মাকালপুর, দারপু, হাঙ্গলী-১২২০০৫, ৮/মামতা ঘোষ স্বামী রবীন্দ্র ঘোষ সাকিম হাসান, মাকালপুর, দারপু, হাঙ্গলী-১২২০০৫, ৯/মামতা ঘোষ স্বামী রবীন্দ্র ঘোষ সাকিম হাসান, মাকালপুর, দারপু, হাঙ্গলী-১২২০০৫, ১০/মামতা ঘোষ স্বামী রবীন্দ্র ঘোষ সাকিম হাসান, মাকালপুর, দারপু, হাঙ্গলী-১২২০০৫, ১১/মামতা ঘোষ স্বামী রবীন্দ্র ঘোষ সাকিম হাসান, মাকালপুর, দারপু, হাঙ্গলী-১২২০০৫, ১২/মামতা ঘোষ স্বামী রবীন্দ্র ঘোষ সাকিম হাসান, মাকালপুর, দারপু, 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BhuwanRibhu is First Indian Lawyer to be honoured by World Jurist Association; Leads Child Rights Work in Bihar

Patna : Marking a significant milestone for India in the global legal arena, eminent child rights lawyer BhuwanRibhu has become the first Indian lawyer to be conferred with the 'Medal of Honour' by the World Jurist Association (WJA) at the World Law Congress. Held from May 4 to May 6 in the Dominican Republic, the event brought together over 1500 legal luminaries and 300 speakers from more than 70 countries. The world's oldest association of jurists honouredBhuwanRibhu for his pioneering work of over two decades, using legal interventions and grassroots mobilisation to advance child protection and child rights. Since its establishment in 1963, the World Jurist Association has honoured iconic figures such as Sir Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, King Felipe VI of Spain, René Cassin, and Kerry Kennedy for their contributions to justice and the rule of law. BhuwanRibhu has, in the last 20 years, has filed and led 60 PILs for child protection and child rights which resulted in landmark rulings in the Supreme Court of India and various High Courts. He is also the founder of



Just Rights for Children (JRC)-the world's largest legal intervention network for child protection-with its presence globally. There are 32 NGO partners of JRC working for child protection in 38 districts of Bihar and to end child marriage by 2030. The situation of child marriage prevalence is grim in the state with 40.8 percent as per the National Family Health Survey V (2019-21) as against the national

prevalence of 23.3 percent. During his acceptance speech, BhuwanRibhu said, "Children should never have to fight for justice alone. The law must be their shield, and justice must be their right." He received the 'Medal of Honour' by Eddy Olivares Ortega, Hon'ble Minister of Labor of Dominican Republic, and Javier Cremades, President of the World Jurist Association. Also present on

the occasion was Hon'ble Minister of Women of the Dominican Republic Mayra Jiménez. Lauding BhuwanRibhu's work and achievements over the years, Javier Cremades, President of the WJA, stated, "Bhuwan firmly believes that justice is the strongest pillar of democracy and has dedicated his life to the service of justice for children and women who are victims of sexual crimes in his country and globally. His efforts have saved hundreds of thousands of children and women and set legal frameworks that will protect generations to come. This award is a recognition of his tireless work building a safe, more just world for children through the power of the law." With over two decades of advocacy and legal intervention, BhuwanRibhu is a driving force behind the transformation of India's child protection ecosystem. He has led legal campaigns and on-ground actions combatting child marriage, trafficking, child labour, and child sexual abuse. Through his sustained efforts, systemic reforms are now pushing India toward the tipping point to end child marriage by 2030.

SC puts asset details appointment process of judges in public domain

New Delhi : In a bid to enhance transparency, the Supreme Court on Monday said it has uploaded statements of assets of judges on its website, in accordance with a full-court decision to place the relevant details in the public domain. "The full court of the Supreme Court of India has on April 1, 2025 decided that the statements of assets of the judges of this court shall be placed in the public domain by uploading the same on the website of this court. Statements of assets of judges already received are being uploaded. Statements of assets of other judges will be uploaded as and when the current statement of assets is received," a release issued by the court said. The top court has also placed the com-



plete process of appointments to the high courts and the Supreme Court, including the role assigned to the High Court Collegium, the

role of and inputs received from the state governments, Union of India and consideration by the Supreme Court Collegium, on its website for the knowledge and awareness of the public. "The proposals approved by the Supreme Court Collegium for appointments as high court judges during the period from November 9, 2022 to May 5, 2025, including the names, high court, source -- whether from service or Bar, date of recommendation by the Supreme Court Collegium, date of notification by the Department of Justice, date of appointment, special category (SC/ST/OBC/Minority/Woman) and whether the candidate is related to any sitting or retired High Court/Supreme Court judge, have also been uploaded on the Supreme Court website," the statement said.

How Alcatraz became America's most notorious prison

Washington : President Donald Trump wants to turn Alcatraz, a popular US tourist destination, into a federal prison again, more than 60 years after the California island fortress was shut down as too costly. Trump says Alcatraz, now part of the National Park Service, suddenly is needed to house America's "most ruthless and violent" criminals. It's where the government sent notorious gangsters Al Capone and George "Machine Gun" Kelly as well as lesser-known men who were considered too dangerous to lock up elsewhere. "When we were a more serious Nation, in times past, we did not hesitate to lock up the most dangerous criminals, and keep them far away from anyone they could harm. That's the way it's supposed to be," Trump said Sunday on his Truth Social site. What is Alcatraz? Alcatraz is in San Francisco Bay off the coast of San Francisco and visible from the Golden Gate Bridge. It is best known for its years as a federal prison, from 1934-63, but its history is much longer. President Millard Fillmore in 1850 declared the island for public purposes, according to the park service, and it soon became a military site. Confederates were



housed there during the Civil War. By the 1930s, the government decided that it needed a place to hold the worst criminals, and Alcatraz became the choice for a prison. "A remote site was sought, one that would prohibit constant communication with the outside world by those confined within its walls," the park service said. "Although land in Alaska was being considered, the availability of Alcatraz Island conveniently coincided with the government's perceived need for a high securi-

ty prison." Why did it close? The remoteness eventually made it impractical. Everything from food to fuel had to arrive by boat. "The island had no source of fresh water," according to the US Bureau of Prisons, "so nearly one million gallons of water had to be barged to the island each week." The cost to house someone there in 1959 was USD 10.10 a day compared with

USD 3 at a federal prison in Atlanta, the government said. It was cheaper to build a new prison from scratch. Why is Alcatraz notorious? Despite the location, many prisoners tried to get out: 36 men attempted 14 separate escapes into the bay, according to the FBI. Nearly all were caught or didn't survive the cold water and swift current. "Escape from Alcatraz," a 1979 movie starring Clint Eastwood, told the story of John Anglin, his brother Clarence and Frank Morris, who all escaped in 1962, leaving behind handmade plaster heads with real hair in their beds to fool guards. "For the 17 years we worked on the case, no credible evidence emerged to suggest the men were still alive, either in the US or overseas," the FBI said. A national park Alcatraz became part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and was opened to the public in 1973, a decade after it was closed as a prison. The park service says the island gets more than 1 million visitors a year who arrive by ferry. A ticket for an adult costs USD 47.95. Visitors can see the cells where prisoners were held.

India seeks to halt auction of Buddhist relics by Sotheby's Hong Kong sends legal notice

New Delhi : Days before going under the hammer at Sotheby's Hong Kong, India has stepped in to halt the auction of a portion of the sacred Buddhist relics that were excavated in the northern parts of the country in 1898 and demanded their repatriation. In a statement on Monday, the Ministry of Culture said it has issued a "legal notice to Sotheby's Hong Kong", seeking "immediate cessation of the auction" scheduled for Wednesday (May 7). There was no immediate reaction from the auction house. However, the Ministry of Culture said Sotheby has responded to the legal notice with the "assurance" that "full attention" is being given to the matter. "These relics, excavated from the PiprahwaStupa -- widely recognised as the ancient city of Kapilavastu, the birthplace of Lord Buddha -- hold immense historical and spiritual significance," the statement said. The Piprahwa Relics, which include bone fragments, soapstone and crystal caskets, a sandstone coffer and offerings, such as gold ornaments and gemstones, were excavated by William

Claxton Peppe in 1898, it said. An inscription in the Brahmi script on one of the caskets confirms these as relics of the Buddha deposited by the Sakya clan, the ministry said. The majority of these relics were transferred to the Indian Museum in Kolkata in 1899 and classified as "AA" antiquities under the Indian law, prohibiting their removal or sale, the statement said. "While a portion of the bone relics was gifted to the King of Siam, a selection retained by Peppe's descendants has now been listed for auction," it said. In a post on X, the culture ministry shared a copy of the legal notice, according to which another copy of it has been sent to a descendant of Peppe. "On behalf of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, this legal notice is hereby issued to Sotheby's Hong Kong and Chris Peppe, descendant of William Claxton Peppe, demanding the immediate cessation of the auction titled 'The Piprahwa Gems of the Historical Buddha, Mauryan Empire, Ashokan Era, circa 240-200 BCE', scheduled for May 7, 2025," the notice read. The Ministry of Culture,



in its statement, said the government has taken "swift and comprehensive measures" to "prevent the auction" of the relics, underscoring India's "commitment to protecting its cultural and religious heritage". The notice mentions that "these relics -- referred to as 'duplicate jewels' -- constitute inalienable religious and cultural heritage of India and the global Buddhist community. Their sale violates Indian and international laws, as well as United Nations conventions". The ministry further said that upon learning about the proposed auction, it has initiated a set of actions. "The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) also requested the Consulate General of Hong Kong to take up the matter with authorities there demanding the immediate cessation of the auction," it said. During a bilateral meeting on May 2, Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat had "raised" the issue with the UK's Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Lisa Nandy, it said. "The minister emphasised the cultural and religious significance of the relics and urged immediate action to

halt the auction and facilitate their repatriation," the statement said. Nandy recently visited India. On Monday, the culture secretary convened a high-level review meeting to outline further steps, the statement said, adding that the "Ministry of External Affairs has been requested to engage with embassies in the United Kingdom and Hong Kong through its Europe, West and East Asia divisions to ensure the auction is stopped". The Financial Investigation Unit (FIU) has been asked to coordinate with its counterpart in Hong Kong to "highlight the illegality of the auction and ensure compliance with international laws", the ministry said. The Ministry of Culture said it remains "steadfast in its efforts to protect India's cultural heritage and ensure the repatriation of the Piprahwa Relics". "We call upon Sotheby's Hong Kong to immediately withdraw the relics from auction and cooperate with Indian authorities to return these sacred artefacts to their rightful place," the statement said.

CPCB asks states to enforce stricter norms for tyre pyrolysis units to curb pollution

New Delhi : The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has asked all state pollution control boards and committees to ensure strict implementation of revised guidelines for the operation of tyre pyrolysis units. Tyre pyrolysis is a method of recycling used tyres by heating them in the absence of oxygen to break them down into valuable products such as tyre pyrolysis oil (TPO), pyro gas and char. While the technology offers an alternative to burning or dumping tyres, it poses environmental risks if not operated with proper safeguards. The CPCB issued revised standard operating procedures for tyre pyrolysis units in January last year, saying that only those units that follow the "Advanced Batch Automated Process" (ABAP) will be allowed to operate. ABAP is a technology-driven process that automates the pyrolysis cycle using a Programmable Logic Controller (PLC)-based system. This ensures controlled heating, gas handling and flaring operations, which prevent toxic emissions and fire risks. According to the CPCB's latest order dated April 29, only units using ABAP and having a cumulative batch capacity of up to 60 tonnes per day (TPD) will be permitted to operate within a single premises. In case of new units, the total capacity cannot exceed this limit unless all the batches operate as one continuous process. The CPCB on January 19 and March 20 this year asked state boards and committees to begin implementation of the revised Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). However, several states were yet to submit compliance reports. State pollution boards and committees have now been asked to ensure strict implementation of the revised SOPs for all tyre pyrolysis units operating in their jurisdiction. They have been directed to immediately submit a compliance report, including verification of whether TPO units are following the ABAP-based SOPs and actions taken as per CPCB's earlier communications.

Eminent scholar Bashir Ahmed Mayukh passes way in Kota at 99

Kota : Bashir Ahmed Mayukh, a revered scholar and literary luminary known for fostering communal harmony through his writings on Jain AgamGranth, the Vedas, and India's syncretic Ganga-JamuniTahajib, passed away here at the age of 99. According to his son, Firoz Khan Mayukh, he suffered a paralytic attack on Sunday morning and was admitted to a private hospital, where doctors diagnosed a major brain clot and warned of low chances of survival. Despite efforts to treat him, he breathed his last at 2:30 pm. He is survived by two sons and two daughters. "ShabdragiMayukh" was his last publication among eight books that he had authored. Born on October 16, 1926, in Chipabarod (now in Baran district), Mayukh received numerous literary honours, the last being the Vishva Hindi Samman, conferred by President Ram NathKovind. Despite being formally educated only up to the middle standard in the British system, Mayukh carved his literary path through self-study, producing an array of acclaimed works. His writings included SwarnRekha- a poetic adaptation of Rigvedic mantras, Arhat - based on Jain AgamGranth, Suryabeej - a collection of songs and poems, and Jyotipath - an inclusive poetic synthesis of the Vedas, Quran, Gita, Upanishads, Jain-Buddhist Agams, and Guru Granth Sahib. He also wrote Gumshuda Ki Talash, a cultural essay collection, and AvaduAnhadNaadSune, a spiritual anthology of poems. A devout Muslim, he also



held a deep reverence for Lord Shiva and built the MayukheshwarMahadev Temple in Vigyan Nagar, Kota, 40 years ago. The temple was founded and overseen by Mayukh who visited it every day until later years. PanditLaxminarayanGoutam, priest of the temple since 1998 told PTI. Paying tribute to the scholar, LokSabha Speaker Om Birla posted on X and said, "The demise of Kota's eminent litterateur Bashir Ahmed 'Mayukh' ji is an irreparable loss for the literary world. He was not only a sensitive writer of Hindi and Urdu literature, but was also a vigilant guard of social consciousness, human values and dignity of language." "His writings made the society think, understand and connect. I pray to God to grant peace to the departed soul and give strength to the bereaved family to bear this immense sorrow. Humble tribute," he added. Former minister Bharat Singh also shared the sentiment and said that he witnessed Mayukh live his life with Gandhian principles and philosophy.

Consumption of ultraprocessed foods linked to rising premature deaths: Study

Washington DC [US] : A study analyzing data from nationally representative dietary surveys and mortality data from eight countries (Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, United Kingdom, and United States) shows that premature deaths attributable to consumption of ultraprocessed foods (UPFs) increase significantly according to their share in individuals' total energy intake. The new study, appearing in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, published by Elsevier, reinforces the call for global action to reduce UPF consumption, supported by regulatory and fiscal policies that foster healthier environments. UPFs are ready-to-eat-or-heat industrial formulations that are made with ingredients extracted from foods or synthesised in laboratories, with little or no whole foods in their composition. These have gradually been replacing traditional foods and meals made from fresh and minimally processed ingredients. Lead investigator of the study, Eduardo Augusto FernandesNilson, DSc, Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), Brazil, says, "UPFs affect health beyond the individual impact of high content of critical nutrients (sodium, trans

fats, and sugar) because of the changes in the foods during industrial processing and the use of artificial ingredients, including colorants, artificial flavors and sweeteners, emulsifiers, and many other additives and processing aids, so assessing deaths from all-causes associated with UPF consumption allows an overall estimate of the effect of industrial food processing on health." While previous studies focused on specific dietary risk factors instead of food patterns, the current study modeled data from nationally representative dietary surveys and mortality data from eight countries (Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, United Kingdom, and United States) to link dietary patterns, considering the extent and purpose of industrial food processing, to deaths from all causes. High consumption of UPFs has been associated with 32 different diseases, including cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes, some types of cancer, and depression. For the first time, this study has estimated the burden of UPF intake on premature deaths from all causes in different countries, showing that the attributable mortality is significant in all settings and that addressing UPF consumption should be a global public nutrition priority.

ER Organized Howrah & Sealdah Divisional Committee Meeting with MP's

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway holds a high level Divisional Committee Meeting with Hon'ble Members of Parliament over Howrah & Sealdah Division network in presence of General Manager, Eastern Railway Shri Milind Deouskar. Principal Heads of Departments of Eastern Railway, Divisional Railway Managers of Howrah & Sealdah Divisions and Deputy General Manager (G) of Eastern Railway were also present in the meeting. In the Divisional Committee Meeting of Howrah & Sealdah Divisions organized at Kolkata today (06.05.2025) discussions were held on various key issues and development initiatives within Howrah & Sealdah division network. In the meeting, Kirti Azad Jha, MP & renowned cricketer, Vijay Kumar Hansdak, MP, Asit Kumar Mal, MP, Jagannath Sarkar, MP, Mohua Maitra, MP, Nalin Soren, MP, Dr. Sharmila Sarkar, MP, Bapi Halder, MP,



Sayani Ghosh, MP, Prasun Banerjee, MP & Partha Bhowmik, MP, Md. Nadimul Haque, MP (Rajya Sabha) were present. Representatives of various MPs viz. Representative of Santanu Thakur, MP, & Union Minister, Satabdi Roy, MP, Soumitra Khan, Mala Roy, Khalilur Rahman, Mitali Bag, Abu Taher Khan, MP & Saugata Roy, MP were also present. MPs were welcomed by General Manager, Eastern Railway Milind De-

ouskar. Kirti Azad Jha, MP was elected as Chairman of the meeting to discuss on various issues to bring allround development, passenger amenities & facilities as well as rail infrastructure over Eastern Railway. In a significant show of commitment toward improving railway infrastructure and commuter convenience, several Members of Parliament have put forth a wide range of proposals and requests for infrastructural upgrades, additional train services,

new Road Over Bridges and passenger amenities within their constituencies under the jurisdiction of Eastern Railway. Kirti Azad Jha, MP & renowned cricketer, has advocated for the construction of a cycle stand at Bardhaman station and the development of a Foot Over Bridge (FOB) connecting Platforms 1 to 5 & 6 to 8, thereby improving passenger movement and accessibility. Vijay Kumar Hansdak, MP, has sought a stoppage of the

Howrah – New Jalpaiguri Shatabdi Express at Pakur station and the augmentation of AC coaches in the Vananchal Express to better serve long-distance commuters. Jagannath Sarkar, MP, has emphasized the need for a Road Over Bridge near Ranaghat station, a Foot Over Bridge over the Churni river, and the introduction of AC local trains to enhance both road and rail connectivity. Prasun Banerjee, MP, has requested the development of an

underpass at Bally station to ensure safe and convenient pedestrian access. Asit Kumar Mal, MP, while expressing satisfaction at the recent augmentation of AC Chair Cars in Maa Tara Express, Shaheed Express, and Ganadeva Express, also requested a stoppage of the Howrah – New Jalpaiguri Shatabdi Express at Rampurhat and resumption of the Bardhaman – Malda Town passenger train service, suspended since the COVID-19 pandemic. Nalin Soren, MP, has requested a revision in the timetable of the Dumka – Ranchi Intercity Express and more between Dumka & Kolkata for better passenger convenience. Smt. Pratima Mondal, MP, advocated for the construction of a Road Over Bridge in place of Level Crossing Gate No. 13 between Dakshin Barasat & Joynagar Majilpur stations, along with additional local train stoppages at Matla Halt station on the Sealdah–Canning section.

Sayani Ghosh, MP, proposed the redevelopment and creation of an underpass at Jadavpur station and the construction of a Road Over Bridge replacing Level Crossing Gate No. 13/B/T near Champahati station. Mohua Maitra, MP, called for the construction of a Road Over Bridge at Beldanga More near Krishnanagar station. Bapi Halder, MP, requested the raising of the platform height at Nischintapur Market Halt station and the introduction of a new EMU local train service between Sealdah and Mathurapur. Dr. Sharmila Sarkar, MP, called for the introduction of two additional pairs of train services between Katwa and Bardhaman and the construction of a Road Over Bridge at Katwa. Partha Bhowmik, MP, has demanded more ticket counters at Ichapur station and the construction of a Foot Over Bridge connecting Platforms 1 & 4 at Barrackpore station.

Israeli government approves plan to take over all of Gaza



MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israel's security cabinet has approved a sweeping new military plan to capture the entire Gaza Strip and remain there for an unspecified duration, according to the Associated Press, citing two Israeli officials. The decision, reached during an early morning vote on Monday, marks a significant escalation in Israel's ongoing war with Hamas and could intensify an already dire humanitarian situation in the Palestinian enclave.

The plan, spearheaded by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government, seeks to exert maximum pressure on Hamas to release hostages and agree to a ceasefire on Israel's terms. As part of the initiative, the Israeli military is expected to call up tens of thousands of reservists, further expanding its already large-scale operations in Gaza.

According to officials quoted by AP, the newly approved strategy includes "capturing the strip and holding territories." It also aims to prevent Hamas from distributing humanitarian aid, which Israeli authorities argue is being used by the militant group to consolidate power and enhance its military capabilities. "The plan also included powerful strikes against Hamas targets," one official stated, adding that implementation would be gradual. This latest move follows the collapse of a U.S.-brokered truce between Israel and Hamas in mid-March. Since then, the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) have intensified airstrikes and ground operations across the territory, reportedly killing hundreds and expanding Israeli control to nearly half of Gaza.

Even before the ceasefire fell apart, Israel had halted the delivery of humanitarian aid, including food, fuel, and water, triggering what experts de-

scribe as the worst humanitarian crisis in the 19 months since the war began. International organizations have warned of widespread malnutrition and displacement, as hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have been forced to flee southward under relentless bombardment.

The cabinet's decision comes amid growing international pressure to reach a lasting ceasefire. However, efforts by global mediators to bring both sides back to the negotiating table have largely stalled. Hamas continues to demand a permanent ceasefire and withdrawal of Israeli forces, while Israel insists it will not end the war until Hamas is completely dismantled.

In a particularly controversial element, the AP report notes that Israel has been in communication with other countries regarding former U.S. President Donald Trump's proposal for Gaza's long-term future. The proposal, which includes the idea of relocating Gaza's population under a so-called "voluntary emigration" framework, has sparked widespread criticism from European and Arab governments. Despite mounting international concern, Netanyahu's government appears determined to follow through with its military objectives. For weeks, Israel has escalated both military and political pressure on Hamas in hopes of forcing concessions in ceasefire negotiations. So far, however, these efforts have not yielded a breakthrough, and the war shows no signs of ending. With the approval of this new plan, Israel is now poised to take fuller control of Gaza—a move that could reshape the conflict's trajectory, with significant consequences for both regional stability and civilian lives. — With Agencies Inputs

Israeli forces attack Yemen, Lebanon, Syria and Gaza in one day

MI News Service, Jerusalem: Israel has attacked Yemen, Lebanon and Syria, as well as Gaza, where air raids killed at least 54 people on Monday. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu says Gaza's more than 2 million people "will be moved" in a new ground offensive as Israel's total blockade on the enclave reaches 65 days. Hospitals in Gaza are 48 hours away from collapse and the lives of thousands of sick and wounded are at risk, the Gaza Media Office says. Israel's war on Gaza has killed at least 52,567 Palestinians and wounded 118,610, according to Gaza's Health Ministry. The Government Media Office updated the death toll to more than 61,700, saying thousands of people missing under the rubble are presumed dead. An estimated 1,139 people were killed in Israel during the Hamas-led attacks on October 7, 2023, and more than 200 were taken captive.

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1.	Papai Ghosh/ Mandira Ghosh/ Palash Sarani Road Samar Nagar, Champasari District Darjeeling West Bengal Siliguri 734003/ LBSGI00005890713	Plot/ Dag No. R.S. (Sabek) 532 And 537, Khatian No. R.S. (Sabek) 50 And 61/4, J.L. No. 107 (85), Touzi No. 91, Police Station Bagdogra, Siliguri Municipality Corporation Area, Mouza Mandliguri, Pargana Patharghata, Sub- Division Siliguri, A.D.S.R. Siliguri II, Bagdogra, District Darjeeling, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of Land Measuring 3 Decimal	18/02/2025 Rs. 72,52,679.6/-	09/12/ 2024	
2.	Dhriti Maity/ Gangadhar Maity/ Sandip Maity (Guarantor)/ W/o Sandip Maity, 1133, Nayabad Purba Jadavpur West Bengal Kolkata - 700109/ LBCAL00006309322/ LBCAL00006393737	Bishnu Bhawan", Flat No. 1, 1st Floor, Premises No. 1133, Nayabad, R.S Plot No. 185, J.L. No. 25, R.S. No. 3, Touzi No. 56, R.S. Khatian No. 87, Mouza Nayabad, P.S. Purba Jadavpur, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Ward No. 109, Kolkata Municipal Corporation (Assesse - 3110908113366), Dist Sub Registry office Sealdah, District South 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700099, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 1140 (Marbel Flooring) Sq. Ft. (Approx) Super Built Up Area And one Covered Car Parking Space (Covered Garage No-2) Measuring Area 135 Sq. Ft. (Cemented Flooring) On The Ground Floor of The Building On Southern (Front Side) Side Including Proportionate Share of Land	March 12, 2025 Rs. 2,40,111.36/-	08-11- 2024	
3.	Sudipta Singha/ Rajeswar Singh/ Abdarpur Thana Chowki And Sub Registry Suri District Birbhum West Bengal Suri- 731101/ LBCAL00006891681/ TBCAL0000688375	R.S. Dag No. 496, L.R. Dag No. 547, R.S. Kh.No. 177, L.r. Kh. No. 627, J.L. No. 6, Mouza Araipur, Thana Chowki And Sub-Registry Suri, District Birbhum, West Bengal. (Admeasuring An Area of 3.225 Satak With Pucca House	March 15, 2025 Rs. 20,93,744.88/-	06-12- 2024	
4.	Arijit Sengupta/ Sampa Sengupta/ 34 Bipin Ganguly Road, Post Office And Police Station Ghugudanga South Dumdum Md, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal Kolkata - 700030/ LBCAL00006742481/ TBCAL0000669163/ TBCAL0000669226	Residential Flat No. 14, 4th Floor, Back Side, Premises No. 2, Holding No. 711 (old) 711/51 (New), Motilal Colony, C.S. Plot/Dag No. 2441(P), Touzi No. 173, E.P. No. 308, S.P. No. 454, Mouza Sultanpur Police Station Dum Dum, Ward No. 4, Dum Dum Municipality, Assessee No. 20014133028, Additional District Sub Registration office Cossipore Dum Dum, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700081, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of Measuring About 1400 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area Together With Undivided Proportionate Sahle of Land	March 15, 2025 Rs. 40,39,141.80/-	18-01- 2025	
5.	Shyam Sundar Enterprise/ Ashis Das, Mamta Roy Chowdhury Das Guarantor/ Ashis Das Mortgagor/ Represented By Proprietor Ashish Das 856/3, Kankpul Greenland Aquarium North 24 Pgs Ashoknagar Kalyanagar - 743272/161305500922	Plot No L.O.P. 1528C/A, L.R. Dag No. 27 & 28/1023, R.S. Dag No. 27, 28/961 (P), 71 L.R. Khatian No 2937, J.L. No 70, Re Sa No. 207, Touzi No. 2011, Mouza Haripur, Ward No. 7, Ashoknagar Kalyanagar Municipality Thana Ashoknagar, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 7 Satak	March 12, 2025 Rs. 59,72,474.00/-	30-04- 2024	
6.	Agarwal Pipe And Fittings/ Madhusudan Ajitsrai/ Subhash Kumar Fatehpuria/156A, Lenin Sarani, Room No. F34, 405, 405A, 1st And 4th Floor Police Station Bowbazar West Bengal Kolkata- 700013/ TBCAL00006614861	Kamalaya Centre, Office/Unit No. 506, 5th Floor, (Which is Presently under Tenancy of Shri D.K. Sharma), Premises No. 156-A, Lenin Sarani (formaly Dharmatala Street), Police Station Bowbazar, Ward No. 47, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Kolkata 700013, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area of 758 Sq Ft Super Built Up Area (Calculated By Adding To The Carpet Area The Space Covered By Walls Having office Store or Show Rooms on The other Side Thereof And The Entire Area of Space Covered By Other Walls Together With Proportionate And Impartible Share In The Leasehold Land of The Said Premises)	18/03/2025 Rs. 78,84,489/-	08/02/ 2025	
7.	Tanajit Banerjee/ Suparna Banerjee/ Chhanda Banerjee/ 243 Bc Bardhaman Rayan Bamunpukur, Near Panchayat Office, District Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal Bardhaman- 731101/ LBBDN00006974540/ TBBDN00006964177/ TBBDN00006964176/ LBBDN00007004434	R.S. And LR Khatian No. 3041, Sub Plot No. 3041 Part C, L.R. Khatian No. 4701, Sabek Khatian No. 280, J.L. No. 68, Mouza Rayan, Rayan 1 No. Gram Panchayat, Thana And Sub Registry office Burdwan District Purba Burdwan, Burdwan, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area of 1442 Sq Ft or 02 Katha 02 Sq. Ft. or 3.3 Satak	March 18, 2025 Rs. 21,91,977.00/-	06-01- 2025	
8.	Vishal Enterprise/ / Vishal Jaiswal Mortgagor/ Represented By Proprietor Vishal Jaiswal 245A Apc Road West Bengal Kolkata - 700006/ 193205500645	1) Flat No.4, A, First Floor, Asha Green-I, Holding No. As/217/Blg/08-09, R.S. No. 180, C.S. Dag No. 5197, R.S. Dag No. 3210/4665, Khatian No. 565, R.S. Khatian No. 64, Mouza Krishnagar, J.L. No. 17, Touzi No. 228/229, Krishnagar Road, Majherpara P.O. Krishnagar, P.S. Rajarhat, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, North 24 Parganas 700102 (Super Built Up Area 1274 Sq Ft More or Less Together With Undivided Proportionate Share And Common Right And Common Facilities of The Land) 2) Premises No. 1/4C, Aloketa, Khas Mahal Street, Holding Nos. 100,101 & 310, Div II, Sub Div. Xiv, Dhihi Panchannagram, Mouza Maniktala, Ward No. 15, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.S. Maniktala, Adstro Sealdah, District South 24 Parganas, West Bengal (Super Built-up Area of 1100 Sq Ft Together With Undivided Proportionate Share or Interest In The Land)	March 21, 2025 Rs. 1,22,60,284.55/-	23/01/ 2025,	
9.	Bablu Mondal/ Shikha Mondal/ Village And Post Kahankia, Baikara Thana Gaighata, A.D.S.R. Office Chandpara District North 24 Parganas West Bengal Monmohanpur - 743245/ LBCAL00006850458/ TBCAL00006808116/ TBCAL00006808115	R.S. Dag No. 432, L.R. Dag No. 475, R.S. Dag No. 431, L.R. Dag No. 476, L.R. Khatian No. 380 (Sachin Chandra Mondal), Mouza No. 96 Kahankia, Hal Touzi No.17, Thana Gaighata, A.D.S.R. Office Chandpara District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of R.S. Dag No. 432, L.R. Dag No. 475- Area 02.12 Satak And R.s. Dag No. 431, L.R. Dag No. 476-Area 06.33 Satak, 2 Dag No. Total Area 08.45 Satak	March 20, 2025 Rs. 29,00,127.00/-	08-02- 2025	
10.	Vivek Kumar Singh/ Rinky Yadav/ 95/12 Dharamtala Road, P.O. Ghusrui, P.S. Mali Panch Gharu District, Howrah West Bengal Howrah- 711107/ LBCAL00006040074/ LBCAL00006291154	Flat No. 102, First Floor, East Sapuipara, R.S. Dag No. 6222, R.S. Khatian No. 834, J.L. No. 14, Mouza Bally, P.S. Nischinda (Formerly Bally), Bally Gram Panchayet, District And Additional District Sub Registry Office Howrah, District Howrah, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 725 Sq.ft Little More or Less Including Super Built Up Area	March 20, 2025 Rs. 18,25,770.16/-	29-01- 2025	
11.	Nageswar Fish Company/ Sabita Mirdha Guarantor/ Rabin Kumar Mirdha Mortgagor/ Represented By Proprietor Rabin Kumar Mirdha Kanaidighi, Marishda Sadar Para West Bengal East Midnapore- 721444/ 256405500730	1) Sabek Dag No 2718, Hal Dag No 2783, Hal Khatian No 4175, Mouza Kanaidighi, J.L. No 416, Hal Touzi No 32, Contai Block No 3, B.L., L.R.O., Mo: & Po: Nachinda, Thana Marishda, A.D.S.R.O. Contai No 2, Nachinda, District East Midnapore, West Bengal (1 Decimal) 2) Sabek Dag No. 2719, Hal Dag No. 2782, Hal Khatian No. 4175, Mouza Kanaidighi, J.L. No. 416, Hal Touzi No. 32, Contai Block No 3, B.L., L.R.O., Mo: & Po: Nachinda, Thana Marishda, A.D.S.R.O. Contai No. 2, Nachinda, District East Midnapore, West Bengal (0.086 Decimal) 3) Sabek Dag No 2718, Hal Dag No. 2783, Hal Khatian No. 3447, Mouza Kanaidighi, J.L. No. 416, Hal Touzi No. 32, Contai Block No 3, B.L., L.R.O., Mo: & Po: Nachinda, Thana Marishda, A.D.S.R.O. Contai No 2, Nachinda, District East Midnapore, West Bengal (2 Decimal 4) Sabek Dag No 2719, Hal Dag No 2782, Hal Khatian No 3447, Mouza Kanaidighi, J.L. No 416, Hal Touzi No 32, Contai Block No 3, B.L., L.R.O., Mo: & Po: Nachinda, Thana Marishda, A.D.S.R.O. Contai No 2, Nachinda, District East Midnapore, West Bengal (0.156 Decimal) 5) Sabek Dag No 2718, Hal Dag No 2783, Hal Khatian No 3446, Mouza Kanaidighi, J.L. No 416, Hal Touzi No 32, Contai Block No 3, B.L., L.R.O., Mo: & Po: Nachinda, Thana Marishda, A.D.S.R.O. Contai No 2, Nachinda, District East Midnapore, West Bengal (4.4 Decimal) 6) Sabek Dag No 2719, Hal Dag No 2782, Hal Khatian No 3446, Mouza Kanaidighi, J.L. No 416, Hal Touzi No 32, Contai Block No 3, B.L., L.R.O., Mo: & Po: Nachinda, Thana Marishda, A.D.S.R.O. Contai No 2, Nachinda, District East Midnapore, West Bengal (0.312 Decimal)	March 26, 2025 Rs. 32,93,310.79/-	02-01- 2025	
12.	Subrangshu Das/ Anju Das/ S/o Sanat Kumar Das, 1st Floor 78, Thiruvalluvar Street, Kanagam Taramani Tti Taramani, District- Chennai Tamil Nadu Chennai- 600113/ LBCAL00005490528	Residential Flat South - Eastern Side, 2nd Floor, K.M.C. Prmises No. 527, Purba Phool Bagan And Phool Bagan Road, Mailing Address F-191, Bagha Jatin Colony, Phoolbagh, E.P. No. 191, S.p. No. 1025, C.S. Plot No. 241(P), 243(P), Mouza Bademesur, J.L. No. 31, Police Station Patuli, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Ward No. 101 (Borough No. XI), Assessee No. 31-101-16-0560-0, District South 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700086, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area of 810 Square Feet Super Built Up Area, Be The Same or A Little More Or Less Together With Undivided Proportionate Impartible Share And/ or Interest In The Land.	24/03/2025 Rs. 19,01,252/-	06/01/ 2025	
13.	Airindam Sinha/ Pamela Sinha/pratap Sinha/ C/o Pratap Kumar Sinha, Pratappur Ward 12, Panskura (M), Baranagbazar District Purba Medinipur, Near Sitala Mandir, West Bengal Panskura- 721152/ LBMDE00006810168/ TBMDE00006794179	Deed No. I-1613 Dag No. 197, Present Hal L.R. Khatian No. 225, Revisional Settlement Khatian No. 13/8 And 13/6, J.L. No. 78, Mouza Pratappur, Pargana Kashijora, Thana And Sub Registry Panskura, District Medinipur West Bengal Panskura Admeasuring An Area of 2 Satak Deed No I-3001 Dag No. 198 And 197, Present Hal L.R. Khatian No. 157, J.L. No. 78, Mouza Pratappur, Thana And Additional District Sub Registry office Panskura, B.L. And L.R.O. Panskura, District Purba Medinipur, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of Dag No 198 -1450 Sq. Link =1 1/2 Satak Admeasuring An Area of Dag No 197 Measuring 2013 Sq. Link=2 Satak Along With Constructed Area of 200 Sq. Ft. Pucca And 251 Sq. Ft. Katcha House Total Land 3 ½ Satak With House. Deed No I-2363/10 R.S. And L.R. Dag No. 197, Present L.R. Hal Khatian No. 166, J.L. No. 78, Mouza Pratappur, Ward No. 12, Panskura Municipality, Thana And Additional District Sub Registry office Panskura, B.L. And L.R.O. Panskura, District Purba Medinipur, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 1017 Sq. Link=1 017 Satak Total 1 Satak. Deed No I-6266 Dag No 198, Present Hal Khatian No. 166, Revisional Settlement Khatian No. 13/6 And 13/8, Mouza Pratappur, J.L. No. 78, Pargana Kashijora, Thana And Sub Registry Panskura, B.L. And L.R.O. Panskura, District Purba Medinipur, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 4180 Sq. Link=4 ½ Satak	March 24, 2025 Rs. 27,39,174.00/-	03-10- 2024	
14.	Karun Deo Sah/ Sri Krishna Sah/ Champasari Main Road Siliguri District Darjeeling West Bengal Siliguri- 734003/ LBSGI00005933793/ LBSGI00005971444	Deed No. I-1463 Shop No. B-03, 1st Floor of The Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bipanan Kendra, 'A', Market Cum Office Complex, At Hill Cart Road, Opposite Biswadip Cinema, In Siliguri Town, Mouza Siliguri, J.L. No. 88(110), R.S./ C. S. Plot No. 213 (Part), Post Office Pradhan Nagar, Police Station, Sub Division & Sub Registry/Now Additional District Sub Registry Office Siliguri, District Darjeeling, Siliguri 734403, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 132 Sq. Ft. or 2.267 Sq. Mtr Deed No. I-833 Shop No.-C-06, 1st Floor The Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bipanan Kendra, 'A', Market Cum office Complex, At Hill Cart Road, Opposite Biswadip Cinema, In Siliguri Town, Mouza Siliguri, J.L. No. 88(110), R.S./C.S. Plot No. 213 (Part), Post Office Pradhan Nagar, Siliguri Police Station, Sub Division & Sub Registry/ Now Additional District Sub Registry Office Siliguri, District Darjeeling, Siliguri- 734403 West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 104 Sq. Ft. or 09.66 Sq. Mtr, Deed No. I-926 Shop No. Nil In The 3rd Floor of The Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Bipanan Kendra, Hill Cart Road, J.L. No. 88(110), Sheet No. 1, R.S. Plot No. 213 (Part), Pradhan Nagar Siliguri, Police Station Siliguri, District Darjeeling, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of Measuring 312 Sq Ft. or 28.98 Sq. Mtr	March 24, 2025 Rs. 30,14,966.00/-	08-02- 2025	
15.	Rajnish Chavda/ Bharati Chavda/ 66 Mukta Ram Babu Street Ram Mandir, P.S. Jorasanko West Bengal Kolkata- 700007/ LBCAL00005654402	Flat No. 2, First Floor, Holding No. 88/2, Panchananatala, Pallisree Colony, Also Known As Premises 95, Panchananatala, Pallisree Colony, C.S. Plot/ R.S. Dag No. 330, E.P. 95 (S.P.-74), L.R. Dag No. 546, L.R. Khatian No. 1689, Mouza Patipukur, South Dum Dum Municipality, Ward No. 31, Police Station Lake Town, A.D.S.R.O. Bidhan Nagar, (Salt Lake City), District North 24 Parganas. Kolkata- 700048, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area of 530 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area Be The Same A Little More or Less Along With Proportionate Share of Land.	March 25, 2025 Rs. 14,58,937.20/-	04/01/ 2025	
16.	Shambhu Yadav/ Rina Devi/13 Vivekananda Road, Girish Park Barabazar H O Barabazar Kolkata West Bengal Kolkata- 700007/ LBCAL00005391681	Surya Apartment", South Side, Flat No. D 2, Third Floor, Premises No Ch- 5/4, Ghosh Para,r.s, Dag No. 1063, R.S. Khatian No. 258, Holding No. 812, Ward No. 18 (old), 11 (New), Bl- A, 812, Teghoria Assessee No.20033176088, Jyanga Ghoshpara, J.L. No. 16, Touzi No. 3027, Re. Sa. No. 114, P.S. Previously Rajarhat At Present Baguihati, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, Previous A.D.S.R.O. Bidhannagar Salt Lake City, Present A.D.S.R.O. Rajarhat District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700059, West Bengal. (Admeasuring An Area of 700 Square Feet Super Built Up Area South Facing Be A Little More or Less Together With Undivided Proportionate Share of Land.	March 25, 2025 Rs. 12,10,733.00/-	27/01/ 2025	
17.	Ahana Singha Chowdhury/ Joydev Singha/ C/o Gouranga Saha, 75 Deben Sen Road,1st Floor Pirtala, Agarpara West Ebngol Kolkata- 700109 /LBCAL00001456594	The Waterside, Flat No. 5 I, 4th Floor, Block No. B, Municipal Holding No. 17 of, Nilgunj Road, C.S. Dag No. 623(Part) & 624, C.S. Khatian No. 4/1, & 421, R.S. Khatian No. 541, Mouza Sodepur, J.L. No. 8, Touzi No. 172, 178 And 194, R.S. No. 43, P.S. Khardaha, Ward No.11, Panihati Municipalipality, A.D.S.R. Barrackpore, Dist. North 24 Parganas West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 920 Sq. Ft Super Built Up Area Along With Proportionate Share of Land	March 28, 2025 Rs. 3,07,842.99/-	08/01/ 2025	
18.	Yuvraj Pelagade/ Sanjay Shankarrao Pelagade/ C/o-Biswajit Dev 4, Shaktigarh, Jadavpur, Nr. Jadavpur University West Bengal Calcutta- 700032/ LBCAL00001760681/ LBCAL00001980847	Amar Asha Co-op Housing Society Ltd, Plot No. 65, New Amar Nagar Mouza Chikhali (Khurd), P.H. No. 39-A, Khasra No. 24/1, 24/2, Sheet No. 504/26, 525/27, R.N.M. Pardi, City Survey No. 46, 47, House No. 4821/65, Ward No. 20, Tehsil & District Nagpur, Nagpur 440009, Maharashtra (Admeasuring An Area of 139.354 Sq.mts. or 1500 Sq.ft	March 28, 2025 Rs. 5,82,342.60/-	08/01/ 2025	
19.	Nurul Islam/ Md. Sofique Ahmed/ Torulata Begumvill-Umarpur, Po-ghorshala, P.s Raghunathganj Jangipur, Near Traffic More District- Murshidabad West Bengal Murshidabad- 742229/ LBSGI00005160658/ LBSGI00005747512/ LBSGI00005777745	Dag No. 571, 574 And 575, Khatian No. 161, Mouza Umarpur, Thana Raghunathganj, Jaurur Gram Panchayat, Collectory Thak Murshidabad, District Murshidabad, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of 5 Satak	March 28, 2025 Rs. 33,37,568.00/-	01/02/ 2025	
20.	Suranjan Mullick/ Sonali Mullick/ Amitava Sengupta Guarantor/21B, Ramesh Mitra Road, Bhowanipur West Bengal Kolkata- 700025/ LBCAL00000376730	Second Floor, Premises No. 16, Purbachal Kalitola Road Now Premises No. 123, Purbachal Kalitola Road, Dag No. 4147, Khatian No. 2229, R.S. 233, Touzi No. 145, Ward No. 106, Mouza. Kasba, Pargana Kalikata, P.S. Kasba, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, District. South 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700078, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area of Super Built Up Area of 784 Sq. Ft Little More or Less Including Undivided Proportionate Share of The Land	March 29, 2025 Rs. 2,36,277.00/-	03/01/ 2025	
21.	Santanu Maiti/ Samir Maiti/ Aditi Maiti/375/B, Biren Roy Road East Purba Barisha, Near Netaji Sadak District South 24 Parganas West Bengal Kolkata - 700008/ LBCAL00006263828/ TBCAL00006234665	Premises No. 315/2, Raja Rammohan Roy Road, Netaji Sarak, Dag No. 344 And 345, Khatian No. 32, Re. Sa. No. 186, Touzi No. 3, J.L. No. 11, Ward No. 121, Thana Behala, Mouza Siriti Village, Pargana Magura Sub- Registry Alipore, District South 24 Pargana, West Bengal Admeasuring An Area of Dag No. 345 Measuring 2 Katha 4 Chittack And Dag No. 344 Measuring 4 Chittack, Total Area Measuring 2 Katha 8 Chittack	March 29, 2025 Rs. 57,07,453.00/-	08/11/ 2024	
These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.					
Date: May 07, 2025, Place: Kolkata					
Sincerely, Authorised Signatory, For ICICI Bank Ltd.					

Kho Kho adds to indigenous sporting flavour at Khelo India Youth Games 2025

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The indigenous sport of Kho Kho is witnessing growing enthusiasm and fandom, with hundreds of school students flocking to the BIPARD ground in Bodhgaya to watch the action-packed matches that kicked off on Monday as part of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2025. The Games, inaugurated by Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi, are being held from May 4 to May 15 across five cities in Bihar.

Kho Kho aligns strongly with India's mission to elevate indigenous sports on the global stage--a commitment reaffirmed during the recently held WAVES Summit 2025. At the BIPARD Ground in Bodhgaya, 16 teams--comprising 8 boys and 8 girls squads from 9 states--are competing in the high-energy Kho Kho matches from May 5 to May 9. The event features around 240 players, 16 coaches, 16 managers, and approximately 40 technical officers from the Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI), ensuring the smooth conduct of the tournament.

The game is being conducted at two indoor mat courts. National Centres of Excellence (NCOEs) across India are playing a pivotal role in nurturing talent in Kho Kho, alongside other sports. Also, universities and colleges offer admissions to Kho Kho players under the sports quota.

Additionally, Kho Kho players are increasingly securing government jobs based on their achievements in the sport, motivating many to take up Kho Kho at a young age and pursue it at senior levels.

In the boys' category, Group A comprises Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Odisha, and Bihar, while Group B includes Maharashtra, Karnataka, Delhi and Andhra Pradesh. In the girls' category,



WATFORD SACK TOM CLEVERLEY, BECOMES 10TH MANAGER TO BE DISMISSED IN FIVE YEARS

WATFORD [UK] : Watford sacked Tom Cleverley on Tuesday after the club secured just five victories in 2025 and finished 14th in the Championship.

Cleverley, a former Watford player, was appointed as the club manager on an interim basis in March 2024. He was handed a full-time role after Watford lost once in seven games under his watch.

However, Watford's fortune changed as they endured a mediocre run in the second half of

It felt like everything I had worked for was slipping away, but I didn't give up: Pratap Lakra's gritty comeback leads to Hockey Senior National



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : For Pratap Lakra, the path to the Indian senior men's hockey camp has been anything but linear. The 24-year-old defender from Sundargarh, Odisha, a district known for producing hockey stalwarts, has scripted a powerful comeback story after his career derailed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lakra is only one of the two new faces in the ongoing senior national camp, which is a testament to his grit and resurgence. The call-up follows a standout performance at the 15th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2025, where he played a key role in taking Madhya Pradesh to a Silver-medal finish.

"It was not easy to come back after the lockdown," Lakra reflects. "I lost fitness and momentum. For a while, I felt like everything I'd worked for was slipping away. But I didn't give up -- I kept training, kept showing up."

Lakra's journey began like many young boys in Sundargarh -- with a hockey stick in hand, playing barefoot in the village fields. His father, who also played hockey in his village, and his elder sister Preeti, who represented Odisha at the national level, laid the foundation for his love of the game. "We are a family of farmers, but hockey runs deep in our roots," Lakra says. "My sister joined a sports hostel first and inspired me to take the sport seriously."

Also, the financial struggles in his early years didn't deter him; they shaped him. "There was a time when I didn't have proper shoes to play. A kind-hearted official from Hockey Gangpur, Odisha, helped me out. Little things like that kept me going," he shares.

Lakra's early career had shown immense promise. After beginning his hockey journey around the age of 9 in his village, he joined the renowned Panposh Sports Hostel in Rourkela in 2011. He rose through the ranks quickly, earning a place in the Indian junior team and playing in

tournaments like the Sultan of Johor Cup (2017, 2019) and the 8 Nations Invitational in Spain (2019).

But when the pandemic struck in 2020, Lakra, like many athletes, found himself adrift. He was released from the junior national camp, his fitness dropped, and opportunities dried up. "It was a tough phase," he says. "There were days when I trained alone on the Railway team's turf, just running and working on my game without knowing what would come next."

Lakra's resilience paid off and he worked his way back into competitive hockey through Railways tournaments and eventually secured a job with South Central Railway in 2018 under the sports quota, giving him the stability to continue training and competing. By 2024, he was back in the thick of things, representing Odisha at the Senior Nationals, and then switching to play for Madhya Pradesh in 2025. The move proved pivotal -- his defensive discipline and consistency were impossible to ignore.

His recent performance with Madhya Pradesh at the Senior Nationals -- including a hard-fought final against Punjab -- earned him his long-awaited call-up to the senior national camp. "It was a tough tournament. Playing against top Indian players was a learning experience. The final

taught me a lot about team combinations and high-pressure play." Lakra, who plays in defence and also as a drag flicker, idolises Indian greats Birendra Lakra and Rupinder Pal Singh. "I chose to play in defence after watching Birendra Lakra -- the way he controlled the game from the back really inspired me. When it came to dragflicking, I closely followed Rupinder Pal Singh -- his technique and precision taught me a lot."

Pratap also gained experience with the Vedanta Kalanga Lancers in the Hero Hockey India League 2024-25. While he didn't get many chances to play, he says it was an eye-opener. "Being around international and senior players helped me understand the game at a different level. I stayed focused and tried to make every opportunity count."

Now in the senior national camp, Lakra remains grounded. "My goal is to improve my fitness and skills. I want to be disciplined, work hard, and earn a place in the Indian team. My ultimate dream is to win an Olympic gold for the country."

Support from his family remains unwavering. His sister Preeti, his early mentor, reminds him to stay humble. "She told me, 'Being named in the camp is just the beginning. Keep working hard if you want to wear the Indian jersey.'"



Gujarat Titans' captain Shubman Gill, Rashid Khan and teammates celebrate the wicket of Mumbai Indians' Will Jacks during their Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 match, at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Tuesday. (ANI Photo)

Real Madrid want to sign Trent Alexander-Arnold early from Liverpool to play in Club World Cup

LONDON [UK] : La Liga giants Real Madrid have approached Liverpool about signing English right-back Trent Alexander-Arnold early so that he can feature in the Club World Cup in June, according to Sky Sports.

On Monday, Trent confirmed that he would end his two-decade-long association at Anfield and look for a new challenge. His contract will expire on June 30, and Real Madrid will play its first fixture in the Club World Cup on June 18 against Al Hilal in Miami.

According to Sky Sports, Real Madrid are expected to follow up on their initial approach as the Los Blancos are determined to acquire Trent's services for the Club World Cup.



If Liverpool decide against letting Trent go early, he would still be available for the latter stage of the tournament. However, he would still miss Real Madrid's initial games against Al Hilal, Pachuca (June 22) and Salzburg (June 27).

Teams featuring in the Club World Cup have the option to use a special in-tournament window to register players, which will last from June 27 to July 3.

According to Sky Sports, Trent has verbally agreed to join Madrid after announcing that he would leave Liverpool at the end of the

current season.

"I think first and foremost, I want to say it's not an easy decision, and there's a lot of thought and feeling that has gone into it. I've been here 20 years now, loved every single minute of it, achieved all my dreams, achieved everything I've ever wanted to here," Arnold said in a statement released by Liverpool.

Trent joined Liverpool's Academy at the age of six and progressed through the ranks at youth level before making his senior debut for the Reds in 2016. To date, he has featured in 352 fixtures with Liverpool's crest on his chest, netted 23 goals, and lifted

eight major honours, including this season's Premier League title.

"After giving everything day in, day out for 20 years, I've got to a point now where I feel like I need a new change, a new challenge for me as a player and as a person. And I think now is the right time for me to do that," he added.

Trent dazzlingly displayed his attacking and defensive skills on the right side. He helped Liverpool add the Champions League, UEFA Super Cup, and Club World Cup trophies to the illustrious trophy cabinet. Along with this, he was also a part of two Carabao Cups, two Premier League titles, one FA Cup, and one Community Shield.

Esports to make its mark at Khelo India Youth Games 2025 with BGMI, Street Fighter 6, Chess, eFootball

PATNA (BIHAR) [INDIA] : For the first time in the history of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG), esports will be stepping into the spotlight as a demonstration event. Scheduled to be held in Bihar from May 4 to May 14, KIYG 2025 will host its esports competitions from May 6 to May 7 at the Patliputra Sports Complex, featuring popular titles such as Battlegrounds Mobile India (BGMI), Street Fighter 6, Chess and eFootball on both mobile and console.

The esports lineup at KIYG 2025 features titles from mobile, console, and strategy-based formats like chess, reflecting a deliberate effort to cater to diverse gaming audiences. This move also signals a broader national recognition of esports as a legitimate sporting pursuit on par with traditional disciplines, a direction that India has been moving toward with increased pace.

While BGMI remains the most popular esports title in India, Chess stands out as a particularly noteworthy addition to KIYG 2025.

Once considered a purely traditional sport, Chess has increasingly found a home in the esports world, most recently as part of the Esports World Cup (EWC) 2025, which boasts a prize pool of USD 1.5 million (Rs 12.6 crore) for the title. NODWIN Gaming, a leader in South Asia's esports and gaming ecosystem, has been one of the pioneers of this shift in India. In 2021, the company organised the Chess Super League, featuring national and international stars and also hosted Chess tournaments at DreamHack India 2024 across rapid and blitz formats.

"The inclusion of titles like BGMI, Street Fighter 6, Chess, and eFootball in the Khelo India Youth Games 2025 signals a big step forward for grassroots esports in India," says Akshat Rathee, Co-founder and Managing Director of NODWIN Gaming. "It's encouraging to see esports standing shoulder to shoulder with traditional sports, and the addition of Chess -- bridging classical and digital strategy shows how in tune this initiative is with global trends. But this isn't just about tournaments. It's about creating real opportunities to discover talent from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, places that have been overlooked for too long, thus building the foundation for a future where Indian gamers don't just participate, they dominate on the world stage."

Further underscoring the growing stature of Indian Chess in esports, SSUL, a global force in esports and gaming content, has signed Grandmasters Aravindh Chithambaram and Nihal Sarin to compete at the

EWC 2025. In addition to Chess, SSUL will also field players in Street Fighter 6, as well as EAFC25, Call of Duty Warzone, Tekken 8, and Apex Legends at the prestigious tournament.

Animesh Agarwal, Co-founder and CEO of SSUL believes that the inclusion of titles like Street Fighter 6, Chess, and eFootball console in KIYG 2025 reflects a thoughtful push to diversify beyond mobile gaming and build a more well-rounded competitive ecosystem. "It is especially encouraging to see Street Fighter 6 and Chess recognised through a government-led initiative, at a time when SSUL will be representing India in these very titles at the upcoming Esports World Cup. This development is crucial for identifying and nurturing talent across a range of platforms and genres from the grassroots level. Such proactive support from the authorities is a strong indicator of the growing legitimacy of esports in India and a positive sign for the industry's future," he adds.

The roots of esports entering the mainstream have already been visible across various states. Before its inclusion in KIYG 2025, the state of Bihar actively embraced the esports movement by organising the Bihar State Esports Open Championship and the Bihar Inter School and College Esports Championship over the past year. States like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Nagaland have also taken proactive steps to support and formalise grassroots esports programs.

Mikhail Bhuta, Co-Founder and Tech Lead, Dirtcube Interactive LLP, remarked, "Including esports in the Khelo India Youth Games is a practical step toward building a grassroots ecosystem for new-age sports. We believe that through this program, we'll soon see national esports heroes rise from across the country and bolster India's representation on the global stage. With this being the inaugural season, we envision having Made-in-India esports-based games be part of KIYG's future seasons."

With SSUL participating in Chess and Street Fighter at the EWC 2025, India has already been making waves on the international stage in eFootball, with Pavan Kampelli winning the bronze medal at the 2024 Asian Esports Games in Bangkok.

Esports will be an official medal sport at the 2026 Asian Games and the first-ever Olympic Esports Games is scheduled to debut in 2027. These developments mark a global shift toward legitimising esports within mainstream sporting culture.

