



Prime Minister Narendra Modi chairs a Union cabinet meeting, in New Delhi on Wednesday.

Mamata Banerjee posts 'Jai Hind' Jai India'After Operation Sindoor

MI News Service, Kolkata : In less than 10 hours after India struck on terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday, in a social media post, stated 'Jai Hind! Jai India!' . This brief post has however, widely interpreted as her unequivocal support for the nation's armed forces in carrying out the early Wednesday strike on terror bases inside Pakistan and on the other side of the LOC. It was consistent with Mamata Banerjee's earlier statement that the Trinamool Congress would support



the Centre in all its actions against the April 22 Pahalgam terror attacks on Indian soil.

In retaliation to that horrific terror attack claiming as many as 26 innocent lives of tourists, Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes early Wednesday on nine terror targets inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, including the Jaish-e-Mohammad stronghold of Bahawalpur and Lashkar-e-Taiba's base Muridke. The missile strikes were carried out under 'Operation Sindoor' two weeks after the Pahalgam massacre.

PM Modi called off Europe tour after Operation Sindoor

MI News Service,New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called off his scheduled three-nation Europe tour in the wake of heightened tensions with Pakistan specially after the Armed forces successful missile stikes in terrorists hideouts late last night. . According to informed sources on Wednesday, PM Modi was scheduled to travel to Croatia, Norway and the Netherlands starting May 13 and participate in the 3rd India-Nordic Summit in Oslo on May 15-16.He was scheduled to return to New Delhi on May 17. However, the visits have now been cancelled and the concerned governments have been informed about the Prime minister's decision following the conduct of 'Operation Sindoor' by Indian

Armed forces to destroy a number of terror camps inside Pakistan. Prime Minister Modi also decided not to travel to Moscow to attend the Victory Day celebrations of Russia scheduled for May 9. Last month, PM Modi had cut short his Saudi Arabia visit and returned home immediately after the Pahalgam terror attack. The strikes followed the heinous April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that resulted in the death of 26 innocent civilians. The decision to suspend Europe visit comes amid increased volatility along the Line of Control (LoC) after India carried out precision missile strikes on nine high-value terror targets across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). The government described the opera-

tion as a calibrated military action aimed solely at dismantling terror infrastructure without escalating broader hostilities. 'Operation Sindoor', launched at 1:44 am on Wednesday, was a joint effort involving the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. The strikes were closely monitored through the night by Prime Minister Modi, who remained in constant contact with senior military commanders and National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit oval. The government reiterated that "our actions have been focused, measured and non-escalatory in nature. No Pakistani military facilities have been targeted. India has demonstrated considerable restraint in the selection of targets and method of execution."

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MI News Service , New Delhi : Succumbing under Indian pressure following the success of last night's 'Operation Sindoor' of the Indian Air Force, Pakistan Defence Minister Khawaja Asif said on Wednesday that " Pakistan is ready to wrap up tensions with India, if New Delhi de-escalates the situation". His remarks came hours after India carried out a surprise military strike on a number of terror targets inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied

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Indian armed forces hit terror targets in Pakistan

MI News Service, New Delhi : In an operation named 'Sindoor', a symbolic reference to the red vermilion traditionally worn by Hindu women to signify marriage,. Indian armed forces conducted preempt strikes on nine selected major terrorist infrastructure inside Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in the early hours of Wednesday and destroyed them beyond repair.

Informing this India's Ministry of Defence said on Wednesday, even as Pakistan said that it would respond shortly after 'Operation Sindoor', the Indian Army said in a post on X "Justice is served. Jai Hind!"

After the operation Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also wrote on X, 'Bharat Mata ki jai'.

Meanwhile, an official PIB release here on Wednesday morning said that nine sites were targeted in the military strikes in Pakistan.

Pakistan's external affairs ministry also in a statement said the Indian Air Force jets, while remaining within Indian airspace, attacked tar-



gets across the international border in Muridke and Bahawalpur, and across the Line of Control in Kotli and Muzaffarabad in Pakistan occupied Kashmir using standoff weapons.

Claiming that the strikes resulted in considerable casualties on the Pakistani said, the statement added,

"Pakistan reserves the right to respond appropriately at a time and place of its choosing." Just minutes before dropping confirmation of the strikes, the Indian Army had posted a video on X, captioned "Ready

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Ten members of JeM chief Masood Azhar's family and 4 associates killed in India's missile attack

MI News Service, New Delhi / Lahore : In a major military success, at least 10 family members and four close associates of notorious Pakistan based terrorist organisation Jaish-e-Mohammad chief Maulana Masood Azhar were killed in India's missile attack on the outfit's headquarters in Bahawalpur last night..

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and his mother, along with two other close companions.

Masood Azhar has said at least 10 of his family members and four close associates were killed in the strike by the Indian armed forces. The Operation Sindoor involved targeted attacks on nine terror-linked sites across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), including a key compound in Bahawalpur. In his statement, Masood Azharr has

also targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying, "Is zulm ne saaray zabtay tor diye hain. Ab koi rehaim ki umeed na rakhe," which translates to: "This cruelty has broken all boundaries. Now, no one should expect mercy." Indian missile attack also destroyed other terror headquarters of the banned Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and Hizbul Muja

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Mamata announces new subdivision for violence hub

MI News Service, Murshidabad: Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday announced a new subdivision comprising the Suti, Farakka and Samserganj blocks of Murshidabad.

She also kept senior party leaders from the area away from a meeting with victims of the recent riot that claimed three lives and disrupted the livelihoods of hundreds.

A source said both actions by the chief minister during her maiden visit to Murshidabad since the April riots sent a clear message: she was unhappy with the handling of the situation by both her administration and party.

"Announcing a new subdivision for the violence-hit area confirmed she was unhappy with the failure of the police in managing the riot. Keeping local leaders, including the MLA and MP, away from the meeting

with victims clearly showed her dissatisfaction with their performance," said a senior TMC leader in Kolkata.

Mamata, during an administrative meeting in Suti, said a new subdivision would be formed comprising Farakka, Dhulian (Samserganj) and Suti.

"To strengthen the administration here, we have decided to establish a new subdivisional office comprising Farakka, Dhulian and Suti. I expect this will be completed within one to one-and-a-half months. The new office will be set up at a central location for easy access from all three regions. You no longer have to travel long distances," Mamata said.

A source said if the new subdivision office is set up in a central location, it will most likely be Dhulian.

A senior police officer stated the announcement indirectly ac-



Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at a meeting on security arrangements in Nabanna on Wednesday.

knowledgeed police failure. The police have been accused of failing to provide security to victims due to poor planning. Before Mamata's visit, the chief of the

Jangipur police district, Ananda Roy, was transferred.

"Creating a new subdivision means there will be an SDO (subdivisional officer) and an SDPO

(subdivisional police officer) office in the area. Having an SDPO office will ensure the presence of dedicated police lines and adequate security forces," said the police officer.

A source said that during Mamata's meeting with victims, Kalpana Mondal, a woman from riot-hit Bethona village, requested a permanent BSF camp. Mamata did not respond.

There were accusations that her party leaders failed to prevent the riot despite the area being home to four TMC lawmakers — Jangipur MP Khalilur Rahman, Samserganj MLA Amirul Islam, Farakka MLA Manirul Islam and Sagardighi MLA Bayron Biswas.

MP Rahaman and MLA Amirul Islam were not allowed to take part in her meeting with victims at the Samserganj BDO office on Tuesday. She also did not interact with local leaders at the he-

liped.

"The two lawmakers were present at the BDO office but were not allowed to enter. A senior police officer told them not to enter the meeting premises until 'madam' gave instructions," said a source.

Samserganj MLA Amirul Islam confirmed that he and local MP Rahaman were denied entry to the meeting. "The victims might not have spoken openly with the chief minister if we were present. I believe that is why we were not allowed inside. There is nothing wrong with that," said the MLA.

Mamata also did not interact with local party leaders, including lawmakers who were present at the helipad to receive her. "It showed how annoyed she was with those leaders. She formed a new 10-member core committee to monitor development works in the district, too," said a TMC leader in Murshidabad.



The results of the Higher Secondary Examination conducted by the West Bengal Higher Secondary Education Council were announced by the President of the Council, Dr. Chiranjeev Bhattacharya, at Vidyasagar Bhavan on Wednesday. He announced the 50th anniversary of the Council at a press conference. This time, three out of first ten places were secured by Kolkata.

Drone Didi Wins Award at WAVES SUMMIT 2025

MI News Service, Aushgram: Tanjila Khatun, a resident of Ausgram block in Purba Bardhaman district, has achieved a remarkable feat by winning the third prize in the 'Bird's Eye View Challenge' category at the prestigious World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) 2025. The summit, which drew participants from 60 countries, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



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The award was presented to Tanjila by Bollywood actor Anupam Kher on behalf of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Tanjila's achievement is a testament to her hard work and the support she received from the Department of Agriculture and the STREE project.

"I am proud to have showcased the success story of the STREE project nationwide," said Tanjila.

"I would like to thank ADA Ausgram-1 from the Department of Agriculture and the STREE project. This award will motivate me to continue working as a drone pilot and provide an alternative source of income."

Dr. Debanu Maity expressed pride in Tanjila's achievement, saying, "We are proud of Tanjila's success and her ability to showcase her skills on a national platform."

Gelatin, detonators, Ammonium Nitrate seized

MI News Service, Birbhum: Police have recovered a large quantity of explosives from Nalhati in Birbhum. The recovered explosives include 5,200 pieces of gelatin sticks, 4,500 pieces of detonators and 1,550 kg of ammonium nitrate. The Nalhati police recovered

explosives from an abandoned house in Pashinala area of Nalhati police station on Wednesday afternoon. The police conducted a raid in the area on a tip-off from a secret source that afternoon. During the raid, the police searched an abandoned house in front of the

primary school in Pashinala village and recovered the explosives. An allegation has been made against a person named Shahe Alam alias Biki for illegally storing explosives. Initially, the police suspected explosives were stored for use in stone crushing in the area.

Meeting of West Bengal Police Welfare Committee

Nurul Islam Khan

Under the initiative of the West Bengal Police Welfare Committee, the annual "General Meeting" of the West Bengal branch of the Police Directorate was held. On Tuesday, at the Alipore Police Lines ground, Shri Shantanu Sinha Biswas, Coordinator West Bengal Police Welfare Committee, Shri Bijitash Raut Mahasoy, Con-



vener West Bengal Police Welfare Committee, Shri Ruhul Amin Ali Shah, Convener, Kolkata Police Welfare Committee, other leaders of the Central Committee of West Bengal Police Welfare Committee, various officers of the West Bengal branch of the Police Directorate, officers of various district/unit branches and members of the Police Directorate branch were present. In their speeches at the annual general meeting, Shri Shantanu Sinha Biswas and Shri Bijitash Raut highlighted the following issues and urged everyone to be more united. They strongly protested

against the wrong posting policy and demanded that the wrong posting policy be changed and a posting policy favorable to members of the police force be introduced. For the betterment of all the police personnel of West Bengal, all the officers and members working in the Police Directorate should work with more compassion. And demanded that various policies be determined with compassion. In addition to filling all the vacant posts quickly, the Coordinator assured that appropriate action would be taken against the cursed posting policy of 2024. Several issues were also discussed.

Final Electoral Roll Published for 80 Kaliganj Assembly Constituency, Teenage voter increases 1.61 percent

MI News Service, Kaliganj: The Final Electoral Roll for the 80-Kaliganj Assembly Constituency in Nadia district has been published following the completion of the Special Summary Revision (SSR) of Photo Electoral Rolls with April 1, 2025, as the qualifying date.

According to official figures, the total number of registered voters in the constituency now stands at 252,670, comprising 130,363 male, 122,303 female, and 4 third gender electors. This marks a net decrease of 0.87% from the previous roll published in January 2025, said DM, Nadia, S. Arun Prasad.

The revision process focused on the inclusion of newly eligible voters and the removal of names of deceased or permanently shifted individuals. A total of 3,632 new voters



were added, while 5,840 names were deleted — including 3,426 deceased and 2,394 shifted electors.

The health parameters of the electoral roll also showed improvements. The Gender Ratio slightly increased to 938 females per 1000 males, and the percentage of 18-19-year-old voters rose to 1.61%, indicating successful outreach

among young electors. Notably, the EPIC (Electors Photo Identity Card) and photo coverage of the electoral roll stand at 100%.

A robust SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) campaign was launched using outdoor media, newspapers, and social media platforms to raise awareness and encourage voter partici-

ipation. The campaign also emphasized online enrollment and support for women, youth, and persons with disabilities.

Key stakeholders, including representatives of recognized political parties, were actively involved in the revision process. Four BLO-BLA coordination meetings were held throughout April 2025 to ensure transparency and collaboration.

District Call Centres remained operational to address voter queries and complaints, and provisions were outlined for appeal under the Representation of the People Act, 1950, allowing electors to contest decisions related to the roll.

The final roll was officially handed over to political parties Monday, concluding the SSR process for the constituency.

Sayak secures 9th rank in HS Exams, aims to be a physician

MI News Service, Chakdaha: Sayak Biswas, a student of Chakdaha Ramlal Academy in Nadia has brought pride to his school and hometown by securing the 9th position in the West Bengal Higher Secondary Examination.

Known for his consistent academic excellence, Sayak attributes his success to hard work, discipline, and unwavering support from his family and teachers.

His father, Subhash Kumar Biswas, who works at a private company in Gujarat, was the first to inform him about the result over a phone call. Sayak lives in West Palpara near Loknath Bhaban under Chakdaha police station area in Nadia,

with his mother, Tapasi Biswas, a homemaker.

A student of Ramlal Academy since Class V, Sayak narrowly missed a rank in the Madhyamik (Class X) exams but made a remarkable comeback in the Higher Secondary exams.

This year, 17 students have shared the 9th position on the merit list.

Sayak mentioned that apart from school, he also took guidance from four private tutors. "I want to become a doctor and serve the poor. That is my dream," he shared. He has already appeared for the NEET exams, and is hopeful for a good result.

Somnath Majumder stated on behalf of school that the teachers were



hopeful for a remarkable result from him. He said, "The school always had high expectations from that student. He had also ranked first in the test. So, the teachers, the headmaster—everyone believed he would deliver an exceptional result. And that's exactly what happened."

His dedication to stud-

ies is evident in his lifestyle. His room is filled only with books and a laptop. When he feels mentally tired, he refreshes himself by playing with a ball alone on the terrace.

To future examinees, Sayak advises, "Study with full concentration. Even if you study less, if you do it sincerely, success will follow."

Sayak's achievement has created a wave of celebration in his neighborhood. Locals have been visiting his home to congratulate him. His mother, Tapasi Biswas, expressed her joy, saying, "He's working hard to become a doctor. As a mother, I will always stand by him and support his dreams."

Justice Through 'Operation Sindoor': Tears in Martyr Jhontu Sheikh's Wife's Eyes, Victory in Son's Smile

MI News Service, Tehatta: As the Indian Army struck terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir under the code name 'Operation Sindoor', emotions ran high across the nation. But nowhere was the impact more profound than in the home of martyr Subedar Jhontu Ali Sheikh.

Jhontu Sheikh, a member of the elite 6 Para Special Forces, was killed in action during a search operation following a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir. Since morning, his wife, Shahnaaz Parvin, sat glued to the television, wiping her tears every time an explosion flashed on the screen. "At last, there is retaliation," she whispered, overwhelmed.

Their 12-year-old son, who had once carried his father's coffin to the grave, now bore a smile of quiet triumph. The news of the Indian



Army destroying terrorist hideouts was not just national pride—it was deeply personal justice. "We are crying today, but these are tears of joy," Shahnaaz said. "The way this mission has been named touches our hearts. Our pain has been acknowledged."

Jhontu's elder brother, Subedar Rafiqul Sheikh, also serving in the Indian Army, echoed the sentiment. "The Army was determined to avenge the killing of 26 innocent lives. My brother was part of that

cause. Today is his day of victory."

Rafiqul had been following 'Operation Sindoor' since morning. "I salute the Indian Army," he said. "And I thank the Prime Minister and Home Minister for honoring the emotions of our people. The Army is always ready to lay down their lives to destroy terrorism bred on Pakistani soil. My brother sacrificed his life for this very reason. Today, justice has been served."

Jhontu's aged father, Sabur Sheikh, said in a choked voice, "Now, my son can rest in peace."

As the flames of retaliation lit up the TV screens, one family in Patharghata found solace in knowing that their sacrifice had not been forgotten. In their pain lies the story of a nation that remembers its heroes—and stands up for them.

Celebrity Ramp Walk and Photoshoot event at Saltlake

MI News Service, Kolkata: On May 4th, a renowned banquet hall in Salt Lake hosted a Celebrity Ramp Walk and Photoshoot event organized by The Celebrity Superstar. The highlight of the evening was the presence of Bollywood actor Krishna Kaul, known for his performance in Zee TV's popular serial Kumkum Bhagya.

This celebrity ramp walk and photoshoot show was held through the special initiative and efforts of supermodel Siddharth Sehla. Men and women of all ages participated in the event. Nearly 150 contestants took part, showcasing their talents in a talent round, walking



the ramp, and modeling designer outfits for adults.

All participants also had the opportunity to take personal photos with Bollywood actor Krishna Kaul, which brought smiles to the faces of both young and old attendees.

Other distinguished guests present at the event included Bollywood actor and groomer Manpreet Singh, Richa Duggar, Anita Mahendra—head of Glamour International Salon & Academy, Kavita Kapoor, Mahavir Duggar, Pankaj Gupta—owner of Gupta Men's Apparel, among others.

Everyone present at the event praised Siddharth Sehla for organizing such a successful show.

Army chopper makes emergency landing near Siliguri

MI News Service, Siliguri: An Indian Army chopper made an emergency landing due to a sudden mechanical fault in an abandoned area in Thakurnagar under Dabgram II Gram Panchayat near Siliguri.

According to reports, the chopper had taken off earlier in the day from the Salugara Army Camp for a routine aerial surveillance operation. While returning, it experienced a mechanical fault that forced the pilot to carry out an emergency landing in an open field. Fortunately, there were no injuries, fatalities, or property damage. Soon after the landing, personnel from the NJP police station arrived to secure the area and manage the crowd that had quickly gathered around the site.

Army sources later confirmed that the chopper is typically used for surveillance missions. Officers and jawans from both the Bagdoga Air Force Camp and Salugara Army Camp rushed to the location to assess and begin repairs on the chopper. Shankar Tiwari, the Air Force Wing Commander and the Chief Public Relations Officer of the Eastern Command said: "The chopper had to make an emergency landing due to a mechanical fault. However, it belongs to the Indian Army and there is no reason for concern."

State to revamp centralised admission portal

MI News Service, Kolkata: With Higher Secondary (HS) results set to be announced on Wednesday, the state's centralised college admission portal is getting a major upgrade to make the admission process more student-friendly and transparent. The revamped system will offer predictive insights into a student's likelihood of securing admission to specific colleges and courses based on their marks, making the process clearer and less confusing.

Launched last year, the portal is now being enhanced with a data-driven predictive feature. Based on a "rank matrix" model, it will draw from last year's admission data, including the opening and closing cut-offs for each college and course. Officials said the system, which is similar to the one used in Joint Entrance Examination (WBJEE) counselling, will help students make more informed choices.

This approach is expected to reduce the uncertainty many students faced during last year's admission process. According to officials from the state Higher Education Department, the second round of counselling will offer even more accurate predictions, as real-time data from this year's first phase of admissions will be integrated into the system. Last year, many students, despite having adequate marks, failed to secure seats due to poor preference selections. Some applied to colleges or courses beyond their eligibility, only discovering the mismatch at the last minute and rushing to offline counselling. Officials noted that one of the main reasons for such errors was the overwhelming number of options available on the portal. Many students submitted applications via cyber cafes, where operators often filled in details without fully understanding the student's academic background or preferences.

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Indian armed forces hit...

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to Strike, Trained to Win".A press release posted at the wee hours today by PIB shared details about 'Operation Sindoor', which comes about two weeks after the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that killed 25 tourists and one local pony guide. After India's investigations showed that the attack had links with Pakistan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government promised a muscular retaliation which Pakistan and the terrorist outfits will never forget. .At 1:51 am on Wednesday, Indian Army posted on X, "Justice is served. Jai Hind!

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hideen, with the Indian Air Force conducting night raids on nine hideouts in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir, officials confirmed on Wednesday. Among the precise targets hit were the Markaz Subhan Allah at Bahawalpur, Sarjal at Tehra Kalan, Markaz Abbas in Kotli, and Syedna Bilal camp in Muzaffarabad, all linked to the banned Jaish-e-Mohammed.

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On April 22, a heart-wrenching image of a Hindu woman sitting in shock beside her husband's body went viral on social media, becoming a symbol of the tragic assault in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives. A Ministry of Home Affairs notice stated that in the current geo-political scenario, new and complex threats/challenges have emerged, hence, it would be "prudent that optimum Civil Defence preparedness in the country.

After the Pahalgam attack on April 22, tensions between India and Pakistan have been on the rise. New Delhi announced a series of punitive measures against Islamabad, including the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, shutting down of the only operational land border crossing at Attari, cancelling almost all categories of visa for Pakistani citizens and downgrading diplomatic ties between New Delhi and Islamabad, besides total shut down of Indian air space for Pakistani aircraft.

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump has called on India and Pakistan to swiftly end hostilities.

Senior Indian officials have spoken to their counterparts in a number of countries to brief them on the steps taken by India. Among these are US, UK, Saudi Arabia, UAE and Russia.

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On April 22, a heart-wrenching image of a Hindu woman sitting in shock beside her husband's body went viral on social media, becoming a symbol of the tragic assault in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that claimed 26 lives. Meanwhile, in the wake of heightened tensions between the two neighbouring countries following Indian terror strike inside Pakistan, a nationwide civil defence mock drills have been ordered by the central government to prepare states and Union Territories for "hostile attacks" amid "emerging threats". A nationwide civil defence mock drill is set to take place on Wednesday across over 250 districts in India, on directions of the Ministry of Home Affairs.



Students take part in an emergency simulation drill as part of the nationwide civil defence mock drill at a school in Kolkata on Wednesday.

Court rejects sacked teacher's plea, state gets relief in Job case

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant development in the 26,000 job cancellation case, the Calcutta High Court's division bench has ruled in favor of the state, stating that it lacks the jurisdiction to hear the contempt case related to the non-implementation of salary refunds for those identified as ineligible. This verdict comes after the Supreme Court upheld the cancellation of the 2016 SSC panel last month, leading to the dismissal of thousands of teachers and education workers. The High Court clarified that the Supreme Court will be the deciding authority on the salary and wages of the dismissed individuals. In a significant legal development concerning the cancellation of 26,000 teaching and non-teaching jobs following the annulment of the 2016 State Level Selection Test (SLST) panel, the Calcutta High Court's division bench, comprising Justice Debangshu Basak and Justice Mohammad Shabbar Rashidi, delivered a verdict today affirming the Supreme Court's jurisdiction in the matter of a contempt case filed regarding the non-implementation of certain directives. The ruling provides considerable relief to the state government, which had argued that any contempt proceedings related to the Supreme Court's orders should be pursued in the apex court itself. The division bench explicitly stated that the Calcutta High Court lacked the authority to hear the contempt case, particularly in light of the Supreme Court's modifications to the initial High Court order that led to the mass job terminations.

The contempt case was initiated due to the alleged non-compliance with the Supreme Court's directives, specifically concerning the refund of salaries to individuals identified as ineligible for their appointments and the non-publication of Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) sheets. These individuals were reportedly identified as having secured jobs based on irregularities, including the submission of blank OMR sheets. Last month, the Supreme Court upheld the Calcutta High Court's order, thereby validating the cancellation of the 2016 SSC panel and the subsequent dismissal of approximately 26,000 teachers and education workers. While the Supreme Court largely affirmed the High Court's decision, it introduced certain amendments. During the hearing of the contempt case, the School Education Department contended that any legal challenge regarding the implementation of the Supreme Court's orders should be filed before the Supreme Court itself.

Mamata congratulates HS achievers as result sparks wide spread celebration

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Higher Secondary (HS) examination results were released on Wednesday, sparking widespread celebration among students across the state. The successful candidates expressed joy and excitement regarding their future academic and career prospects, having once again brought pride to their families, schools, and districts. The results reflected a commendable performance, prompting Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to extend her heartfelt congratulations and blessings to the students. In a post shared on her official "X" (formerly Twitter) handle, she conveyed her best wishes, stating, "My dear students, who have passed the Higher Secondary Examination this year, I send you all my love and best wishes! I hope you will achieve more success in the future - making the country and the world brighter." Acknowledging the crucial role of educators and families, the Chief Minister also extended her congratulations and best wishes to parents, teachers, and guardians. It is because of them that you have achieved such good results today. And to those who may not have achieved the desired results, I would say: Don't be discouraged. Keep trying . You'll see that next time it will be better. My blessings and love to all of you May you all be very well." The results reflected a commendable performance, prompting Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to extend her heartfelt congratulations and blessings to the students. In a post shared on her official "X" (formerly Twitter) handle, she conveyed her best wishes, stating, " My dear students, who have passed the Higher Secondary Examination this year, I send you all my love and best wishes! I hope you will achieve more success in the future - making the country and the world brighter. Today, on this special day of your life, I extend my congratulation and best wishes to your par-



Civil defence and others take part in a mock drill at Sealdah DRM office sports ground in Kolkata on Wednesday.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addressing media at Nabanna on Wednesday.

Pahalgam Attack: Tears of relief for widows as India takes revenge via Operation Sindoor

MI News Service, Kolkata: Following the religiously motivated Pahalgaon massacre that claimed twenty-six lives, including Bitan Adhikari, the Indian Army has reportedly conducted a cross-border operation into Pakistan. Sources indicate nine terrorist camps were dismantled, and approximately 100 militants were neutralized, about fifteen days after the attack where victims were targeted based on their faith. Bitan Adhikari's widow, a witness to her husband's murder, expressed gratitude for the government's swift action, viewing it as immediate justice. Recounting the Pahalgaon horror upon her return to Kolkata, she highlighted the deliberate religious targeting, symbolized by terrorists "wiping away the vermilion" from married Hindu women. While thankful for

the retaliation, she pleaded for sustained efforts to eradicate militancy and prevent future losses. Shabri Guha, widow of victim Sameer Guha, commended the Prime Minister's initiative but urged a more comprehensive and sustained offensive against Pakistan. Similarly, Aishwanya Dwivedi, wife of Shubham Dwivedi, interpreted the reported operation code-name "Sindoor" as a deeply personal response, seeing it as a direct acknowledgment of the suffering of women whose vermilion was desecrated.

Official sources suggest the Indian Army employed precision strikes, possibly involving missiles, targeting nine militant launch pads and key headquarters of Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba in Pakistan and POK.

Unbelievable tie for twin brothers

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a remarkable coincidence, twin brothers Ankit and Anish Barui, students of Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission, have both secured the ninth position in this year's Higher Secondary examination, each scoring 489 marks (97.8%). This isn't their first joint appearance on a merit list; they previously held fourth and sixth ranks respectively in the 2023 Secondary examination. Adding to the school's success, fellow Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission students Adrich Gupta and Rafit Rana Laskar share the eighth rank with 490 marks. The top position in the HS exam was secured by Rupayan Pal of Burdwan CMS High School with 497 marks, followed by Tushar Debnath from Cooch Behar in second place and Rajarshi Adhikari from Arambagh High School in third. This year's top ten

merit list features an impressive 72 students. In an unusual display of synchronicity, twin brothers Ankit and Anish Barui, students of Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission School, have both achieved the ninth rank in this year's Higher Secondary (HS) examinations, each scoring an identical 489 marks, representing 97.8 percent. This remarkable feat follows their earlier success in the 2023 Secondary examinations, where Anish and Anik (note the slight name variation in the initial paragraph, assumed to be a consistent reference to the same individuals) secured the fourth and sixth positions, respectively, also as students of the same institution hailing from Bankura. The consistent academic excellence of Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission School is further highlighted by the joint eighth rank secured by Adrich

Gupta and Rafit Rana Laskar, who both scored 490 marks. Notably, Gupta and Laskar were also merit holders in their Secondary examinations. This year's HS merit list showcases exceptional performance, with a total of 72 students securing positions within the top ten. Leading the list is Rupayan Pal from Burdwan CMS High School, who achieved the first rank with an impressive score of 497 marks (99.4%). Tushar Debnath of Boxirhat High School in Cooch Behar secured the second position with 496 marks (99.2%), while Rajarshi Adhikari from Arambagh High School claimed the third rank with 495 marks (99%). The unique case of the Barui twins underscores the competitive yet sometimes serendipitous nature of academic achievements.

top ten ranks witnessed a significant number of high-achievers, with multiple students sharing ranks due to identical scores. The WBCHSE has announced that students can apply for the review and scrutiny of their results starting from midnight tonight. This year's examination holds particular significance as it marks the end of the annual system for Higher Secondary education in West Bengal, with the implementation of a semester system scheduled for the next academic session.

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armed forces had executed a "precision strike" deep inside Pakistani territory and specified that targets included four locations in Pakistan's Punjab province and five in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

All cabinet members commended the Prime Minister's decisive leadership in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, which resulted in the deaths of 26 individuals. Soon after the cabinet briefing, the Prime Minister met with President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan to inform her about the strikes and the possibilities of subsequent actions.

The military operation comes nearly two weeks after the Pahalgam attack, fulfilling Prime Minister Modi's earlier pledge to deliver an "unthinkable and decisive punishment" to those implicated in the atrocity. The implications of this action on the future trajectory of India-Pakistan relations remain a subject of considerable analysis.

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Kashmir. Asif was reported as saying that Pakistan will only respond if attacked."We have been saying all along in the last fortnight that we'll never initiate anything hostile towards India. But if we're attacked, we'll respond. If India backs down, we will definitely wrap up this tension," he said. Regarding the possibility of talks, the minister said he was not aware of any such potential engagements at the current juncture. Indian armed forces early Wednesday carried out missile strikes on nine terror targets in Pakistan and PoK in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack, which killed 26 people, mostly tourists. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had told the top defence brass that the armed forces have "complete operational freedom" to decide on the mode, targets and timing of India's response to the attack. After the attack Pakistan Army spokesman Lt Gen Ahmad Sharif Chaudhry in a media interaction said at least 26 people were killed and 46 injured in the missile strikes by India. However, even after that Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said his armed forces "know very well how to deal with the enemy". "Pakistan has every right to give a befitting reply to this act of war imposed by India, and a strong response is indeed being given," he said adding "We will never let the enemy succeed in its nefarious objectives"..

Following the Pahalgam terror attack, India announced a series of punitive measures against Pakistan, including the suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty, shutting down of the only operational land border crossing at Attari and downgrading of diplomatic ties besides closing down its airspace for Pakistani airlines.. Meanwhile, in a total deviation from his usual anti- Modi Government stance AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi on Wednesday.

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Name Change
I, Lutfan Nessa,Wife Of Bellal Hosain Molla,Residing At T-194/14, Jugipara Lane,Po - Bartala, Ps - Rajabagan,Kolkata -700018,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Lutfun Nessa Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/04/2025.That Lutfan Nessa And Lutfun Nessa Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Rizban Hossain (Old Name), Son Of Md Salamat Hossain, Residing At Kabarpara, Bankra, Howrah - 711403, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Rizwan(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 07/05/2025. That Md Rizban Hossain And Md Rizwan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rama Kant (Old Name) S/o Late I. Anurag Prasad Jaiswal,Residing at Aighara , Jhowtalla,po-Hatiara,Ps-baguiati Dist-North 24 Parganas, West Bengal,India. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ramakant Jaiswal(New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata on 07/05/2025. Rama Kant (Old Name) and Ramakant jaiswal (New Name) All are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Vimala (Old Name) W/o Ramakant Jaiswal,Residing at Aighara Jhowtalla, PO-Hatiara, Ps-baguiati Dist-North 24 Parganas,West Bengal, India. Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Vimla Devi Jaiswal(New Name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata on 07/05/2025.Vimala (Old Name) and Vimla Devi jaiswal (New Name) All are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Debabrata Chatterjee (old name) son of Late Sudhir Chandra Chatterjee, residing at 23/M/9, Nakalta Road, P.O.- Nakalta, P.S.- Netaji Nagar, Kolkata- 700047, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chebabroto Chattopadhyay (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. Debabrato Chattopadhyay (New Name) and Debabrata Chatterjee (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Nivedha Santharam W/o Ankit Kumar D/o R Santharam R/o, Flr. 904, Achitpa, 401, Barachola, Mukundapur, South 24 Parganas, P.S.- Purba Jadavpur, Kolkata - 700099, have changed my former name Nivedha to my new name Nivedha Santharam and shall henceforth be known as Nivedha Santharam as declared by the affidavit vide no. 23837 dated 19.04.2025 in the Court of Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, South 24 Parganas, the both name Nivedha and Nivedha Santharam is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rajesh Kumar Agarwal S/o Late Mahabir Prasad Agarwal Residing at 26H/9, Radha Madhab Dutta Garder Lane, Po - Belighata, Ps - Belighata, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700010 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Rajesh Agarwal. I declare that Rajesh Kumar Agarwal and Rajesh Agarwal is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 07-05-2025.

Name Change
I, Asraf Mondal alias Asraf Ali Mandal (Old Name) S/o Achheraddip Mondal Residing at Chhota Chuparia, Hanskhali, District - Nadia, Pin - 741502 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Ashraf Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 07-05-2025. Asraf Mondal, Asraf Ali Mandal (Old Name) and Ashraf Mondal (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nivedha, S. Nivedha, Nivedha.S (Old Name) W/o Ankit Kumar D/o R.Santharam Residing at 1E.904, Achitpa, 401 Barachola, Mukundapur, South 24 Parganas, Ps - Purba Jadavpur, Kolkata - 700099 West Bengal have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nivedha Santharam (New Name) as declared before the Ld.Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Alipore, vide affidavit no 23836 dated 19-04-2025. Nivedha, S.Nivedha, Nivedha. S (Old Name) and Nivedha Santharam (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sandhya D/O, Sita Chandak R/o Sadar Bajar Ward No 04, Shribalaji, Nagaur, Rajasthan -341001 Voter Id: Raj Kumari have changed my name to Raju Devi.

Name Change
I, Pawan Kumar S/O, Gordhan Das Taparia R/O Sadar Bajar Ward No 04, Shribalaji, Nagaur Rajasthan - 341001 Voter Id: Pawan Kumar have changed my name to Pawan Kumar Taparia.

Name Change
I, No. 14621594F, Rank Ex/HNB SUB, Name-MD. Ashaudhin, Resident at Vill: Moregram, P.O.-Sadipur Berurgram, Dist- Purba Bardhaman,Pin-713129 have changed my Daughters Name From Jazama Yeasmin To Nazma Yeasmin Vide Affidavit dated 29/04/25 before the court of the Sub Divisional Executive Magistrate, Katwa.

Change of Name
I, GAURCHANDRA DE S/o Late Trailakya De R/O Paschim Patnri, 05 No. Gopali GP, P.O.: Hiji Co-op, P.S.: KGP (L), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur-721306 have changed my name GAUR HARI DE S/O Late Trailakya De vide affidavit No. 2268 on 09.02.24 In the Court of the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Paschim Medinipur. GAURCHANDRA DE S/o Late Trailakya De and GAUR HARI DE S/O Late Trailakya De is same, One & identical person.

Name Change
I, SK MUKHTAR ALI son of SHEIKH JALAL ALI on behalf my minor son SHAIKH FARHAN ALI (Old Name), residing at 5 BLOCHMANN STREET,P.O.- DHARMATALA,TAL-TALA, KOLKATA -700013, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my son name and he shall henceforth be known as SK FARHAN ALI (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. SK FARHAN ALI (Old Name) and SHAIKH FARHAN ALI (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, SHAIKH MUKHTAR ALI & MUKHTAR ALI (old name) Son of SHEIKH JALAL ALI, residing at 5 BLOCHMANN STREET,P.O.- DHARMATALA,TAL.TALA, KOLKATA -700013, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SK MUKHTAR ALI (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. SK MUKHTAR ALI (New Name) and SHAIKH MUKHTAR ALI & MUKHTAR ALI (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, SUNIL CHOWDHURY (old name) Son of BIHARI LAL CHOWDHURY, residing at 36 BUROSHIB TALA MAIN ROAD, P.O.- SAHAPUR, BEHALA, KOLKATA -700038, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SUNIL KUMAR CHOWDHURY (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. SUNIL KUMAR CHOWDHURY (New Name) and SUNIL CHOWDHURY (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, AASHA CHOWDHURY (old name) Wife of SUNIL KUMAR CHOWDHURY, residing at 36 BUROSHIB TALA MAIN ROAD, P.O.- SAHAPUR, BEHALA, KOLKATA -700038, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ASHA CHOWDHURY (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. ASHA CHOWDHURY (New Name) and AASHA CHOWDHURY (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Jagendra Sharma, S/O Laldeo Sharma,R/O Lane No-15/3,Tentulata,Purbachal,Rajarhat Gopalpur, North 24 Parganas-700136,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jogendra Sharma,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 05/05/2025,That Jagendra Sharma And Jogendra Sharma All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, MINA DUTTA D/O NANI GOPAL GHOSH & ANIMA GHOSH W/o SUBIR KUMAR DUTTA residing at Vill - Devipur, PO - Duttapukur, District- N 24 PGS , Pin - 743248 ,West-Bengal India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MEENA DUTTA as declared before the First class Jusicial Magistrate Barasat Judges Court vide affidavit no 3508 Dated 20/7/24 MINA DUTTA and MEENA DUTTA both are the same and identical.

Name Change
I, Deepak Nathany (Old Name), S/O Late Nand Kishore Nathany, Residing At 4/8, Peary Mohan Paul Lane, Girish Park, Kolkata-700007, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Deepak Kumar Nathany (New Name) As Declared Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Kolkata With Affidavit Number 4567 Dated On 23-04-2025. Deepak Nathany (Old Name) And Deepak Kumar Nathany (New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ramjani Nadaf (Old Name) S/o, Habib Nadaf residing at 16, Amar-talla Lane, Burrabazar, Kolkata-700011 and my permanent address is Hanumanda, Panchobh Darbhanga, Hanumannagar, Bihar-846003 have change my name and shall henceforth be known as MD. Ramjani as declared before the LD. First Class Magistrate(S), Kolkata, vide affidavit no. 42402 dated 12.08.2024. Ramjani Nadaf (Old Name) and MD. Ramjani (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Madhabi Sain (old name) W/o, Ramen Sain R/o, Mstukpur, Pandua, Hooghly-712149, WB., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Madhabi Lata Sain (new name) vide an affidavit no. 321 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 07/05/2025. Madhabi Sain & Madhabi Lata Sain W/o. Ramen Sain both are the same & one identical person. Ritam Sain is my son.

Name Change
I, Ramendra Nath Sain (old name) S/o, Bijoy Krishna Sain R/o, Matu kpur, Pandua, Hooghly-7121 49, WB., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ramen Sain (new name) vide an affidavit no. 320 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 07/05/2025. Ramendra Nath Sain & Ramen Sain S/o. Bijoy Krishna Sain both are the same & one identical person. Ritam Sain is my son.

Name Change
I, Shaikh Ibrahim Khalil Mohammadali (old name) S/o Sk Mohammad Ali R/o, Dwarpara, Panchpara, Balagarh, Hooghly-712501, WB., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Ibrahim Khalil (old name) vide an affidavit no. 554 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 07/05/2025. Shaikh Ibrahim Khalil Mohammadali & Sk Ibrahim Khalil S/o. Sk Mohammad Ali both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Amren Jahan (old name) D/O Ansar Ahmad, residing at 251, Deb Banerjee Road, Amarabati, P.S.-Kasba, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amrin Jahan (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. Amrin Jahan (new name) and Amren Jahan (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sahadev Malik (old name) S/O Late Basudeb Malik, residing at Haripur, Kolepara, Pahalampur, Singur, Hooghly- 712223, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sahadeb Malik (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. Sahadeb Malik (new name) and Sahadev Malik (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ashish Kumar (old name) S/O Rajendra Prasad Sharma, residing at Subhadra Plaza, Block-B, 2nd Floor, Banipur, Basudevpur, Howrah- 711304, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ashish Kumar Sharma (new name) as declared before the 1st Class Executive Magistrate at Howrah, dated 02/05/2025. Ashish Kumar Sharma (new name) and Ashish Kumar (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ansar Ahmed Quraishi (old name) S/O Hafizullah, residing at J-26/196, Kamalgadaha Jaitipura, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, Pin-221001, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ansar Ahmad (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. Ansar Ahmad (new name) and Ansar Ahmed Quraishi (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ajay Goel (old name) S/O Shyam Prakash Goel, residing at GC- 47, Sec-3, Salt Lake City, Bidhanagar North P.S., Bidhanagar, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700106, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajay Kumar Goel (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. Ajay Kumar Goel (new name) and Ajay Goel (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ghanshym Prajapat (old name) son of Radhakishan Kumhar, residing at Block 45, Flat 9B, Green Field City, Shibrampur, Maheshatala , Kolkata- 700141, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ghanshym Kumhar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 05/05/2025. Ghanshym Kumhar (New Name) and Ghanshym Prajapat (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sudeb Kumer Ghosh (old name) son of Tripti Kumar Ghosh, residing at Vill & P.O.- Hijaal Pukuria, P.S.-Habra, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sudeb Ghosh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. Sudeb Ghosh (New Name) and Sudeb Kumer Ghosh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Nabanita Ghosh (old name) W/O Sukumar Ghosh and D/O Dharendra Nath Mondal, residing at 3/8C, Talatala Lane, Entally, Kolkata- 700014, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nabanita Ghose (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. Nabanita Ghosh (new name) and Nabanita Ghosh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sukumar Ghosh (old name) S/O Jatindra Nath Ghosh, residing at 3/8C, Talatala Lane, Entally, Kolkata-700014, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sukumar Ghose (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. Sukumar Ghosh (new name) and Sukumar Ghosh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sampa Ghosh (Old Name), Wife Of Late Ashis Kumar Ghosh, Residing At 149,Gandhi Colony,3rd Floor, Flat-7,P.O.- Regent Estate, Kolkata-700092,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shampa Ghosh(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 07/05/2025. That Sampa Ghosh And Shampa Ghosh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sahanur Mondal S/O Abdar Mondal, on behalf of my minor son Sakib Akhtar (old name), residing at Vill- Dakshin Golai Chandi, P.O.- Taki, Basirhat, Dist-North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743429, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my son name and he shall henceforth be known as Sakib Akhtar Mondal (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 06/05/2025. Sakib Akhtar Mondal (new name) and Sakib Akhtar (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, SHAMBHU NATH SHAW (old name) Son of KANAHYA SHAW, residing at MAJA SARADA APARTMENT, 16B/17 BARALAI MITRA STREET, P.O.- BAGBAZAR, KOLKATA-700003, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SAMBHU NATH SHAW (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata, dated 23/04/2025. SAMBHU NATH SHAW (New Name) and SHAMBHU NATH SHAW (old name) both are same and identical person.

India's services sector growth moderates in Mar: PMI

MI News Service, New Delhi: India's services sector activity eased slightly in March, weighed down by a marginal slowdown in sales amid softer demand conditions and easing inflationary pressures, a monthly survey said on Friday. The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Services PMI Business Activity Index fell from February's reading of 59.0 to 58.5 in March, but remained above its long-run average of 54.2. In the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) parlance, a print above 50 means expansion, while a score below 50 denotes contraction.

"India recorded a 58.5 services PMI in March 2025, softening slightly from the month prior. Domestic and international demand remained fairly buoyant, despite being sequentially a tick lower than the month before," Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC, said.

According to survey participants, output was supported by buoyant underlying demand and ongoing increases in new business. However, sales rose at a softer pace than in February, they added. The slowdown in the growth of total new business reflected a weaker increase in international sales. New orders from abroad rose at the softest pace in 15 months. On the price front, output charge inflation slowed to a three-and-a-half-year low in March. Only 1 per cent of survey participants reported higher average fees than in February, with the remaining companies signalling no change. Panelists identified heightened competition as the main challenge for growth prospects going ahead. The level of positive sentiment slipped to a seven-month low and was below its long-run average.

Name Change
I, Md Yusuf (old name) S/O Samser Ali Md, residing at 3/1 Golam Jilani Khan Road, Tiljala, Kolkata-700039, West Bengal, INDIA, my Driving License No. WB01 200907 15725, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Usuf (new name) as declared before the 1ST Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, dated 07/05/2025, Md Usuf (new name) and Md Yusuf (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mrs. Krishna Roy Chowdhury (old name) W/O Late Bhanu Roy Chowdhury, residing at 2/19 Azadgarh, Jadavpur, Regent Park, Kolkata- 700040, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Laxmi Roy Chowdhury (new name) as declared before the Ld. Executive Magistrate at Alipore, Kolkata, dated 25/08/2004. Laxmi Roy Chowdhury (new name) and Krishna Roy Chowdhury (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mita Tandon W/O Arjun Kumar Paul, R/O- Flat-A2, Parui Govt R.H.E, 169 Biren Roy Road West, Sarsuma, Kolkata-700061, Have Changed My Name To Mita Tandon Paul Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 05/04/2025. Mita Tandon Henceforth Be Known As Mita Tandon Paul For All Purposes And They Are Both Same One And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Khushboo Losalka (Old Name) D/O Raghurib Losalka, residing at Barakar Nima Colony, Kult, P.S.-Kulti, Dist.- Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713324, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Khush Losalka (New Name) as Vied an affidavit (SL.NO- 51/25) i sworn before the Notary public at ASANSOL Court, on 30/04/2025. Khushbu Losalka (New Name) and Khushboo Losalka (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

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

Name Change
I, Manjila Bibi (Old Name) W/o. Aslam Hassan Molla residing at 16, Amartalla Lane, Burrabazar, Kolkata-700001 D/o. Israfil as Reshma have change my & my father's name shall henceforth be known as Reshma and Israfil as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Alipore vide affidavit no. 23885 dated 19.04.2024 Manjila Bibi D/o. Esrafil Molla and Reshma D/o. Esrafil both are same and one identical person.

Celebrating 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division: Prabhat Pheri, Cleanliness Drive, and Tree Plantation Held at Bandel Station



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing celebrations of 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division, a series of community-focused initiatives were organized today at Bandel Station and its circulating areas under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Sri Sanjeev Kumar. The events included a vibrant Prabhat Pheri, a comprehensive cleanliness drive, and an inspiring tree plantation program.

The activities witnessed enthusiastic participation from railway staff, dedicated volunteers, and local community members. The Prabhat Pheri, marked by patriotic slogans and banners, created a lively atmosphere and fostered a sense of unity and pride among all attendees. Following the rally, cleanliness drives were

carried out in and around the station premises, reflecting the commitment of Indian Railways towards the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Volunteers joined hands to ensure the station area was clean, hygienic, and welcoming for passengers. To promote environmental sustainability, a tree plantation drive was also conducted, with numerous saplings planted in the station surroundings. This initiative underlined the division's dedication to creating a greener and cleaner future. These efforts are a part of the centenary celebration of the Howrah Division, which continues to uphold the values of service, progress, and community engagement. The success of today's event reflects the strong bond between the railways and the public it serves.

Sealdah Division successfully completed Limited Height Subway to enhance safety & reliability



MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division has successfully completed a significant infrastructure upgrade with the commissioning of Limited Height Subway (LHS) No. 143 between MBB (Murshidabad) and JG (Jaganj). The challenging project, involving the insertion of 13 precast concrete boxes (each measuring 6m x 4.65m) beneath a busy section of railway with three lines (UP, DN & Azimganj-Murshidabad Single Line) and two OHE crossovers, was accomplished during a power and traffic block lasting from 10:12 to 16:45 today. The project presented unique engineering challenges due to the predominantly coarse-grained sandy soil profile and groundwater seepage encountered during the final excavation stages. Prior sheet piling work proved crucial in ensuring the safety and stability of the excavation under the dynamic leadership of Sri Sachin Suman, Sr. Divisional Engineer (Cord) & Sri K.P.Dev, Sr. Divisional Engg (3) under the guidance of Sri Rajeev Saxena DRM Sealdah. In addition to the LHS 143 project, several shadow blocks were also successfully executed, distressing of the track at BCM operation locations, a process vital for maintaining track geometry and preventing

buckling. Furthermore, deep screening of the ballast was carried out by a Ballast Cleaning Machine (BCM) over a significant stretch between Murshidabad and Lalga, enhancing drainage and track stability. To ensure the integrity and safety of the track, several initiatives like welding of rail, replacing worn out rails and sleepers, and rail transportation was carried out. Essential maintenance was also undertaken. Taking advantage of the mega block, OHE maintenance was done to maximum extent including several overhauling, wire and components replacement.

In this context DRM Sealdah Sri Rajeev Saxena stated that the successful completion of this complex undertaking was made possible through the exceptional coordination and support from the TRD, S&T, and Operating departments of the division. He also stated that the new underpass will significantly improve public safety by eliminating level crossing, providing easier and safer access for local residents and the increasing number of tourists visiting the renowned historical sites of Murshidabad. Sealdah Division anticipates a considerable boost to tourism in the region as a result of this enhanced connectivity.

Airtel launches BND

MI News Service, Kolkata: Airtel Business recently announced the launch of "Business Name Display" (BND), an industry-first solution designed to enhance customer engagement for enterprises. The service enables businesses to display their brand name on the recipient's mobile screen during outgoing calls, thereby fostering trust and helping customers distinguish legitimate business calls from spam. The "Business Name Display" (BND) solves for this challenge and facilitates a relevant yet safe communication environment enabling end customers to make informed decisions on all incoming calls, which will display the name of the company the call is from.

Miscellaneous

World Asthma Day 2025 observed at B.R. Singh Hospital, ER



MI News Service, Kolkata: World Asthma Day 2025 was observed with great enthusiasm at B. R. Singh Hospital, Eastern Railway, under the aegis of the Health & Family Welfare Department, Sealdah Division. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Subhasish Das, Medical Director, B. R. Singh Hospital, and Dr. Kalpana Mandal, Chief Medical Superintendent, Sealdah. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Mandira Banerjee, Additional Chief Medical Superintendent, Health & Family Welfare, Sealdah, who delivered an insightful address on this year's theme: "Make Inhaled Treatments Accessible for ALL." Dr. Angira Dasgupta, Additional Chief Health Director (Pulmonology), B. R. Singh Hospital, demonstrated various inhalation devices used in asthma treatment and explained their correct usage. She also interacted with the audience to clarify doubts and raise awareness. Dr.

Sarbani Sengupta, Chief Consultant (Physician), B. R. Singh Hospital, elaborated on the management of adult asthma and the importance of inhaler-based therapy, while Dr. Chaitali Patra, Sr. DMO (Pediatrics), discussed childhood asthma and emphasized the role of parental counselling and treatment adherence.

A spirometry camp was also organized as part of the event, with 20 beneficiaries undergoing lung function testing to assess their respiratory health. To encourage awareness among young medical professionals, a medical quiz was conducted for resident doctors, curated by Dr. Angira Dasgupta, focusing on asthma-related knowledge and best practices in clinical care. The event was a resounding success and marked a significant step towards improved asthma awareness, management, and the fight against the stigma associated with the condition.

Augmentation of Different types of coaches in Popular Mail Express Trains

• **More than 1200 berths to be generated.**
MI News Service, Kolkata: The augmentation of different types of coaches in Popular Mail/Express trains is an ongoing initiative aimed at improving overall travel experience for passengers. Accordingly, in response to the overwhelming demand for tickets throughout the year, Railway has decided to augment Additional General Second Class, Sleeper class & Air Conditioned coaches with eight popular Mail /Express train as under:

• **Additional Five (05) Air- Conditioned coaches augmented** with 12359/12360 Kolkata - Patna Jn. - Kolkata Garib Rath Express leaving Kolkata with effect from 08.05.2025 & leaving Patna Jn. with effect from 09.05.2025. Now the train will run with 22 coaches instead of 17 coaches and additional 400 berths will be generated in each trip by running this train. • **Additional one (01) Air- Conditioned and two (02) Sleeper Class Coaches augmented** with 13155/13156 Kolkata - Sitamarhi - Kolkata Mithilanchal

Express leaving Kolkata with effect from 11.05.2025 & leaving Sitamarhi with effect from 12.05.2025. Now the train will run 24 coaches instead of 21 coaches and additional 208 berths will be generated in each trip by running this train. • **Additional one (01) Air- Conditioned and two (02) Sleeper Class Coaches augmented** with 13157/13158 Kolkata - Muzaffarpur Jn. - Kolkata Tribhut Express leaving Kolkata with effect from 13.05.2025 & leaving Muzaffarpur with effect from 14.05.2025. Now the train will run 24 coaches instead of 21 coaches and additional 208 berths will be generated in each trip by running this train. • **Additional one (01) Air- Conditioned and two (02) Sleeper Class Coaches augmented** with 13159/13160 Kolkata - Jogbani - Kolkata Express leaving Kolkata with effect from 09.05.2025 & leaving Jogbani with effect from 10.05.2025. Now the train will run 24 coaches instead of 21 coaches and additional 208 berths will be generated in each trip by running this train.

Metro Staff help an injured Passenger

MI News Service, Kolkata: On 06.05.2025 at about 18:20 hrs., on-duty RPF and station staff found an injured passenger aged around 31 years who had a bad fall at Salt Lake Sector V Metro station. Seeing his condition, RPF and station staff rushed to his help. Considering the seriousness of the situation, he was brought to the Station Master's Office and given first aid. He was later sent to Seva Hospital, Bidhannagar in Railway ambulance accompanied by Metro staff. After treatment, he was discharged from the hospital. He thanked Metro Railway authorities for the kind co-operation and help.

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Thalassemia in Children: What Every Parent Should Know Identifying Early Symptoms, Getting Proper Treatment, and Ensuring a Healthy Childhood

Prof. (Dr.) Rajiv Dey Thalassemia, one of the most common single-gene diseases in the world, is a particular concern in West Bengal, where one in every 10 people is a carrier, more than double the national average of 3-4 percent.

For this reason, awareness and early intervention are extremely important, especially for parents of young children.

In most cases, symptoms of the disease begin to appear within the first two years of life. These may include excessive fatigue, pale skin, failure to gain weight, a swollen abdomen, or frequent illness. If not detected in time, the disease progresses silently. Blood tests such as complete blood count, hemoglobin electrophoresis, and genetic screening can help diagnose the disease and determine appropriate

treatment. The mainstay of treatment is regular blood transfusions, which help maintain hemoglobin levels and ensure normal growth. However, over time, these transfusions can cause excess iron to accumulate in the body, which can damage the heart, liver, and other organs. Therefore, iron chelation therapy becomes essential. Low-cost blood transfusions and chelation therapy are available in various hospitals in West Bengal, including Kolkata, many of which are supported by government health schemes and NGOs.

For some children, bone marrow transplantation (BMT) is the only recognized cure, especially if it can be done early and through a matched donor. Although it can be expensive, many hospitals in Kolkata now have advanced transplant units where success rates are

steadily increasing.

But everyday family care is equally important. Parents should ensure a balanced diet low in iron, get timely vaccinations, and maintain cleanliness to avoid infections. Emotional support and psychosocial care are also essential, as children with long-term illnesses often face anxiety and social neglect.

Local support groups in Kolkata are increasingly helping these families with medical and psychological support. With such a high prevalence of thalassemia in this region, early screening, conscious parenting, and consistent care can make a big difference in the lives of children. With the right support, children with thalassemia can grow, learn, and live full, active lives.

Writer is a Clinical Lead & Consultant - Hematology, Hemato-Oncology & BMT - Narayana Health, Kolkata

India rejects OIC's statement on Pahalgam attack

MI News Service, New Delhi/New York: India rejected the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) statement from New York that blamed India's "unfounded allegations against the Islamic Republic of Pakistan" on Pahalgam as a key factor inflaming tensions in the region.

"The OIC statement, issued at the behest of Pakistan, is absurd in refusing to recognise the facts of the Pahalgam terrorist attack and its cross-border linkages. This is yet another attempt by Pakistan, a country that has long engaged in cross-border terrorism, to manipulate and misguide the OIC group to issue a self-serving statement. We reject the OIC's interference on matters that are internal to India," external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in response to queries on the OIC's second statement since the Pahalgam attack.

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

Open E-Tender Notice

E-Open Tenders are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work: [A] Sl. No.: [1]. Tender No.: Mfg. 009 Torquing-2025. Name of Work: Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Commissioning of wireless error proof torquing system as per industry 4.0 as per Technical Specification No. Mfg./009/Torquing/2025 with 3-year post warranty AMC. Tender Value (Rupees): ₹ 1,59,48,434.00. Cost of Tender Document (Rupees): Nil. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees): ₹ 2,29,800.00. Period of Completion: 60 days. Date of Closing : 20-05-2025 at 15:00 hrs. [B] Sl. No. : [1]. Tender No. : Mfg. 009 Size-verification. Name of Work: Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Commissioning, prove out of Computerized Axle Journal & Seat, Wheel ID and Bearing ID-OD size verification & integrated data recording System along with essential spare as per Technical Specification No. Mfg./009/Size verification/2025 with 3-year post warranty CAMC. Tender Value (Rupees) : ₹ 2,39,43,174.00. Cost of Tender Document (Rupees): Nil. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees) : ₹ 2,69,700.00. Period of Completion: 60 days. Date of Closing: 16-05-2025 at 15:00 hrs. NOTE (for both A & B): (i) Complete details can be seen in the Railway website www.irops.gov.in. (ii) Tender Calling Authority: Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer / Plant, CLW, CRJ (iii) Contact No: 0341-2525566 (iv) Email Id: <dycmepclntclw@yahoo.com> PRI/025 AWM/Mfg.-I/CLW/CRJ. Like us on : www.facebook.com/dwrrailways

A copy of the OIC statement is not available on its website but was reported by the Turkish state-run news agency Andalou Agency. According to the agency report, in a joint statement, the OIC said such accusations risk exacerbating an already volatile situation and iterated its "principled position against, and condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomsoever and wherever".

The report said that the OIC rejected "all attempts to associate any country, race, religion, culture or nationality with terrorism" and added: "The unresolved dispute remains the core issue affecting peace and security in South Asia. The people of Jammu and Kashmir continue to be denied their inalienable right to self-determination as enshrined in the relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions."

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 222-SI/IW-II Dated: 05.05.2025, E-Tenders are invited by the Sr. Divisional Engineer/III, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following works : Sl. No. 1; Tender No.: TN-24-25-26; Name of the Work : Strengthening of bridges including provision for side pathway and other ancillary works of Br. No.1, 56, 73, X/26, X/33, B-9, 7, S-41, 111, 113, 127, 119, 131, 7A, 15A, 19A, 36A, 73A, 42A, 82A, 3-T, 10-T, 66-T, 67-T, 68-T, 69-T, 17DN, K-15 in Sealdah Division; Tender Value : Rs. 8,50,26,645.24; EMD : Rs.5,75,100.00; Completion period of the work : 24 (Twenty four) months; Sl. No. 2; Tender No.: TN-25-25-26; Name of the Work : Work for correction of Girders and stringers etc. on Br. No.8 [Murshidabad - Azimganj section] of Sealdah Division; Tender Value: Rs.66,40,641.67; E M D : Rs. 1,32,800.00 ; Completion period of the work : 08 (Eight) months; Date & Time of Closing of Tender: 30.05.2025 at 15.00 hrs. for all tenders; Date & Time of Opening of Tender: 30.05.2026 at 15.30 hrs. As per Indian Railway Standard General Conditions of Contract 2022 cost of e-Tender Form is NIL. The tender documents and details are at www.irops.gov.in The bidding is to be submitted through the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily rejected.

(SDAH-41/2025-26) Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.irops.gov.in

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EAST COAST RAILWAY

e-Tender Notice No. SNTCSBPOT83 Dated : 02.05.2025

NAME OF WORK :- "EXECUTION OF SIGNALLING WORKS, SUPPLY OF CRITICAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF ELECTRONIC INTERLOCKING (EI) AT CHARIKHAHA, ADENIGARH, BANIGUCHHA & BUGUDA IN SAMBALPUR DIVISION OF EAST COAST RAILWAY ON PROJECT OF NEW BG LINE OF BALANGIR-KHURDA."

Approximate Value : ₹ 27,24,28,055/-, EMD : ₹ 15,12,200/-, Period of Completion: 24 (Twenty Four) Months.

e-Tender Closing / Opening Date and Time [At 1530 Hrs. of 26.05.2025.

Complete details available at : www.irops.gov.in. In case of any discrepancy between the tender documents downloaded from internet and the master copy of the same available in the office, the latter shall prevail and will be binding on the Tenderer(s). No claim on this account will be entertained.

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/ PR-20/CI/25-26 Com/Sambalpur

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It is hereby intimated that with effect from 06-08-2025 MFI Operations of Asirvad Micro Finance Limited, EGRA Branch at 1st Floor, Egra College Road, Near Barna Parichay Book Stall, Adalab, Egra, East Medinipur -District, West Bengal Pin-721429. Ph: 8536036037 / 8337285527 will be shifted to EGRA Branch, Village : Kasba Ward No1, PO : Egra East Medinipur West Bengal-721429. Ph: 9775432585 / 8337285527) for the better convenience in infrastructure. Customers may kindly note that all efforts have been taken to avoid inconvenience to the customers and still any difficulties are faced, all are requested to contact in the following numbers for further guidance.

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Operation Sindoor: Over 200 flights cancelled, 18 airports temporarily shut

MI News Service, New Delhi: More than 200 flights have been cancelled and at least 18 airports, including Srinagar, have been temporarily shut for operations amid restrictions in the wake of the armed forces launching missile attacks on terror targets in Pakistan on Wednesday morning.

Air India, IndiGo, SpiceJet, Air India Express, Akasa Air, and a few foreign airlines have cancelled their services to and from various airports.

Sources said that at least 18 airports in the northern and western parts of the country have been temporarily shut. These airports include Srinagar, Leh, Jammu, Amritsar, Pathankot, Chandigarh, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Shimla, Dharamshala and Jammagar, they added.

According to one of the sources, more than 200 flights to and from various airports have been cancelled by airlines.

IndiGo said it has cancelled more than 165 flights from various domestic airports, including Amritsar and Srinagar, till early morning of May 10 due to airspace restrictions.

"Air India flights to and from the following stations, Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Bhuj, Jammagar, Chandigarh, and Rajkot, are being cancelled till 0529 hrs IST on 10 May following a notification from aviation authorities on the closure of these airports," the airline said.

In a post on X, the airline also said passengers holding valid tickets for travel during this period will be offered a one-time waiver on rescheduling charges or a full refund for cancellations.

"Due to government notification on airspace

restrictions, over 165 IndiGo flights from multiple airports (Amritsar, Bikaner, Chandigarh, Dharamshala, Gwalior, Jammu, Jodhpur, Kishangarh, Leh, Rajkot, and Srinagar) are cancelled until 0529 hrs. IST of 10 May 2025," IndiGo said in a statement.

The airline also said that passengers whose flights are affected can reschedule the booking on the next available flight or opt to cancel their bookings at no additional cost, and a full refund will be processed.

IndiGo operates around 2,200 flights daily. In an update on X, SpiceJet said airports in parts of northern India, including Dharamshala, Leh, Jammu, Srinagar, and Amritsar are closed until further notice. Departures, arrivals, and consequential flights may be impacted. The affected passengers can opt for a

full refund or an alternate flight as per availability, it added.

At least 35 flights to and from the Delhi airport, the country's largest and busiest airport, have been cancelled since 12 am, one of the sources said.

The source said that 23 domestic departures and eight arrivals were cancelled. Besides, four international departures were cancelled. Foreign carriers, including American Airlines, cancelled some of their services from the Delhi airport.

"Due to notification from the airport authorities, flights to and from Amritsar, Gwalior, Jammu, Srinagar and Hindon are cancelled till 05.30 hrs on 10th May 2025.

Akasa Air, in a post on X, said that due to the prevailing situation in the region, all its flights to and from Srinagar have been cancelled.

Regional carrier Star Air said its flights to/from Nanded, Hindon, Adampur, Kishangarh and Bhuj stand cancelled for the day.

"Kindly note, due to changing airspace conditions some flights have been impacted at Delhi Airport," DIAL said in a post on X.

Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) operates the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA).

Meanwhile, Qatar Airways, in a post on X, said it has temporarily suspended flights to Pakistan due to Pakistani airspace closure.

In retaliation against the Pahalgam terror attack, Indian armed forces, under Operation Sindoor, on early Wednesday, carried out missile strikes on nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, including the Jaish-e-Mohammad stronghold of Bahawalpur and Lashkar-e-Taiba's base in Muridke.

Operation Sindoor: J&K CM asks not to panic after Pak counter-firing

MI News Service, Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah urged calm and assured that evacuation measures, including vehicles and ambulances, were in place for civilians as Pakistan retaliated with artillery and mortar fire along the Line of Control, hours after Indian fighter jets struck across the border early Wednesday.

Pakistan's shelling has killed seven people, including a woman and two children. Thirty-eight others were injured as dozens of villages came under heavy fire.

The chief minister has called for calm as the situation turned volatile. "Right now, there is no need to panic. There is no shortage of essential commodities, no shortage of supplies in blood banks or hospitals, and highways are open for traffic. There is no need for people to fear. They don't have to run away from here. Schools in Jammu and Srinagar are open, though the airport in Srinagar is shut," he said.

To review prepared-

ness along the border and LoC areas, Omar chaired a high-level meeting and directed officials to prioritise civilian safety and ensure swift response to emergencies.

"I held a video conference with district collectors of the places near the border and LoC. I have taken stock of the situation. I have received news of some losses from some places, but we are currently collecting the reports. I have released funds to district collectors to deal with any kind of contingency. If we have to

evacuate civilians, vehicles and ambulances have been arranged for it," Abdullah said.

India launched Operation Sindoor—an airstrike targeting nine sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, in retaliation to the Pahalgam massacre on April 22, where 26 civilians, mostly tourists, were gunned down in the Baisaran meadow.

"This was the right method to reply, only terror sites in Pakistan were hit, not military areas or civilians. But, Pakistan

has bombed some of the areas, our civilians were targeted in it. They started it, not us, we were living peacefully, we did not start this. None of us want war, we want the situation to improve again, but first Pakistan needs to lower their guns," Omar said.

The government's focus remains on maintaining order while anticipating the possibility of escalation. For now, public transport continues to run, schools remain open, and administration is working to keep residents informed and reassured.

Operation Sindoor: Edu institutions in J&K shut as tensions escalate

MI News Service, Srinagar: Authorities on Wednesday ordered closure of educational institutions in three border districts of Kashmir and five border districts of Jammu as a precautionary measure, hours after Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes on terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, officials said.

The Kashmir University has postponed all its examinations

scheduled for the day. Fresh date for the conduct of postponed papers shall be notified separately, a University spokesman said.

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, on Wednesday ordered that all educational institutions in Baramulla, and Kupwara districts as well as in Gurez of Bandipora district will remain closed on Wednesday. Five educational institutions in

Jammu districts (Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Rajouri, and Poonch) will also remain shut.

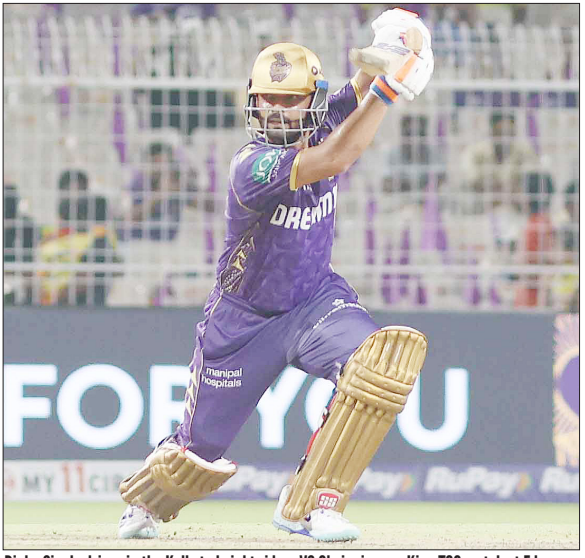
"Considering the present situation, educational institutions, schools, colleges in Baramulla, Kupwara and Gurez will remain closed for today," Bidhuri said.

Authorities have urged the public to remain alert and stay calm, and follow official advisories as a precautionary measure. Some

schools around the Srinagar airport here have also been closed as a precautionary measure, the officials said.

In retaliation for the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that left 26 civilians dead, Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes early Wednesday on nine terror targets in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, including the Jaish-e-Mohammad stronghold of Bahawalpur

and Lashkar-e-Taiba's base Muridke.



Rinku Singh drives in the Kolkata knight riders VS Chennai super King T20 match at Eden Gardens Kolkata on Wednesday. KKR score: 179/6 in 20 overs.



Celebration of CSK players after a wicket fall in the Kolkata knight riders VS Chennai super King T20 match at Eden Gardens Kolkata on Wednesday.

Heat-wave in eastern India, thunderstorm to continue over northwest, central parts: IMD

MI News Service, New Delhi: A fresh spell of heat wave may commence over eastern India from Thursday, while rainfall and thunderstorm activity will continue over the northwest and central parts of the country for the next five days, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Wednesday.

The weather department warned of heavy rainfall,

accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning, over the northeast until May 11.

It also said heavy rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and squally winds will likely continue over Gujarat until Thursday.

The IMD had said most parts of India may see above-normal temperatures in May, but occasional thunderstorms may keep the

heat from reaching the severe levels of last year.

IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said most parts of the country were likely to receive normal to above-normal rainfall, except for some areas in northwest, central and northeast India.

The country recorded 72 heatwave days in April, the IMD DG added.

Above-normal heat wave

days were reported in Rajasthan and Gujarat -- six to 11 days -- and in east Madhya Pradesh and Vidarbha -- four to six days -- as compared to the usual two to three days.

In east-central India, Maharashtra, and adjoining parts of northern Peninsular India, one to three days of heat were recorded, slightly below the normal of two to three days.

Security forces kill 26 Maoists at Karregutta hills

MI News Service, Hyderabad: A total of 26 Maoists have been killed by security forces till now as part of the biggest operation undertaken this year against left wing extremists at the Karregutta hills in Telangana along the Chhattisgarh border, official sources said.

The offensive involves as many as 20,000 troops and

is led by the CRPF along with units of Chhattisgarh Police. It has clocked 18 days after it was launched on April 21 from Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh across the border of Telangana.

"A total of 26 Naxals including four women have been killed till now as part of this operation. Huge amount of explosives, weapon-making factories and other logistical items of the ultras

have been seized," a senior officer told.

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SBI Life launches Hack-AI-thon;accelerates AI-Driven innovationto shape thefuture of insurance

India : SBI Life Insurance, one of India's most trusted private life insurers, launched the 1st-edition of 'Hack-AI-thon': a nationwide innovation initiative encouraging bright minds to leverage AI for transforming the future of life insurance. The initiative offers a unique platform for tech students, across India, to co-create solutions for business-critical challenges in insurance, with a sharp focus on transforming customer experience, product accessibility and fraud prevention.

The regional rounds of SBI Life's Hack-AI-thon saw an overwhelming response with over 7,500 registrations from tech students across India. Following a rigorous selection process, over 50 teams from across India were chosen to present their innovative ideas at regional locations, held in Pune, Delhi & Chennai. Out of these regional finalists, the top 15 teams will be selected for presenting their innovative solution at the grand finale in Mumbai. The jury will rate the



innovative solutions based on originality, feasibility, and real-world relevance

Speaking on the inaugural launch of SBI Life's Hack-AI-thon, Mr. Ravindra Sharma, Chief of Brand, Corporate Communication and CSR, SBI Life Insurance, said, "Innovation flourishes when diverse minds collaborate outside conventional

boundaries. By inviting young talent to solve real life challenges-such as cybersecurity, personalization, and fraud prevention- SBI Life's Hack-AI-thon encourages future-ready solutions that are deeply aligned with the evolving needs of the insurance industry. This initiative reinforces our commitment to a collaborative, technology-led

approach for enhancing customer experience." He added, "At SBI Life, our purpose is to liberate individuals to pursue their dreams by providing necessary security safeguards for their loved ones. SBI Life Hack-AI-thon is a natural extension of this vision- which empowers the youth to drive innovations which make insurance simpler, more accessible, and relevant in a digital-first world. The creativity and problem-solving mindset of participants reaffirms our belief in the strength of our coming generations to shape meaningful change. With this initiative, we continue delivering on our promise: not just to insure lives, but to empower them-Apne Liye, Apno Ke Liye." By inviting fresh perspectives and collaborative solutions, the initiative aims to generate actionable ideas that align with SBI Life's digital transformation journey-ultimately shaping a smarter, more inclusive, and customer-first insurance experience.

Stimulating hypothalamus restores walking in paralyzed patients: Study

Lausanne [Switzerland] : Researchers at EPFL and Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV), led by professors Gregoire Courtine and Jocelyne Bloch, have made significant advances in the treatment of spinal cord injuries (SCI). The scientists boosted the recovery of lower limb movements in two people with partial SCI by delivering deep brain stimulation (DBS) to an unanticipated region of the brain--the lateral hypothalamus (LH), considerably increasing their autonomy and well-being.

Wolfgang Jager, a 54-year-old from Kappel, Austria, has been in a wheelchair since 2006 after a ski accident left him with a spinal cord injury. Participating in the clinical trial, he experienced firsthand how deep brain stimulation could restore his mobility and independence. "Last year on vacation, it was no problem to walk a couple of steps down and back to the sea using the stimulation," Jager shared, describing the newfound freedom DBS has given him. Beyond walking, the therapy has improved everyday tasks. "I can also reach things in my cupboards in the kitchen," he added. DBS is a well-established neurosurgical technique that involves implanting electrodes into specific brain regions to modulate neural activity. Traditionally, DBS has been used to treat movement disorders like Parkinson's disease and essential tremor by targeting areas of the brain responsible for motor control. However, applying DBS to the lateral hypothalamus to treat partial paralysis is a novel approach. By focusing on the LH, the researchers at NeuroRestore tapped into an unexpected neural pathway that had not been considered before for motor recovery.

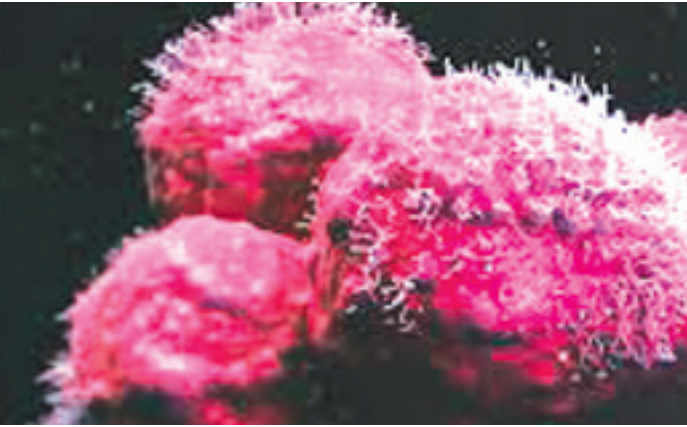
In the study published in Nature Medicine, not only did the DBS show immediate results to

augment walking during rehabilitation, but patients also showed long-term improvement that persisted even when the stimulation was turned off. These findings suggest that the treatment promoted a reorganization of residual nerve fibers that contribute to sustained neurological improvements. "This research demonstrates that the brain is needed to recover from paralysis. Surprisingly, the brain is not able to take full advantage of the neuronal projections that survive after a spinal cord injury. Here, we found how to tap into a small region of the brain that was not known to be involved in the production of walking in order to engage these residual connections and augment neurological recovery in people with spinal cord injury," says Courtine, professor of neuroscience at EPFL, Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV) and UNIL and co-director of the NeuroRestore center. The success of this DBS therapy hinged on two complementary approaches: discoveries enabled by novel methodologies in animal studies and the translation of these discoveries into precise surgical techniques in humans. For the surgery, the researchers used detailed brain scans to guide the precise locations of the small electrodes into the brain, performed by Bloch at CHUV, while the patient was fully awake. "Once the electrode was in place and we performed the stimulation, the first patient immediately said, 'I feel my legs.' When we increased the stimulation, she said, 'I feel the urge to walk!' This real-time feedback confirmed we had targeted the correct region, even if this region had never been associated with the control of the legs in humans. At this moment, I knew that we were witnessing an important discovery for the anatomical organization of brain functions," says Bloch, neurosurgeon and professor at the

Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV), UNIL and EPFL, and co-director of the NeuroRestore centre. The identification of the LH as a key player in motor recovery after paralysis is in itself an important scientific discovery, given that this region has traditionally only been associated with functions like arousal and feeding. This breakthrough emerged from the development of a novel multi-step methodology that began with whole-brain anatomical and functional mapping to establish the role of this region in walking, followed by experiments in preclinical models to establish the precise circuits involved in the recovery. Ultimately, these results led to clinical trials in human participants. "It was fundamental research, through the creation of detailed brain-wide maps, that allowed us to identify the lateral hypothalamus in the recovery of walking. Without this foundational work, we would not have uncovered the unexpected role this region plays in walking recovery," says Jordan Squir, a lead author of the study. The advanced imaging platform at the Wyss Center played a critical role in this research by providing high-resolution imaging capabilities that enabled the team to map the anatomical and functional activity of neurons across the brain, enabling the identification of the lateral hypothalamus. These remarkable results pave the way for new therapeutic applications to augment recovery from SCI. Future research will explore integrating DBS with other technologies, such as spinal implants that have already shown their potential in restoring movement after SCI. "Integrating our two approaches--brain and spinal stimulation--will offer a more comprehensive recovery strategy for patients with spinal cord injuries," says Courtine.

Here is how cancer cells fend off starvation, death from chemotherapy, finds study

New York [US] : Laboratory experiments with cancer cells reveal two ways in which tumors evade drugs designed to starve and kill them, a new study shows. While chemotherapy successfully treats tumours and extends patients' lives, it is known that they do not work for everyone for long, since cancer cells rewire the mechanism by which they transform fuel into energy (metabolism) in order to avoid the treatments' effects. Many of these medications are so-called antimetabolites, which disrupt cell processes necessary for tumour growth and survival. Led by researchers at NYU Langone Health and its Perlmutter Cancer Center, the new study shows how cancer cells survive in an environment made hostile by the persistent shortage of the energy from glucose (the chemical term for blood sugar) needed to drive tumor growth. This better understanding of how cancer cells evade the drugs' attempts to kill them in a low-glucose environment, the researchers say, could lead to the design of better or more effective combination therapies. Three such drugs used in the study -- ralitrexed, N-(phosphonacetyl)-l-aspartate (PALA), and brequinar -- work to prevent cancer cells from making pyrimidines, molecules that are an essential component to genetic letter codes, or nucleotides, that make up RNA and DNA. Cancer cells must have access to pyrimidine supplies to produce more cancer cells and to produce uridine nucleotides, a primary fuel source for cancer cells as they rapidly reproduce, grow, and die. Disrupting the fast-paced but fragile pyrimidine synthesis pathways, as some chemotherapies are designed to do, can rapidly starve cancer cells and spontaneously lead to them dying (apoptosis). Study



results showed that the low-glucose environment inhibited by cancer cells, or tumor microenvironment, stalls cancer cell consumption of existing uridine nucleotide stores, making the chemotherapies less effective.

Normally, uridine nucleotides would be made and consumed to help make the genetic letter codes and fuel cell metabolism. But when DNA and RNA construction is blocked by these chemotherapies, so too is the consumption of uridine nucleotide pools, the researchers found, as glucose is needed to change one form of uridine, UTP, into another usable form, UDP-glucose. The irony, researchers say, is that a low-glucose tumor microenvironment is in turn slowing down cellular consumption of uridine nucleotides and presumably slowing down rates of cell death. Researchers say cancer cells need to run out of pyrimidine building blocks, including uridine nucleotides, before the cells will self-destruct. In other experiments, low-glucose tumor microenvironments were also unable to activate two proteins, BAX and BAK, sitting on the

surface of mitochondria, a cell's fuel generator. Activation of these trigger proteins disintegrates the mitochondria, and instantly sets off a series of caspase enzymes that help initiate apoptosis (cell death). "Our study shows how cancer cells manage to offset the impact of low-glucose tumor microenvironments, and how these changes in cancer cell metabolism minimize chemotherapy's effectiveness," said study lead investigator Minwoo Nam, PhD, a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Pathology at NYU Grossman School of Medicine and Perlmutter Cancer Center. "Our results explain what has until now been unclear about how the altered metabolism of the tumor microenvironment impacts chemotherapy: low glucose slows down the consumption and exhaustion of uridine nucleotides needed to fuel cancer cell growth and hinders resulting apoptosis, or death, in cancer cells," said senior study investigator Richard Possemato, PhD. Possemato is an associate professor in the Department of Pathology at NYU Grossman School of Medicine and

also a member of Perlmutter Cancer Center. Possemato, who is also coleader of the Cancer Cell Biology Program at Perlmutter, says his team's study results could one day be used to develop chemotherapies or combination therapies that would change or trick cancer cells into responding the same way in a low-glucose microenvironment as they would in an otherwise stable glucose microenvironment. He also says that diagnostic tests could be developed to measure how a patient's cancer cells would most likely respond to low-glucose microenvironments and to predict how well a patient might respond to a particular chemotherapy. Possemato says his team has plans to investigate how blocking other cancer cell pathways might trigger apoptosis in response to these chemotherapies. Some experimental drugs, such as Chk-1 and ATR inhibitors, already exist that might accomplish this, he notes, but more need to be investigated because Chk-1 and ATR inhibitors are not well tolerated by patients. For the study, researchers performed a scan of 3,000 cancer cell genes known to be involved in cell metabolism to determine, by deletion, which were necessary for cancer cell survival after chemotherapy. Most of the genes they found that were essential to cell survival in low-glucose tumor environments were also involved in pyrimidine synthesis, a precise biological pathway targeted by many chemotherapies. This focused their experiments on how different lab-grown clones of cancer cells responded to low-glucose after chemotherapy and what other chemical processes.

Fortis Hospital Vasant Kunj Launches Dedicated Obesity Clinic to Empower Health & Transform Lives

New Delhi : With an aim to decrease the chronic burden of obesity in India, Fortis Hospital Vasant Kunj today, launched a Dedicated Obesity Clinic which was inaugurated by Shri Chirag Paswan, Cabinet Minister of Food Processing Industries of India amidst the presence of Other Senior Dignitaries - Dr. Ashutosh Raghuvanshi, MD & CEO, Fortis Healthcare, Mr. Anil Vinayak, Group Chief Operating Officer, Fortis Healthcare, Dr. Bishnu Prasad Panigrahi, Group Head - MSOG Fortis Healthcare, Dr. Mugdha Tapdiya, Director-Internal Medicine, Fortis Vasant Kunj and Dr. Gurvinder Kaur, Facility Director, Fortis Hospital Vasant Kunj.

Speaking at the launch, Shri Chirag Paswan, Cabinet Minister of Food Processing Industries of India said, "Obesity is one of the most pressing health challenges facing our country today. It not only affects the individual's physical well-being but also has a deep impact on mental health, productivity, and overall quality of life. As we strive towards a healthier India, it is crucial that we address lifestyle diseases like obesity with seriousness and urgency. I commend Fortis Healthcare for taking a proactive step in launching a dedicated Obesity Clinic. This initiative will provide people with access to specialized care, scientific guidance, and holistic treatment options that can make a real difference in their lives. Prevention, early diagnosis, and structured support systems are the need of the hour, and Fortis is setting an important example for the healthcare industry.

Dr. Ashutosh Raghuvanshi, MD & CEO, Fortis Healthcare said, "Obesity is a growing chronic health concern that not only increases the risk of serious non-communicable diseases but also diminishes overall quality of life and life expectancy. At Fortis Healthcare, we recognize the urgent need to address this issue with compassion, expertise, and innovation. Our newly launched Obesity Clinic embodies our commitment to a holistic, patient-first approach - offering personalized, multidisciplinary care that



Inaugurated by Shri Chirag Paswan, Cabinet Minister of Food Processing Industries of India

empowers individuals to achieve sustainable weight management. With projections indicating that nearly 44 crore Indians could be affected by obesity by 2050, the scale of the challenge is immense. As Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi rightly says, "Better Health today is Better Future tomorrow." At Fortis, we stand dedicated to building that healthier future-starting now."

Dr. Mugdha Tapdiya, Director-Internal Medicine, Fortis Hospital Vasant Kunj said, "Obesity is one of the most pressing health challenges of our time, not just due to its visible impact, but because of the serious health risks it poses. At our dedicated Obesity Clinic, we go beyond weight loss. Our goal is to help patients manage the wide-ranging complications associated with obesity through comprehensive, evidence-based care. In last one decade there has been a lot clinical research in field of obesity medicine and

approval of certain anti obesity medicines by USFDA, few of them are now approved by CDSCO and are available in India. The clinic is equipped with advanced facilities for body composition analysis, with results explained clearly in a scientific yet accessible manner. Our obesity management program is tailored to each individual, offering resources, guidance, and ongoing support to address not only weight management, but also concerns related to body image, nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and more. To accurately identify trigger for obesity and -related complications, we conduct detailed investigations, physical examinations, and evaluations using validated medical scales. Following this, our multidisciplinary team-including doctors, psychologists, dietitians, and physiotherapists-performs an in-depth assessment to create a personalised, holistic care plan for each patient."

How stress is fundamentally changing our memories, finds study

Toronto [Canada] : Researchers at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) revealed that stress alters how our brain encodes and retrieves aversive memories, and they developed a potential new method for restoring adequate memory specificity in persons suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

If you stumble during a presentation, you might feel stressed the next time you have to present because your brain associates your next presentation with that one poor and aversive experience. This type of stress is tied to one memory. But stress from traumatic events like violence or generalized anxiety disorder can spread far beyond the original event, known as stress-induced aversive memory generalization, where fireworks or car backfires can trigger seemingly unrelated fearful memories and derail your entire day. In the case of PTSD, it can cause much greater negative consequences.

In a study published in Cell, Drs. Sheena Josselyn and Paul Frankland, Senior Scientists in the Neurosciences & Mental Health program, identify the biological processes behind stress-induced aversive memory generalization and highlight an intervention which could help restore appropriate memory specificity for people with PTSD.

"A little bit of stress is good, it's what gets you up in the morning when your alarm goes off, but too much stress can be debilitating," says Josselyn, who holds a Canada Research Chair in Circuit Basis of Memory. "We know that people with PTSD show fearful responses to safe situations or environments, and have found a way to limit this fearful response to specific situations and potentially reduce the harmful effects of PTSD." Together with their colleague Dr. Matthew Hill at the University of Calgary Hotchkiss Brain Institute, the research team was able to block endocannabinoid receptors on interneurons, and limit stress-induced aversive memory generalization to the specific, appropriate memory. In a preclinical model, the research team exposed subjects to an acute, but safe, stress before an aversive event to create

a non-specific fearful memory that could be triggered by unrelated safe situations, similar to how PTSD presents in humans.

The team then examined the subject's memory engrams, which are physical representations of a memory in the brain pioneered by the Josselyn and Frankland labs at SickKids. Usually, engrams are made up of a sparse number of neurons, but the stress-induced memory engrams involved significantly more neurons. These larger engrams produced generalized fearful memories that were retrieved even in safe situations.

When they looked closer at these large engrams, the study found that stress caused an increase in the release of endocannabinoids (endogenous cannabinoids) which disrupted the function of interneurons, whose role is it to constrain the size of the engram.

The endocannabinoid system enhances memory formation and helps link lived experiences with specific behavioural outcomes. In the amygdala, the emotional processing centre of the brain, certain 'gate keeper' interneurons have special receptors for endocannabinoids, and help constrain the size of the engram and the specificity of the memory. But, when too many endocannabinoids are released, the function of the gatekeeping interneurons is disrupted, causing an increase in the size of the engram. "Endocannabinoid receptors function like a velvet rope at an exclusive club. When stress induces the release of too many endocannabinoids, the velvet rope falls, causing more generalized aversive fearful memories to form," explains Josselyn. "By blocking these endocannabinoid receptors just on these specific interneurons, we could essentially prevent one of the most debilitating symptoms of PTSD." In 2023, previous research in Science identified larger, more generalized memory engrams in the developing brain than in the adult brain, just like stress-induced memory engrams. As they continue to explore this unexpected link between engram size, stress and age, the teams are also delving into how daily stressors may impact happy memories.

Israel strikes Yemen's Sanaa airport

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israel has attacked Yemen's Sanaa airport and other locations in the capital area, fewer than 24 hours after it bombed Hodeidah following a Houthi attack on its main international airport. Senior Hamas official Basem Naim says there is "no sense in engaging in talks or considering new ceasefire proposals" as long as Israel's blockade and bombing of Gaza continue. Palestinians in Gaza tell they will refuse Israeli orders to flee their homes after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu threatened that Gaza's population "will be moved" as Israel prepares to launch a new expanded ground offensive.

Israel's war on Gaza has killed at least 52,615 Palestinians and wounded 118,752, 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. Israel says it 'fully disabled' Yemen's main airport during attack An Israeli army statement says its air strikes on the main airport in Sanaa, fully disabling the airport. ... Flight runways, aircraft, and infrastructure at the airport were struck," the statement said. "The strikes were carried out with precision and steps were taken to mitigate harm to civilians and civilian infrastructure." The army said that over the past year and a half, the Houthis have been "operating under Iranian direction and funding with the goal of targeting the state of Israel and its allies, undermining regional stability, and disrupting global freedom of navigation".

US and Iran-Backed Houthis Agree Upon A Ceasefire

MI News Service, New York: Mediators have announced a ceasefire between The United States and Yemen's Houthis, saying the deal would ensure "freedom of navigation" in the Red Sea, AFP reported. This announcement comes after U.S. President Donald Trump said the country would end attacks against the Houthis since the Iran-backed rebels agreed to stop harassing ships. He made no mention of the recent attacks in Yemen's capital. Omani Foreign Minister Badr Albusaidi on Tuesday said that after the recent discussions and contacts with the aim of de-escalation, a ceasefire agreement between the two sides has been reached, AFP reported. "Neither side will target the other ... ensuring freedom of navigation and the smooth flow of international commercial shipping" in the Red Sea, Albusaidi said.



In this image released by @CM_JnK via X J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah holds a meeting to assess the security and preparedness along the border and LoC areas. Indian armed forces carried out missile strikes on terror targets in Pakistan and PoK under 'Operation Sindoor', in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack.

Post Pope Francis: Debate crops about possibility of women-Priests

MI News Service, Rome: When Pope Francis was elected in 2013, he faced loud calls to expand the role of women within the Roman Catholic Church. To some extent, he delivered. Francis opened key meetings to women; allowed them to senior roles within the powerful central bureaucracy of the Church; and appointed the first female head of the Vatican governorate. For some, these were giant strides for a deeply conservative institution. But to many others, Francis's moves fell short of what was needed to make the Church truly inclusive.

Now, as cardinals hold daily meetings before beginning the process of voting following his death on April 21, the role of women in the Church remains a divisive issue. When the cardinals finally emerge from their cocoon in the Vatican, will they have picked a pope who will build on Francis's changes — or someone who might roll them back? "Women are not holding their breath," said Kate McElwee, the executive director of Women's Ordination Conference, a nonprofit focused on women's rights within Church institutions. "There is some anxiety on whether the next papacy will see some backsliding on the progress because there is a real desire for the project [women's] inclusion to continue." Francis's legacy,



when it comes to women in the Church, is still up for debate. He gave women the power to vote on issues related to the Church at the Synod of Bishops. He also appointed a dozen women to high-ranking positions, including Barbara Jatta as the director of the Vatican Museums, Sister Raffaella Petrini as the president of the powerful Vatican City State, and Sister Simona Brambilla as the first female prefect of a Vatican office overseeing religious orders for both men and women. Overall, throughout Pope Francis's papacy, the presence of women in the Church's workforce rose from about 19 percent to 23.4 percent, according to Vatican figures. But to some, these were just cosmetic changes. The pope did not move forward on the polarising issue of women's ordination, particularly as deacons or priests.

In the Catholic Church, the role of a deacon involves

certain religious functions, such as assisting during mass and performing baptism, but does not allow carrying out most sacraments. Pope Francis set up two commissions — the first in 2016 and the second in 2020 — to consider whether women could serve as deacons by studying if that was the case in the early centuries of the Church. The report produced by the first group was never released to the public as the commission was not able to agree on the issue, according to Francis, while the second never concluded its work. In 2024, during an interview with US broadcaster CBS, Pope Francis gave a flat "no" to the ordination of women deacons. But a few months later, he signed off on the final document of a synod, saying the issue should remain an "open" question. "It feels like he unlocked the door but didn't fully open it," McElwee said.

Romania: PM resigns after far right wins presidential vote



MI News Service, Bucharest : Romanian Prime Minister Marcel Ciolacu has resigned, a day after a far-right opposition leader won the first round of the presidential election rerun and his own candidate crashed out of the race. Ciolacu said that his centre-left Social Democratic Party (PSD) would withdraw from the pro-Western coalition — effectively ending it — while cabinet ministers will stay on in an interim capacity until a new majority emerges after the presidential run-off.

Hard-right eurosceptic George Simion decisively swept the ballot, with some 41 percent of votes, and will face Bucharest Mayor Nicusor Dan, an independent centrist, in a May 18 run-off. Coalition candidate Crin Antonescu came third. "Rather than

let the future president replace me, I decided to resign myself," Ciolacu said. Although Ciolacu's leftist PSD won the most seats in a December 1 parliamentary election, Simion's Alliance for the Union of Romanians (AUR) and two other far-right groupings, one with overt pro-Russian sympathies, won more than a third of the seats to become a clear political force.

The Social Democrats had formed a coalition government with the centrist Liberals and ethnic Hungarian UDMR to help keep the European Union and NATO state on a pro-Western course. A governing majority that cordons off the far-right in the legislature cannot be formed without it. "This coalition is no longer legitimate," Ciolacu told reporters after a party meeting.

Cyprus: Turkish Muslims protest against Islamization

MI News Service, Nicosia: These Turkish Cypriots could, once again, give up their pretense of a "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus," and reunite with the Greek Christians on the island Thousands of Turkish Cypriots took to the streets in the northern half of Nicosia to protest against attempts by the government to make the country more Islamic. The protest was the latest in a series of demonstrations organised by trade unions, who have expressed concerns about the erosion of secularism by the right wing government. In particular, protest organisers are worried about the introduction of Islam into the education system. Demonstrators held up placards saying "It won't pass" and "Cyprus will stay secular". The protests began in April after Turkish-Cypriot authorities scrapped a ban on the wearing of headscarves in high schools.

The move was swiftly condemned as an encroachment into the strictly secular education system aimed at the eventual "Islamisation" of Turkish Cypriot society. Elma Eylem, president of the Teachers' Union KTOEÖS, said the rule change was a blatant attempt at "social engineering" and at asserting the dominance of political Islam over the country by Turkey.

Germany: Far-right AfD files lawsuit against 'extremist' classification

MI News Service, Berlin: Throughout the West, radical leftist groups and governments have sought to marginalize the right with the explicit intention of driving a Marxist agenda. AfD is the second largest political party in Germany, and is the official opposition party. It is calling the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution (BfV)'s classification of it as "extremist" unlawful. The BfV has branded the AfD as "a racist and anti-Muslim" party — terms used by the far left to smear anyone who upholds Western standards of freedom and human rights, and/or criticizes Islam.

The truth is that far-leftists manipulate identity politics to suit their political agendas. There is a popular notion that how many leftist organizations bemoan the persecution of Christians and other minorities in Islamic countries, or pay any attention to blacks killing blacks in Africa, or even to black-on-black crime in America? It is perceived that their movement is grounded in hatred of Western culture and its traditions, and of its "colonial" sins. The public is slowly awakening. Let's hope this groundbreaking case against the AfD fails, and ends up as a victory for the party. It is a clear fact that Germany and other Western countries are being Islamized on one side, while Marxism rises on the other. Germany was China's largest trading partner between 2016 and 2023. China has a growing grip on key German industries. The Chinese communist party is rooted in Marxism-Leninism, albeit adapted with "Chinese characteristics."

Should AfD win its court challenge and rise in Germany, it will be a huge win against the far-left stronghold, with implications beyond German borders. Far-right party Alternative for Germany has already filed a lawsuit challenging a decision last week by Germany's domestic intelligence agency to classify the party as an extremist organisation. A spokesperson for the administrative court in Cologne said the lawsuit and a corresponding emergency petition had been submitted, both of which would be reviewed once the BfV domestic intelligence agency had confirmed that it had been notified. The extremist classification announced allows the spy agency to step up monitoring of the AfD, for example by recruiting informants and intercepting party communications.

The agency's 1,100-page experts' report, which is not to be released to the public, found the AfD to be a racist and anti-Muslim organisation.... The AfD says its designation as extremist is a politically motivated attempt to discredit and criminalize it.... Senior members of the Trump administration in the U.S. have denounced the AfD's classification as extremist, with Secretary of State Marco Rubio saying Germany should reverse course.

Sound of Silence: How Howrah Station Transformed its Signalling Systems



A dignitary at RRI Cabin



The newly installed RRI control room at Howrah

MI News Service, Kolkata: As the Howrah Division, Eastern Railway celebrates its centenary in 2025, Howrah Station, one of the busiest railway hubs in India, has a long history of technological evolution, particularly in the area of train signalling and interlocking. From its early days, when signals consisted of revolving discs or arms, Howrah's signalling systems have continually adapted to meet the demands of a growing, fast-paced railway network. Over the years, Howrah Station has seen several critical advancements in its signalling infrastructure, ensuring safe and efficient train operations.

In the late 1890s, Howrah Station adopted the List-Morse interlocking system, a significant leap in railway safety and operations. By 1905, this system was fully functional, marking Howrah as a pioneer in modern railway signalling. The East Indian Railway (EIR), which operated the station, was the first railway in India to appoint a Signal Engineer in 1889, a role that was first held by S. T. Dutton. Under his leadership, Howrah began transi-

tioning from basic disc signals to more advanced rounded colour light signals, setting the foundation for future innovations. By 1967, Howrah Station introduced the Route Relay Interlocking (RRI) system, which was designed to safely and efficiently control train movements in the large and complex station yard. This



system, which relied on electronically controlled relays and track circuits, played a crucial role in managing the vast number of trains passing through Howrah daily. The RRI system ensured trains could be dispatched and received safely, maintaining operational stability even during peak hours.

However, by 2003, the old RRI system had outlived its usefulness. The growing demands of the station, which now handled 52 pairs of long-distance trains, 202

pairs of suburban trains, and over 300 shunting movements daily, required a more advanced system. The challenge was to replace the old RRI while minimizing disruption to train services. After meticulous planning and coordination, Howrah Station was temporarily shut down for 24 hours on September 13, 2003, to facilitate the installation of a new RRI system. This massive undertaking was completed in just 22 hours, a feat that has earned Eastern Railway recognition as it aims to have the achievement included in the Guinness World Records. The new system at Howrah now serves 1,197 routes, tracks 187 signals, and operates 156 track circuits with over 72,000 jumper wires. This significant upgrade has not only enhanced operational flexibility but has also cemented Howrah's position as a global leader in railway signalling. Today, Howrah Station is poised to receive the rare honour of being recognized as home to the world's largest railway station Route Relay Interlocking network, marking yet another milestone in its illustrious history.

Cancellation of trains Due to Developmental Work

MI News Service, Kolkata: The following trains will remain cancelled due to developmental works in Ranchi Division as per following scheduled:

Cancellation of Trains:

Sl.	Train No. & Name	Date of Cancellation
1	18113 Tatanagar-Bilaspur Express	08.05.2025, 12.05.2025, 14.05.2025, 19.05.2025, 24.05.2025, 25.05.2025, 26.05.2025, 27.05.2025, 28.05.2025 & 29.05.2025
2	18114 Bilaspur-Tatanagar Express	09.05.2025, 13.05.2025, 15.05.2025, 20.05.2025, 25.05.2025, 26.05.2025, 27.05.2025, 28.05.2025, 29.05.2025 & 30.05.2025
3	18602/18601 Hatia-Tatanagar-Hatia Express	14.05.2025, 15.05.2025, 20.05.2025, 25.05.2025, 26.05.2025, 27.05.2025, 28.05.2025, 29.05.2025 & 30.05.2025
4	58034/58033 Ranchi-Bokaro Steel City-Ranchi Passenger	09.05.2025, 13.05.2025, 14.05.2025, 15.05.2025, 20.05.2025
5	58663/58664 Hatia-Sanki-Hatia MEMU	25.05.2025, 26.05.2025, 27.05.2025, 28.05.2025, 29.05.2025 & 30.05.2025
6	58665/58666 Hatia-Sanki-Hatia MEMU	30.05.2025
7	68036/68035 Hatia-Tatanagar-Hatia MEMU	25.05.2025 & 30.05.2025
8	18628/18627 Ranchi-Howrah-Ranchi Express	25.05.2025

Emergence of Merz as German Chancellor a big win for Right-Wingers



MI News Service, Berlin: Conservative leader Friedrich Merz has been elected chancellor by Germany's parliament in a second round of voting after his new alliance with the centre-left Social Democrats was dealt a surprise defeat in the first attempt. Merz's failure to win parliamentary backing in the first round of voting was a first for post-war Germany.

Merz received 325 votes in the second round of voting. He needed a majority of 316 out of 630 votes in a secret ballot but only received 310 votes in the first round — well short of the 328 seats held by his coalition.

Merz's conservative alliance of CDU and Christian Social Union (CSU) had topped the polls in the national elections in February with 28.5 percent of the vote, but it still required at least one coalition partner to form a majority government. Germany's incoming Chancellor Friedrich Merz shakes

hands with outgoing Chancellor Olaf Scholz in the German lower house of parliament

On Monday, the CDU/CSU reached an agreement with the centre-left Social Democratic Party (SPD), which secured 16.4 percent in the elections following the collapse of Olaf Scholz's government last year. Their agreement has mapped out plans to revive growth, such as reducing corporate taxes and lowering energy prices. It is also promising strong support for Ukraine as it battles to repel Russia's invasion, and higher military spending. The new chancellor's in-tray would also include the Trump administration's confrontational trade policy and domestic issues, such as the rise of the far-right, anti-immigrant party. Germany, the most populous member state of the 27-nation European Union, has the continent's biggest economy and serves as a diplomatic heavyweight.

Bangladesh: Jihadis rally against proposals to grant equal rights to women

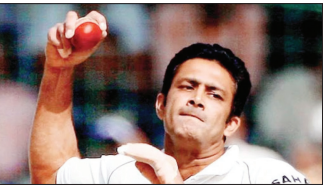
MI News Service, Dhaka: Thousands of supporters of an Islamist group rallied in Bangladesh's capital on Saturday to denounce proposed recommendations for ensuring equal rights, including ones related to property, for mainly Muslim women. Leaders of the Hefazat-e-Islam group said the proposed legal reforms are contradictory to the Sharia law. More than 20,000 followers of the group rallied near the Dhaka University, some carrying banners and placards reading "Say no to Western laws on our women, rise up Bangladesh." The group threatened to organize rallies on May 23 across the country if the government didn't meet their demands.

Mamunul Haque, a leader of the group, demanded that the interim government's reforms commission be abolished and its members punished for the proposed changes.

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"GT's bowling effort was outstanding"; Anil Kumble praises Gujarat bowlers



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Former Indian head coach and legend Anil Kumble praised Gujarat Titans (GT) bowling performance, highlighting GT spinner Sai Kishore's exceptional left-arm spin that removed key batters against Mumbai Indians (MI) on Tuesday in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL).

He also noted that GT's batting in the chase was commendable, despite some earlier fielding issues. "GT's bowling effort was outstanding. The first six overs were a bit sloppy in the field -- had they taken those catches, this game might have ended much earlier. That said, all their bowlers performed well. Sai Kishore was exceptional -- his left-arm spin removed two of the biggest threats, Suryakumar Yadav and Hardik Pandya. We've seen these two take games away repeatedly. For me, Sai Kishore was the unsung hero, delivering four impactful overs. And despite all the stoppages, GT's batting effort in the chase was equally commendable," JioStar expert Anil Kumble said while speaking on Match Centre Live on JioHotstar.

Coming to the match, GT won the toss and opted to bowl first. A 71-run stand between Will Jacks (53 in 35 balls, with five fours and three sixes) and Suryakumar Yadav (35 in 24 balls, with five fours) was the highlight as wickets fell regularly, restricting MI to 155/8 in their 20 overs.

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In the 14th over, with GT 107/2, a rain break was taken with GT ahead as per the DLS Method. After the break, Jasprit Bumrah (2/19) and Trent Boult (2/22) brought MI back in the game, collapsing GT to 132/6 in 18 overs at the start of another rain break. This time, GT was behind. When the game finally resumed, the revised target was 147 runs with one more over left. Rahul Tewatia (11*) and Gerald Coetzee (12) single-handedly finished the job for GT, earning them a win by three wickets on a last-ball thriller. Gill was given the 'Player of the Match' award.



Kolkata Knight Riders' Rahmanullah Gurbaz plays a shot during the IPL 2025 match against Chennai Super Kings, at Eden Gardens, in Kolkata on Wednesday. (ANI Photo)

"He deserves to be the most expensive player in League": Aakash Chopra hails Jasprit Bumrah's masterclass

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : Despite Mumbai Indians (MI) falling short against Gujarat Titans in a thrilling encounter in Mumbai, Jasprit Bumrah once again proved why he's regarded as one of the finest bowlers of his generation. The ace pacer delivered a stunning spell, finishing with figures of 2/19 in his four overs, against Gujarat Titans (GT).

JioStar cricket expert Aakash Chopra was effusive in his praise for Bumrah, calling him a "once-in-a-generation talent" and highlighting the significance of his timely breakthroughs.

"Bumrah has made it a habit to produce game-changing spells," Chopra said on JioHotstar.

"Coming in right after the strategic timeout and rain break, he dismissed Shubman Gill and then Shahrukh Khan, swinging the momentum back to MI. He's a once-in-a-generation talent -- you could talk about him endlessly,"



he added.

Although Mumbai lost the game by three wickets -- Bumrah's efforts stood out as a beacon of brilliance. Chopra further added that Bumrah's true

value remains underappreciated in the franchise system.

"Frankly, he deserves to be the most expensive player in the league. It's unfortunate that he isn't," he remarked.

Bumrah's spell reaffirmed his status as one of the most feared and admired bowlers in the game capable of turning matches on their head, no matter the conditions or pressure.

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GT is at the top with eight wins, three losses and 16 points, while MI sits at fourth with seven wins and five losses, giving them 14 points. Their six-match win streak is finally broken. Gill was given the 'Player of the Match' award.

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Ravindra Jadeja remains at top, Mehidy Hasan rises in latest ICC Men's Test Player Rankings

DUBAI [UAE] : Star India spinner Ravindra Jadeja remained at the top, whereas Bangladesh cricketer Mehidy Hasan Miraz rose in the latest ICC Men's Test Player Rankings for all-rounders, as per the ICC official website.

Miraz gained one place to move to second overall on the latest rankings for Test all-rounders on the back of his heroics for Bangladesh in their recent Test series against Zimbabwe, with Jadeja's lead at the top now under 100 rating points.

The in-form Miraz scored 116 runs and claimed 15 wickets across the two Tests and was rewarded on the updated ICC Men's Test Player Rankings by improving to a new career-best rating of 327 points and within 73 rating points of No. 1-ranked Jadeja.

Miraz was instrumental in Bangladesh's triumph in the second Test against Zimbabwe in Chattogram, with the 27-year-old scoring a vital century for his side when coming into bat at No.7 and then bowling his side to victory with a five-wicket haul on the third and final day of the match.

His efforts also saw improvements come in other individual categories, with Miraz improved eight places to 55th on the list for Test batters following his second Test century.

England veteran Joe Root remained out in front of the Test batter rankings, with experienced Zimbabwe left-hander Sean Williams (up two places to 19th) and Bangladesh opener Shadman Islam (up 17 to 60) also making gains following decent contributions in Chattogram.

Miraz also rose two places to 24th overall on the updated list for Test bowlers, with Bangladesh teammates Taijul Islam (up seven spots to 16th) and Nayeem Hasan (up six rungs to 54th) making ground after solid efforts against Zimbabwe.

India pacer Jasprit Bumrah maintained his lead as the No. 1-ranked Test bowler, with Zimbabwe spinner Vincent Masekela entering the rankings for the first time just outside the top 100 following his impressive display on debut during the Bangladesh Test.



First-ever BUDX NBA House in India to take place in June



MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : The National Basketball Association (NBA) announced that the first-ever BUDX NBA House in India, an interactive fan event celebrating the convergence of basketball, music and culture, will take place

on June 7 and June 8 at the DOME, SVP Stadium, in Mumbai, as per a release from NBA.

Held in conjunction with the 2025 NBA Finals, the two-day event will feature basketball-themed activities, live musical performances, meet-and-greets with five-time NBA champion Derek Fisher and Naismith Basketball Hall of Famer Gary Payton, photo opportunities with the Larry O'Brien Trophy, as well as performances by Sacramento Kings mascot Slamson, the Kings Dancers and the Kings' dunk team.

"The first BUDX NBA House will be a must-visit destination for

the passionate NBA fans in India to come together and celebrate their love of the game amid the excitement of the NBA Finals," said NBA Asia Head of Strategy and NBA India Country Head Rajah Chaudhry, as quoted from a release by NBA

"We look forward to bringing this signature showcase of the NBA, music and culture to India at a time when there is incredible momentum around basketball in the country," he added.

BUDX NBA House in India follows previous editions of NBA House held in Brazil, Canada, France, Mexico, the U.S., and the UK.

Sophia Dunkley, Sophie Ecclestone confident of repeating 2017 heroics at home during T20WC 2026

LONDON [UK] : England Women stars Sophia Dunkley and Sophie Ecclestone were among the attendees for the T20 World Cup 2026 launch event, and the pair recalled the 2017 tournament with much excitement, where they emerged as champions by defeating India Women by nine runs.

Excitement is building as the 10th edition of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup returns to England in 2026, as per the ICC official website.

Prominent cricketing personalities converged at a launch event at Lord's last week to confirm the dates and venues for the global mega-event.

This will be the first women's ICC tournament in England since the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup in 2017.

In that tournament, the hosts managed to overcome India in a thrilling final to win the title.

Like the 2017 World Cup, the



2026 T20 World Cup will also have the final staged at the prestigious Lord's Cricket Ground in London. "Having watched 2017, there's no other kind of bigger motivation than to want to do it myself and inspire lots of young girls and boys to play cricket themselves. So it would be incredibly special. And yeah, something that you kind of dream of growing up," Dunkley said, when discussing what it would

mean to walk out on the pitch for England next year, as quoted by the ICC.

Dunkley was one of those present in the jam-packed stadium during England's afternoon of magic eight years ago, wherein they halted a cruising India, who were 191/3 in pursuit of 229 at one stage, to take the title decided by nine runs.

"In 2017, I was seated in the stand, I think somewhere over

there on the right (pointing), and what a great occasion it was," Dunkley said.

he win bore greater significance since Dunkley was a young cricketer on the verge of her international debut, which she eventually made in 2018.

"I think it was really inspiring for me as a player, kind of coming through the pathways and really wanting to be involved in that team. It was really special for me to watch that, and then be part of the England team later on that year was something incredible. So to have a home World Cup, to have watched it in the crowd and to have a competition like that to look forward to next year is really, really special," she added.

Ecclestone, the leader in the ICC Women's Bowling Rankings in both white-ball formats, was already an England international when she watched the 2017 final from the stands.

AFFIDAVIT

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3. From today henceforth my daughter will be known as Vaishnavi Kumari for all purposes in future.
4. This affidavit is declared the real name of my daughter which is Vaishnavi Kumari.

