

Justice Gavai will uphold SC values', says CJI Sanjiv Khanna as he demits office

MI News Service, New Delhi : Overwhelmed by the rich accolades on his last day at the Supreme Court, Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna on Tuesday said he was certain his successor CJI-designate Justice B R Gavai would uphold values of the Supreme Court, fundamental rights and the basic constitutional doctrines.

The ceremonial bench comprised the outgoing CJI, Justice Gavai, and Justice Sanjay Kumar, showcasing a rare moment of reflection, celebration, and reverence, not just for Justice Khanna's contributions, but the legacy of his uncle, former Supreme Court judge Justice H R Khanna, he took forward. The CJI called



Justice Gavai his "biggest support" while expressing confidence in the latter's leadership and commitment to constitutional values.

"What to say about justice and CJI designate B R Gavai, we got elevated the same year. Here we are in the collegium, and thereafter, we have interacted on several occasions. And I must say, he has been my biggest support. And I am sure that you have in Justice Gavai an excellent chief justice who's going to uphold the institution and who's going to uphold the fundamental rights who's going to uphold our basic doctrines which we have adopted and applied," he said.

In his parting remarks, Justice Khanna expressed gratitude, reflecting on the memories he carries from his years in the judiciary and said, "I am overwhelmed."

"I carry with me a lot of memories. Memories that are very nice and will remain with me throughout my life," he said.

Emphasising the role of the bar and the bench in earning public trust, he shared, "The judiciary is not just judges; it includes the bar. You are the conscious keepers of the system."

CJI Khanna lauded the collegiality among judges from diverse regions and backgrounds, saying such diversity allowed for richer deliberations and more nuanced decisions.

"Another thing is the biggest plus factor in this court. We have judges from different parts of the country, and they with different thought processes, different backgrounds, they are able to when we discuss, we are able to find a lot of solutions. We were able to find out the right path," he said.

Justice Gavai, who would assume the CJI office on May 14, said Justice Khanna "embraced his legacy" and built his own. He called it not a farewell but a transition and said, "What ends today is not a career, but

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Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi interacts with brave air warriors and soldiers during his visit to AFS Adampur, applauding their dedication and valour in service to the nation.

PM Modi lauds military for valour, sends message of 'Lakshman Rekha' to Pak

MI News Service, Adampur / New Delhi : A day after his powerful address to the nation on Operation Sindoor, Prime Minister Narendra Modi travelled to Adampur Air Base in Punjab on Tuesday morning and interacted with the soldiers and Indian Air Force personnel there.

The brave heart soldiers and IAF personnel briefed the Prime minister about the prevailing situation there and how they successfully repealed Pakistan's successive drome and missile attacks in and around the vital airbase.

Taking to his X handle, PM Modi later wrote, "Earlier this morning, I went to AFS Adampur and met our brave air warriors and soldiers. It was a very special experience to be with those who epitomise courage, determination and fearlessness." He added, "India is eternally grateful to our armed forces for everything they do for our nation."

With an S-400 missile defence system in the backdrop, the Prime Minister sent a firm message from Adampur Air Base to Pakistan: Not only have you failed to harm any of India's military installations but you will be annihilated if terrorism continues from your soil.

In his first speech to the armed forces since Operation Sindoor, Modi lauded the military for humbling Pakistan in the four-day engagement that resulted in the destruction of nine terror sites and damage to eight military installations.

"Aapne jo kiya wo abhutpurva, akalpniya aur adbhut hai (What you have achieved is unprecedented, unimaginable and amazing)," he said in an over 27-minute speech which echoed the message of his address to the nation on Monday night. But the significance of the speech was immense. It was delivered from the Adampur base, merely 100 km from the Pakistan border, which Pakistan claimed to have destroyed along with S-400 missile launchers. India had rubbished the claims and TV cameras following Modi corroborated that.

"Operation Sindoor has now drawn a clear 'Lakshman Rekha' for Pakistan," he said.

Modi toured the base and greeted uniformed airmen who shouted 'Bharat Mata ki jai' after he

arrived there unannounced early Tuesday morning.

Wearing a Western Air Command cap with its trademark tricolor embroidered on it, he said "When our armed forces take the wind out of nuclear blackmail, our enemies understand the importance of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'."

"Bharat Mata ki Jai is not just a slogan, but our soldiers' pledge to dedicate their lives for the nation. When our drones and missiles hit our enemies, they hear 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai'," the PM said.

"The tales of your valour will be etched in history forever. I salute our Army, Air Force and Navy personnel," PM Modi said.

The patrons of terrorism have realised that casting an evil eye on India will only mean their destruction, the prime minister said.

Adampur is India's second-largest air base and houses Rafale and Mig-29 squadrons. It has played an important role in 1969 and 1971 wars with Pakistan as well.

In his first address to the nation last night since the May 7 operation, PM Modi said "I salute the valiant forces of India, the armed forces, our intelligence agencies, and our scientists." He lauded the "immense courage" our soldiers displayed to achieve the objectives of Operation Sindoor.

In his 20 minute long address before the Nation, the Prime Minister cautioned Pakistan not to resort to any "Nuclear Blackmail" to create a fear psychosis among the common people about the future of any conflict, and said India would not deter from taking strongest action against Pakistan on its own terms to end the menace of terrorism from that country once and for all. In this context he also asked Pakistan and its leadership in clear terms not to resort to any nuclear blackmail to cause panic to others.

With this operation, the Prime minister said, every terrorist now knows the price of wiping off the vermilion (sindoor) from the forehead of the nation's daughters and sisters. His remarks came in the backdrop of the ceasefire understanding reached between India and Pakistan on May 10, following four days of intense cross-border firing and shelling. The Directors

General of Military Operations (DGMOs) of both the countries once again spoke on Monday evening and discussed the upholding of the cessation of all military actions against each other, with a key condition of not firing even a single shot..

PM Modi, however, in his address to the nation, also made it clear to the world that India had only paused stronger retaliation against the terrorist and military bases of Pakistan, and not ended it.

He took note that it was the DGMO of Pakistan who reached out to his Indian counterpart over telephone, requesting a ceasefire.

"When Pakistan urged and ensured that they would not act, then India also thought about it ... I will repeat ... we have only so far paused our retaliatory action against the terrorist and military bases of Pakistan... in the coming days, we will test every step of Pakistan to see what role it has adopted," PM said.

Further asserting his stance on terrorism, the prime minister said, "Terror or talk can't go together, terror and trade cannot go hand-in-hand... water and blood also cannot flow together."

He said that in order to survive, Pakistan will have to eliminate its terror infrastructure and added that any talks with Islamabad would happen only over Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) and nothing else and that too in our terms..

PM Modi affirmed that with Operation Sindoor, India has redefined the fight against terror, setting a new benchmark and establishing a new normal. On May 7, the Indian armed forces carried out precision targets and took down nine terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) under Operation Sindoor. This military action was taken as a response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people, mostly tourists. Under Operation Sindoor, terror headquarters of the banned Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and Hizbul Mujahideen were targeted. Among the sites struck by the armed forces 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.

Drones sighted over Jammu, Punjab after PM's address to the Nation

MI News Service, Jalandhar : Despite agreeing to a complete ceasefire following talks between the DGMOs of both India and Pakistan on Saturday and also last night, a number of drones were sighted over Jalandhar in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir's Samba shortly after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation on Monday night.

Informing this official sources said here on Tuesday that locals also heard 7-8 explosions in Dasuya area of Punjab's Hoshiarpur. As a result an immediate blackout was enforced in the affected areas, along with at Pathankot, Vaishno



Devi Bhawan, as well as the Yatra track.

Around 15 drones were seen hovering above the Northern Command and Air Force Station in Udhampur. Around 5 were spotted towards Katra

Visuals from Samba showed red streaks and explosion sounds in the background, with India's air defence getting activated and intercepting the aerial objects.

Jalandhar district collector also issued an urgent message over drone sightings near key army establishments in the city. Explosions were also heard near Suranasi village of Jalandhar district.

"Deputy commissioner Himanshu Aggarwal said, "As a precautionary measure, lights have been switched off in some areas around Suranassi as there have been reports of some drone sightings. We are verifying them. There is no blackout as of now. There is nothing to worry as confirmed by officials of the Armed Forces. They are on regular vigil as always," the message read.

Hoshiarpur Deputy Commissioner Aashika Jain confirmed that some explosions were heard in the Dasuya area.

"We have already coordinated with the Indian armed forces, which have told the administration that they have been engaging with drone sightings in the area," she said. She added that on the basis of their inputs, the blackout has been imposed in Dasuya and Mukeria areas of the district. Incidentally, these drone sightings happened shortly after Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Nation on Operation Sindoor and the cecession of hostilities with Pakistan. In his address, PM Modi blasted Islamabad for cross-border terrorism, asserting that talks and terror, blood and water cannot go hand in hand.

"Terror and talks cannot coexist. Terror and trade cannot go hand in hand. Water and blood can never flow together," asserted PM Modi in his address to the nation.

Meanwhile, all schools and colleges in Kashmir except those in the border districts reopened on Tuesday following the suspension of hostilities between India and Pakistan, officials said.

Three LeT terrorists killed in a fresh encounter in J-K's Shopian

MI News Service, Srinagar:

In a continued threat from across the Pakistan border, three terrorists who infiltrated into India on Tuesday, were killed in an encounter with security forces in Shopian district of Jammu and Kashmir.

Informing this official sources said in Srinagar that based on specific intelligence inputs about the presence of some armed terrorists in Shukroo Keller area of the south Kashmir district, security forces cordoned off the entire area and launched a massive coordinated search operation there. Soon the search operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists fired upon the forces who retaliated. In the exchange of fire, three terrorists were killed on the spot, the sources said adding that their bodies had since been recovered.

All the three slain militants were later identified as the members of Lashkar-e-Toiba who after entering India took shelter in the Shukroo forest area in South Kashmir's Shopian district.-

This development comes shortly after security agencies put up posters featuring three Pakistani terrorists — Adil Hussain Thoker, Ali Bhai, and Hashim Musa — who are suspected to have played a key role in the April 22 Pahalgam terror

attack.

Such posters were seen in different parts of southern Kashmir, including Shopian district. According to the posters, a bounty of Rs 20 lakh has been announced for information leading to the neutralisation of terrorists. The poster also states that Kashmir is united in the war against Pakistan-sponsored terrorism.

Earlier, security agencies released the sketches of three men suspected of being involved in the terror attack. The men, all Pakistanis, are Asif Fauji, Suleman Shah and Abu Talha, officials said. They had code names Moosa, Yunus and Asif and were involved in terror-related incidents in Poonch.

Meanwhile, following this incident Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and the country's top military brass carried out yet another comprehensive review of the national security scenario along the frontier with Pakistan on Tuesday.

The meeting was attended by Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan, Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi, Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi and Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh.

The meeting also reviewed security situation along the Western frontier and related issues, officials said.

Oppn question govt about Trump's claims on brokering 'ceasefire'



MI News Service, Bengaluru / New Delhi : Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has made it clear that the opposition will question the government at the next all-party meeting, regarding US President Donald Trump's claims that his administration helped broker a "ceasefire" between India and Pakistan.

The Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha said here on Tuesday that he will urge the government to call another all-party meeting soon, to discuss the latest developments in border tension between India and Pakistan, including "ceasefire".

Speaking to reporters here, he said, "Trump is saying things to claim credit. But these people (PM and central government) are saying no. It is a sensitive matter. When an all-party meeting is called, we will discuss — what's the matter, what happened and what were the telephone talks— and ask all these things".

In response to a question whether PM Modi gave in to Trump's mediation, he said "It won't be right for me to speak about it now. We have our party meeting today. I'm going for that. I will ask (centre) to call an all-party meeting, let's see what they will do." India and Pakistan reached an understanding on Saturday to end the military conflict after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes. Indian government sources have been maintaining that the Director Generals of Military Operations (DGMOs) of India and Pakistan reached an

understanding to stop all firings and military actions, and no third party was involved.

There was no reference to trade in talks between top leaders of India and the US during the India-Pakistan military conflict, government sources said on Monday after American President Donald Trump claimed that he pressured New Delhi and Islamabad to stop hostilities by threatening to cut trade with both countries.

The source-based clarification came after Trump on Monday said he forced the two countries to stop the hostilities by using the trade card.

Kharge and his party have already demanded that the central government convene a special session of Parliament to discuss the Pahalgam terror attack, Operation Sindoor, and the latest developments in cross-border firing, including the recently announced "ceasefire".

Congress also demands clarity on PM Modi's silence regarding Trump's mediation claims and questions India's stance on talks with Pakistan at a neutral site

Minutes after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation, the Congress party demanded answers on US President Donald Trump's claims of mediation and asked if India has agreed for a dialogue at a neutral site. "The PM's much-delayed address to the nation was completely upstaged by President Trump's

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Former CPI(M) Rajya Sabha member Nepaldeb Bhattacharya dies at 75

MI News Service, Kolkata: Former Rajya Sabha MP and erstwhile all-India general secretary of SFI, Nepaldeb Bhattacharya, died here on Tuesday, a CPI(M) leader said. Bhattacharya, also a labour leader and former member of CPI(M) state committee, died at a private hospital in south Kolkata, he said.

He was suffering from old-age-related health issues, the party leader said, adding that the 75-year-old CPI(M) leader is survived by his wife.



CPI(M) leader Nepaldeb Bhattacharya passes away at 75.

BAI President to Lead Delegation to CICEE 2025 in China

MI News Service, Durgapur: Shri Rajendra Singh Kamboh, President of the Builders Association of India (BAI), will lead a high-level BAI delegation to the Changsha International Construction Equipment Exhibition (CICEE) 2025, to be held in Changsha, China, from May 15 to 18, 2025. Shri Kamboh will also be among the dignitaries inaugurating the event, accompanied by BAI Vice-President 2024-25, Shri Ashok Chandak.

CICEE 2025 is China's largest construction equipment exhibition, featuring 1,800+ exhibitors across 300,000 sqm, and drawing over 300,000 professional visitors. The event will also



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Shri Ashok Chandak

include 30 international forums and 100 business summits showcasing global innovations in construction technology.

BAI, as India's apex construction industry body with over 25,000 member entities and 230 plus branches nationwide,

BAI's participation highlights its ongoing commitment to advancing industry standards, fostering international collaboration, and promoting policy innovation. A founding member of International Federation of Asian and Western Pacific Contractors' Associations (IFAWPCA), BAI represents India among 18 Asia-Pacific countries like, Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Korea, Nepal, Singapore, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Malaysia, Thailand, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Japan, Philippines, and Taiwan in global construction forums.

No appointment after 3 years, TET 2022 candidates

MI News Service, Bakura: Frustrated over three-year delay in receiving appointment letter despite a clean record, over 1.5 lakh individuals who passed the 2022 Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) for primary teachers in West Bengal have launched protests, including road blockades in Bakura, demanding immediate recruitment. Unlike previous TET exam, the 2022 resulted have faced no corruption allegations or legal challenges, intensifying the job seeker's anger towards the state Primary Education Council.

Frustration is mounting among over 1.5 lakh candidates who successfully cleared the 2022 Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) for primary school teachers in West Bengal, as they continue to await their appointment letters three years after qualifying. This significant delay has spurred widespread discontent, culminating in protests in Bankura, where job seekers blocked the IG intersection and demonstrated in front of the District Primary School Parliament on Tuesday.

Notably, these TET qualifiers emphasize that unlike some previous teacher recruitment processes in the state, the 2022 TET has been free from allegations of corruption and has not been subject to any legal challenges. They point out that since the change in the state government, a total of four TET examinations have been conducted. While candidates who passed the TETs in 2012, 2014, and 2017 have received their appointment letters, the continued withholding of appointments for the 2022 cohort, despite what they assert was a transparent examination process, has fueled their anger and prompted them to take to the streets.

The protesting job seekers accuse the state Primary Education Council of unduly delaying their recruitment despite the absence of any irregularities in the 2022 TET. They argue that this unwarranted delay is causing significant hardship and anxiety. The demonstrations in Bankura on Tuesday serve as a clear indication of their growing impatience, and the TET qualifiers have warned of escalating their movement in the coming days if their demand for immediate issuance of appointment letters is not met.



All India Democratic Students' Organisation (AIDSO) took part in a protest during their 'March to Bikash Bhawan' over Teachers recruitment scam, at Salt Lake in Kolkata on Tuesday.

NIA arrests top terror suspect after jailbreak

MI News Service, Siliguri: Amid heightened India-Pakistan tensions and recent arrests of Chinese nationals, the NIA has apprehended a wanted Khalistani militant, Kashmir Singh Galwaddi alias Balbir Singh, near the Chicken Neck corridor in Siliguri. Kashmir, who had a 10 lakh bounty on his head, is linked to Babbar Khalsa International and Rinda, and is accused of providing logistical support and raising funds for terrorists via hawala while operating from Nepal. His arrest, following the detention of four Chinese nationals near the Nepal-Bihar border, raises concerns about the North Bengal corridor being used for infiltration.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has apprehended a key Khalistani militant, Kashmir Singh Galwaddi, also known as Balbir Singh,

near the sensitive Chicken Neck corridor in Siliguri. The arrest follows the detention of four Chinese nationals in the vicinity of the Nepal-Bihar border last week, signaling heightened security concerns in the North Bengal corridor amidst prevailing India-Pakistan tensions.

Kashmir, carrying a reward of 10 lakh, is reportedly associated with the Babbar Khalsa International and Rinda, and is implicated in the 2016 Punjab jailbreak. NIA sources indicate that he allegedly provided logistical support and facilitated the collection of funds for terrorist activities through hawala networks, operating from Nepal. Intelligence agencies are currently investigating the pattern of these arrests near the Nepal border, questioning why individuals involved in potentially subversive activities are

choosing this route to enter India, with the North Bengal corridor seemingly being a destination. The proximity of this region to Nepal and its strategic importance are under scrutiny. Authorities are also exploring potential links between these arrests and the established China-Pakistan nexus. In light of these developments and the ongoing situation at the India-Pakistan border, security forces have intensified surveillance in the border regions, acting on intelligence suggesting possible infiltration attempts, including by suspected Pakistani military personnel, as stated by DGMO Rajiv Ghani in a recent press briefing. The arrested individuals, including the Chinese nationals, are being interrogated by the NIA to ascertain their motives and potential connections.

Soldier rushed to border post-Pahalgam attack; family glued to TV

MI News Service, Dhupguri: A jalpaiguri army man, Pradeep Pradhan stationed in Punjab has rushed to India's western border amidst heightened security following India's retaliation against a terrorist camp in Pakistan after the Pahalgam attack. Mr. Pradhan, who was due to return home in June to take his younger son, Piyush, who suffers from a kidney ailment, for medical treatment in Kolkata, had his leave canceled due to the high alert issued in the border region. His wife, Indira, currently

rently stationed in Punjab, is facing uncertainty as he has been deployed to India's western border amidst heightened security following India's retaliation against a terrorist camp in Pakistan after the Pahalgam attack. Mr. Pradhan, who was due to return home in June to take his younger son, Piyush, who suffers from a kidney ailment, for medical treatment in Kolkata, had his leave canceled due to the high alert issued in the border region. His wife, Indira, currently

staying with their two children at her mother's residence, expressed both worry and support for her husband's commitment to national duty. Their eldest son, Piyush, a class 10 student, shared the family's anxiety, stating they constantly monitor news updates on television and try to communicate with their father daily. The family awaits news of when Pradeep Pradhan might be able to return home, especially concerning his younger son's urgent medical needs.

Digha Tourist Caught Roaming Secretly with Pistol, Arrested

MI News Service, Digha: A poultry trader from Malda identified as Kaushik Roy was arrested in Mandarmani after being found in possession of a 9 mm pistol and 12 rounds of cartridges. Kaushik Roy who had also visited Digha, was apprehended based on intelligence, raising concerns about security in the popular tourist destination. Despite being granted bail initially, he has been remanded in police custody for four days, prompting authorities to consider stricter security measures in hotels. Authorities in Mandarmani

have apprehended a tourist identified as Kaushik Roy, a poultry trader from Mothabari, Malda, following the discovery of a 9 mm pistol and 12 live cartridges in his possession. Kaushik Roy, who had previously visited Digha before arriving in Mandarmani with his family on Sunday, was arrested on Monday based on information received by the Mandarmani Coastal Police Station. He is currently under interrogation as police attempt to ascertain the origin of the firearm and his reasons for carrying it between hotels. Despite

being granted bail initially upon appearing in the Kanthi Subdistrict Court, Kaushik Roy has since been remanded to four days of police custody. The incident has raised concerns regarding the security protocols in popular tourist destinations like Digha and Mandarmani, prompting discussions about the potential implementation of metal detectors. An official from the Mandarmani Hoteliers Association stated that while they adhere to administrative guidelines, hotel staff are not typically in a position to in-

vestigate their guests. The incident has raised concerns regarding the security protocols in popular tourist destinations like Digha and Mandarmani, prompting discussions about the potential implementation of metal detectors. An official from the Mandarmani Hoteliers Association stated that while they adhere to administrative guidelines, hotel staff are not typically in a position to in-

Chanditala police station takes charge of orphaned sports persons: Sayan-Sayani

NURUL ISLAM KHAN

Recently, Chanditala police station took charge of two orphaned children. The girl is 12 years old and the boy is 14 years old. They recently represented Bengal in a national-level football tournament.

Despite losing their parents at a young age, they have enriched the game of football and have left an exceptional mark on the field.

Their performance during the Sub-Junior National Football Championship has won the hearts of officials and sports lovers. Inspired by their skills, Chanditala police station has taken steps to ensure proper care, nutrition, education, and training for the young sports persons.

"These children have not only shown outstanding skills in football but also an incredible spirit. They deserve every opportunity to succeed," said the SDPO of Chanditala police station. "We are committed to help-



ing them in their daily journey, including on the playground." The initiative has been widely appreciated by the sports community and child welfare organizations. These institutions that help transform the lives of vulnerable youth will be seen as a strong example in the future. With

the support of the police and the support of the football fraternity, their path to a brighter future will be marked by a stronger and more committed attitude than ever before, he hoped. The role of Chanditala police station OC Anil Raj was appreciated.

Police Charity Hospital inaugurated in Jhargram

NURUL ISLAM KHAN

West Bengal Police, under the initiative of West Bengal Police Welfare Committee and under the management of Jhargram District Police Welfare Branch, a major success of the Welfare Committee was achieved. A homeopathic charity health clinic was inaugurated on Tuesday for police personnel, retired police personnel and police family members. A free homeopathic health center has been inaugurated at the police lines of Jhargram district to provide proper advice on staying healthy.

Shri Arijit Sinha, (IPS, SP, Jhargram District Police) DIG rank officers were present. Shri Bijitashwa Rauth (Convenor, West Bengal Police Welfare Committee), Syed Mohammad Mamdadul



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Hasan, Additional SP (Headquarters), Jhargram District Police, Golam Sarwar, Additional SP (Operations), Jhargram District Police, various renowned homeopathic doctors of Jhargram district and various officers of Jhargram District Police and general members of the district were present.

The services of the said health center are available every Monday at 10 am. The meeting discussed in detail the comprehensive improvement of the health center and further improvement of medical services in the next phase,

Cyber complaint for insulting by defacing Bapuji's photograph on social media

MI News Service, Kalyani : A complaint was lodged with Ranaghat police district cyber police station in Nadia on Monday stating that a girl had de-faced the photographs of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, on social media and thus has insulted the impulse of the Nation. Side by side, the complainant, Suman Ganguly, the Spokesperson of State Congress Committee, has demanded the stern action against the miscreation. In his complaint he stated that a social media post caused disrespect to the Father of the Nation - Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. He said, " It has come to my



attention that a facebook user and digital creator uploaded a still photograph of Mahatma Gandhi and fabricated it with a pose that caused insultation to him and to nation simultaneously." He stated that a girl from Malda has posted it. "Using the image of the Father of Nation in this distorted way is practically against the respect & dignity of our country and also it's an anti-Nation activity. I think she does not-know how much we honour & respect our National hero," Ganguly said. According to him, one Ananya Roy has posted the fabricated photograph of Bapuji from English bazar in Malda.

Riswan beaten over controversial social media post

MI News Service, Barasat: A Barasat meat vendor, Riswan Qureshi, faced mob action after allegedly posting anti-India content online, leading to his shop being shut assaulted before police intervened. This incident comes amidst heightened cyber cell monitoring and warnings against inflammatory social media posts related to India-Pak tension. A meat vendor in Barasat, identified as Rizwan Qureshi, is under investigation following an anti-India social media post. Subsequent to the post, a group of local youths reportedly forcibly closed R Riswan Qureshi's shop on Monday morning. Prior to police intervention, these individuals allegedly assaulted Riswan Qureshi. Authorities from the Barasat police station responded to the scene after receiving information about the incident and have registered a complaint against Riswan Qureshi. He and his associates are currently absconding, and police are actively investigating their whereabouts. Simultaneously, the police are also conducting an inquiry into the individuals who allegedly took the law into their own hands. This incident occurs against the backdrop of heightened vigilance by the North 24 Parganas cyber cell, which is monitoring social media for inflammatory content amid ongoing India-Pakistan tensions.

Mother found dead, daughter blames father and grandfather

MI News Service, Howrah: In a shocking incident in Howrah's Ichapur, Businessman Jitendra Jaiswal and his son Shekhar have been arrested after Jitendra's wife Sulekha Devi was found murdered. Sulekha's young daughter reportedly witnessed the crime, stating that her father held mother's hands while her grandfather strangled her. Police have registered a murder case based on the complaint from Sulekha's family and are investigating with the arrested individuals in custody and the body sent for autopsy.

Police in Jagachha, Howrah, have launched a

murder investigation following the death of Sulekha Devi in the Ichapur area. Based on a complaint filed by Ms. Devi's paternal family, her husband, businessman Jitendra Jaiswal, and their son, Shekhar Jaiswal, have been apprehended and are currently being interrogated. The incident came to light after neighbors, alerted by the cries of Ms. Devi's young daughter, contacted the Jagachha police. Upon arrival, authorities discovered Sulekha Devi's body and took her daughter into protective custody. The child reportedly provided a statement alleging that her

father restrained her mother while her grandfather strangled her. Local residents indicated a history of domestic discord between Jitendra Jaiswal and his wife. Sulekha Devi's body has been recovered and sent for a post-mortem examination to determine the precise cause of death. Investigators are also expected to formally record the young girl's testimony. The police are proceeding with their investigation, and the autopsy report and the child's statement are anticipated to provide further clarity on the circumstances surrounding Sulekha Devi's death.

Young life ends in Malda, husband accused and detained

MI News Service, Malda: A 26 year-old woman, Najida Parveen was allegedly strangled to death by her husband Nawaz Sharif in Rampur village, Malda following what is believed to be a domestic dispute. Nawaz Sharif has been arrested, and the incident has sparked outrage in the community, with the deceased's family demanding justice as police investigate the case. The incident follows a recent alleged attempted murder of

another woman in Malda accused of witchcraft, highlighting concerns about violence against women in the district. Police in Chanchal, Malda district, are investigating the alleged murder of a 26-year-old woman, Najida Parveen, whose husband, Nawaz Sharif, has been arrested in connection with her death. The incident occurred in Rampur village under the Bhakri gram panchayat and has caused significant local unrest. According to initial reports and local sources, Najida Parveen and Nawaz Sharif had been married for approximately ten years after a love marriage and had two young sons. Neighbors indicated that the couple experienced occasional domestic disputes. Following the discovery of Najida Parveen's death, her father, Nurul Islam, stated that his daughter and son-in-law had shared a meal at his house the night before.

According to initial reports and local sources, Najida Parveen and Nawaz Sharif had been married for approximately ten years after a love marriage and had two young sons. Neighbors indicated that the couple experienced occasional domestic disputes. Following the discovery of Najida Parveen's death, her father, Nurul Islam, stated that his daughter and son-in-law had shared a meal at his house the night before.

Justice Gavai will uphold...

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the beginning of another." Justice Gavai acknowledged the weight of legacy Justice Khanna bore as the nephew of Justice H R Khanna, the lone dissenter in the 1976 ADM Jabalpur case who stood for constitutional rights during the emergency. "To walk in the shadow of such a name is no small task," he said, "but Justice Sanjiv Khanna did more than uphold that legacy he made it his own."

Justice Gavai praised his predecessor for his clarity, moral conviction, and commitment to fundamental rights, describing his judgments as "simple, elegant, and imbued with constitutional values".

He also recalled their collegial relationship, noting their shared journey from elevation to the Supreme Court to collegium deliberations.

"It has been a privilege," he said, "and I extend my heartfelt gratitude."

Justice Sanjay Kumar, who sat alongside the CJI for over 10 months, reflected candid and heartfelt insights into Justice Khanna's working style.

"He doesn't make notes. Everything: page numbers, paragraph numbers, contents come from memory," he said.

Highlighting the outgoing CJI's calm and patient demeanor with lawyers, Justice Kumar said, "Even when advocates came unprepared, he never lost his temper. Instead, he gently urged them to come prepared next time."

The judge was all praises for Justice Khanna's "single-minded focus and clarity of thought".

Justice Kumar added, "Sitting with him, I learned that I also had to inculcate pragmatism into that perspective."

Recalling one such occasion, the judge said a case he had to author would have otherwise remained pending if not for Justice Khanna's words of wisdom.

"I would have perhaps kept it pending. This was a procedural matter, and I was to write the judgment. When I discussed it

with him, he pointed out that if I kept it pending, cases all over the country would just pile up, and that was not a good situation," he said.

When it came to the bar, Attorney General R Venkataramani said CJI Khanna added "immense value" to the court.

"Your lordship leaves a void not easily filled. Like a river flowing quietly, you accomplished much with grace," he said.

The judgments, the CJI penned, were stated to carry "impeccable logic, simplicity, and elegance".

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta commended the CJI's legal acumen and clarity in judgment.

"Even if litigants lost, we lawyers felt enriched. We always left with a new insight," he said, "as your verdicts were crisp, clear, and always enlightening."

He praised Justice Khanna's ability to maintain the distinction between legal judgment and academic treatise, consistently delivering concise and impactful rulings.

The Supreme Court Bar Association president and senior lawyer Kapil Sibal apart from other bar members and lawyers showered praises on the outgoing CJI.

"You are the streak across the sky that is never forgotten," Sibal said.

Sibal called Justice Khanna "a beacon of light" who elevated the stature of the court.

Reflecting on Justice H R Khanna's historic dissent in the ADM Jabalpur case, Sibal drew a parallel and said, "Today, that dissent echoes louder than the forgotten majority. And you, Justice Khanna, have carried that flame forward."

Justice Khanna was elevated as the 51st Chief Justice of India on November 11, 2024, and demitted office on May 13, 2025. His tenure, though brief, was marked by landmark decisions, transparency initiatives, and a steadfast commitment to judicial accountability and constitutional morality.

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revelations a few minutes earlier. The PM was completely silent on them. Has India agreed to US mediation? Has India agreed to a 'neutral site' for a dialogue with Pakistan? Will India now give in on US demands for opening Indian markets in autos, agriculture, and other areas?" Congress general secretary for communications Jairam Ramesh said.

He also demanded that the PM should immediately have a meeting with leaders of all political parties. "The months ahead will demand both painstaking diplomacy and a collective resolve. One-liners and dialogue-baazi are poor substitutes," Ramesh quipped, as he lauded the armed forces.

The Congress has demanded that the Union government must disclose the framework and terms of the ceasefire between India and Pakistan and asked why the Centre is permitting the US government to equate India with Pakistan.

In a series of tweets, Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala said, "What is the framework as also the terms of the 'Ceasefire Agreement' entered into with Pakistan? What are the conditions on which India has agreed to carry on 'talks' with Pakistan as part of the 'ceasefire agreement'? Why has India accepted to carry on 'talks' with Pakistan at a 'neutral site', i.e. a third country? Is this unilateral step not a clear-cut negation of India's time-tested policy of 'no third-party mediation' and 'no

mediation in a third country?"

He also said, "Why is the Modi Government permitting the US Govt to equate India with Pakistan, despite the fully established fact that Pakistan is a 'Terror State'?" He also asked if the ceasefire can reduce cross-border terrorism and demolition of terror infrastructure in Pakistan.

Has Pakistan learnt any lesson on curbing terror, as its PM, Shehbaz Sharif does televised address using false bravado to claim victory and validate their terror hide-outs? Why is the Modi Government not calling out Pakistan's falsehoods in our national interest? When Pakistan violated the "Ceasefire Agreement" within hours on 10th May itself by launching drone attacks and heavy shelling, haven't they negated the sanctity of the "ceasefire agreement"? Surjewala asked.

Meanwhile, CPIM general secretary MA Baby has written a letter to the PM demanding a special session of Parliament. "This moment of national unity is being undermined by virulent campaigns of hatred and jingoism, as well as the spread of misinformation by certain media outlets and elements on social media. These actions have caused significant confusion and unrest among the public. Additionally, the announcement by the President of the United States regarding the ceasefire – made prior to any official statement from our representatives – has raised serious concerns". Baby said.

CBSE Class XII results declared: CM Mamata extends heartfelt congratulations

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has declared the Class XII board examination results, registering an overall pass percentage of 88.39%, marking a 0.41% increase from last year. Once again, girls have outperformed boys both in numbers and pass percentage. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday extended her heartfelt congratulations to students who successfully passed the CBSE Class 10 and 12 board examinations. She also offered her blessings for their future academic and professional

journeys. Taking to social media platform X, Banerjee wrote, "Heartiest congratulations to all my dear students who have successfully cleared the CBSE Standard X and Standard XII examinations this year. May your future endeavours be filled with even greater achievements." Alongside the students, the Chief Minister expressed her gratitude to their parents and teachers. "A special thank you and heartfelt wishes to the parents/guardians and teachers who have been behind your achievements," she said. Banerjee also sent an encouraging message to



those who did not succeed this year. She urged them not to be disheartened by setbacks and expressed confidence in their future accomplishments.

"To those who experienced setbacks, please don't be discouraged – I am sure and confident

about your future success. My blessings and best wishes are always with all of you," she added, emphasizing her continued support for all students regardless of their results.

This year, 91% of girl students cleared the exam, outshining their male counterparts by a margin of 5.94%. The examinations were conducted between 15th February and 4th April, with over 4.4 million students appearing across the country.

In West Bengal, a total of 45,073 students had registered for the Class XII CBSE examinations. Of these, 25,206 were boys

and 19,867 were girls. Among them, 21,748 boys and 18,314 girls passed the exam. The overall pass percentage in West Bengal stood at 89.16%.

In a gender-wise breakdown for West Bengal, the boys' pass percentage was 86.33%, while the girls' pass percentage was an impressive 92.72%, reinforcing the national trend of better academic performance by girl students.

The CBSE's seamless execution of the exams and timely result announcement has been appreciated by students and educators alike.



Left parties, including CPI(M), CPI, AIFB, RSP, CPI(ML) Liberation, SUCI(C), RCPI, MFB, Workers' Party, and Bolshevik Party, participated in a procession calling for communal harmony against war and terrorism. The rally started from Dharamtala and proceeded to Sealdah in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Fake Passport Racket: ED traces Rs 50cr link to Pak national

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has unearthed a massive financial trail linked to Azad Mallick, alias Azad Hossain, a Pakistani national at the center of a high-profile fake passport racket. The central agency revealed on Tuesday that Mallick and his associates were involved in suspicious financial transactions amounting to nearly Rs 50 crore, spread across several bank accounts over the past three to four years.

Produced in court on Tuesday, Mallick was confronted with startling new revelations by ED investigators. According to their findings, Mallick was not just forging Indian passports, but was also creating fake visas for countries across Europe, Dubai, Cambodia, and Malaysia. These counterfeited travel documents were allegedly used to smuggle multiple Pakistani nationals into foreign

countries, including European destinations. The ED is currently probing whether any of the individuals smuggled using fake documents had terror links, especially with Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). They are investigating if any militant operatives might have been planted in Europe via this network.

In a further twist, the ED has discovered two separate voter ID cards in Mallick's possession—one registered under the Naihati Assembly constituency, and the other under Rajarhat-Gopalpur. Investigators are trying to determine how he managed to obtain two electoral IDs and who might have assisted him in this fraudulent activity.

Previously, Mallick had been arrested in the fake passport case by the ED. He initially claimed to be from Bangladesh. However, a search at his residence in Birati, North 24

Parganas, revealed a Pakistani driving license issued in the name of Azad Hossain, which was later confirmed to be his genuine identity.

ED officials believe Mallick is closely linked to Pakistan's ISI spy network, and he has allegedly facilitated the creation of at least 200 fake Indian identity documents that were later used to secure fraudulent passports. That number, officials fear, may rise to over 500 as investigations progress.

The revelation has raised serious questions about national security, illegal immigration, and the ease with which foreign operatives can infiltrate Indian and international systems through forged documents. The ED has confirmed that the financial and logistical back-end of this sophisticated operation is being traced, with more arrests likely in the coming days.

Retired bank manager falls prey to cyber fraud

MI News Service, Kolkata: A retired bank manager in Kolkata has become the latest victim of cybercrime after being lured with the promise of a credit card. Fraudsters used tactics similar to the notorious Jamtara scam syndicate and siphoned off 4.5 lakh from his bank account. Though the modus operandi resembles the Jamtara gang's style, police suspect several collaborators are operating from Kolkata itself.

Officials from North Kolkata's Kashipur Police Station arrested Ashish Sau, an app-based bike rider from South Kolkata's Bansdroni, in connection with the case. During interrogation, Ashish confessed that he had rented out his bank account to the fraudsters for easy money. He earned commissions for transferring fraudulently obtained funds to other accounts, which proved more lucrative than his daily bike ride earnings.

The retired manager,

who once handled cyber fraud prevention during his banking career, shared sensitive bank details—including his ATM card number—with a caller posing as a bank official. The fraudster had first contacted him via social media, offering to help him get a credit card. Soon after sharing his details, multiple transactions drained his account of 4.5 lakh. The victim filed a complaint with Kashipur police, who tracked the money trail to Ashish.

The accused revealed that a known acquaintance had roped him into the scam, promising effortless income. He simply needed to let money flow through his account, retain a commission, and forward the rest. Investigators are now on the hunt for the masterminds behind the operation.

Police have reiterated warnings for citizens to stay vigilant against unsolicited financial offers, especially those initiated online or over phone calls.

Online fraudster steals Rs 2.66 lakh from doc using stolen mobile

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a disturbing case of cyber fraud, a doctor from SSKM Hospital lost Rs 2.66 lakh from multiple bank accounts after his stolen mobile phone was used for online theft. Despite promptly blocking all SIM cards, the doctor's financial data was exploited by a fraudster who tricked the victim's father into revealing crucial information. According to police reports, the doctor, a resident of Jadavpur, lost his phone while on duty in late April. He filed a complaint at Bhawanipur Police Station and took immediate steps to block the SIM cards. Meanwhile, efforts were underway to trace the lost device. Unexpectedly, a man called the doctor's father claiming he had found the phone and wanted to return it. During the conversation, he allegedly obtained enough personal details to carry out the fraud. Police suspect this call was a ploy to gather vital banking and digital information stored on the stolen phone. Soon after, the doctor began receiving SMS alerts indicating withdrawals from four different

bank accounts. In a complaint filed with the Bhawanipur Police Station, he reported the following transactions: Rs 99,900 withdrawn in three transactions from a private bank account in Jadavpur; Rs 31,100 taken in four transactions from a nationalised bank, also in Jadavpur; Rs 1,29,800 siphoned off through eight transactions from a bank on Elgin Road and Rs 6,000 stolen from another nationalised bank branch at Jodhpur Park. In total, Rs 2,66,800 was fraudulently withdrawn. Police believe the fraudster inserted a new SIM into the stolen mobile and activated the device, gaining access to the doctor's bank-linked apps and credentials. Investigators are now trying to track the cybercriminal using digital trails left behind by the stolen phone. Authorities warn that storing sensitive banking data on mobile devices poses serious risks, especially when such devices are lost or stolen. The case underscores the growing sophistication of cyber fraud in India, where even educated professionals are falling prey to well-planned digital traps.

JCI announces MSP rates for raw jute and mesta for 2025-26 crop year

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Jute Corporation of India Ltd. (JCI), established in 1971, has completed 54 years of service to the jute farming community. Its primary mandate is to safeguard jute farmers through Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations. In FY 2024-25, JCI procured over 5.05 lakh quintals of raw jute worth 252.38 crore. For the upcoming 2025-26 crop year starting July 1, 2024, the Government of India has fixed the MSP for TD3 grade raw jute at 5,650

per quintal. JCI is ensuring wide publicity of these rates among jute farmers across states. Beyond MSP, JCI implements the Jute-ICARE scheme—now in its 11th phase—benefitting over 5.6 lakh farmers. Advanced geospatial monitoring, in collaboration with NRSC and NJB, will enable precise crop data via the PATSAN platform. JCI is also modernizing the jute supply chain with blockchain technology and has launched the "PAAT-MITRO" mobile app for farmers.



JCI Managing Director Ajay Kumar Jolly, along with Jute Commissioner Moloy Chandan Chakraborty, during a press meet organized by The Jute Corporation of India in light of the Government of India's annual announcement of MSP for various grades of jute, at the Press Club in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Fresh bomb scare on Mumbai bound flight from Kolkata airport

MI News Service, Kolkata: A fresh bomb scare gripped Kolkata airport on Tuesday afternoon after a passenger on a Mumbai-bound IndiGo flight claimed there was a bomb on board. The claim triggered panic among passengers and immediate action by airport security. According to sources, the flight was scheduled to depart at 1:35 PM with 194 passengers already boarded. Around 1:15 PM, one of the passengers reportedly stated that a bomb was present on the aircraft. The alarming statement led to chaos and urgent intervention by the Central Reserve Police Force

(CRPF) personnel deployed at the airport. The entire aircraft was promptly evacuated, and the concerned passenger was detained. Bomb disposal squads rushed to the scene and began a thorough search of the aircraft. Despite extended efforts, no explosive device was found. Authorities are currently interrogating the detained individual to ascertain the motive behind his claim. In light of recent India-Pakistan tensions, security has already been heightened at major airports, including Kolkata. This incident has further raised anxiety levels among travelers.

Name Change
I, Debobrata Biswas (old name) S/o. Dashurathi Biswas, residing at Vill & P.O.-Kolorah, P.S.-Domjur, Dist.-Howrah-711 411.I declared that my actual name is Debabrata Biswas (new Name) in place of Debobrata Biswas(old name) before the Court of LD.Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Howrah vide affidavit no.723/93 Dated 28.03.2025. Debobrata Biswas (Old Name) and Debabrata Biswas (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Saheb Dey, S/o Sunil Kumar Dey, residing at Manikpur, Naskarpara, P.O-Harinavi, P.S.-Sonarpur, Kolkata -700148, W.B, as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Court Alipore vide Affidavit no. 11516 dated 06.05.2025 that my deceased Grand Father Late Kalipada Day & Kalipada Basu is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mahrunnisha Begum, Wife of late Md. Muslim Modi residing 28/H/19, Sir Syed Ahmed Road, PO & P.S, Entally, Kolkata-700014 do here by solemnly affirm and declare that I am joint owner in respect of a property, lying and situated at Kolkata Municipal Corporation premises No. 29A, Topsia Second Lane, P.S-Tiljala, Calcutta along with my deceased husband Md.Muslim Modi by virtue of deed of conveyance, duly at the office of Sub-Registrar, Alipore, 24 parganas. In the said Deed of Conveyance my name appears as Smt MEHROON NISA BIBI instead of MAHRUNNISHA BEGUM which is my correct and actual and same is duly recorded in my Aadhaar card no. being No. 9122 7352 5473, PAN card bearing no. HHAPBI686R. By an affidavit before the learned Judicial Magistrate (1st class), on 06.05.2025 that Mahrunnisha Begum and Mehroon Nisa bibi is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Jyed ali mandal (old name) S/o. Late Kader ali mandal and my wife's Monwara mondal (old name) residing at Keshabpur Mollapara P.O.-Keshabpur, P.S.-Domjur, Dist.-Howrah-711 411.have changed our name and shall henceforth be known as Jiyad ali mandal(New name) and Manowara mondal(New Name)as declared before the Court of LD 1st class executive Magistrate at Howrah date 30/12/2024. Jiyad ali mandal and Jyed ali Mandal is the name of same and one identical person. Manowara mondal and Monwara mondal is the name of same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Sk Sujaur Rahman (Old Name) S/o Sk Abdur Rajjak Residing at Chata Kalikapur, Chatakalikapur, Thakurpukur Mahestola, District-South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700140 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Sujaur Rahaman (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 009/2025 Dated 13-05-2025. Sk Sujaur Rahman (Old Name) and Sekh Sujaur Rahaman (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Sk Abdur Razzak (Old Name) S/o Sk Karam Ali Residing at Chata Kalikapur, Chatakalikapur, Thakurpukur Mahestola, District-South 24 Parganas, Pin-700140 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Abdur Rajjak (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 008/2025 Dated 13-05-2025. Sk Abdur Razzak (Old Name) and Sk Abdur Rajjak (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Anusmriti Biswas, wife of Sisir Biswas, residing at Uditi Housing, Kalyani, have changed my name from Anusmriti Biswas to Anusmriti Acharyya Biswas declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Kalyani Court vide Affidavit no. 64, dated 8/5/2025.

Change of Name
I, Sanjay Kumar Kanodia Kanoria (Old Name) S/o Ramgopal Kanoria Residing at Parijat Bldg, Flat-43, 24A, Shakespeare Sarani, Vtc+Po -Circus Avenue District-Kolkata, Pin- 700017 West Bengal shall henceforth be known as Sanjay Kanoria (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 10/2025 Dated 13-05-2025. Sanjay Kumar Kanodia Kanoria (Old Name) and Sanjay Kanoria (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Kartick Sahoo alias Kartik Sahoo (Old Name) S/o Bhim Sahu Residing at Bhogpur, Bhogpur, Sub District - Panskura-II, District-Purba Medinipur, Pin- 721151 West Bengal shall henceforth be known as Kartik Sahu (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 12/2025 Dated 13-05-2025. Kartick Sahoo, Kartik Sahoo (Old Name) and Kartik Sahu (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Raju Sahu (Old Name) S/o Kartik Sahu Residing at Bhogpur, Vtc+Po - Bhogpur, Sub District-Panskura-II, District- Purba Medinipur, Pin-721151 West Bengal shall henceforth be known as Raju Sahoo (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 11/2025 Dated 13-05-2025. Raju Sahu (Old Name) and Raju Sahoo (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Basudev Mondal S/o Late Nidu Mondal Residing at Vill - Umapur, P.o - Chandamari, P.s - Chakdah, District - Nadia, Pin - 741245 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Basudeb Mondal. I declare that Basudev Mondal and Basudeb Mondal is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 13-05-2025

Change of Name
I, Rubab Hossain W/o Syed Shakir Hossain Residing at 52/1, Mofidul Islam Lane, Po-Entally, Ps-Beniapukur, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700014 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Rubab Irm. I declare that Rubab Hossain and Rubab Irm is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 13-05-2025.

Change of Name
I, Noor Salam Khamaru (Old Name) S/o Mosaraf Khamaru Residing at Iyarpur, Po - Iyarpur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin-743513 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Nur Salam Khamaru (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 13-05-2025. Noor Salam Khamaru (Old Name) and Nur Salam Khamaru (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Rabiul Hossein Mandal (Old Name) S/o Panchkari Mandal ResidingatVill-Ramnagar,Po-Kumari Ramnagar, Ps - Hanskali, District - Nadia, Pin - 741502 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Rabiul Mandal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 13-05-2025. Rabiul Hossein Mandal (Old Name) and Rabiul Mandal (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Fatema Begum (old name) W/o. Sk Riasat Ali, D/o. Md Abdul Mannan R/o. Hiranyabati, Dhanikhali, Hooghly, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Fatema Begam (new name) vide an affidavit no. 307 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 07/05/2025. Fatema Begum & Fatema Begam W/o. Sk Riasat Ali, D/o. Md Abdul Mannan both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Saifullah Mondal S/o Md Omar Khattab Mondal, resident of Vill- Falti, Beliahat Bridge, P.S.-Shasan, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743423, being Superintendent of FALTI FORKANIA SIDDIKIA SENIOR MADRASAH situated at Mouza - Falitbabanpur, J.L. No. 198, Plot No. 938 & 939, Khatian No. 1325 at Vill- Falti, P.O- Beliahata Bridge, P.S.- Shasan, Sub-Division - Barasat, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin-743423, declare that in the property registration Deed no. 2222 in the year 1977 registered at Sub- Registrar Barasat, WB.,the name of Madrasah has been written wrongly as FALTI FORKANIA SIDDIKIA MADRASAH, in place of its actual name of the Madrasah as FALTI FORKANIA SIDDIKIA SENIOR MADRASAH and FALTI FORKANIA SIDDIKIA SENIOR MADRASAH both are same and one identical Madrasah in the eye of Law vide affidavit before the Ld. Court of Executive Magistrate (1st Class) at Barasat on 13.05.2025.

Name Change
I,Moksee Sekh And Moksec Sekh(Old Name),Son Of Late Chhamed Sekh, Residing At Duttapulia, Kalupur, Ps-Dhantala, Nadia-741504, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Makchhed Sekh(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025. That Moksee Sekh And Moksec Sekh Also Makchhed Sekh All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Vivek Kajalia(Old Name),Son Of Arun Kumar Kajalia, Residing At Greenfield City, Block-6, 9th Floor, Flat-9C, Jote Shibrampur, Kolkata -700141,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Vivek Kumar Kajalia(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025, That Vivek Kajalia And Vivek Kumar Kajalia Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Somen Das (Old Name), Son Of Mohitosh Das, Residing At Vill & Po-Chhaygharia, Ps-Bongaon, North 24 Parganas-743405, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Soumen Das(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld Executive Magistrate 1st Class At Bongaon On 08/05/2025. That Somen Das And Soumen Das Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Bnjoy Nayak (Old Name), Son Of Tapan Nayak, Residing At Chashipara, Satigachha, Po-Anulia,Ranaghat,Nadia-741255,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Bijoy Nayek(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025. That Bnjoy Nayak And Bijoy Nayek Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sonia Mehra (old name) W/O Chayan Mehra, 5 Wood Street, Flat 3B, P.S.- Shakespeare Sarani, P.O.- Park Street, Kolkata- 700016, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sonea Arora Mehra (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/05/2025 Sonea Arora Mehra (new name) and Sonia Mehra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Swapan Kumar Dey (old name) S/O Ramesh Dey, residing at 28 Madan Mitra Lane, Kolkata- 700006 , West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Swapan Dey (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/05/2025. Swapan Dey (new name) and Swapan Kumar Dey (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Sakil Ahmed (old name) S/O Md Amed Hossain Gazi, residing at Vill.- Trimohini Paschim Para, P.O.-Basirhat, P.S.- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743411, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Sakil Ahmed Gazi (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/05/2025. Md Sakil Ahmed Gazi (new name) and Md Sakil Ahmed (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Amina Bibi Biswas & Amina (old names) W/O Wahab Abdul Biswas, residing at 302, Chaitanya Apt, Fanaspada, Waliv Vasai East, 401208 Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Biswas Aminabibi Abdul Wahab (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/05/2025. Biswas Aminabibi Abdul Wahab (new name) and Amina Bibi Biswas & Amina (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rana Shahid (old name) W/O Late Md Shahid Ali, residing at 48A, Dr Suresh Sarkar Road, P.O.-Entally,Kolkata-700014, WestBengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rana Haider (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/05/2025. Rana Haider (new name) and Rana Shahid (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ratna Sett (old name) W/O Soupayan Das, residing at 12 B hemendra sen street Kolkata 700006, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ratna Das (new name), as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, vide an affidavit dated 13/05/2025. Ratna Das (new name) and Ratna Sett (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I Hasina Begam W/O Sk Nawsad, R/O-BHANDARDAHA, SEKHPARA PS-DOMJUR, HOWRAH, WEST BENGAL PIN-711411, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Hasina as declared before the notary public kolkata vide an affidavit (No. 46) dated 13/05/20225. That Hasina Begam & Sk Hasina both are the same and one identical person.That the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name Change
I Mohammed Asaduzzaman Khan (old name) S/O Mohammed Fazul Haque Khan R/O 13/1, Rakhal Mukherjee Road P.O.-Sarsuna, Kolkata, Pin-700061, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammed Asaduzzaman Khan (new name) as declared before the notary public kolkata vide an affidavit (No. 45) dated 13/05/2025. That Mohammed Asaduzzaman Khan and Md Asaduzzaman Khan are same and one identical person. That the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name Change
I, Amitabha Chakraborty (old name) S/O Arun Chakraborty, residing at Nawpara (Rabindrappaly), P.O.-Kanaipur, P.S.-Uttarpara, Chandannagar, Hooghly, Pin-712234, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amitava Chakraborty (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/05/2025. Amitava Chakraborty (new name) and Amitabha Chakraborty (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mukesh Verma (old name) S/O Kishan Lal Verma, residing at BE18 Ravindra Pally, Krishnapur, Bidhannagar, Pin-700101, PS-Baguiati, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mukesh Kumar Verma (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/05/2025. Mukesh Kumar Verma (new name) and Mukesh Verma (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Ashik Batang(Old Name),Son Of Akram Ali, Residing At Harinkhola, Deganga, Po-Chakla, North 24 Parganas-743424,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ashik Hossain(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025. That Ashik Batang And Ashik Hossain Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Akramul Hossain(Old Name),Son Of Md Amir Ali,Residing At Harinkhola, Deganga, Po-Chakla, North 24 Parganas-743424, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Akram Ali(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025. That Akramul Hossain And Akram Ali Both Are The Same And One Identical Person

Name Change
I,Unsh Mondal (Old Name) S/O Late Atiyar Rahaman Mondal,Residing At Vill-Shakdaha, Po-Shakdaha Jadabpur, Ps-Swarupnagar, Dist-24 Parganas North, Pin-743273, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Iunuch Ali Mondal(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025.Unus Mondal(Old Name) And Iunuch Ali Mondal(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Sk Abdul Razzaque(Old Name) S/O Late Sk Rajab Ali,Residing At Vill & Po-Chatta Kalikapur,Ps-Maheshatala, Dist-24 Parganas South, Pin-700140, West Bengal, India.Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Abdul Razzque(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025.Sk Abdul Razzaque(Old Name) And Sk Abdul Razzque(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shankar Das (old name) S/O Late Asto Das, residing at Makardah Chatterjee Para, P.S.- Domjur, Howrah- 711409, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sankar Das (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/05/2025. Sankar Das (new name) and Shankar Das (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Arup Talukdar (old name) S/O Late Nilaya Shusan Talukdar, residing at Gopalpur House, P.O.- R. Gopalpur, Rajarhat, P.S.- Airport, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700136, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Arup Kumar Talukdar (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/05/2025. Arup Kumar Talukdar (new name) and Arup Talukdar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nitai Maity (old name) S/O Late Ganesh Maity, residing at 101/B/1B, Shil Thakur Bari Road, Sahapur, Kolkata- 700038, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nityananda Maity (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/05/2025. Nityananda Maity (new name) and Nitai Maity (old name) both are same and one identical person

Name Change
I, Abdul Gani Shaikh (old name) S/O Late Shaikh Abdul Bari, residing at Vill.- Haidarpur, P.O.- Mandra, P.S.- Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743438, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Gani (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/05/2025. Sekh Gani (new name) and Abdul Gani Shaikh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Md Anwar Ali And Anwar Hossain (Old Name),Son Of Qurban Ali, Residing At 40C, Golam Jilani Khan Road, Po & P.S- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Anwar Ali(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/05/2025. That Md Anwar Ali And Anwar Hossain And Anwar Ali Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

More than 11.37 lakh android users downloaded 'METRO RIDE KOLKATA' APP

MI News Service, Kolkata: 'Metro Ride Kolkata App' has touched another milestone with its increasing popularity! More than 11.37 lakh Android and users have downloaded this App so far. This App, developed by the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS), has been a hit among the users since its inception. This App has enabled Metro commuters to recharge their Smart Cards or book QR Code Based tickets anytime from anywhere. For the benefit of the commuters, 'Metro Ride Kolkata' App was launched on 05.03.2022 on Android platform and on 22.03.2024 on iOS platform.

Till 12.05.2025, more than 11.37 lakh Android users have downloaded this App from Google Play Store. These figures signify the acceptability and popularity of this App among the Metro users. Metro staff have also been helping passengers to download this App from Google Play Store and showing them the procedure to use it at different stations.

Passengers are requested to adopt digital transactions and also buy tickets online before reaching the Metro station to avoid rush due to long queues at booking counters particularly during the peak hours.

It is to be noted that from 26th January,2025, a feature has been added for all the users of this App to get regular notification on Metro services like introduction of new services, special services, changes in frequency of services as well as disruption of services.

Name Change
I, Binay Kumar Goenka (old name) S/O Atma Ram Goenka, residing at NEW ALIPORE HEIGHTS, 45, BUROSHIBTALA MAIN ROAD, P.O.-SAHAPUR,KOLKATA-700038, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Vinay Kumar Goenka (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/05/2025. Vinay Kumar Goenka (new name) and Binay Kumar Goenka (old name) both are same and one identical person

Name Change
I, Swapan Das (old name) S/O Late Jatindra Nath Das, residing at H/112 11, SUKANTA NAGAR, PO-BIDHANNAGAR SAIGCOMPLEX, PS.- BIDHANNAGAR SOUTH, NORTH 24 PARGANAS-700098, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Swapan Kumar Das (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/05/2025. Swapan Kumar Das (new name) and Swapan Das (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Prasanta Maity (old name) S/O Late Patit Paban Maity, residing at NATUNPALLY, PURBAPUTIARY, KOLKATA-700093., West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Prasanta Kumar Maity (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/05/2025. Prasanta Kumar Maity (new name) and Prasanta Maity (old name) both are same and one identical person

Name Change
I,Biplab Biswas, Residing At 1202,Sonamukhi Road,Po-Sarsuna, Kolkata-700061, West Bengal, Do Hereby Notified That My Minor Daughter Annesha Biplab Biswas(Old Name) Shall Henceforth Be Known As Annesha Biswas (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025. That Annesha Biplab Biswas And Annesha Biswas Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Md Ashief And Md Asif(Old Name),Son Of Md Nur Hossain Md Ashif,Date Of Birth 14/09/1997, Residing At Choto Fingapara, Nimta, North 24 Parganas- 700049, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Ashif (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025. That Md Ashief And Md Asif And Md Ashif Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Kamalesh Kumar (Old Name) S/O Ramakant Jaiswal,Residing At Athghara Jhowtalla,Po-Hatiara,Ps-Baguiati,Dist-24 Parganas North, Pin-700157, West Bengal,India, have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kamlesh Kumar Jaiswal(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025. Kamalesh Kumar(Old Name) And Kamlesh Kumar Jaiswal(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Miscellaneous

Man of the Month for April, 2025 awarded in CLW

MI News Service, Chittaranjan: (1) Shri Suprabhat Ghosal/ SSE/TM-21/ Electrical, (2) Shri Kundan Kumar Mishra/ Tech./ Shop-19/ Electrical, (3) Shri Sanjay Kumar / Sr. Technician/Shop/ Mechanical have been awarded with the "Man of the Month" award for the month of April 2025. The award is in their recognition of their exceptional performance, dedication, and contributions. Shri Vijay Kumar, General Manager gave away the award, today on 13.05.2025 & congratulated.

Shri Suprabhat Ghosal oversees traction motor testing with dedication and diligence. He initiated the diagnosis of traction motors



returned from the Bogie Shop, re-validating them through wheel set testing. His efforts led to the successful reoffering and passing of 25 TMs, saving significant railway funds by meeting all stage inspections at the Bogie Shop. Shri Kundan Kumar

Mishra works in the Connection Section, handling pressure and temperature sensors, MCP, and TFP pump connections in the loco underframe. Known for completing tasks ahead of schedule, he promptly handles urgent rectifications and replacements for loco trials and dispatch. He also leads a dedicated team managing loco underframe auxiliary cable connections. Shri Sanjay Kumar's consistent effort in the machining section led to the early supply of materials to the bogie frame fabrication section, ahead of schedule. While the monthly target was 5.5 loco sets, he supplied an impressive 10 loco sets, a full month in advance.

Howrah Division Celebrates 100 Glorious Years with Prabhat Pheri and Cleanliness Drive at Rampurhat

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing celebration of 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division, a Prabhat Pheri and Cleanliness Drive were conducted at Rampurhat on 13th May 2025 under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Sri Sanjeev Kumar. The event witnessed active participation from railway staff and volunteers, showcasing a strong sense of community engagement and dedication to public service.

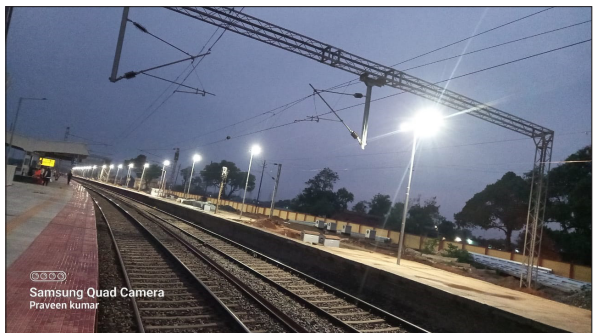


The day began with a vibrant Prabhat Pheri, where participants marched through the station premises and surrounding areas, raising slogans and singing patriotic songs. The procession aimed to highlight the rich legacy of the Howrah Division and to create awareness among the public about its century-long journey of service and excellence.

Following the procession, a Cleanliness Drive was carried out in and around the station area. Staff and volunteers joined hands to clean the railway premises, reinforcing the message of cleanliness and hygiene. The initiative aligned with the

Enhanced station lighting is going to boost passenger safety and comfort across Asansol division

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant move aimed at boosting passenger safety and improving station infrastructure, Eastern Railway's Asansol Division has launched a wide-ranging initiative to upgrade and augment lighting at multiple stations. This ambitious illumination enhancement project spans key stations including Asansol (ASN), Kumardubi (KMME), Kulti (ULT), Mugma (MMU), Kalubathan (KAO), Chhota Ambana (CAM), Barakar (BRR), Raniganj (RNG), Panagarh (PAN), and Salanpur (SLS).



At Mugma, installation of all 30 double-arm poles has been completed, each fitted with 45W LED lights. Additionally, 10 existing poles have been upgraded to double-arm structures, resulting in an improved illumination level of 60 Lux.

LED, and 1x18W tube fittings. Comprehensive electrical work including earthing and 450 meters of wiring at Platforms 1 and 2, platform sheds, and the booking office has also been completed, with the station now reaching 65 Lux brightness.

Kumardubi has seen the erection of 62 five-meter double-arm poles, alongside 1,200 meters of cable laying and the installation of 122 high-efficiency 45W LED outdoor fittings, achieving an impressive 65 Lux lighting level.

At Shankarpur station, lighting work has been completed with the installation of 20 new octagonal poles, each equipped with two 72W LED lights, significantly enhancing the platform illumination and ensuring better night-time visibility for passengers.

Lighting enhancement work is actively underway at Raniganj, Panagarh, Asansol, Kulti, Kalubathan, Chhota Ambana, Salanpur, and Chittaranjan, promising a significant boost to night-time visibility and commuter safety.

Notably, at the newly redeveloped Simultala station, 700 meters of cabling has

Beating the heat with compassion

MI News Service, Kolkata: A Water Camp organized by CIOWS (Coal India Officers' Wives Samiti) has been set at Rohini Housing Society, Ultadanga and will continue for two months. The initiative is spearheaded by Mrs. Vimala Prasad, President along with Vice Presidents Mrs. Renuka Verma, Mrs. Rinki Nanda, Mrs. Archana Choudhary, Mrs. Nandini Tripathy, Mrs. Nidhi Agrawal, and Mrs. Siprana Ghatok. CIOWS is also providing essential summer refreshments such as Glucon D, Rasna, Sattu, Aam Panna, Watermelon and Batasha at the camp.



PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

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Branch Office: ICICI BANK LTD, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal - 700091
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The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Ankita Sarkar/ Santa Sarkar/ Gish/ Silver Tower Subhash Patel Sukumar Roy Road Siliguri (M.Corp) West Bengal Siliguri- 734001/ LBSG00006085184, LBSG00006095321	Flat on The Third Floor, Front Side (North-West Corner), Mouza Siliguri, Khatian No.3819/3, Plot No. 1.1056/ J.L. No.110(68), Pargana Baikuntha Pur, Municipal Corporation Siliguri,ward Naxib, Police Station Siliguri, Sub Division Siliguri, Additional District Sub- Registrar Siliguri, Dist- Darjeeling, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area of 1000 Sq.ft. Including Super Built Up Area Together With Undivided Proportionate Share of Land/ Date of Physical 08.05.2025	May 22, 2023 Rs. 20,44,896.00/-	Siliguri

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: May 14, 2025, Place: Siliguri Sincerely Authorised Signatory, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

General Manager releases “Safety Bulletin: January–March 2025”

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a continuing effort to strengthen safety awareness and foster a culture of vigilance across all departments, Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, released the “Safety Bulletin: January - March 2025” at Fairlie Place, Eastern Railway Headquarters today (13.05.2025). The event was graced by the presence of Shri Sumit Sarkar, Additional General Manager/Eastern Railway, Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, Principal Chief Safety Officer/Eastern Railway and other Principal Officers.

While releasing the bulletin, the General Manager emphasized the critical role of safety in train operations and workplace activities. He conveyed that “Safety in train operations and safety at worksite are critical to the efficient functioning of Railways. Our constant vigil and learning can avert unsafe situations. Train accidents can have serious repercussions on property & human life and this thought alone should motivate all of us to ensure compliance of laid down safety protocols, rules in letter and spirit.”

He further appreciated



the Eastern Railway Safety Department for bringing out the new edition of the Safety Bulletin, which contains valuable case studies and detailed safety procedures to be followed by various departments during worksite activities. Shri Deouskar expressed confidence that this initiative will contribute significantly to further improving the safety standards across Eastern Railway.

As part of the recognition of excellence in safety practices, 18 employees from various departments of Eastern Railway were recognised for their outstanding contributions in the field of safety during the quarter.

The Safety Bulletin for January –March 2025 also includes statistics of unusual incidents over Eastern Railway during 2023-24 &

2024-25, Safety Seminars & Safety Drives conducted over Eastern Railway during January to March 2025, safety circulars issued in January, February, and March 2025, a Joint Procedure Order for Movement of Track Machines & Route Learning, summer precautions & operational guidelines for conventional AC electric locomotives, three-phase AC electric locomotives, Diesel locomotives, EMU/MEMU rakes and engineering departmental worksites protection.

The Safety Bulletin prepared by Safety Department of Eastern Railway plays a crucial role to cultivate a strong sense of safety awareness among the staff and ensure they are well - conversed about the latest safety protocols and instructions.

Cancellation of one pair Lakshmikantapur – Namkhana local for track maintenance work

MI News Service, Kolkata: For Track maintenance work between Lakshmikantapur - Namkhana section, 240 minutes (from 00:10 hrs. to 04:10 hrs.) Traffic & Power Block has been planned on 14/15.05.2025. Consequently, 34935/34914 Lakshmikantapur - Namkhana - Lakshmikantapur local will remain cancelled on 15.05.2025 (Thursday).

Drone training initiative in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: The city of Kolkata recently experienced a unique drone training initiative. During the Indo-Pak war recently, drones have contributed in seeking a comprehensive victory against Pakistan. Hence, popularity of drones and its applications in different fields are gaining ground every single day.

With drone technology increasingly shaping modern responses to both civilian and strategic challenges, JIS Drone Academy took a timely and progressive step by successfully conducting a three-day Drone Training Course. The course drew participation from over 50 students, eager to explore and understand the evolving role of unmanned aerial systems in today's world.

Students were trained in both the theoretical framework and hands-on operation of drone technology. From basic flight mechanics and airspace regulations to live aerial navigation, the programme offered a robust foundation. It went beyond basic flight training—providing exposure to emerging applications across sectors like precision agriculture, ecological mapping, security surveillance, and infrastructure monitoring.

Participants were also introduced to the procedures for obtaining a certified drone pilot license, giving them clarity on the legalities, compliance frameworks, and career avenues now opening up in this rapidly expanding domain.

Howrah Division Celebrates Centenary with Prize Distribution Ceremony for Drawing and Painting Competition



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the centenary celebrations commemorating 100 glorious years of Howrah Division, a vibrant Prize Distribution Ceremony was held today at the Conference Hall, DRM Building, Howrah. The event was organized by the Personnel Department to honor the creative achievements of young students, railway employees, and their wards who participated in a division-wide drawing and painting competition.

The competition, conducted across Kendriya Vidyalayas and various railway institutions within the division, provided a platform for participants to express their creativity and artistic talent. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and reflected the cultural vibrancy of the railway community.

The ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Divisional Railway

Manager (DRM), Howrah; Shri Harsh Kumar Garg, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer (Sr. DPO), Howrah. The dignitaries commended the participants for their imaginative and meaningful contributions, acknowledging the role of art in fostering a strong community spirit.

The winners from Kendriya Vidyalayas were:

1st Position: Agnija Dey, Class VII

2nd Position: Pritha Chakraborty, Class IX

3rd Position: Soham Das, Class X

From the railway institutions, the top positions were secured by:

1st Position: Ananya Shom, Technician - C&W/Howrah

2nd Position: Priyanka Guha Neogi, SNS/Orthopedic/Howrah

3rd Position: Pritam Dalal, Class IV, ward of Loco Pilot, Rampurhat

The event served not only as a tribute to Howrah Division's rich legacy but also

as an encouragement to the artistic pursuits of the younger generation closely associated with the Indian Railways.

E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE
Tender Reference no.: - i) WB/HOW/DPS/DGP/096/NIT-01/25-26
Electronic Tenders are hereby invited by the Pradhan, Domjur Gram Panchayat, Domjur Block Dev. for implementation of One (01) no. work within Domjur Gram Panchayat, Howrah.
Details are available in <https://wbenders.gov.in> & <https://etender.wb.nic.in>) and Office Notice Board.

Sd/-
Pradhan
Domjur Gram Panchayat

UTTAR JHAPORDAH G.P. Domjur, Howrah E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited online through <https://wbenders.gov.in> by the Pradhan, Uttar Jhaporadah G.P. for the work/s vide NIT No. WB/HOW/DOM/UJGP/25-26/145 to 149 Date :-13/05/2025; Bid Submission date (online): from 14/05/2025 at 4 PM to 24/05/2025 at 12 noon

Details Information is available at this Office within the working days.

Sd/-
Pradhan
Uttar Jhaporadah G.P.
Uttar Jhaporadah, Domjur, Howrah

TENDER NOTICE

Percentage rate Tender invited vide Nit No. 02/2025-2026 With Vide Memo No. 149/En, Dated: - 10-05-2025 Published Date: 12/05/2025 9.00 A.M by The ProddhanManindranagar Gram Panchayat. Last date of Application 19/05/2025 up to 4.00 P.M Hours. Interested contractors may visit NOTICE BOARD of Manindranagar Gram Panchayat, under Berhampore Block, MSD. Sd/- Proddhan Manindranagar Panchayat Manindranagar, Cossimbazar, Murshidabad.

"Nation which nurtured terrorism, thinking it can escape consequences": MEA

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Ministry of External Affairs on Tuesday responded to a recent statement made by the Pakistan Foreign Office, emphasising that Pakistan's history of nurturing terrorism on an industrial scale makes it accountable for the consequences.

Official Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, Randhir Jaiswal, during the weekly press conference, stated that Pakistan's attempt to escape the consequences of its actions is futile, given its long history of supporting terrorism.

He highlighted that the terrorist infrastructure sites destroyed by India were responsible for the deaths of not only Indians but also many other innocents around the world.

"We have seen the statement made by the Pakistani side. That a nation which has nurtured terrorism on an industrial scale should think that it can escape the consequences is fooling itself. The terrorist

infrastructure sites that India destroyed were responsible not only for the deaths of Indians but also of many other innocents around the world. There is now a new normal. The sooner Pakistan gets used to it, the better," he said.

This comes after Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Ishaq Dar in his first interview since India and Pakistan's cessation of hostilities, said that Islamabad "had no choice" but to launch strikes in "self-defence" following India's May 7 cross-border attacks.

Dar referred to India's strikes as a "war" and a "wishful attempt to establish its hegemony" and claimed that "We were very sure that our conventional capacity and capabilities are strong enough that we will beat them both in the air and on the ground."

Jaiswal emphasised that there is a new normal in dealing with terrorism, and Pakistan needs to acknowledge and adapt to this reality.

"You would have seen that TRF had taken responsibility and then second time again second day- twice they had taken responsibility and thereafter possibly at the behest of their handlers they rolled it back," he said.

Jaiswal added that India is still pursuing listing of TRF in the United Nations by the United Nations Security Council by the UNCC 1267 sanctions committee.

"But TRF is one organization which is a front of the Lashkar-e-Taiba and you would understand that we have been pursuing listing of TRF in the United Nations by the United Nations Security Council by the UNCC 1267 sanctions committee. We'll update you on as to how the investigation progresses in this matter," he said.

Jaiswal said that India is sharing the details of the attack with the UNSC, hoping that they would take note of it.

"Over the last two years or so, since 2023-24 we have been sharing information with the United Nations Security Council, the monitoring committee of the sanctions committee as to why the terrorist TRF which is the front for Lashkar-e-Taiba should be listed as a terrorist entity. We will be also in few days will be sharing more details in this regard and hopefully security council 1267 monitoring team will take strong note of what we present, what we file and take due action against that is required," he said.

Earlier on May 7, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri highlighted Pakistan's role in removing references to the terrorist group The Resistance Front (TRF), which claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam terrorist attack, from the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) press statement issued on April 25. He recalled how India had earlier shared inputs regarding the TRF with the UN, bringing out its role as a cover for terrorists based in Pakistan.

Leander Paes gets felicitated



MI News Service, Kolkata: Legendary tennis player Leander Paes recently got felicitated as he became the recipient of the prestigious P C Chandra Puraskar. The award recognises exceptional achievements across diverse fields.

The Puraskar, carrying a tax-free honorarium of ₹20 lakhs, is among the most respected honours and is awarded annually on the founder's birth anniversary. Since its inception in 1993, it has celebrated national icons including Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand, Noble Laureate Kailash Satyarthi Ji, Veteran Singer Asha Bhosle, Dr. Devi Shetty, Kapil Dev, Ustad Umzad Ali Khan, Marry Kom, Somanath S, among others.

This year's recipient, Leander Paes, is a global ambassador of Indian tennis with 18 Grand Slam titles and an Olympic bronze to his name. His relentless pursuit of excellence perfectly embodies the spirit of the award.

CUET UG 2025: Day 1 of exam begins on smooth, positive note

MI News Service, New Delhi: Exiting exam centres with weary smiles, students hurried towards their parents, who greeted them with warm hugs and bottles of water after the first day of the Common University Entrance Test for Undergraduate Admissions (CUET UG).

While fatigue showed on their faces, many students

called the paper "easy" and largely expected, striking a tone of cautious optimism

Notice e-Tender

The Proddhan Garibpur Gram Panchayat invites e-Tender through e-Procurement System from the bonafied and resourceful Contractors for **NIT No.-04/PRODHAN/GARIBPUR GP/2025-26. (FOR-4 NosWORKS) Dated: 08/05/2025. Last date of Bid submission 21.05.2025 upto 02.00 Hours. For details please visit website www.wbtenders.gov.in**

Sd/- Proddhan Garibpur G.P. DOMKAL BLOCK, MURSHIDABAD

Office of Block Development Officer Salboni, Paschim Medinipur

E-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No-004/EO/SALBONI PS/e NIT 2025-26 Dated-13.05.2025 e-tender is invited by the E.O, Salboni Panchayat Samity for a civil work under Salboni Panchayat Samity For details please visit: www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.salboni.in

Bid Publishing date: 14.05.2025

Bid Closing date: 21.05.2025

Bid Opening date: 23.05.2025

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Tender Notice No.: 114-ELC-G-KGP-25-26-05, Dt-09.05.2025. For and on behalf of the President of India, the Sr. DEE/G/South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur-721301 invites e-Tenders for the following work before **12.00 hrs.** on the date mentioned against item.
Description of work: Provision of IOT devices/FD for integration of Electrical general service assets with IR-NYANTRAK Phase-1 (under Sr. DEE/G/Kharagpur). **Tender Value:** ₹ 1,00,38,873.60. **Bid Security/ E.M.D.:** ₹ 2,00,200. **Date of Opening:** 30.05.2025. **Cost of tender document:** Nil. **Completion Period:** 06 months from the date of issue of Letter of Acceptance. **Date of submission:** Up to 12.00 hrs. of 30.05.2025. Interested tenderers may visit website www.irops.gov.in for full details, description & specification of the tender and submit their bids online. In no case manual tender for this work will be accepted. **Note:** Prospective bidders may regularly visit www.irops.gov.in to participate in all tenders. (PR-145)

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E-TENDER NOTICE No. NIT/02/25/32 Dated : 13.05.2025. Principal Chief Materials Manager, Eastern Railway, Fairlie Place, 2nd Floor, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata-700001 invites e-tenders for supply of the following items: **Sr. No.;** **Tender No.;** **Description & EMD** respectively: (1) **06251050;** Procurement of Poly Vastra Bed sheet white of size 229 x 140 cms as per Spec.No. IS: 17388-2020 etc.; ₹ 3,25,420; (2) **08245033A;** Procurement of Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of single phase etc; ₹ 1,31,920; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 28.05.2025 at 13:30 hrs. for SI. No. 1 & 2; (3) **15255025;** Supply, installation & commissioning of Rotary Screw Electrical Driven Air Compress, Cap: 500 CFM, 10 Kg/cm²; ₹ 3,54,180; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 02.06.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (4) **14225072;** 48 Fiber Armoured Optical Fibre cable conforming to ROSO Specification No. RDSO/SPN/TC/11/2020 Revision-0 or latest if any up to the date of tender opening; ₹ 20,00,000; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 04.06.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (5) **10251142;** MOMENTARY CONTACT LIMIT SWITCH; ₹ 1,09,040; (6) **11241801A;** ICF Head Stock complete etc.; ₹ 2,81,240; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 05.06.2025 at 13:30 hrs. for SI. No. 5 & 6; (7) **20251156;** BRUSH HOLDER ASSEMBLY (LH) FOR TRACTION MOTOR; ₹ 1,05,560; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 09.06.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (8) **10255013;** Static Converter (SIV); ₹ 4,13,000; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 24.06.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (9) **10251091;** Arrgt of High Tensile Transition C.B. Coupler; ₹ 8,74,380; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 02.07.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; (10) **10252257;** End frame DE assembly with air outlet net (CNC machined) etc.; ₹ 2,16,810; **Tender Opening Date & Time :** 23.07.2025 at 13:30 hrs.; **Tender Cost :** ₹ 0.00 for SI. No. 1 to 10 each; **NOTE:** All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at www.irops.gov.in For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website. STORES-10/2025-26 Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.irops.gov.in

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One in seven male gym attendees considers impact on fertility

WASHINGTON : According to a study, most young male gym visitors are ignorant of the effects their lifestyle has on their fertility. According to new findings from a survey of 152 gym goers published in Reproductive BioMedicine Online, men are mostly unaware of the hazards to their fertility from features of the gym lifestyle such as protein supplements, which can contain high quantities of oestrogen and are utilised by 79 per cent of male respondents. When asked if they were concerned about their fertility, more than half of male participants answered they had considered it before. However, only 14 per cent of men who participated had considered how their workout habits or supplement use would affect their fertility.

Further data shows that there was a significant difference in responses about whether the benefits of gym routines and supplements were more important to them than fertility, with 38 per cent disagreeing and 28 per cent agreeing. Female participants, meanwhile, were more aware of the impact of a gym lifestyle on male fertility.

Dr Meurig Gallagher from the University of Birmingham and



lead author of the study said, "Being healthy and having a healthy lifestyle is a good thing. In the context of male fertility, the concern is over the increasing use of protein supplements. The main concern is the high levels of the female hormone estrogen that comes from both whey and soy protein supplements. Too much female hormone can cause problems with the amount and quality of sperm that a man can produce. Many protein supplements that can be bought are contaminated

by anabolic steroids, which can cause reduced sperm count, shrunken testicles, and erectile dysfunction amongst other things. "Infertility is a problem of increasing concern, affecting 1 in 6 people worldwide according to the World Health Organisation. Globally, there is limited understanding of the fact that men contribute to half of these cases of infertility. "The major finding from this study is that there is a significant lack of awareness of male repro-

ductive health in the young adult population we surveyed. While people were aware of the problems associated with anabolic steroid use, very few understood that gym protein supplementation can have negative effects. Professor Jackson Kirkman-Brown from the University of Birmingham and author of the paper said, "We found that men are genuinely curious about their fertility when prompted, but that they don't think about it on their own - likely because societally people still think of fertility as a 'female issue' and (incorrectly) believe that men's fertility doesn't change throughout their lifetimes." "It's important that people don't see this as a reason not to be healthy or get exercise - but people should try and educate themselves about any form of supplementation they take, whether that is protein, vitamins or anything else. In general, most data would suggest it's better to eat unconcentrated natural food sources of protein, as these are also less likely to be contaminated at a high level with any environmental pollutants. For example, if you are eating a routine diet, roast chicken would be a good source of protein as opposed to a concentrated protein bar or shake."

Blood transfusion requirements are decreased with iron infusion prior to bowel surgery

CALIFORNIA : According to an analysis undertaken by experts from UCL and the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, a change in clinical practice would have clear benefits for patients undergoing major bowel surgery. The study, published in The British Journal of Surgery, shows that administering iron intravenously before colorectal surgery improves patient outcomes by 33 per cent, lowering the need for blood transfusions. Anaemia is a common issue in individuals undergoing colon surgery due to gastrointestinal bleeding and blood loss during the procedure. Anaemia is also linked to fatigue and illness following surgery, as well as a longer recovery and other conse-

quences. Blood transfusion is utilised when blood levels are low, but there is worry that colorectal cancer patients who have had a blood transfusion may have a higher likelihood of problems and cancer recurrence. Anaemia is frequently treated with iron, with a full course of medication administered intravenously in 15-30 minutes. To yet, intravenous iron infusion has been utilised rarely, with the question of whether treating patients before major surgery will lessen the need for blood transfusions remaining unanswered. Researchers from UCL conducted a meta-analysis of five randomised controlled trials in this study, concentrating on a subset of patients from those trials who had

undergone colon surgery. The analysis showed that patients who had received iron infusion were 33 per cent less likely to require a blood transfusion during or after surgery. Patients were divided into two groups in these trials: a control group and a group that got iron intravenously prior to surgery. Professor Toby Richards, senior author of the study from UCL Division of Surgery & Interventional Sciences, said, "This is the first time that clinical trials have shown a patient benefit from treatment with an iron infusion before surgery, which has the potential to treat anaemia and reduce the need for blood transfusion. Previous studies had not shown this benefit for all patients undergoing surgery in the NHS.

Study finds Y-chromosome impact genetic basis of digestive problems

CALIFORNIA : The entire sequencing of the human Y chromosome is a huge milestone in human genetics, opening up new paths for research into digestive ailments. This milestone, combined with advances in third-generation sequencing technologies, is poised to transform our understanding of the genetic basis of digestive problems and pave the way for more personalised and successful treatment regimens. Because of its complicated repeating pattern, the Y chromosome, the smallest of the human chromosomes, has long been shrouded in mystery. Recent advances in sequencing technologies, on the other hand, have enabled researchers to uncover the precise features of this genetic area, revealing insight into its involvement in sex determination and its potential impact on many disorders, particularly those affecting the digestive system. The study was published in eGastroenterology. Completing the Y chromosome sequence provides a comprehensive reference for identifying genetic variations that may contribute to digestive diseases. This information is crucial for understanding the "missing heritability" prob-

lem, where the proportion of disease risk attributable to known genetic factors falls short of what is expected based on heritability estimates. With their ability to generate long, continuous DNA reads, third-generation sequencing technologies play a pivotal role in deciphering the complex genomic landscapes of digestive diseases. These technologies enable the detection of structural variations, such as copy number variations and inversions, which were previously inaccessible using older sequencing methods. These structural variations may play a significant role in disease susceptibility and progression. The combined power of complete Y chromosome sequencing and third-generation sequencing technologies holds immense promise for advancing digestive disease research. By identifying novel genetic variants and elucidating their functional roles, researchers can better understand the mechanisms underlying digestive disorders and develop more targeted and effective therapies. In addition to unravelling the genetic basis of digestive diseases, completing the Y chromosome sequence also opens up new opportunities for investigating sex-specific genetic effects.

Anti-rheumatic medicines may be able to prevent thyroid illness

MONTREAL : According to a new observational study, anti-rheumatic medicines used to treat rheumatoid arthritis may help reduce the development of autoimmune thyroid disease. The study was published in the Journal of Internal Medicine. Patients with rheumatoid arthritis are more likely to develop autoimmune thyroid illnesses such as Hashimoto's disease and Graves' disease. While immunomodulatory medicines that influence the immune system are commonly used to treat RA patients, they are rarely utilised to treat autoimmune thyroid problems. Instead, thyroid hormone is used to compensate for the abnormalities in normal thyroid function that occur with autoimmune thyroid disease. The current study sought to determine whether immunomodulatory medicines that lower inflammation in the joints of RA patients could also lessen the chance of these patients acquiring autoimmune thyroid illness. Previous research in mice suggests that DMARDs, a type of immune-modulatory medicine used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, can lower thyroid gland inflammation. According to the research team, knowledge of whether

this impact also extends to humans is limited. The researchers analysed data from over 13,000 patients with rheumatoid



arthritis and their treatments between 2006 and 2018, as well as data from over 63,000 people in a matched control group who did not have rheumatoid arthritis. The researchers discov-

ered that the chance of acquiring an autoimmune thyroid illness in RA patients was lower after the disease's commencement than before diagnosis. Patients with rheumatoid arthritis who were treated with immunomodulatory medications, or 'biological DMARDs,' had the greatest reduction in the incidence of autoimmune thy-

roid illness. The probability of autoimmune thyroid illness in these patients was 46% lower than in the control group without rheumatoid arthritis. "These results support the hypothesis that certain types of immunomodulatory drugs could have a preventive effect on autoimmune thyroid disease," said Kristin Waldenlind, researcher at the Department of Medicine, Solna, Division of Clinical Epidemiology, Karolinska Institutet, specialist in rheumatology at Karolinska University Hospital and first author of the study. She continues: He added, "Our results do not prove that it is the treatment with immunomodulatory drugs that led to the reduced risk of autoimmune thyroid disease, but provide support for this hypothesis. The results, if they can be replicated in further studies, open up the possibility of studying more directly in clinical trials whether the immunomodulatory drugs currently used for rheumatoid arthritis could also be used for the early treatment of autoimmune thyroid disease, i.e. for new areas of use of these drugs, known as drug repurposing."

People suffering from work addiction feel ill even when they are working: Study

WASHINGTON : Workaholics' moods are generally worse than those of other people, even while they are engaged in the thing that they are most passionate about: their work. Workaholism is similar to other addictions such as gambling or alcoholism. This is what emerges from a study published in the Journal of Occupational Health Psychology, conducted by Cristian Balducci, a professor at the Department for Life Quality Studies at the University of Bologna (Rimini Campus), in collaboration with Dr. Luca Menghini from the University of Trento and Prof. Paola Spagnoli from the University of Campania 'Luigi Vanvitelli'. Professor Balducci explains: "The negative mood observed in workaholics may indicate elevated daily stress levels and that could be the cause of the higher risk for these individuals to develop burnout and cardiovascular problems. Furthermore, considering that workaholics often hold positions of responsibility, their negative mood could readily influence that of colleagues and co-workers. This poses a risk that organiza-

tions should seriously consider, intervening to discourage behaviors that contribute to workaholism." WORK ADDICTION Work addiction has been a well-known phenomenon for a long time: people suffering from it tend to work excessively and compulsively. This is a true obsession that negatively affects health, psychological well-being, and relations with family and friends. Several studies indicate that workaholics commonly experience a sense of unwellness, often accompanied by negative emotions such as hostility, anxiety, and guilt when they are unable to work as extensively as they wish. On the other hand, there are conflicting assumptions about the feelings that emerge in these people while they are at work. Some studies suggest that workaholics experience feelings of well-being and satisfaction during the workday, yet other research indicates that these positive emotions quickly transition to a prevailing dysphoric state characterized by irritation and depression. WORKAHOLISM AND EMOTIONAL FLATNESS

To shed light on this aspect, scholars involved 139 full-time workers in the study, mostly employed in back-office activities.



A psychological test was first used to assess the participants' level of work dependency. Afterward, the scholars analyzed the mood of the workers and their perception of workload using a technique known as "experience sampling method". This was done using an app installed on the participants'

phones, which allowed them to send short questionnaires, approximately every 90 minutes, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., over the course of three working days (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). "The collected data show that the most workaholic workers have on average a worse mood than the others", says Prof. Balducci. "So, it does not appear to be true that people who are addicted to work derive more pleasure from their work activ-

ity; quite the opposite, the results seem to confirm that, as in other forms of behavioural and substance addiction, the initial euphoria gives way to a negative emotional state that pervades the person even while at work." The results also demonstrate that, unlike other workers, workaholics, on average, consistently maintain a more negative mood throughout the day, with no significant variations attributed to the passage of time or fluctuations in work-

load. A diminished reactivity of mood to external stimuli implies a notable emotional flattening, a well-recognized phenomenon in other types of addictions. "This element," suggests Luca Menghini, researcher at the University of Trento and first author of the study, "could stem from the workaholic's inability to moderate work investment, resulting in a significant decrease in disconnection and recovery experiences, and the parallel consolidation of a negative affective tone." WOMEN AND WORKAHOLISM Another interesting result that emerged from the study is that of gender differences. The relationship between work addiction and bad mood was in fact more pronounced in women than in men, indicating a greater vulnerability of women to workaholism. Scholars suggest that this phenomenon may depend on an increased role conflict experienced by workaholic women, caught between the internal tendency to over-invest in their work and the external pressures stemming from gender expectations still deeply rooted in our culture. DANGERS AND COUNTERMEAS-

SURES These results warn of the dangers of workaholism. Work addiction can lead to significant negative repercussions not only on relationships with family and friends, but also on physical and psychological well-being. The so-called "overwork illnesses" can aggravate to the point of leading to death from overwork - a phenomenon with a not inconsiderable case history today. "Organisations must send clear signals to workers on this issue and avoid encouraging a climate where working outside working hours and at weekends is considered the norm," Prof. Balducci concludes. "On the contrary, it is necessary to foster an environment that discourages excessive and dysfunctional investment in work, promoting disconnection policies, specific training activities and counselling interventions." The study was published on the Journal of Occupational Health Psychology with the title "Uncovering the Main and Interacting Impact of Workaholism on Momentary Hedonic Tone at Work: An Experience Sampling Approach."

Study finds connection between adverse childhood experiences, muscle dysmorphia



WASHINGTON : According to a recent study, adolescents and young adults who had adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) before the age of 18 had a substantially higher risk of presenting indications of muscular dysmorphia. The findings were published in the Clinical Social Work Journal. These new findings highlight the importance of gaining a better understanding of the relationship between muscle dysmorphia, or the pathological pursuit of muscularity, and adverse childhood experiences (such as emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and domestic violence), as previous research has shown that more than half of North American children and adolescents experience at least one adverse childhood experience during their lifetime. "Those who experience adverse childhood experiences may engage in the pursuit of muscularity to compensate for experiences where they once felt inferior, small, and at risk, as well as to protect against future victimization," says lead author Kyle T. Ganson, PhD, MSW, an assistant

professor at the University of Toronto's Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work. "The experience of adverse childhood experiences may also increase body dissatisfaction, specifically muscle dissatisfaction, which is a key feature of muscle dysmorphia." Previous studies have shown that adverse experiences in childhood can lead to harmful health effects. While prior research has demonstrated that adverse childhood experiences are highly common in people with eating disorders and body dysmorphic disorder, few studies have looked at the association between adverse childhood experiences and muscle dysmorphia. The study's researchers analyzed data from over 900 adolescents and young adults who participated in the Canadian Study of Adolescent Health Behaviors. In total, 16% of participants who experienced five or more adverse childhood experiences were at clinical risk for muscle dysmorphia, underscoring the significant traumatic effects that such experiences can have on mental health and well-being.

IPL 2025: Wait on Inglis, Jansen's availability continues for PBKS

New Delhi [India] : Punjab Kings overseas stars Xavier Bartlett, Azmatullah Omarzai, and Mitchell Owen have confirmed their return to the franchise for the remainder of the 18th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL), which will resume on May 17.

According to ESPNcricinfo, no confirmation exists on their prized overseas pool, including Marcus Stoinis, Marco Jansen, Josh Inglis, and Aaron Hardie's return to India. Jansen and Inglis were named in South Africa and Australia's squads for the World Test Championship final, set to commence on June 11 at the Lord's.

The BCCI suspended the cash-rich league last Thursday due to cross-border tensions between India and Pakistan. According to ESPNcricinfo, most of the PBKS overseas staff stayed in India, including head coach Ricky Ponting and assistant coaches Brad Haddin and James Hopes.



PBKS has asked its players and support staff to assemble in the next two days.

According to ESPNcricinfo, PBKS will resume its training on Thursday in Jaipur ahead of its remaining three group stage fixtures against Rajasthan Royals (May 18), Delhi Capitals (May 24) and Mumbai Indians (May 26).

PBKS is on the third spot with 15 points from 11 fixtures and stands in a promising position to make the cut for the playoffs.

Punjab was in the middle of their fixture against Delhi Capitals at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamshala on May 8, but the match was abandoned due to tensions between India and Pakistan.

After the cessation of hostilities on Saturday, the BCCI held conversations with the government and stakeholders. On Monday, the Indian cricket board released a statement announcing the schedule of the 17 remaining fixtures.

Six venues were selected for the 13 league games, featuring Delhi, Jaipur, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, and Bengaluru. However, the venues for the playoffs have yet to be announced.

According to the new schedule, Qualifier 1 will be held on May 29. The Eliminator and Qualifier 2 will be played on May 30 and June 1, respectively. The 18th edition of the IPL will conclude on June 3. The venues for the playoffs are yet to be decided.

PAT CUMMINS, TRAVIS HEAD LIKELY TO JOIN SRH AHEAD OF IPL 2025 RESUMPTION

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Pat Cummins and Travis Head, the Australian pair who are set to feature in next month's World Test Championship final, are expected to rejoin the Sunrisers Hyderabad squad ahead of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 resumption on May 17, according to ESPNcricinfo.

Last week, the 18th edition of the cash-rich league was suspended due to India's cross-border tensions with Pakistan. The future of the remainder of the tournament was clouded in uncertainty. On Monday, the BCCI cleared the doubts by confirming that IPL would resume on Saturday in Bengaluru.

On Tuesday morning, Cummins and Head were named in Australia's squad for the World Test Championship final against South Africa, commencing on June 11. There were doubts over their involvement, considering Hyderabad has already been ruled out of the race for the playoffs.

According to ESPNcricinfo, Hyderabad skipper Cummins and Head have informed SRH of their decision to fly back to India. Cummins' manager, Neil Maxwell, confirmed that the Australian Test skipper is looking to return to India.

"Pat has a responsibility as captain of the franchise and is looking at returning," Maxwell told News Corp on Tuesday, as quoted from ESPNcricinfo.

Cricket Australia's head of national teams, Ben Oliver, has assured that the board will work towards working with players on their individual decisions to return to India or not over the next two days. ESPNcricinfo also confirmed that, as of now, there is no confirmation on whether the overseas players, including Heinrich Klaasen, Eshan Malinga, Kamindu Mendis and Wiaan Mulder, will join SRH. Mulder was named in South Africa's squad for the WTC final against Australia.

Hyderabad, who finished runners-up last year, lost their mojo in 2025. SRH batters, known for their brute power-hitting, have misfired apart from their campaign opener against the Rajasthan Royals. With just three wins out of 11 fixtures, Hyderabad occupy the eighth spot in the points table. SRH will conclude their campaign with three away fixtures against LSG (May 19) in Lucknow, against RCB (May 23) in Bengaluru and against KKR in Delhi (May 25).



England announce squads for series against West Indies, Brook to debut as captain

LONDON [UK] : The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) on Tuesday announced squads for the upcoming white-ball matches against West Indies, comprising three ODIs and three T20Is. The team will be led by newly-appointed white-ball captain Harry Brook.

Brook was announced as England's new white-ball captain following Jos Buttler's resignation from the position over a dismal and winless ICC Champions Trophy campaign. Buttler had also fumbled England's ICC Cricket World Cup and ICC T20 World Cup title defences.

Harry Brook will lead both squads in his first series as skipper in what promises to be an exciting summer contest in England against the Caribbean side.

Liam Dawson returns to the T20I setup for the first time since September 2022. Phil Salt and Luke Wood also return to the T20I squad, while Will Jacks makes a comeback into both squads, as per the ICC.

ODI Squad: Harry Brook (captain), Jofra Archer, Gus Atkinson, Tom Banton, Jacob Bethell, Jos Buttler, Brydon Carse, Ben Duckett, Tom Hartley, Will Jacks, Saqib Mahmood, Jamie Overton, Matthew Potts, Adil Rashid, Joe Root, Jamie Smith.

T20I Squad: Harry Brook (captain), Rehan Ahmed, Tom Banton, Jacob Bethell, Jos Buttler, Brydon Carse, Liam Dawson, Ben Duckett, Will Jacks, Saqib Mahmood, Jamie Overton, Matthew Potts, Adil Rashid, Luke Wood.

Series Schedule:
May 29 - 1st ODI, Edgbaston
June 1 - 2nd ODI, Sophia Gardens
June 3 - 3rd ODI, Kennington Oval
June 6 - 1st T20I, Riverside Ground
June 8 - 2nd T20I, County Ground, Bristol



Buttler, Coetzee set to join GT; Russell, Narine to link with KKR ahead of do-or-die fixture in Bengaluru

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Former England skipper Jos Buttler and South Africa quick Gerald Coetzee will join the Gujarat Titans squad on Wednesday ahead of the resumption of the 18th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) on May 17.

According to ESPNcricinfo, Buttler and Coetzee were the only overseas players who left India after the BCCI suspended the cash-rich league last Thursday due to cross-border tensions between India and Pakistan.

GT's other overseas players, including Rashid Khan, Sherfane Rutherford, Kagiso Rabada and Karim Janat, stayed with the rest of the squad in India.

Rutherford was named in the West Indies ODI squad for the three-match series in England, which is scheduled from May 29 to June 3. The Caribbean side's tour will clash with the new schedule of the remainder of

"One thing you should not be doing against SA...": De Villiers warning to Australia ahead of WTC final

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Legendary South African batter AB de Villiers warned Australia not to take South Africa lightly during the ICC World Test Championship final at Lord's in June, saying that though the team lacks experience, they have still found a way to create something special.

South Africa will be aiming to secure their first-ever ICC World Test Championship when they take on Australia in the title clash at Lord's from June 11 onwards. The South African team has been announced, featuring promising, but inexperienced talents like Tony de Zorzi, Tristan Stubbs, Ryan Rickelton and Corbin Bosch.



Speaking in a video by ICC, De Villiers said that South Africa's WTC final qualification is a bit surprising given their lack of overall experience, but the team has the ability to create something special despite this major shortcoming.

"Yeah, I think that to all of our surprise, the Proteas have managed to qualify for the final. I say surprise because I feel there are more experienced, more well-oiled teams out there like Australia. It is the teams that have the most experience with regards to the five-day test match format that come out on top consistently. Where I feel the Proteas are lacking a little bit in that area, they have found a way to create something incredibly special within that team. With a lot of youngsters, a lot of inexperienced players, they have managed to gel together and find a culture," said De Villiers.

De Villiers said that the team is full of exciting young talent, and they should not be underestimated.

"I think there are a few nice leaders as well, such as Aiden Markram, Temba Bavuma. Even Marco Jansen can consider himself a senior player. They just seem to lead with a lot of inspiration which I really enjoy. If

there is one thing that you should not be doing against a South African team, it is to underestimate them and to put their backs up against the wall, because that is when you see the best of them very resilient unit, and I believe they will be resilient at Lord's," he added.

To his own team, De Villiers suggested that whenever they get an opportunity to dominate and create some momentum, they should make it count.

"I have always found the best way to play against them is to fight fire with fire. It does not necessarily mean it is going to work for everyone. Individually, I felt that that is the best way to approach it," he added.

SA ended at the top of the ICC World Test Championship standings with eight wins, three losses and a draw.

Temba Bavuma leads a 15 squad of South Africa for the title clash. The squad has been further strengthened by the return of speedster Lungi Ngidi, who missed out on the home summer assignments due to a groin injury.

The pacer, who has since fully recovered, has featured for South Africa in white-ball cricket earlier in 2025, and also featured in global T20 leagues. Bavuma leads South Africa's charge in their first-ever WTC

Final. Tony de Zorzi, Ryan Rickelton, and Aiden Markram make up the top order batting options, whereas rising star Tristan Stubbs, David Bedingham, and Bavuma will hold fort in the middle order.

Kyle Verreynne will be an electric presence behind the stumps and lower down the order, and all-rounders Wiaan Mulder and Marco Jansen can also contribute with the bat. Mulder and Jansen will be joined by ace pacer Kagiso Rabada, Ngidi, Dane Paterson and Corbin Bosch to frame up the fast-bowling lineup. Tweaker Keshav Maharaj will be the face of the spin resources alongside Senuran Muthusamy.

The Proteas have largely kept faith in their trusted core, making only two changes to the 16-player squad that faced Pakistan. Youngster Kwena Maphaka misses out at the expense of the returning Ngidi, while top-order batter Matthew Breetzke also drops out.

South Africa squad for WTC final 2025: Temba Bavuma (captain), Tony de Zorzi, Aiden Markram, Wiaan Mulder, Marco Jansen, Kagiso Rabada, Keshav Maharaj, Lungi Ngidi, Corbin Bosch, Kyle Verreynne, David Bedingham, Tristan Stubbs, Ryan Rickelton, Senuran Muthusamy, Dane Paterson.



KKR's Caribbean stars Sunil Narine, Andre Russell, Rovman Powell and team mentor Dwayne Bravo have been in Dubai since the tournament was suspended for a week. Wicketkeeper batter Rahmanullah Gurbaz, who is in Kabul, will go to Dubai, join the West

Indies contingent and then fly to India.

At the same time, South Africa tearaway Anrich Nortje will join KKR in Bengaluru from the Maldives. According to ESPNcricinfo, KKR's Indian players and support staff are expected to arrive on Wednesday.

The defending champions are in a precarious situation regarding their title defence. The beleaguered Kolkata side is in the seventh spot, hanging in the playoffs race by mathematical calculations. KKR is sixth in the standings with 11 points, and their remaining two fixtures against Sunrisers Hyderabad and Royal Challengers Bengaluru are do-or-die affairs.

If the Knight Riders stand triumphant with two wins, they will move to 15 points and will hope for other results to fall in their favour to keep their title defence alive.

2018: Virat Kohli's peak of global domination in a tough year for batters

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Legendary Indian batter Virat Kohli bowed out of the Test format on Monday, putting an end to a 14-year, 123-match-long career that witnessed him touch the highest of the highs and lowest of the lows.

Throughout his career in whites, the 36-year-old made runs everywhere and dominated a variety of conditions, regions, and bowlers. His run from 2016-19 is considered as one of the richest primes in Tests, having made 4,208 runs in 43 Tests at an average of 66.79 and 16 centuries. He plundered runs everywhere, and for the players overseas, he emerged as a bullish, relentless, and dominant force unprecedented in world cricket. The year 2018 stands out as perhaps the best among all. This was when his dreams of world domination got their wings and his performances turned him into Test's ultimate flagbearer.

As per ESPNcricinfo, the year 2018 was one of the most difficult years to bat as a Test player, with a Test wicket costing 27.37 runs and a century being scored every 28 innings. Batting average in

Test cricket that year was 26.28, the lowest it had been in over 60 years since 26.41 in 1857.

However, despite these difficult numbers, Virat's supremacy as a Test batter stood out. Centuries were scored easily in a variety of conditions, be it at his own home, South Africa, England, and Australia.

Virat ended the year 2018 as the leading run-getter, scoring 1,322 runs at an average of 55.08 in 13 matches and 24 innings, with five centuries and five fifties. His best score was 153. In second place were Sri Lanka's Kusal Mendis (1,023 runs in 12 Tests with three centuries and four fifties) and England's Joe Root (948 runs in 13 Tests with two centuries and six fifties).

However, the difference was how and where Virat collected these runs, while the majority of Kusal's runs (805 runs in seven Tests) came in New Zealand, Bangladesh, and West Indies, and rest at home (218 runs in five Tests), and Root scored 436 of his runs at home (in seven Tests) with rest of his scores scattered in Australia, New Zealand and Sri



Lanka (512 runs in six Tests). Virat scored centuries at home, South Africa, England, and Australia, pulling out all-time numbers in SENA conditions, a hallmark of any great Indian batter's success. It included a stunning 500-plus runs outing on England's swinging, seaming surfaces after a horror 2014 tour, where he overcame his old foe James Anderson by not falling to him even once. He also delivered some memorable counter-attacking centuries at Perth and Centurion, defying world-class Australia and South African bowlers despite wickets falling at the other end.

Starting off the year in South

Africa, Virat topped the run-charts with 286 runs in three Tests at an average of 47.66, scoring a century and fifty each. His immortalised 153-run knock came at Centurion, where he was the last man to fall in the first innings, aggressively taking a world-class Protean unit of Kagiso Rabada, Morne Morkel, and Vernon Philander to attack in his 217-ball stay. His knock was decorated with 15 fours, and runs came at a commanding strike rate of 70.50. South Africa won the series 2-1, but India won hearts and showcased immense desire on an unfit Johannesburg pitch, where Virat's men won in a low-scoring affair.

Virat's Team India moved to England, where he sought to avenge his previous humiliation at the hands of James Anderson and Stuart Broad, which led to many experts questioning his Test spot during the days when he had just started rising. Special practice drills with batting coach Sanjay Bangar and a fire to dominate put Virat at an advantage before England could even take to the field. Months of prepara-

tion paid off as he led the run-charts with a massive 593 runs in five matches and 10 innings at an average of 59.30, scoring two centuries and three fifties.

A roaring, ring-kissing, cover-driving Virat took the centrestage at Edgbaston and his run ended in an anti-climatic way with a first-ball duck at Kennington Oval, leaving him 10 runs short of Rahul Dravid's record for most runs by an Indian during England Test tour. Nevertheless, old scores were settled and England's pace was feasted on during this almost lone-warrior effort in India's 1-4 series loss.

At home during the series against West Indies, India won 2-0 easily, with Virat scoring 184 runs in two innings at an average of 92.00, including a majestic 139 at Saurashtra.

Moving on to the last challenge of the year, Team India took the flight to Australia. The first three matches of the four-match series were played before the year ended, with Virat's classic 123 against the fiery pacer quartet of Pat Cummins, Mitchell Starc, and Josh Hazlewood on a

spicy Perth wicket being the highlight. He ended the year in Australia with 259 runs in six innings, with a century and a fifty each.

As a captain, Virat had a solid year, leading India in all 13 Tests, winning six and losing seven. Away from home, Virat secured four wins in 11 Tests. He did lose seven, but a win each in South Africa and England, and two wins in Australia, which helped India seal a series win for the first time in Australia, meant it was a job well done for Virat.

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