



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addressing a press conference at Nabanna on Wednesday.

## Mamata Banerjee welcomes release of BSF jawan from Pakistan custody

**MI News Service, Kolkata :** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee heartily welcomed the release of BSF constable Purnam Kumar Shaw from the custody of Pakistani Rangers on Wednesday, and said she was constantly in touch with his wife and family while efforts were underway to secure the jawan's return.

The constable, who hails from Rishra in West Bengal's Hooghly district, was handed over to the BSF by Pakistan Rangers at 10:30 am via the Attari-Wagah border front in Punjab. Shaw was apprehended by the Rangers on April 23 from along the India-Pakistan International Border in Ferozepur district, a day after the Pahalgal terror attack.

"I am happy to receive the information that our Purnam Kumar Shaw, the BSF jawan, has been released. I had all along been in touch with his family and spoke thrice with his wife here at Rishra, Hooghly. Today also I called her," Banerjee said in a post on X.

Amid the recent ceasefire between India and Pakistan, a wave of im-

mense relief swept through the family of BSF jawan Purnam Shaw.On Wednesday morning, Bholenath Shaw, Purnam's father, received official confirmation from BSF Headquarters that his son had been released by Pakistan this morning at 10.30 am.

"I couldn't believe it. Last evening at 7.30 pm, we were informed about his possible release," Bholenath said over the phone from his residence in Rishra adding "I want to thank the Indian Government, the Prime minister our Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, state leaders, and God for his release."

Purnam Shaw returned to India through the Attari-Wagah border on Wednesday morning. His father said Purnam is currently undergoing medical examinations and will be debriefed about his time in Pakistan before finally returning home to reunite with his family. "I'm all set to distribute sweets after this great news," he added, jubilant.

This development comes after 21 days of unphadomed anxiety for the Shaw family. Purnam, a

BSF of Punjab battalion had been taken into custody by Pakistan Rangers on April 23 after inadvertently crossing the international border in Punjab's Ferozepur district. His crossing came just a day after the terrorist attack in Pahalgal, Kashmir, which had escalated border tensions.

"Today at 10.30 am, Constable Purnam Kumar Shaw was received from Pakistan by the BSF at the Attari-Wagah border. He had inadvertently crossed into Pakistani territory while on operational duty in the Ferozepur sector on April 23, 2025, at around 11:50 am and was detained by Pakistan Rangers. His repatriation was made possible through persistent efforts by BSF, including regular flag meetings and communication with Pakistan Rangers," read an official BSF statement on Wednesday.

Earlier, Purnam's wife Rajani Shaw, who is pregnant, expressed her gratitude after receiving a call on Sunday from West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee . "I'm extremely thankful to our Chief Min-

ister, who personally called and spoke to me in detail. She said she had spoken with senior BSF officials and confirmed that my husband is in good health. That assurance was a great relief," Rajani said as her voice shocked in emotions and jubilation

She also spoke of her earlier despair: "I had lost all hope," she said, explaining her fear for her husband's safety in a country with which India shares a tense relationship. However, Saturday's ceasefire announcement had offered a glimmer of hope, renewing her faith in his safe return. **TMC**

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### Amritsar hooch tragedy: Death toll rises to 23

**MI News Service, Chandigarh :** The death toll in the hooch tragedy in this holy city of Punjab rose to 23, with two more people dying in the Majitha area, police said on Wednesday.

They said both the deceased hailed from Bhangwan village.Two more people have died in Majitha after drinking spurious liquor, taking the death toll to 23, a senior police official said.

As many as 21 people had lost their life in the tragedy on Tuesday itself with 13 more individuals still fighting for their lives in different hospitals.

According to Dr. Kirandeep, the Amritsar Civil Surgeon, the health condition of the hospitalized individuals is stable. A door-to-door health survey has been conducted across seven villages in the Majitha and Threwal areas, from where the victims hailed.

The tragic incident unfolded in the Majitha constituency of Amritsar, where several residents from different villages consumed illicit liquor made from ethanol. The spurious concoction led to rapid deterioration of health in dozens of individuals, with several succumbing over the past 48 hours. Local authorities, supported by medical teams and law enforcement, launched a swift response.

So far, ten individuals have been arrested, including the alleged kingpin, for operating a racket involved in the manufacture and sale of toxic liquor. The accused were reportedly producing the liquor using industrial-grade ethanol, a chemical

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## Pakistan Rangers releases BSF jawan to India after 21 days

**MI News Service, Amritsar / Kolkata :** After maintaining a suspense about his whereabouts for 21days, Pakistan finally handed over BSF jawan Purnam Kumar Shaw to India, after he was abducted and arrested by the Rangers from along the Indo- Pak International Border in Punjab.

Providing a huge sigh of relief to his family and to his colleagues in the Para military forces, the constable was handed over to the Border Security Force (BSF) by Pakistan Rangers at 10:30 am on Wednesday morning at joint check post (JCP) Attari in Amritsar district (opposite Pakistan's Wagah), a BSF spokesperson said.

A picture of the jawan released by the force showed a bearded Shaw with ruffled hair, and wearing a dark green round-neck T-shirt.

"Today at 1030 hours Constable Purnam Kumar Shaw has been taken back from Pakistan by BSF at Attari-Wagah border," the spokesperson said.

Shaw had "inadvertently" crossed over to Pakistan territory while on operational duty in the area of Ferozepur sector on April 23 around 1150 hours and detained by Pak Rangers, he said.

Officials said the jawan will undergo a full body check-up and medical test followed by a counselling and 'debriefing' session where he will be asked



"relevant questions" by the BSF officials about his 21-day detention by the Rangers before he can meet his family.

The jawan, belonging to the 24th BSF battalion, will not be drafted in active duty and will also be part of an official inquiry instituted by the Punjab frontier of the BSF to look into the sequence of his apprehension by the Rangers and find lapses, if any, they said.

The spokesperson said the handover of the jawan at the border "was conducted peacefully and in accordance with established protocols."

"With the consistent efforts of BSF through regular flag meetings with Pakistan Rangers and through other communication channels, the repatriation of BSF Constable has become possible," he said.

Shaw's apprehension by the Pakistan Rangers happened only a day after the Pahalgal terrorist attack in which 26 people were killed.

The jawan was part of the 'Kisan Guard' that was deployed for protection of Indian farmers, who till their land ahead of the fence, and the trooper apparently "mis-calculated" the alignment of the IB and stepped to rest under a nearby tree from where he was apprehended by the Rangers, officials had said.

Shaw hails from Rishra in Hooghly district of West Bengal and his wife has been speaking to BSF officers and the press seeking the whereabouts of her husband and his early release in wake of the military offensive between India and Pakistan following Operation Sindoor.

West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee who was in constant touch with the wife of the detained BSF jawan and extended moral and other support to her and other members of the family in Rishra since the abduc-

tion, had instructed party MP Kalyan Banerjee to maintain a close lianson with top BSF officials to ensure Shaw's early and safe release from the custody of Pakistan Rangers.

Soon after the release of the BSF jawan, Mamata Banerjee in a message through her X handle welcomed the safe release of Shaw and said "I am happy to receive the information that our Purnam Kumar Shaw, the BSF jawan, has been released. I had all along been in touch with his family and spoke thrice with his wife here at Rishra, Hooghly. Today also I called her," Banerjee said in her post on X.

"I want to thank the Indian Government, our Chief Minister, state leaders, and God for his release," said Bholenath Shaw, Purnam's father, who received official confirmation from BSF Headquarters that his son had been released by Pakistan this morning at 10.30 am.

Purnam Shaw's wife Rajani Shaw, who is expecting her second child soon, also expressed her deep gratitude after receiving a call on Sunday from West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee . "I'm extremely thankful to our Chief Minister, who personally called and spoke to me in detail. She said she had spoken with senior BSF officials

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## Mamata Banerjee reiterates monthly allowance for jobless Group C and Group D Workers

**MI News Service, Kolkata :** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had previously announced that jobless Group C and Group D workers would receive an allowance. On Wednesday, she confirmed this decision in a press conference held at Nabanna. Starting from May 2025, the allowances will be distributed.

The Chief Minister explained, "We had already announced the allowance for jobless Group C and Group D workers. A scheme has been developed under the Labour Department, specifically under the 'West Bengal Livelihood' and 'Social Security' programs. From April 1, Group C workers will receive 25,000 rupees per month, and Group D workers will receive 20,000 rupees monthly."

She added, "Some may say it's not necessary, but the money will be provided. This is their personal deci-

sion, and I have no comment on it. The policy has been decided, and now it will be implemented."

The decision was approved during a state cabinet meeting on Wednesday. The project, developed under the West Bengal government's Labour Department, will provide monthly allowances of 25,000 and 20,000 rupees, respectively, to the jobless Group C and D workers who lost their jobs due to the cancellation of 2016 SSC panel. The allowance will continue until the Supreme Court's next ruling on the matter. According to the calculations for April, the workers will receive the allowance from that month onward.

During the press conference, the Chief Minister emphasized, "The case regarding the job cancellations is under review in the Supreme Court. We have filed a review petition, and we will follow whatever the

court decides. However, the families of the Group C and D workers who have lost their jobs are facing financial difficulties. Therefore, we have created a scheme under which Group C and D workers will receive 25,000 and 20,000 rupees, respectively." It is worth mentioning that nearly 26,000 jobs were cancelled by the Supreme Court, including both teaching and non-teaching staff. The cancellation of such a large number of jobs raised concerns about the impact on the state's education system. The Supreme Court had stated that while the non tainted teachers may return to work, non-teaching staff would not be able to resume their duties due to widespread corruption in Group C and D posts. Following this decision, jobless workers had staged protests, and in this context, the government made its significant move.

## Mamata Banerjee's North Bengal visit to focus on Industrial Growth, Job Creation, and Tourism Development

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has announced a comprehensive itinerary for her upcoming visit to North Bengal, set for next week. The visit, scheduled for May 19 to May 22, will focus on industrial growth, job creation, and the development of tourism infrastructure in the region. Banerjee shared the details during a press conference at Nabanna on Wednesday, outlining the key events and initiatives that will be part of her trip.

On May 19, the Chief Minister will attend a "Synergic Event" focused on the industrial sector, which aims to foster collaboration and attract investment. On May 20, she will be in Odalabari to inaugurate various development projects, while on May 21, she will lead an administrative meeting in Uttar Kanya. Representatives from Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri, and Alipurduar will attend the meeting in person, while officials from North and South Dinajpur, as well as Malda, will participate virtually. The Chief Minister is scheduled to return to Kolkata on May 22.

Banerjee's visit comes in the wake of her previous tours to Murshidabad and Malda, where she focused on regional development. During the press briefing, she reiterated the state government's commitment to rapid industrialization and the creation of job opportunities for the people

of Bengal. She emphasized that significant efforts are underway to identify and allocate land for industrial development across the state, particularly in areas such as Purulia, Panagarh, Durgapur, and Howrah.

"We have set our sights on rapid industrialization. In Purulia's Raghunathpur, we have identified 10 plots of land for industrial use. We are allocating land to multiple companies in Purulia, Panagarh, and Durgapur. Our ultimate goal is to create a robust job market, and we are expecting hundreds of crores of rupees of in investment. Industrial parks are already being developed, and many more companies

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## Elections Bangladesh's internal matter,' claims Yunus aide

**MI News Service, Dhaka / New Delhi :** Emphasising that the country's General elections are entirely Bangladesh's internal matter, Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus' top aide has claimed that the ban on former Prime minister Sheikh Hasina's party Awami League was necessary to protect national security and sovereignty.

Reacting to concerns expressed by India on the ban imposed on the activities of Hasina's Awami League by the Interim government of Bangladesh on Monday by officially disbanding the party under an overnight revised anti-terrorism law,Yunus' Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said "Elections are entirely our internal matter."

"We urge all to respect the sovereign will of our people in matters relating to elections," Alam told Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), the state-run news

agency, on Wednesday. "Elections are entirely our internal matter. We urge all to respect the sovereign will of our people in matters relating to elections," Alam told Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), the state-run news agency, on Tuesday.

The ban on activities of the Awami League is necessary to protect national security and sovereignty, Alam added. India's External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal on Tuesday said the ban on Awami League "without due process is a concerning development."New Delhi also called for early holding of "free, fair and inclusive" elections in Bangladesh. Reacting to Jaiswal's comment, Alam said, "As for elections, we recall how the Awami League repeatedly resorted to grossly farcical elections

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## Justice B R Gavai sworn in as CJI

**MI News Service, New Delhi :** Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai was sworn in as the 52nd Chief Justice of India (CJI) here on Wednesday.

He was administered the oath by President Droupadi Murmu at a brief but glittering ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Justice Gavai took the oath of affirmation in Hindi.

He succeeds Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who demitted office on Tuesday on attaining the age of 65 years.

Justice Gavai, who was elevated as a judge of the Supreme Court on May 24, 2019, will have a tenure of over six months and will demit office on November 23.

"I pay my respects to Mahatma Gandhi and BR Ambedkar, who have been the guiding lights for our nation and our Constitution," Justice Gavai said after his swearing-in.

His swearing-in ceremony was attended by prominent dignitaries, including Prime minister Narendra Modi , Union Home minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, law minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, and several other union cabinet ministers.

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and former President of India Ram Nath Kovind were also present.

Justice Gavai, who took over from former CJI Sanjiv Khanna, is the son of the late RS Gavai, a former Governor of Bihar, Kerala, and Sikkim, and a veteran leader of the Republican Party of India (Gavai faction).

Justice Gavai is the second Chief Justice of India from the Scheduled Caste (SC) community, following Justice KG Balakrishnan, who served between 2007 and 2010.

Justice Gavai began his legal career in 1985. He initially worked with the late Raja S Bhonsale, former Advocate General and High Court Judge, before starting independent practice at the Bombay High Court in 1987.

CJI Gavai has also been a part of several Constitution benches in the apex court, which delivered path-breaking verdicts.He was part of a five-judge Constitution bench which, in December 2023, unanimously upheld the Centre's decision to abrogate provisions of Article 370, bestowing special status o the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. As the 52nd Chief Justice

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## J-K CM visits shelling affected areas, promises help to rebuild houses

**MI News Service, Srinagar :** Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has assured maximum assistance from his government for rebuilding the damaged homes of people affected by Pakistani shelling near the Line of Control, and said "the pain of my people is deeply personal".Chief minister Abdullah, who visited the shelling affected areas of Uri, including Salamabad, Lagama, Bandi and Gingal in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Wednesday also said that he would take up with the Centre the public demand for assistance for building individual bunkers in these areas in case of any future hostility with Pakistan .

"It is our responsibility to provide you help from the government so that your houses are rebuilt," Abdullah, who was accompanied by his advisor Nasir Aslam Wani, MLA Uri Sajad Uri and senior officials of the district administration, said while interacting with the families whose houses were damaged by the shelling in Uri.

The chief minister has been visiting the shelling affected areas of the Union Territory to take stock of the situation, get a first-hand account of the losses suffered by the people, and share their pain.

"It is our responsibility to provide you maximum assistance from the government so that your houses are rebuilt," he reiterated.

The chief minister said the people of Uri have endured pain several times but have risen every time with courage and resilience.

"Visited shelling affected areas of Uri including Salamabad, lagama, Bandi and Gingal. This land has endured so much --" from the impact of the 2005 earthquake to the pain of cross-border shelling. Yet, its people rise every time, with courage in their hearts and resilience in their spirit," Abdullah said in an X post.

In an earlier post, Abdullah said the pain of the people of Jammu and Kashmir "is deeply personal".

"Heading to Uri today to meet those affected by the recent shelling. Over the past few days, I have witnessed immense pain, loss and unimaginable courage of our people. These visits should have been to share joy and to speak of development, not to offer condolences. The pain of my people is deeply personal," he said.



## Student commits suicide after girlfriend's emotional distance

**MI News Service, Suri:** Subrata Das, a resident of Saracha Palli in Siuri, Birbhum, tragically ended his life by hanging himself on Tuesday afternoon. The 11th-grade student had been in a relationship with a classmate, but recent distance in their bond, caused by the girl's growing interest in another boy, reportedly led to Subrata's emotional distress. A suicide note was found, though no formal complaint has been filed. Family members raised concerns about the role of the girlfriend in the incident.

In a tragic incident, Subrata Das, a resident of Saracha Palli in Siuri Municipality, took his own life after facing emotional distress due to a troubled relationship. The 11th-grade student had been in a romantic relationship



with a classmate, but family sources claim the bond had recently begun to deteriorate, particularly after the girl developed feelings for another young man. Subrata, unable to cope with the situation, reportedly hanged himself at his home on Tuesday afternoon. His family discovered the body after his aunt went upstairs to close windows during a storm. A suicide note was recovered,

shedding light on the emotional turmoil Subrata experienced. However, no formal complaint has been filed as of Wednesday afternoon, and there are growing concerns about the role of the girlfriend in the incident. The family has raised questions about the relationship's breakdown and its impact on Subrata's mental state. Authorities have initiated an investigation into the matter.

## Unusual activity, police starts investigation

**MI News Service, Murshidabad:** Following a bomb blast that injured a minor and subsequent recovery of more bombs, a large-scale search operation is underway in Murshidabad's Samserganj area. Led by senior police officials and utilizing dog and bomb squads, the police are scouring bushes and digging in various locations after seizing a significant number of explosives in Babupur and Alamsahi, aiming to prevent further unrest.

In the wake of a recent bomb explosion that injured a minor girl and subsequent discoveries of fresh explosive devices, a comprehensive search operation is being conducted across various areas under the jurisdiction of the Samserganj Police Station. The operation is being spearheaded by senior law enforcement officials, including Jangipur Police District Superintendent of Police Amit Kumar Sau, Farakka Sub-Divisional Police Officer Aminul Islam Khan, and Samserganj Police Station

Inspector-in-Charge Subrata Ghosh. The heightened security measures were initiated after a minor sustained injuries two days prior when a bomb detonated while she was playing. This incident was quickly followed by the recovery of additional bombs in the Shamserganj area, prompting an immediate and intensified response from the police. Intelligence received from a confidential source on Wednesday morning led to the seizure of a significant quantity of fresh bombs from bushes adjacent to a mango orchard in the Babupur area. Further investigations also resulted in the recovery of bombs from another mango orchard in Alamshahi. Following these discoveries, police cordoned off the affected areas and summoned the bomb disposal squad to ensure the safe handling and neutralization of the explosives. In addition to securing the locations where bombs were found, a (widespread) search operation is underway across the entire area to

ascertain if any other explosive devices are concealed. Dog squads have been deployed to assist in meticulously scanning the terrain, including digging in specific locations and searching through dense bushes, to detect any buried or hidden bombs.

The ongoing search operations, personally supervised by SP Amit Kumar Sau, SDPO Aminul Islam Khan, and IC Subrata Ghosh, underscore the police's commitment to preventing any further unrest and ensuring the safety of the residents of Samserganj. According to police sources, there has been a concerning pattern of repeated bomb recoveries in the Samserganj Police Station area, with fresh explosives being found on Monday and Wednesday, following Tuesday's incident. Authorities are working diligently to identify the source of these explosives and to dismantle any potential networks involved in their production or distribution.

## ECI introduces training prog for field-level election officers



**MI News Service, New Delhi/ Kolkata:** The Election Commission of India (ECI) has initiated a two-day capacity-building training programme for Booth Level Officers (BLOs), Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), and BLO Supervisors at the India International Institute

of Democracy and Election Management (IIDDEM), New Delhi. Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar inaugurated the event on Tuesday.

A total of 371 grassroots officials are attending—306 from Bihar, 30 from Haryana, and 35 from the Na-

tional Capital Territory of Delhi. This programme adds to the 2,600 officials already trained by ECI over the past two months.

In his address, the CEC announced that BLOs will soon receive official identity cards to assist in door-to-door verification. He emphasized that all field officers must operate strictly under the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and related election rules.

The training aims to enhance practical skills in voter registration, form handling, and electoral procedures. It also includes sessions on appeals, mock polls, and the use of the Voter Helpline App and EVM-VVPAT systems to ensure transparency and efficiency in the electoral process.

## Pocket pistol recovered in Sonarpur, scam suspicions intensify

**MI News Service, Sonarpur:** Acting on a tip-off, Sonarpur police arrested Vikram Banshi, a repeat offender with a past weapons charge, on Sunday night, recovering a firearm. Subsequent questioning led to the arrest of two more individuals, Anup Biswas and Hemant Banshi, from whom police seized additional firearms – two short arms and one long arm – along with eight rounds of cartridges. The trio, who reportedly acquired the weapons three years prior for extortion, are now facing charges under the Arms Act.

The Sonarpur police have made a significant breakthrough in their efforts to combat illegal arms and extortion activities in the region with the arrest of three individuals and the recovery of a substantial cache of firearms and ammunition. The operation, which unfolded following a crucial tip-off, has led to the detention of Vikram Banshi, Anup Biswas (alias Pakai), and Hemant Banshi (alias Snake).

The initial arrest occurred on Sunday night when Sonarpur police apprehended Vikram Banshi based on credible intelligence. A single-shot firearm was recovered from his possession at the time of his arrest.

Notably, Banshi has a prior history of involvement with illegal weapons, having been arrested on similar charges in 2015.

Subsequent to Banshi's arrest, law enforcement officials conducted thorough interrogations, which yielded information leading to the apprehension of Anup Biswas and Hemant Banshi from the Langalberia area. During the search of these two individuals, police recovered an additional two compact single-shot firearms and one long-barreled gun. Furthermore, a total of eight live cartridges were also seized, indicating the potential for significant criminal activity.

Preliminary investigations have revealed that the arrested trio allegedly procured these illegal firearms approximately three years ago from a notorious criminal operating in the Bishnupur area, located in the Bankura district of West Bengal. While initial assessments do not indicate extensive prior criminal records for Biswas and Banshi, authorities have uncovered evidence suggesting their involvement in extortion. It is believed that the recovered firearms were used to intimidate and threaten individuals as part of their

extortion schemes. A formal case has been registered against Vikram Banshi, Anup Biswas, and Hemant Banshi under the stringent provisions of the Arms Act, which governs the possession and use of illegal firearms. The arrested individuals are scheduled to be produced before the Baruipur Sub-divisional Court on Wednesday, where the legal proceedings against them will commence. The Sonarpur police have initiated a comprehensive and in-depth investigation to unearth the full extent of this criminal enterprise. A key focus of the ongoing inquiry is to identify any other individuals who may be connected to this network and to determine if a larger organized criminal gang is operating behind the scenes. Law enforcement officials are meticulously examining all leads to dismantle any potential criminal syndicate and to prevent further illegal activities in the Sonarpur jurisdiction. This successful operation underscores the commitment of the Sonarpur police to maintaining law and order and ensuring the safety and security of the local community by actively targeting and neutralizing individuals involved in the illegal arms trade and extortion.

## Shocking discovery as "python" emerges during fishing

**MI News Service, Birbhum:** Fishermen in Birbhum's Pansieri village were stunned when their net cast in an irrigation canal hoping for fish, unexpectedly yielding a four-foot-long python. Snake lover Amit Sharma was promptly called to the scene to safely rescue the reptile, which will later be released into a suitable natural habitat with the assistance of the forest department.

An unusual incident occurred in Pansieri village, situated under the Khairasol block of Birbhum, when local fishermen engaged in their routine activity in an irrigation canal encountered an unexpected catch. Instead of the anticipated fish, their fishing net yielded a small python, estimated by locals to be approximately four feet in length.

According to eyewitness accounts, the fisherman who made the discovery had initially caught fish in his first attempt. However, upon casting his net into the canal a second time, he felt a significant weight. Upon retrieving the net, he was surprised to find a python entangled with-

in its mesh. Prompt upon the discovery, snake enthusiast Amit Sharma was contacted and swiftly arrived at the scene. He carefully extricated the python from the fishing net without causing harm to the reptile. Following the successful rescue, arrangements are being made to release the python into a suitable and safe natural environment with the cooperation of the forest department. The fisherman who inadvertently caught the python recounted his experience, stating, "There is an irrigation canal near our village where my grandfather had set a net. At first, I assumed I had caught a fish due to the weight. However, upon closer inspection, I was startled to see a snake." Meanwhile, Amit Sharma, the snake rescuer, highlighted the increased prevalence of snakes venturing out during the summer months. He appealed to the public, urging them not to harm any snakes they might encounter, emphasizing the importance of conservation and safe handling. This incident serves as a reminder of the diverse wildlife that can be found in the region and the need for responsible interaction with it.

## Canara Robeco unveils multi asset allocation fund

**MI News Service, Bhubaneswar:** Canara Robeco Mutual Fund has launched the Canara Robeco Multi Asset Allocation Fund, an open-ended scheme aiming to balance risk and reward through strategic investments

across equity, debt, and precious metal ETFs. The scheme will allocate 65-80% to equities, 10-25% to Gold and Silver ETFs, and 10-25% to debt and money market instruments, with flexibility to invest in REITs and InvITs.

## Suspicious death unmasks brutal killer

**MI News Service, North 24 Pgs:** A discovery of an unidentified woman's body near a Minakhan crematorium on March 28th initially led police to suspect a self-inflicted death. However, their suspicions grew, promoting an investigation that ultimately unveiled the brutal murder committed by Siraj Mandal alias Siraj Mastan, who confessed to killing his wife Rizia Khatun Bibi, following a period of unrest in their relationship.

An investigation initiated by the Minakhan police following the discovery of an unidentified woman's body on March 28th has culminated in the arrest of Siraj Mandal, also known as Siraj Mastan, in connection with her murder. The body was found near a pond adjacent to the crematorium in the Dhudhurdaha area of Minakhan. Initially, the circumstances surrounding the discovery of the body raised suspicions among the investigating officers. Despite the initial registration of a case of suspected self-inflicted death, the police, under the leadership of SI Nabin Mandal of Minakhan police station, launched a thorough investigation. The dedicated investigative team, formed under SI Nabin Mandal, successfully identified the deceased woman as Rizia Khatun Bibi, and the investigation continues to unfold.

a resident of the Bangpukur area under Basirhat police station. The investigation further revealed a complex relationship between the deceased and the accused, Siraj Mandal, who was already married and resided in the Matia area. Subsequently, Rizia Khatun and Siraj Mandal entered into marriage. However, their relationship reportedly deteriorated over time, leading Siraj Mandal to allegedly plot the murder of his wife. According to police investigations, Siraj Mandal allegedly took Rizia Khatun Bibi to the Dhuturdaha area within the Minakhan police station's jurisdiction, where he is accused of committing the murder before fleeing the scene. Following his arrest, Siraj Mandal reportedly confessed to the crime during police interrogation. The breakthrough in the case was achieved through diligent investigative work and the utilization of various sources, including information received from a confidential informant. Acting on this intelligence, the police conducted a raid in the vicinity behind the Bhebia crematorium, leading to the apprehension of Siraj Mandal. Subsequent interrogation has yielded further information relevant to the case, as the investigation continues to unfold.

## Police Health Checkup Camp



**Nurul Islam Khan**  
A health checkup camp was organized by the West Bengal Police Welfare Committee at the central building of the Welfare Committee, Bhabani Bhavan, in collaboration with the Institute of Neuroscience, Kolkata. In the presence of eminent doctors, police personnel, associate police personnel and the entire police family members participated in the neurological health checkup camp. The camp was attended by Shri Ajay Mukund Ranade (IPS) ADG (Administration) P.O., Shri Shantanu Sinha Biswas, Coordinator, West Bengal Police and Kolkata Police Welfare Committee, Shri Joy Biswas (IPS) DIG (Provisioning) P.O., Shri

Arindam Dutta Chowdhury (IPS) DIG (Administration) P.O., Smt. Krishnakoli Lahiri (IPS), DIG, (P&W) P.O., Shri Biswajit Ghosh, DIG, (Legal) P.O., Shri Konkan Prasad Barui, DIG of Police P.O., Shri Bijitashwa Rauth, Convener, West Bengal Police Welfare Committee, Shri Ruhul Amin Ali Shah, Convener, Kolkata Police Welfare Committee, Police Directorate of West Bengal Officers, central leadership of West Bengal Police and Kolkata Police Welfare Committee, officers and general members of various welfare branches of West Bengal and central leadership of Retired Police Employees Welfare Board and members of police families.



A saree shop in Kolkata's New Market is displaying saree made to honor the victory of Indian soldiers over Pakistani terrorism; however, this saree is not for sale.

## CCTV sprayed, looters clean out machines in 10-minutes raid

**MI News Service, East Midnapore:** In a daring late-night, robbers looted an SBI ATM in the Balisai Bazar area of Ramnagar, East Midnapore, around 2.30 am on Tuesday. Arriving in a four-wheeler, the miscreants spray-painted the CCTV cameras and used a gas cutter to break into the machine, completing the operation within 10 minutes. A similar ATM robbery was also reported near Deulti the same night. Police have launched an investigation into both incidents.

In a meticulously planned robbery, unidentified miscreants looted an SBI ATM in the Balisai Bazar area of Ramnagar 2 Block in the early hours of Tuesday. The incident comes amid a

incident occurred around 2:30 AM on the road leading to the local BDO office, adjacent to National Highway 116B. According to local sources, the criminals arrived in a four-wheeler and first spray-painted the CCTV camera installed outside the ATM kiosk to avoid being identified. They then used a gas cutter to break into the machine, clearing out the cash within approximately 10 minutes. Upon receiving information in the morning, officers from Ramnagar Police Station reached the spot and began their investigation. The ATM has since been sealed off, and statements are being collected from local residents. The incident comes amid a

surge in ATM-related crimes across several districts of West Bengal, including Kolkata. In a possible coordinated attack, another ATM was reportedly looted near Deulti on the same night, although the exact amount of money stolen in either case is yet to be determined. Police have launched a probe and are reviewing CCTV footage from nearby establishments. Initial reports suggest the use of professional tools and careful execution, indicating the involvement of an organized gang. Authorities are also exploring whether the two incidents are linked and have alerted neighboring police stations to monitor ATMs and similar facilities more closely in the coming days.

## TMC Councillors hinder Chairman to enter Mun., Civil Service cripples

**MI News Service, Nadia:** For several months now, the Krishnanagar Municipality in Nadia district has been virtually paralyzed due to allegations of corruption and administrative irregularities. So, the basic civic services have come to a standstill. A fraction of Trinamool Congress councillors has launched a sustained protest against the current Chairperson, Rita Das.

The unrest began on May 2, when 17 Trinamool councillors staged a sit-in outside the Chairperson's office, accusing her of bypassing due procedures in presenting the municipal budget. They have also raised concerns over alleged irregularities in implementing biometric attendance for sanitation workers. Krishnanagar Mu-



nicipality has a total of 25 wards. In the last election, Trinamool Congress secured 15 seats, Congress 4, BJP 1, and Independents 5. Subsequently, one Congress councillor passed away, while one from Congress and four Independents joined Trinamool, taking the party's tally to 19. Despite the numbers, 17 Trinamool councillors are now openly protesting against their own Chairperson. Chairperson Rita Das has stated that the matter regarding the budget is currently sub judice and she will act as per the directives of

the Calcutta High Court. Meanwhile, the protesting councillors claimed that repeated calls for dialogue have gone unanswered, forcing them to take to the streets.

The ongoing conflict has severely disrupted daily life in the town. Drainage, waste management, potable water supply, and road repairs have all been adversely affected. Residents are grappling with growing hardships. "We, the common people, are caught in the crossfire of politics. Services are down, and our daily lives are suffering," said a local resident.

As the deadlock drags on, the people of Krishnanagar are left wondering when normalcy will return and when the political impasse will finally end.

## Annual Festival of children with special needs of Batanagar 'Helping Hearts' encourages them

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** 'Helping Hearts', a special Educational Institution in South 24 Parganas, Batanagar dedicated to children with special needs, celebrated its annual festival on Monday with great enthusiasm. The event featured a vibrant cultural performance by the students, which won the hearts of the audience and received repeated rounds of applause. Dignitaries present at the event included Gautam Dasgupta, Chairman of Budge Budge Municipality, MLA Ashok Dev, Dr. Rumpa Das, Principal of Budge Budge College, and Triparna Dutta, a teacher from Loreto School, among others. All the guests lauded the institution's continuous efforts and stated that such initiatives significantly contribute to the progress of an inclusive society.

Founded by Sudeshna Kar Dasgupta, 'Helping Hearts' goes beyond formal education. The school integrates therapeutic care and extracurricular activities like music and



yoga to awaken the potential within these children and help them become part of the social mainstream.

One of the parents, Sangeeta Saha Majumdar, praised the school, saying, "Helping Hearts has opened a new horizon of hope for children with special abilities. It's like a ray of sunlight sparking joy and growth in their minds." The institution offers a range of services including model schooling, speech and occupational therapy, structured extracurricular programs, personalized education plans, screening, and counseling—all aimed at nurturing a joyful and colorful world for these special children.



### Pakistan Rangers releases...

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and confirmed that my husband is in good health. That assurance was a great relief," Rajani said as her voice shocked in emotions and jubilation. She also spoke of her earlier despair: "I had lost all hope," she

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Lok Sabha MP from the Serampore constituency Kalyan Banerjee, following the Chief minister's instructions had been actively pushing for Purnam's release, urging immediate government intervention. He contacted the BSF Director General and even reached out to the Prime Minister's Office to expedite the process.

The All India Trinamool Congress posted on X "Home at last. After days of anxiety and uncertainty, BSF Jawan Purnam Kumar Shaw has finally been repatriated. CM Mamata Banerjee personally reached out to his wife multiple times, offering reassurance and support during the ordeal. We wish Purnam a full recovery from the trauma he endured and hope he finds

said, explaining her fear for her husband's safety in Pakistan with which India shares a tense and hostile relationship. However, Saturday's ceasefire announcement had offered a glimmer of hope, renewing her faith in his safe return.

peace in the embrace of his loved ones."

"The news of Purnam Shaw's release ends a period of intense worry for the family. We are grateful for the diplomatic efforts and the recent ceasefire that facilitated his safe return. We eagerly await his arrival home," said another family member.

BJP state President Sukanta Majumdar posted on X: "A heartfelt thank you to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji for once again proving that under your strong and decisive leadership, no Indian is ever left behind. Today, the safe return of BSF jawan Shri Purnam Kumar Shaw, who was in Pakistan's custody since April 23, is not just a moment of relief—it's a victory of India's resolve, diplomacy, and pride..."

### Mamata Banerjee's North...

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are showing interest in Bengal," Mmata Banerjee said.

The Chief Minister also expressed confidence that the industrial growth would be a boon for the state's workforce, particularly in the steel sector, which is expected to see a rise in employment. "Industrialization will create ample job opportunities, particularly in the steel industry. We are also focusing on enhancing the infrastructure to support this growth," she added.

Furthermore, Banerjee revealed plans to establish large shopping malls or big markets in every district of Bengal. These markets will provide a platform for local artisans to sell their handmade products directly to customers, thereby boosting their income and promoting the state's cultural heritage.

Temple at the Seashore, we are expecting a surge in tourists. This will lead to increased shopping, benefiting local businesses and tourism operators," she said.

Banerjee also outlined plans for the New Town area, including the construction of IITEC (International Information Technology and Engineering Complex) or a World Heritage Park. These projects are intended to further enhance the region's industrial and tourism infrastructure, creating more job opportunities and boosting the local economy.

Since assuming office, the Mamata Banerjee-led government has been organizing the Bengal Global Business Summit, attracting both domestic and foreign investments. Despite criticism from opposition parties regarding industrial growth and employment opportunities in the state, the Chief Minister remains focused on her vision for industrial development. "We are committed to transforming Bengal into an industrial hub. The investment that we are receiving will create jobs and foster economic growth. This is just the beginning, and there is much more to come," Banerjee concluded.

Her North Bengal visit is expected to strengthen the state's industrial base, enhance job prospects, and promote the development of tourism infrastructure, positioning Bengal as a key player in both the industrial and tourism sectors.

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and caused irreparable damages to our electoral processes and institutions." "The wounds caused by the crimes against humanity perpetrated by this party are still fresh," Alam said, adding, "We have witnessed how Awami League completely destroyed our democratic fabric, severely squeezed our political space and compromised our sovereignty during its 15-year long tyrannical and kleptocratic rule." Hasina's party stands disqualified from contesting the general election, which, as Mohammad Yunis said, could be held between December 2025 and June 2026.

Hasina's 16-year-long Awami League regime was toppled on August 5 last year in a student-led violent mass uprising prompting the 77-year-old former prime minister to flee to India. Three days after her ouster, Yunus

took charge as the chief adviser of the interim government on August 8. Formed in 1949, the Awami League led the movement for the autonomy of Bengal in the then East Pakistan and eventually led the Liberation War in 1971. Bangladesh's action to ban Awami League on Monday came two days after Yunus' interim government slapped a ban on its "activities" under the previous version of the law. On Sunday night, Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin promulgated an ordinance amending the Anti-Terrorism Act, prohibiting any form of publicity, including press statements, social media content, or public gatherings in support of any individuals or entities tried in the act. The interim administration said the ban on Awami League would stay in place until a special tribunal completes a trial of the party and its leaders.

# CM Mamata announces construction of IITEC in New Town

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has revealed plans to build a new global cultural and entertainment hub in New Town, which will be known as the International Information Technology and Entertainment Cultural Park (IITEC), or "Bengal's World Arena." This announcement was made during a press conference at Nabanna on Wednesday, where she shared the vision for the development of this ambitious project.

The new park, spanning 25 acres of land, will be developed in a public-private partnership (PPP) model in collaboration with HDCOR (Housing and Development Corporation of India). The state government has already selected the land for the project, and the cabinet has given its approval to move forward with the proposal. The next step will involve issuing tenders and beginning construction.

IITEC will serve as a world-class venue for a variety of events, including IT, entertainment, and cultural activities. The park is designed to accommodate large-scale international concerts and exhibitions, offering a platform for global artists and performers to showcase their talent. This move aligns with Mamata Banerjee's vision to make Kolkata and New

Town a key destination for international events, contributing to both the cultural and economic growth of the region.

Addressing the media, Chief Minister Banerjee explained, "The World Arena will be a matter of pride for the state in the future. In collaboration with HDCOR, we are set to create a 25-acre International Information Technology, Entertainment, and Cultural Park in New Town. This park will cater to the needs of those who come to Kolkata for world tours, offering them a state-of-the-art venue for IT conferences, entertainment shows, and cultural programs. Concert tourism is a new economic concept, and this park will make provision for major exhibitions and entertainment events. It will be a huge area, and the opportunities for hosting global concerts and cultural events will be immense."

The Chief Minister also highlighted the success of previous international concerts held in Kolkata, mentioning prominent artists such as Bryan Adams, Diljit Dosanjh, Honey Singh, and Sonu Nigam, who have performed in the city. These events have opened new avenues for the city's economy, and IITEC is expected to further enhance this trend. The creation of a

world-class entertainment and cultural park in New Town will not only attract more international artists but also boost the local economy by generating employment opportunities and promoting tourism. In addition to this, Banerjee discussed other beautification projects undertaken by the state government, including the development of prominent locations such as Dakshineswar, Kalighat, Ganga ghats, and Gangasagar. She praised the improvements made in these areas, which have contributed to the city's charm and appeal.

The Chief Minister's announcement about IITEC marks another significant step in her administration's ongoing efforts to transform Kolkata and its surrounding areas into global hubs for technology, entertainment, and culture. With the completion of IITEC, New Town is poised to become a major center for international events, attracting visitors from across the world and cementing West Bengal's position as a leading destination for global cultural and economic exchanges.

This new initiative is expected to have a far-reaching impact, not only on the city's cultural landscape but also on its economy, further solidifying Mamata Banerjee's vision for a thriving, world-class Bengal.



**The West Bengal Pradesh Congress, under the leadership of Party's President Subhankar Sarkar, organized a protest rally to condemn US President Donald Trump's interference in India's internal affairs and demand justice for the families of the 26 innocent victims of the Pahalgam attack. The rally saw the participation of Congress leader Pradip Bhattacharya and South Kolkata district Congress President Pradip Prasad, along with other dignitaries. The rally took place near Indira Gandhi's statue around Maidan area, in Kolkata on Wednesday.**

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## SMP Kolkata to turn historic vessels into floating heritage venues

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMP, Kolkata) has announced an exciting initiative to transform three of its historic pilot launches—P.L. Rupsa, P.L. Hooghly, and P.L. Gopal—into floating cultural, hospitality, and tourism venues. These vessels, dating back to the late 1990s, were originally used for aiding ships on the Hooghly River but now offer an opportunity to be repurposed as floating landmarks.

Inspired by the successful 'Bengal Paddle' heritage tour initiative, SMP, Kolkata aims to breathe new life into these vessels. Possible conversions include floating cafés, mobile museums, heritage cruises, wedding venues, and performance spaces. This vision aims to preserve the history of the vessels while introducing fresh cultural experiences that will benefit the community.

The P.L. Rupsa and P.L. Hooghly, built in 1997, feature robust steel hulls and ample space, offering



**SMP Kolkata opens doors to turn iconic pilot launches into floating heritage & hospitality landmarks.**

between 1,000 and 2,000 square feet of usable area. They can accommodate 50 to 100 guests. Meanwhile, the P.L. Gopal, constructed in 1994 with a fiberglass-reinforced plastic hull, offers 800 to 1,000 square feet of space for 30 to 50 people. All three vessels present significant potential to be transformed into attractive, revenue-generating assets.

SMP, Kolkata is seeking proposals from tourism operators, hospitality companies, event managers, restaurant

chains, heritage conservation groups, and joint ventures. The goal is to create dynamic cultural spaces that celebrate Bengal's heritage and contemporary culture.

To support these transformations, SMP, Kolkata is offering free berthing at the Kolkata Dock System for necessary repairs, as well as complimentary jetty space. This initiative is part of SMP's broader plan to rejuvenate Kolkata's riverfront and enhance cultural and tourism engagement along the Hooghly River.

## Heavy metal contamination threatens aquatic life in Rabindra Sarobar, KMDA begins action

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Rabindra Sarobar, often referred to as the lungs of South Kolkata, is facing a grave environmental threat. Once a pristine waterbody and a cherished spot for walkers, fitness enthusiasts, and nature lovers, the lake is now reportedly showing signs of serious pollution, with heavy metal deposits forming a toxic layer beneath its waters. Environmentalists have raised alarms following the detection of metals like zinc and magnesium in sediment samples from the lake. According to a recent survey conducted by the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (WBPCB), these heavy metals are detrimental to aquatic life and could lead to mass deaths of fish and other water-dwelling species if not addressed ur-

gently. In response to the warning, the Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA), which is responsible for the maintenance of the lake, has initiated a detailed assessment and is preparing to undertake desilting operations. A senior KMDA official acknowledged that no full-scale dredging has ever been conducted in the lake's history, resulting in a buildup of silt, algae, organic waste, bird droppings, and other pollutants over time. The official added, "The water quality seems satisfactory for now, but the sediment below contains toxic metals. We are forwarding this report to the expert committee of the Pollution Control Board, led by noted environmentalist Dr. Kalyan Rudra, for further analysis."

## Not suicide, but pancreatic hemorrhage, says Pritam's preliminary report

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The sudden death of 27-year-old Pritam Dasgupta, the son of Rinku Majumdar, was not due to suicide, but from a rare and serious medical condition known as acute hemorrhagic pancreatitis. This revelation has emerged from the preliminary autopsy report conducted at RG Kar Medical College, according to hospital sources.

Pritam was found unconscious at his New Town apartment on Tuesday morning. He was rushed to a local hospital where doctors declared him dead on arrival. His last rites were performed in the evening at Nimtala crematorium, where Dilip Ghosh himself was present, visibly shaken.

Initially, there were speculations about suicide, but the autopsy found no signs of unnatural death. In fact, it noted abnormal swelling in his heart, liver, and kidneys. The autopsy indicated that Pritam had passed away roughly four hours before he was brought to the hospital.

Doctors diagnosed the cause as acute hemorrhagic pancreatitis—a severe condition where bleeding occurs in the pancreas, which can lead to sudden death if untreated. To determine the exact cause of this internal bleeding, samples from Pritam's organs have been sent for histopathological examination.

According to Rinku Majumdar, she was informed of Pritam's illness around 10:30 AM on Tuesday. She immediately rushed to the hospital with him, but it was too late. She also revealed that Pritam had suffered a fainting episode nearly a year and a half ago and had been on regular neurological medication since then.

The tragedy has cast a shadow over the Ghosh household. Rinku Majumdar was inconsolable, and Dilip Ghosh, mourning deeply, expressed regret at the loss of a son he had accepted into his extended family. With white flowers in hand, he stood in silence during the cremation. "I was never destined for the joy of a son—only the grief of losing one," he lamented. Speaking during his morning walk on Wednesday, Ghosh reflected on Pritam's deteriorating condition. "He had been struggling with neurological issues for the past year. Recently, he lost the rhythm of daily life—wasn't eating properly, and had stopped taking his medicines on time," said Ghosh.

## Amritsar hooch tragedy...

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not fit for human consumption. Police investigations are ongoing, and more arrests are likely as the case unfolds. Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann visited the bereaved families and admitted that such criminal operations could not function without some level of political complicity. He assured the public of strict action against all those involved—both the perpetrators and any officials or leaders found complicit. The Chief Minister also announced a compensation of 10 lakh for the next of kin of each deceased victim.

In a disturbing parallel development, a truck carrying 600 litres of methanol was intercepted in Patiala on Wednesday. Investigations have revealed that the consignment was destined for Amritsar and was allegedly intended for the production of more spurious liquor. Patiala Senior Superintendent of Police Varun Sharma confirmed that the vehicle originated from Delhi, and one individual has been taken into custody in connection with the shipment.

The seizure of the methanol truck suggests a larger supply chain behind the hooch racket, raising concerns about the scale and reach of the illegal liquor network operating across state lines. Authorities are now focusing on tracing the full distribution network and suppliers.

The police have launched a probe and have

arrested nine accused and suspended four officials involved in the case, including the excise and taxation officer as well as the deputy superintendent of police in the district.

The police also revealed that methanol has been bought in bulk online in order to prepare the hooch.

Chief minister Bhagwant Singh Mann further stated that "These are not deaths, but murders. These culprits who create mourning atmosphere in people's homes with poisonous liquor will be punished strictly according to the law."

He added, "I pray to God for the peace of the departed souls. The government stands with the affected families and will provide all possible help."

Meanwhile several opposition parties accused the Aam Admi Party-led government of failing to control the production of illicit liquor and the liquor mafia.

They sought the resignation of Punjab's CM Bhagwant Singh Mann and the state excise minister Harpal Singh Cheema.

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal called the incident a "man-made tragedy" and accused the state of sponsoring the disaster.

He added, "This exposes the hollowness of your 'Yudh Nashian Virudh' slogan. Your inaction is criminal. You have no right to remain in office if you cannot curb this menace."

## Justice B R Gavai sworn in...

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of India, Justice Gavai will serve as the CJI till November 23 and if his six-month tenure looks short, one needs to consider that the probable first woman CJI would have a term of just 36 days.

It has been 75 years since the Supreme Court of India was established and yet, no woman has been appointed as the CJI.

Justice Gavai's name was recommended by the collegium as the next CJI and the President granted her approval. Justice Gavai will be serving as the top judicial officer for six months, the same as the last CJI, Sanjiv Khanna.

Until now, all 51 Chief Justices of India have been men and only 11 women have served as judges on the Supreme Court. As per the seniority rule, Justice BV Nagarathna will become first woman Chief Justice of India in 2027. Even though her tenure

will last for a mere 36 days, it will not be the shortest. The shortest serving CJI was Justice Kamal Narain Singh, whose tenure lasted just 17 days.

This is because the judiciary follows an unwritten rule of elevating judges in accordance with seniority. As per this rule, normally, among the judges under consideration, the senior-most judge is elevated to the top court and similarly, the senior-most judge becomes the Chief Justice.

This rule has made the tenure of judges in the Supreme Court, especially after being appointed as the Chief Justice, much in discussion over debates about stability and effectiveness.

While Justice Yeshwant Vishnu Chandrachud served as the Chief Justice of India for 7 years and 139 days, the longest ever, Justice Kamal Narain Singh served the shortest tenure of merely 17 days.

## Oil tanker carrying Rs 21 lakh disappears, businessman alleges fraud

BA businessman from Kolkata's Posta area has lodged a police complaint after an oil tanker carrying cargo worth over 21 lakh went missing while en route from Raipur, Chhattisgarh to Azara in Assam. The incident, which now appears to be a case of fraud, is being investigated by Posta Police Station.

According to the complaint, the businessman had received an order to supply oil to Azara. To fulfill the delivery, he contacted an oil supply company based in Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. Through this company, he was introduced to a Mumbai-based trader who offered to handle the logistics.

The Mumbai trader informed him that a tanker would be dispatched to Raipur, loaded with oil, and then travel via North Bengal to reach Assam. The Kolkata businessman made an advance payment of 21.31 lakh for the transportation and was provided with a waybill and other shipping documents.

The driver of the tanker, identified as Mohammad Sharif, contacted the busi-

nessman directly. On March 21, Sharif reported that the tanker had been loaded with 34,000 kilograms of oil in Raipur and was heading towards Assam. Over the next few days, he remained in touch with the businessman, but the tanker failed to reach its destination even after ten days.

Subsequent attempts to contact the driver were unsuccessful. The businessman also reached out to the owner of the tanker and the transport company involved, but received no clear answers. Taking matters into his own hands, the businessman contacted toll plazas along the likely route from Raipur to Assam. He learned that the tanker was last spotted at the Galia Toll Plaza in Assam, approximately 177 kilometers from Azara.

Since then, there has been no trace of the vehicle. The businessman suspects that the driver absconded with the tanker and may have sold the oil through illegal channels. He further alleged that the tanker's owner and officials of the transport company might be complicit in the disappearance.



**Name Change**  
I, Mukti Ghosh Niyogi (old name) W/O Samrat Neogi, residing at Ghoshpara, Gopalnagar, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743262, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mukti Neogi (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 14/05/2025. Mukti Neogi (new name) and Mukti Ghosh Niyogi (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Profulya Tikader (old name) S/O Late Harokrishana Tikader, residing at Dhakuria Kalibari Chandpara, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743245, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Prafulla Tikader (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 14/05/2025. Prafulla Tikader (new name) and Profulya Tikader (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ajay Jaiswal (old name) S/O Kailash Jaiswal, residing at Nakari Mondal Road, Kanchra Para, P.O.- Kanchra Para, Barrackpore, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743145, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajay Kumar Jaiswal (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 14/05/2025. Ajay Kumar Jaiswal (new name) and Ajay Jaiswal (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Parimal Kumar Ghosh (old name) S/O Late Nirmal Ghosh, residing at Vill- Jetia Dakshin Para, P.O.- Jetia, P.S.- Bzipur, Barrackpore- 743135, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Parimal Ghosh (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 14/05/2025. Parimal Ghosh (new name) and Parimal Kumar Ghosh (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Dipanwita Pradhan Dingal (old name) W/O Sanjib Kumar Dingal, residing at B/28, Fl-4, Kalindi Housing Estate, Lake Town, South dumdu, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700089, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dipanwita Pradhan (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata (Affidavit no 10/2025) dated 14/05/2025. Dipanwita Pradhan (new name) and Dipanwita Pradhan Dingal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Smriti Bhattacharjee D/o. Late Biswanath Bhattacharjee & Sunitikisana Bhattacharjee D/o. Late Biswanath Bhattacharjee R/o, 9/324, Maheshalta Lane, Chin-surah, Hooghly-712101, W.B., both are the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 557 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 14/05/2025.

**Name Change**  
After accepting Islam on & from 25/01/2022, I, Anjali Khetrapal D/o. Ajit Khetrapal known everywhere as Zainab Khatun. I, Zainab Khatun & Anjali Khetrapal D/o. Ajit Khetrapal is the same self & one identical person vide affidavit no. 535, dt. 14/05/2025 before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court.

**Name Change**  
I, Jayashree Dey W/O Rajesh Dey Residing at 370B, G.T Road, Man-shatala, Po - Chatra, Ps - Seram-pore, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712204 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Jayashree Chatterjee Dey. I declare that Jayashree Dey and Jayashree Chatterjee Dey is same and one identical person by virtue of affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 14-05-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, RAFIKUL HAQUE (Old Name) S/O FAJLUL HAQUE Residing at Jashchmapara, Jetragechi, Po - Ghumi, Ps - Eco Park, Bishnupur, Gurgaoon 700157, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD RAFIUL HAQUE (New Name) as declared before the Notary public govt of India at Kolkata vide affidavit dated 14-05-2025. RAFIKUL HAQUE (Old Name) and RAFIUL HAQUE (New Name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) MD ARANGAJEB SARDAR S/o- ATAR ALI SARDAR, Residing at, Vill- Sripur, Post- Sripur, Ps- Hariharpara, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742166, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MD ARANGAJEB SARDAR TO ORAN-GAJIB SARDAR (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ORANGAJIB SARDAR in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 07 May 2025, ORANGAJIB SARDAR and MD ARANGAJEB SARDAR both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Jugal Kishore Gupta (Old Name), S/o. Late Jagannath Prasad Gupta, residing at Shyamba Apartment, A-2, DE 79/3, Narayanta East, Asvini Nagar, North-24 Parganas-700159, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jugal Kishor Gupta (New Name) as de-clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 14.05.2025. Jugal Kishore Gupta and Jugal Kishor Gupta both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Zeesaa Alam (New Name), S/o, Zeesav Alam, resident of Raipal Hajinagar, P.O. Dakshin Dacka, P.S.- Asansol (N), Dist.- Paschim Bardhaman, (W.B.), Pin- 713302 Due to inadvertent my name MD Zeeshan Alam & MD Zeshan Alam & MD Parwez Alam has wrongly recorded in Bihar School Examination Board shall henceforth known as Zeesaa Alam & MD Zeeshan Alam & MD Parwez Alam & MD Parwez Alam all are same and one identical person declared vide affidavit no. 4733/24 date 13.05.2025 in 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Asansol.

**Name Change**  
I, Rahamat (old name) S/O Ram-jan Sardar, residing at Vill- Neora, P.O.- Bhablia, P.S.- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743422, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rahamat Ali Sardar (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/05/2025. Ra-hamat Ali Sardar (new name) and Rahamat (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Fatema (old name) W/O Rahamat Ali Sardar, residing at Vill- Neora, P.O.- Bhablia, P.S.- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743422, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Fatema Bibi (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/05/2025. Fatema Bibi (new name) and Fatema (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sagnika Chakdar (old name) W/O Arnab Dey and S/O Manoj Kanti Chakder, residing at 63, M.M. Dutta Road, Ward No-10, Barrackpore-II, P.O.- New Barrackpore, Barrackpore, 700131, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sagnika Chakder (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/05/2025. Sagnika Chakder (new name) and Sagnika Chakdar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Susanta Srikanta Manna, S/O Srikanta Manna, R/O Ganderpukur, Singur, Hooghly-712409, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Susanta Manna, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/05/2025, That Su-santa Srikanta Manna And Susanta Manna All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sharfutulao Khan, Sharfulla Khan, Sarafatullah Khan (old names) S/O Late Enayattulla Khan, residing at Ward No-14, Naya Bhojpur Bhojpur Jadid, Buxar - 802133, Bihar, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammad Sarafatulla Khan (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 14/05/2025. Mo-hammad Sarafatulla Khan (new name) and Sharfutulao Khan, Sharf-tulla Khan, Sarafatullah Khan (old names) all are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Dhananjay Chouhan (old name) S/O Harihar Chauhan, residing at 48/A, Badridas Temple Street, P.O.- Shyambazar Mail, P.S.- Manicktala, Kolkata- 700004, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chhaya Chauhan (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 14/05/2025. Chhaya Chauhan (new name) and Chhaya Chouhan (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Chhaya Chouhan (old name) W/O Harihar Chauhan, residing at 48A, Badridas Temple Street, P.O.- Shyambazar Mail, P.S.- Manicktala, Kolkata- 700004, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chhaya Chauhan (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 14/05/2025. Chhaya Chauhan (new name) and Chhaya Chouhan (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Harihar Chouhan (old name) S/O Late Jayata Chauhan, residing at 48A, Badridas Temple Street, P.O.- Shyambazar Mail, P.S.- Manicktala, Kolkata- 700004, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Harihar Chauhan (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 14/05/2025. Hari-har Chauhan (new name) and Hari-har Chouhan (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Quraisha Begam (old name) D/O Late Abdul Gan Khan, residing at 30/23, Rai Charan Ghosh Lane, P.S.- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kuresa Khatun (new name) as de-clared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 14/05/2025. Kuresa Khatun (new name) and Quraisha Begam (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Farhat Khatoun (old name) D/O Mohammad Sarafatulla Khan, residing at 30/23, Rai Charan Ghosh Lane, P.S.- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Farhat Khatun (new name) as declared before the No-tary public at Kolkata dated 14/05/2025. Farhat Khatun (new name) and Farhat Khatoun (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Babita Devi Agarwal (old name) W/O Late Bimal Agarwal, residing at 20/122, Shalimar Road, Shibpur, Howrah-711013, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Babita Agarwal (new name) as de-clared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 14/05/2025. Babita Agarwal (new name) and Babita Devi Agarwal (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Panchu Dandapat (old name) S/O Late Kalidupa Dandapat, residing at Vill- Satalibi, P.O.- Khalakpur, P.S.- Anandapur, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, Pin- 712160, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Panchugopal Dandapat (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 14/05/2025. Panchugopal Dandapat (new name) and Panchu Dandapat (old name) both are same and identical person.



Victoria memorial illuminated by tricolour ahead of international museum day in Kolkata on Wednesday

**Name Change**  
I, Zeba Nadeem residing at 44, Narkel-danga Main Road Kolkata - 700011 do hereby solemnly declared that Roshni Parveen is my daughter whose date of birth is 20.04.2009 . vide affidavit sworn before the first class judicial magistrate at Alipore Court, 24 Pargana (S), Affidavit No. 5821 on 13.05.2025. I, also affirm that due to mistake my daughter's name and her mother's name has been wrongly recorded in her (CSE documents). Her actual name is Roshni Parveen which is wrongly recorded as Sayd Rosni Parveen Alias Roshni Parveen and my name should be Zeba Nadeem instead of Zeba Nadim. I, also affirm that Roshni Parveen and Sayd Rosni Parveen Alias Roshni Parveen is the same and one identical person and, Zeba Nadeem and Zeba Nadim is the same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Priyanka Mitra, W/O Dibyajit Mitra, R/O 178, Block B, Bangur Avenue, Bidhannagar-700055, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Priyanka Saha, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/05/2025, That Priyanka Mitra And Priyanka Saha All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Manoj Gupta (old name) S/O Mohan Lal Gupta, residing at A/7, Jyanga Raghunathpur, P.S.- Baguiati, Bidhannagar, Pin- 700059, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manoj Kumar Gupta (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/05/2025. Manoj Kumar Gupta (new name) and Manoj Gupta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Abdul Qadir Ashrafi (Old Name), Son Of Seikh Ahmed Ali, Residing At 73/H/2 Dr Sudhir Basu Road, Po - Khiddirpore, Kolkata - 700023, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abdul Kader Ashrafi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025, That Abdul Qadir Ashrafi And Abdul Kader Ashrafi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Kunal Anand Choudhary (Old Name) S/O Manoj Choudhary, Residing At Three Durga Apartment, Flat-4b, Ag-221/I, Near 16 Feet Road, Prafulla Kanan, Rajarhat, Dist- 24 Parganas (North), Pin-700101, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kunal Anand (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Alipore On 12/05/2025. Kunal Anand Choudhary (Old Name) And Kunal Anand (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Safiya Khatoun (Old Name) W/O Abdul Rahim, Residing At Lalbaraz, Hasanpara, Ps-Kulti, Dist-Paschim Bardhaman, Pin-713343, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Safia Khatoun (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025. Safiya Khatoun (Old Name) And Safia Khatoun (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mohammad Iftekhar Khan (Old Name), Son Of Mohammad Rafiullah Khan, Residing At House No - 580, Ward No 28, M M Colony, Siwan - 841226, Bihar, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mohammad Iftekhar Khan (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/05/2025. That Mohammad Iftekhar Khan And Mohammad Iftekhar Khan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Subhas Shil (Old Name), Son Of Harendra Nath Shil, Residing At Jakkar Bhomra Paschimpara, Po - Kasthadasa, Nadia - 741257, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Subhshas Shil (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/05/2025. That Subhas Shil And Subhshas Shil Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ali Hussain (Old Name), Son Of Dil Mohammed, Residing At 16/H/8 G.J. Khan Road, Kolkata - 700039, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ali Hossain (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025. That Ali Hussain And Ali Hossain Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Irshad Ali Barkati (old name) S/O Samshad Ali, residing at 40, Dr Sudhir Basu Road, Kidderpore, Khidderpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Irshad Ali (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 14/05/2025. Irshad Ali (new name) and Irshad Ali Barkati (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Prem Dokania, (Old Name) S/O Late Laxmi Narayan Dokania, Residing At Station Road Neamatpur, Near Bank Of India , Po Neamatpur Ps Kulti, Dist Paschim Bardhaman Pin-713359, West Bengal, India, I Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Prem Kishan Dokania (New Name) As De-clared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 14/05/2025. Prem Kishan Dokania (New Name) And Prem Dokania (Old Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

## Kolkata to host eastern India's biggest career & edu fair

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Kolkata would be hosting the eastern India's biggest 'Career & Education Fair' very shortly. It would be organized by Career Planner Edufair. The fair scheduled to be held from 17th to 19th May 2025 at Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata. Open to all with free entry, the fair will welcome visitors daily from 11 AM to 7 PM.

Spearheaded by Dipak Sinha Roy, the visionary organiser and driving force behind the initiative, Education Interface carries forward a legacy of over twenty years. This year's edition is expected to draw a massive turnout of students from Class 10, 10+2, undergraduate and professional courses, along with their guardians, all looking for personalised career advice and educational opportunities.

Positioned as a comprehensive one-stop platform, the fair will host pre-counselling sessions and offer detailed career guidance across a wide range of disciplines with approximately 150+ universities and colleges including Engineering & Technology, Medical Sciences, Hotel & Hospitality Management, Media & Communication, Data Sciences, Architecture, Design, Polytechnic, ITI, Nursing, Veterinary Sciences, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and more. Esteemed universities and colleges along with acclaimed academicians from across India will participate, providing tailored guidance to students based on their interests and aptitude. Attendees will also gain first-hand information on course structures, fee details, admission procedures, placement prospects, and other key parameters—all under one roof. Moreover, guidance and key information will be available on government education policies, scholarship programs, student credit card schemes, and educational loans, helping students navigate the financial aspects of their academic aspirations.

**Airtel's revenue soars**  
MI News Service, Mumbai/ Kolkata: Bharti Airtel posts quarterly revenues of Rs 47,876 crore—up 27.3% YoY, up 6.1% QoQ, driven by strong underlying momentum in India, rebound in reported currency revenue growth in Africa and full quarter impact of Indus Towers consolidation. India business posts quarterly revenues of Rs 36,735 crore—up 28.8% YoY, up 6.0% QoQ, backed by improved realization in mobile segment, strong momentum in Home business and Indus Towers consolidation. Mobile services India revenues up 20.6% YoY, led by tariff repair, strong smart phone customer additions and premiumization efforts. Airtel Business revenues down 2.7% YoY, impacted by portfolio transformation.

**Name Change**  
I, Anowar Mallik S/O Ersad Ali Mallik Vill+P.O+P.S Joypur, District-Howrah, Pin-711401, West Bengal. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be known As Anowar Mallik As Declared Before The First Class Judicial Magistrate Amta Court Howrah West Bengal Vide Affidavit No 1034 Dated 13.05.2025 Anowar Mallik And Anowar Mallik Both Are Same And Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mantaj Begam W/O Anowar Mallik Vill+P.O+P.S Joypur, District-Howrah, Pin-711401, West Bengal. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mantaj Mallik As Declared Before The First Class Judicial Magistrate Amta Court Howrah West Bengal Vide Affidavit No 1030 Dated 13.05.2025 Mantaj Begam And Mantaj Mallik Both Are Same And Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Prem Dokania, (Old Name) S/O Late Laxmi Narayan Dokania, Residing At Station Road Neamatpur, Near Bank Of India , Po Neamatpur Ps Kulti, Dist Paschim Bardhaman Pin-713359, West Bengal, India, I Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Prem Kishan Dokania (New Name) As De-clared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 14/05/2025. Prem Kishan Dokania (New Name) And Prem Dokania (Old Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Anowar Mallik S/O Ersad Ali Mallik Vill+P.O+P.S Joypur, District-Howrah, Pin-711401, West Bengal. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be known As Anowar Mallik As Declared Before The First Class Judicial Magistrate Amta Court Howrah West Bengal Vide Affidavit No 1034 Dated 13.05.2025 Anowar Mallik And Anowar Mallik Both Are Same And Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mantaj Begam W/O Anowar Mallik Vill+P.O+P.S Joypur, District-Howrah, Pin-711401, West Bengal. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mantaj Mallik As Declared Before The First Class Judicial Magistrate Amta Court Howrah West Bengal Vide Affidavit No 1030 Dated 13.05.2025 Mantaj Begam And Mantaj Mallik Both Are Same And Identical Person.

# Railway Stations Across the Country Illuminated in Honour of Brave Soldiers



**MI News Service, New Delhi:** In honour of the indomitable courage and valour displayed by the Indian Army during Operation Sindoor, railway stations across the country lit up in a radiant tribute. Indian Railways organised this unique initiative to express its deep gratitude towards the brave soldiers of the Nation. From

Kashmir to Kanyakumari, Gujarat to Assam, stations across India witnessed a special wave of patriotic spirit. Bathed in the vibrant hues of the Tricolour, railway stations came alive with soul-stirring patriotic visuals, reigniting a profound sense of national pride in every onlooker's heart. To take the story of Operation Sin-

door's success to every citizen, Indian Railways organised Tiranga Yatras (flag marches) in various parts of the country. These marches further strengthened the public's sense of nationalism and respect for the Armed Forces. Complementing the Yatras, impactful street plays (nukkad natak) were staged at several railway stations, bringing the spirit and significance of Operation Sindoor closer to the people in a relatable and powerful manner. This initiative by Indian Railways not only honoured the valiant warriors of our Armed Forces but also connected the general public with the glorious saga of Operation Sindoor. The event reflects the fact that every citizen of the country stands shoulder to shoulder with our brave soldiers. Launched in the wake of the Pahal-gam terror attack, Operation Sindoor is a shining chapter in Indian military history, one that will continue to inspire generations to come.

## Prabhat Pheri on 100 Years of Howrah Division and Cleanliness Awareness Held at New Complex, Howrah Station



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** As part of the ongoing celebration of 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division, a spirited Prabhat Pheri focusing on the centenary journey of the division and the themes of cleanliness and hygiene was organized at the New Complex of Howrah Station on 14th May 2025 under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Sri Sanjeev Kumar. The event saw enthusiastic participation from railway staff, officers, and volunteers, who came together to honor the division's legacy while promoting important social messages. The Prabhat Pheri began early in the morning, with participants marching through the premises of the New Complex, carrying banners and placards highlighting the milestones of the Howrah Division's 100-year journey. The participants also raised slogans and shared messages on cleanliness and hygiene, reinforcing the importance of maintaining clean railway premises for the benefit of passengers and staff alike. This initiative was not only a tribute to the historical contributions of Howrah Division but also a call to action for continued vigilance in keeping public spaces clean and hygienic. The event aligned with the broader goals of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, underlining Indian Railways' commitment to sustainability and public welfare. The Prabhat Pheri concluded with a sense of pride and purpose among participants, reaffirming the division's dedication to excellence, heritage, and social responsibility.

## Cabinet approves semiconductor unit in Uttar Pradesh

### Semiconductor mission: Consistent momentum

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today approved the establishment of one more semiconductor unit under India Semiconductor Mission.

Already five semiconductor units are in advanced stages of construction. With this sixth unit, Bharat moves forward in its journey to develop the strategically vital semiconductor industry. The unit approved today is a joint venture of HCL and Foxconn. HCL has a long history of developing and manufacturing hardware. Foxconn is a global major in electronics manufacturing. Together they will set up a plant near Jewar airport in Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority or YEIDA. This plant will manufacture display driver chips for mobile phones, laptops, automobiles, PCs, and myriad of other devices that have display. The plant is designed for 20,000 wafers per month. The design output capacity is 36 million units per month. Up Semiconductor industry is now shaping up across the country. World class design facilities have come in many states across the country. State governments are vigorously pursuing the design firms. Students and entrepreneurs in 270 academic institutions and 270 startups are working on world class latest design technologies for developing new products. 20 products developed by the students of these academic students have been taped out by SCL Mohali.

## Celebrating 100 Years of Howrah Division: A Legacy of Howrah Orthopedic Hospital



Howrah Orthopedic Hospital

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** As the Howrah Division of Indian Railways marks its centenary in 2025, it is a moment not just to celebrate a century of transportation excellence but also to honor its significant contributions to healthcare. The division has played a pioneering role in railway medical services, ensuring the well-being of railway employees and their families. Among many healthcare institutions of Eastern Railway, the Howrah Orthopedic Hospital stands as a beacon of medical excellence, evolving over the decades into a premier healthcare facility.

**The Beginnings of Organized Railway Healthcare:** The foundation of organized medical services in the East Indian Railway was laid in 1893 when R. Glyn Griffith took over as the first Chief Medical Officer. Under his leadership, structured medical services began to take shape, providing much-needed healthcare to railway personnel. Later, Sir Hassan Suhrawarthy became the first Indian Chief Medical Officer of the East Indian Railway, serving from 1932 to 1937, further strengthening the system.

**Establishment and Growth of Howrah Orthopedic Hospital:** The need for a well-equipped hospital to cater to the railway community led to the construction of the Howrah Divisional Hospital in the early 1960s. By June 1966, it began operating as a small orthopedic hospital with 50 indoor beds. As the demand for specialized medical care grew, the hospital underwent significant expansions and, by the early 1970s, had transformed into a state-of-the-art orthopedic hospital. It soon became the leading center for railway orthopedic patients across the Eastern Region of India, with a

capacity of 179 indoor beds.

**Advancements and Contributions:** Over the years, Howrah Orthopedic Hospital has emerged as a premier institution, setting high standards in patient care. It has continually upgraded its medical infrastructure, incorporating modern diagnostic and treatment facilities. The hospital now serves as a crucial healthcare provider, not only for railway employees but also for their families, offering specialized services in orthopedics, general medicine, surgery, and emergency care.

**A Commitment to Comprehensive Healthcare:** In addition to the Howrah Orthopedic Hospital, Eastern Railway has fostered healthcare development through other notable institutions, including:

**\*B.R. Singh Hospital (Sealdah)** - Established in 1934 with 36 beds, it has grown into one of the most advanced railway hospitals in India by the first Indian Railway agent and acting General Manager of EBR, Sri Baba Ram-ick Singh.

**\*Kanchrapara Railway Hospital** - Started with 28 beds in the 1940s and underwent major modernization in 1949-50.

**\*Asansol Divisional Railway Hospital** - Planned under Dr. A.B. Mitra, this 220-bed hospital has been serving railway employees since its inception.

**\*Liluah Railway Hospital** - Established in 1948, it expanded in the 1960s with an OPD and a chest clinic.

**Inspiring the Future:** As the Howrah Division celebrates 100 years, its commitment to healthcare remains unwavering. The Howrah Railway Hospital stands as a testament to the division's dedication to employee welfare, ensuring world-class medical services.

**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

**ICICI Bank**

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited Shal Tower Plot No-23, New Rohtak Road Karol Bagh New Delhi-110005

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic 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 Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Sirsendu Chatterjee/ Pallabi Chatterjee/ LBGUR00003914354	Flat No.1-008 (Ground Floor), Serenas, Situated At Sector-36, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122001/ May 09, 2025	January 30,2025 Rs. 18,35,921.88/-	Gurgaon (Haryana)/ Hooghly (West Bengal)
2.	Sirsendu Chatterjee/ Pallabi Chatterjee/ LBGUR00004263066	Shop No. FF-10, 1st Floor, Signum 36, Situated At Sector-36, Gurgaon, Haryana- 122001/ May 09, 2025	January 30,2025 Rs. 10,59,286.51/-	Gurgaon (Haryana)/ Hooghly (West Bengal)

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(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 15, 2025  
Place: Hooghly (West Bengal)

Sincerely Authorised Signatory,  
For ICICI Bank Ltd.



Sudeep Sarkar wins `Best Director – Jury’ award at 15th Dada Saheb Phalke Film Fest

MI News Service, New Delhi/ Kolkata: Grasaan, a Bengali Feature Film, is one of its kind of Bengali Italian Collaboration. The movie was screened at Prestigious 15th Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival recently at New Delhi and awarded Best Director – Jury Award. Sudeep Ranjan Sarkar, internationally acclaimed film director, is the director of Grasaan as well as the male protagonist. He has already won Six such Awards for his feature films in past Six Years from Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival and this is his 7th such award.

The movie is jointly produced by Rita Jhawar of NEZ Moving Pixels and Italian Di-

rector and Producer Roger A. Fratter. Rita Jhawar has played an important character in this movie, of an Art Connoisseur and Restaurant Owner. She has won several awards for her acting in various films. The Movie feature Paola Bonacina, an Italian Actor as female Protagonist, who has played Girl friend of Male Protagonist. Debashree Naru, an Actor has played the character of Mother.

‘Grasaan’ is a complex relationship drama between a middle aged troubled but successful Bengali painter and the various women in his life. The movie is doing its festival round and is set to release by the end of 2025.

Goa temple stampede was 'entirely preventable': FFC report

MI News Service, Goa: A Fact-Finding Committee appointed by the Goa government to investigate the May 3 stampede at a temple in North Goa district has concluded that the tragedy was "entirely preventable." Six persons died and around 100 people were injured in the stampede in the early hours during an annual festival of Sri Lairai Devi temple at Shirgao village.

The incident was the re-

sult of a combination of poor planning, lack of enforcement, ignored directives and inadequate infrastructure, said the report.

The committee, headed by revenue secretary Sandip Jacques, has also provided recommendations to ensure that such incidents do not occur in the future.

"Based on field visits, interactions with eye-witnesses, injured victims, organisers, executive magistrates, police officials and perusal of available records, the committee found that the stampede was precipitated by a confluence of preventable lapses and oversights among key stakeholders," the report said.

The immediate cause of the stampede was overcrowding on the sloping pathway from 'tali' (sacred pond) to 'homkhand' (where fire is lit for ritual purposes), particularly at the upper end of the slope near the local RBL bank branch, it said. It was aggravated by unruly behaviour of 'dhondhs' (devotees) and lack of proper crowd control measures, the report noted. Devotees were allowed to enter the pathway from tali in groups which led to a build-up of people on the slope. "The overcrowding, coupled with attempts by some groups of dhondhs to push forward through the crowd and their unruly behaviour caused instability among devotees walking along the slope," the report stated. A woman fell face-first on the slope, "triggering a chain reaction in which several people behind and around her lost their balance and fell over one another," it said.

**S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER**  
For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, South Eastern Railway, Adra invites e-tender for the following works: **E-Tender Notice No.: TRD-ADA-e-Tender-09-2025, dated: 13.05.2025.** Description of the work: (i) Provision of 10 KVA AT for proposed interlocking of 03 nos. of Non-Interlocked LC gates (DK-6, KA-63, MR-32) in Adra division. (ii) Provision of 10 KVAAT for new ELB with Gate goomty at 5 nos of LC gates (KA-72, KA-72, KA-157, JC-14, JC-40) to replace the gate lodge from existing old end cabin lever frame in Adra division. (iii) Provision of 10 KVAAT for conversion from MLB to ELB Gates for 9 nos. of Engg. Gates (KA-102, KA-106, AM-7, KA-142, KA-160, KA-147, PK-3, RA-8 & BG-5) in Adra division. (iv) Provision of 10KVAAAT for interlocking of 3 nos. non-interlocked Engg. L.C. Gates BR-47, JC-24 & AM-38 of Adra division. (v) Provision of 04 nos. 10KVAAAT for the work for provision of IBS system in between Bankura-Chhatna and Indrabali-Adra in UP direction and Ondagram-Bankura & Jhantipahar-Indrabali in UP and DN direction in Adra division. (vi) Provision of 10KVAAAT for shifting of LC boom of LC Gate no. TB-15 (Ispat Nagar-Chas), TB-21 (N/Cabin-Ispat Nagar) & MR-38 (Radhaagon-Bokaro Steel City A/C) in Adra division of South Eastern Railway. **Approx Tender Value: ₹ 35,36,686.76.** The closing date and time of e-tender for works above is on **06.06.2025 at 15.00 hrs.** and its opening of tender will be done on **06.06.2025 after 15.00 hrs.** Details of above e-tender may please be seen at website [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in). (PR-159)

**EASTERN RAILWAY**  
**E-Tender No. LRC-3 LHB INSPECTION-CAR, Dated: 12.05.2025.** E-Tender (Open Tender) is invited online by Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer (LHB), Eastern Railway, Liluah, Howrah-711204 from tenderers having financial & technically capabilities for the following work: **Name of Work:** "Conversion of ER 052110 LWACCN & ER 052117 LWACCN for RA Inspection Coach (Saloon car) as per drawing." **Tender Document Cost:** ₹ 0.00; **Approx Cost of Works:** ₹ 1,67,66,476.66; **Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,33,800.00; **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 02.06.2025 at 14.00 hrs. Website where complete Details of Tender available: [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in)

Tender Notice is also available at websites: [www.er.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.er.indianrailways.gov.in) / [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in)

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WBSEDCL to allow power use up to Rs 300 negative balance

MI News Service, New Delhi: The West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) has decided against disconnecting power supply even if the balance, after installation of prepaid smart meters, reaches zero and will allow consumers to use electricity up to a negative balance of ₹300.

The move, senior government officials said, assumed significance against the backdrop of stiff resistance against the installation of prepaid smart meters across the state. "There will be no disconnection till the balance reaches zero, even up to negative Rs 300. In other words, consumers will be allowed Rs 300 negative balance," reads an order issued by the director (HR) of WBSEDCL, which is wholly owned by the government.

Prepaid smart meters function along the lines of prepaid mobile phone connections. Usually, the electricity supply is disconnected once the prepaid amount is exhausted. The minimum amount of recharge for prepaid meters is ₹100.

But in Bengal, the state-owned company has decided to tweak the disconnection formula only because it wanted a smooth transition from conventional electricity meters to prepaid smart meters, reaches zero and will allow consumers to use electricity up to a negative balance of ₹300.

Not only this, the company has decided not to disconnect the electricity line of a consumer on Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays and beyond office hours, even if the balance reaches negative ₹300. "After reaching the above threshold limit there will be automatic disconnection... There will be no disconnection on Saturday, Sunday, Holiday or beyond Office Hours even if the balance reaches negative Rs 300," reads the order.

A bureaucrat explained that allowing a negative balance of ₹300 means the WBSEDCL would give a loan up to ₹300 in case the consumer

faced trouble recharging immediately after the balance comes to zero.

The order mentioned that after reaching the negative ₹300 threshold, the connection would be disconnected within the office hours. For reconnection, the consumer has to deposit the amount of negative balance (it could be more if the balance reaches negative on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays) and recharge the meter with a minimum of ₹100.

Sources in the administration said the state was forced to accept the policy of installing prepaid smart meters across Bengal only because of pressure from the BJP-led Centre. "The state was opposed to the idea as chief minister Mamata Banerjee felt it would be an additional burden on the consumers. But the Centre has made it clear that if the policy is not implemented, the state could be denied several development funds for upgrading the power sector. But implementing the policy appears to be

easier said than done, as stiff resistance was reported from the districts since the installation of smart meters for domestic consumers started in January this year," said a senior government official.

Senior government officials also said they were offering additional benefits to the consumers to make the transition process smooth.

"It is really tough for a pro-people government to ask people to pay in advance to use electricity... The cost of each unit in Bengal is higher than in many other states. If people have to pay a handsome amount in advance to use electricity, they would get angry. This is why some cushions are being offered," said an official.

A Trinamool Congress MLA said wherever smart meters were being installed — be it in Nadia or East Burdwan — people were expressing their displeasure. "It is a cause of concern for any ruling party ahead of Assembly elections next year."

Foresters envisage new plan to avert human-animal conflict

MI News Service, Medinipur: Foresters in West Midnapore — one of the four Jungle Mahal districts known as the elephant zone of south Bengal — have begun planting around 50,000 bamboo trees at three strategic locations to create a fresh food source for elephants and avert human-animal conflict.

After a successful test run last year, where 4,000 bamboo trees were planted in the Chandra range, forest officials have now decided to go for large-scale bamboo plantation.

Bamboo is considered one of the elephants' favourite foods. "Planting bamboo was our pilot project last year, and it was very effective. We found that a herd of 25 elephants that entered the Chandra forest range did not venture into any human habitation for at least five days as they had an adequate food," said Deepak M., the Midnapore divisional forest officer (DFO).

"Based on last year's experience, we have decided to plant 50,000 bamboo trees in three strategic elephant zones — Chandra, Lalgarh and Piraghata — within our division this year," added the DFO.

Bamboo apart, foresters have been cultivating a special variety of grass — Saccharum narenaga, locally known as dhadda — which is considered a food source for herbivores.

The human-elephant conflict in the Jungle Mahal districts (West Midnapore, Jhargram, Bankura and Purulia) has become a persistent challenge for the forest department in recent years. As forest vegetation grows sparse, elephants raid agricultural fields in search of food.

A senior forest official stressed that elephants typically raid farms in south Bengal and human habitats due to sparse forest density and limited food sources. Human-animal conflicts claim at least 10-12 lives annually in the region, posing a major concern for the forest department.

The Jungle Mahal, particularly districts like West Midnapore, Jhargram, and Bankura, houses 150-200 elephants throughout the year. Elephants frequently change their location as they roam in search of food.

As of Tuesday, around 180 elephants were reported to be present in at least a dozen locations across the Jungle Mahal forests. Bamboo plantation is considered a low-cost way to create a food source for elephants compared to fruit-bearing trees like jackfruit and mango. A source said the forest department requires only ₹30,000 to plant bamboo across one hectare of land.

"Bamboos grow rapidly, while trees like jackfruit and mango take a long time to bear fruit. Most importantly, bamboo is already found sporadically in forests, and our work is to propagate bamboo shoots," said a forester.

"In Midnapore, members of the Joint Forest Management

Committee are involved in generating bamboo shoots. They keep bamboo nodes under sand for three to four months until they sprout. Once ready, we simply plant them in areas where the forest is sparse," said DFO Deepak M.

State forest minister Birbaha Hansda stated that in addition to bamboo, her department had been planting various trees and grasses across the south Bengal region to create alternative food sources for elephants.

"As the number of elephants has been increasing in the Jungle Mahal zone, we must create more fodder for them. Considering the shortage of natural food sources, we have been planting various trees and grasses in the forest to support the elephant population. It's crucial to prevent crop damage," said minister Hansda, who is the MLA of Jhargram, one of south Bengal's key human-elephant conflict zones.

Rajasthan police frees migrants held for being Bangladeshis

MI News Service, Jaipur/ Cooch Behar: Rajasthan police released migrant workers, including two families from Cooch Behar, after keeping them detained at a guest house for nine days on suspicion that they were Bangladeshi infiltrators. Altogether, 13 persons — including from Cooch Behar, including a child — were detained by Patan police station personnel in Rajasthan's Sikar district.

"Around 6.30pm, the police released us. We have

left the guest house and have returned to our accommodations near the brick kiln where we worked before we were detained," said Obaydul Khandakar, a resident of Purbia Jaigir Balabari Village in Dinhat-II block of Cooch Behar, who was detained with his wife Beauty Bibi.

The two families from Cooch Behar apart, three other families — one each from Cooch Behar, Assam and Meghalaya — were detained and kept at the guest house under police vigil.

All of them used to work in a brick kiln in Sikar.

Over the past few days, officials of the Bengal government had been communicating with the Rajasthan police and other authorities for the speedy release of workers. On Monday, Samirul Islam, the Rajya Sabha member of the TMC, who heads the Bengal government's migrant worker welfare board, confirmed that the Bengal government had initiated talks with officials in Rajasthan.

"We came to know that a

senior official from Cooch Behar had called the police. After the phone call, we were allowed to go. It is unfortunate that despite being Indian citizens, we were detained for nine days," Khandakar said. The migrant worker said that he would meet the brick kiln owner to get his dues settled. "Then, I will decide when to leave for Cooch Behar. This detention has left us worried. I am confused whether I will ever come back to Rajasthan for work," he said.

China's renaming attempt of Arunachal places preposterous: India

MI News Service, New Delhi: India outrightly rejected as "vain and preposterous" China renaming some places in Arunachal Pradesh and said such attempts will not alter the "undeniable" reality that the state "was, is, and will" always remain an integral part of India.

New Delhi's reaction came in response to Beijing announcing Chinese names for some places in Arunachal Pradesh, which the neighbouring country claims as the southern part of Tibet.

"We have noticed that China has persisted with its vain and preposterous attempts to name

places in the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

"Consistent with our principled position, we reject such attempts categorically," he said. Jaiswal was responding to a media query on the issue.

"Creative naming will not alter the undeniable reality that Arunachal Pradesh was, is, and will always remain an integral and inalienable part of India," he said. In April last year too, India had reacted sharply when Beijing released a list of standardised names of 30 places in Arunachal Pradesh.

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Sd/-  
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India's HDI score shows strong gains in health, edu: Human Dev Report

MI News Service, New Delhi: India continues its steady rise on the Human Development Index (HDI), ranking 130 out of 193 countries in the 2025 Human Development Report (HDR) released on Tuesday by the UN Development Programme.

Between 2022 and 2023, India improved its HDI ranking from 133 to 130, and its HDI value increased from 0.676 in 2022 to 0.685 in 2023. India remained in the medium human development category, moving closer to the threshold for high human development (HDI ≥ 0.700), the report said.

However, the report also pointed out that inequality reduces India's HDI by 30.7 per cent, one of the highest losses in the region.

While health and education inequality have improved, income and gender disparities

remain significant. Female labour force participation and political representation lag, though recent steps such as the constitutional amendment reserving one-third of legislative seats for women offer promise for transformative change, the report said. In India, the report said life expectancy increased slightly from 71.7 years to 72.0 years, marking the highest level recorded for the country. While expected years of schooling remained nearly unchanged, moving from 12.96 to 12.95 years, mean years of schooling saw a notable increase from 6.57 to 6.88 years.

The report lauded India's progress in school education, especially from 1990, and credited initiatives like the Right to Education Act, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, and the National Education Policy 2020. However, quality and learning outcomes remain areas for continued focus, it said.

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এতদ্বারা সকলকে জ্ঞাত করা যাইতেছে যে, ওবাসেমে উল্ল হক পিতা মহেশ্বর সইল্ল হক সক্রিয় মহাসেবপুর, পাড়য়া, হাঙ্গলী-৭১১১৪৪ মহাপুর নিগত ইং ১৩/০৬/২০২৫ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., পাড়য়া, হাঙ্গলী অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রিকৃত 1-1359/2025 নং আমোক্তোরনামা দিলিল বলে আমোক্তোর (১)সিরাজুল হক পিতা ফজলুর রহমান, ২)মহেশ্বর ব্রাহ্মি পিতা মজা আনুল্ল উত্তরার সক্রিয় মহাসেবপুর, পাড়য়া, হাঙ্গলী-৭১১১৪৪) মহাপুরের আমোক্তোর নিম্নুক্ত করলে এবং উক্ত ক্রমতাপ্ত আমোক্তোরনামা বলে আমোক্তা নিম্নোক্ত তপশীল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি নিগত ইং ০৮/০৮/২০২৫ তারিখে সম্পাদিত ও ১৬/০৮/২০২৫ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., পাড়য়া, হাঙ্গলী অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রিকৃত 1-1769/2025 নং রিক্রয় কোরাল দিলিল মুলে কোলা হাঙ্গলী, থানা পাড়য়ার অন্তর্গত পাড়য়া মাদ্রাসা দারুল উলুম এর পক্ষে বর্তমান সেক্রেটারী হাজী মহেশ্বর কামরুল হাঙ্গলী পিতা মহেশ্বর মহেশ্বর কামরুল হাঙ্গলী, হাঙ্গলী-৭১১১৪৪, মহাপুরের ১১.৫০ শতক সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিয়াছে।
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NOTICE
In the Court of Ld. Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.) 2nd Court Hooghly Sadar
Misc. Case no. 48/2018
(Arising out of T.S. 538/2011)
Padma Rani Seth,.....Petitioner. -VS-
Sunil Kr. Ghosh & ors. ...Opposite parties.
Notice is hereby given to (1) Sri Sunil Kr. Ghosh, (2) Sri Anil Kr. Ghosh (3) Sri Nikhil Kr. Ghosh, all sons of Sri Netai Chandra Ghosh, all are residing at Vill: Hasnan, P.O. Makhalpur, P.S. Dadpur, Dist. Hooghly, that the petitioner Smt. Padmarani Seth, W/o. Aji Kumar Seth, of Vill: Senet, Sanihati, P.O. Senet, P.S. Dadpur, Dist. Hooghly, has filed a Misc. Case praying setting aside exparte decree passed in Title suit no. 538/2011 before the Ld. Court and you are willfully avoiding the summons in your above address. If you have any objection/ claim in this regard, you may appear within 30 days from the date of publication, personally or through your Advocate. Otherwise the case will proceed as per law.
SCHEDULE
Dist. Hooghly, P.S. Dadpur, Mouza- Talchinan, Sanihati, J.L. no. 66, R.S. Dag no. 5163, L.R. Plot no. 5306, Plot no-5306, Class - Bastu area measuring 0.007 satak.
Prepared by me.
Swati Ganguly (Advocate)
Samir Aich (Sheristadar)
Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.), 2nd Court,

NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF LD.
5 <sup>th</sup> ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE AT HOWRAH MATRIMONIAL SUIT NO. 529 OF 2020 MOUSUMI MONDAL NEE DAS PETITIONER = Vs R S = SURESH MONDAL RESPONDENT
Notice is hereby given to me by this present that vide order dated 06/03/2024 passed in matrimonial suit no. 529 of 2020 pending before the Ld. 5th Additional District Judge at Howrah the substituted service of summons by paper publication at a local daily English Newspaper Paper on substituted Respondent Sri Suresh Mondal, Son of Kartick Chandra Mondal, by religion-Hindu, residing at 3, Debir Para, P.O.- Chamrali, District Howrah has been ordered and directing him to appear within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice before the Ld. Court and the next date 28/08/2025 has been fixed otherwise the law will take its own course.
SCHEDULE
Holding No. 3, Debir Para, P.O.- Chamrali, District Howrah- 71114 within the jurisdiction of Howrah Civil Court.
E-Tnder Notice
Hantal Anantabati Gram Panchayet, under Jagat-ballavpur Block, Howrah invites E-Tender.
Reference No.- HAGP/NIET/33/2025 14/05/2025. Last date of Submission of Bid:-24/05/2025 upto 1.00 pm. Bid Opening Date:- 26/05/2025 upto 1.00 pm. For more information visit <a href="https://www.wbtdenders.gov.in">https://www.wbtdenders.gov.in</a> Sd/- Pradhan Hantal Anantabati Gram Panchayet

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ICIN No: L65190G/1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) R/W Rule 3 of the Security Interest Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, (on the underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security with respect to a Housing Loan facility granted, pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the borrower, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in the exercise of 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 is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower(s) (DHFL/ Old LAN & ICICI New LAN)	Description of Property/ Date of possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (₹)	Name of Branch
1.	Kawсар Ali Mondal/ Salmā Bibi/ Sarat Bose Lane, Mathpara, North Dumdu (M), P.O. Rajbari Colony, P.S. Airport, District North 24 Parganas West Bengal, Kolkata- 700081/ 27000001533/ QZBBY00005025575	M.B. Residence, Flat No. 3B, Third Floor, (North West Side), R.S & L.R. Dag No. 257/461, R.S. Khatian No. 121, L.R. Krishni Khatian No. 313, Present L.R. Khatian No. 1333, J.L No. 15, R.S. No. 176, Touzi No. 1072, Mouza Chandibari, Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, Ward No. 22, Previous of Rajarhat Gopalpur Municipality. Holding No. RGM-AS/05/PL/CC, Ward No. 31, Now Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, Ward No. 22, Within P.S. Rajarhat Now Newtown, A.D.S.R.O. Bidhannagar Salt Lake City Now A.D.S.R. Rajarhat, District North 24 Parganas, Presently Kolkata- 700159 Now Kolkata- 700162.), (Admeasuring An Area of Super Built Up Area Measuring About 874 Sq.ft. More or Less Alongwith Proportionate Share of Land And Building.)/ Date of Symbolic- 09.05.2025	February 01, 2025 Rs. 11,37,874.60/-	Kolkata
2.	MD Kamaluddin/ Shorine Kamal/ Part No. 106, School Shetpur District- 24 Parganas (N), Barasat West Bengal North 24 Parganas- 743234/ 18200000006/ QZST000005016675	Larica Township Flat No. 29/504, Fourth Floor, Building No.29, R.S. And L.R. Dag Nos. 340, 362, 342, 347, 350, 348, 352, 357, 359, 360, 361, 362, 379, 349, 356, 336, 339, 329, 355/1226, 358, 370, 338, 341, 345, 351, 364, 365 & 331, L.R. Khatian No. 2153, Mouza Baluria, J.L. No. 37, Municipal Holding No. 295, 1234 & 1331, Baluria Utoria/ Barrackpore Road (Toli Kholo), Ward No. 05 (Previously 26), Barasat Municipality, Pargana Anowpar, Touzi No. 146, A.D.S.R.O. Kadamgachhi Police Station, Barasat, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal.), (Admeasuring An Area of Total Super Built Up Area of 403 Square Feet More or Less)/ Date of Symbolic- 09.05.2025	February 01, 2025 Rs. 6,60,831.44/-	North 24 Parganas/ Kolkata/ Deganga (West Bengal)

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.  
Date : May 15, 2025  
Place : Kolkata & North 24 Parganas & Deganga (West Bengal)

Authorized Officer  
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# Don't click without thinking - and 4 other ways to keep yourself safe from scams

**Australia :** (The Conversation) Think about how many things you have done online today. Paid a bill? Logged into your bank account? Used social media or spent time answering emails? Maybe you have used your phone to pay at a supermarket or train station.

We are all plugged in, and that's not necessarily a bad thing. But with all these conveniences comes a growing risk many Australians are unprepared for: cyber crime.

According to the most recent cyber threat report by the Australian Cyber Security Centre, more than 87,000 reports of cybercrime were made in 2023-2024. That's a report every six minutes. And that's just what gets reported. Many people do not even realise they have been hacked or scammed until it's too late.

Earlier this year, Scamwatch, run by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, revealed Australians lost nearly A\$319 million to scams in 2024 alone. In a recent example, cyber criminals used stolen login details to hack several major supermarkets in Australia and steal a collective A\$500,000 of people's retirement savings.

A big part of this worsening problem is poor "digital hygiene". Here are five easy ways to improve yours.

First, what exactly is 'digital hygiene'?

Just like brushing your teeth keeps cavities away, digital hygiene is all about keeping your online life clean, safe and protected from harm.

It is a simple idea: the better your habits when using technology, the harder it is for scammers or hackers to trick you or get access to your personal information.

It means being aware of what you are sharing, whom you



are trusting, and how your devices are set up. Unfortunately, most of us are probably more hygienic in bathrooms than we are online.

How should you protect yourself?

Good news: you do not need to be a computer whizz to keep clean online. Here are five simple practical steps anyone can take:

1. Stop and think before clicking

Got an unexpected message from your bank asking you to verify your account? Or a text about a missed parcel delivery with a link? Scammers love urgency. It gets people to click before they think. Instead of rushing, pause.

Ask yourself: was I expecting this? Is the sender's email or phone number legitimate? Do not click the link, go directly to the official website or app.

2. Use strong, unique passwords

Using your pet's name or "123456" is not going to cut it. And if you reuse passwords across websites, a breach on one site means hackers can try the same password everywhere else. This is called a credential stuffing attack, and it is how the cyber attack on superannuation funds happened earlier this year.

The best move? Begin securing your online accounts by using

a password manager and updating any reused passwords, prioritising your most sensitive accounts such as emails, banking and cloud storage first.

3. Turn on multi-factor authentication

Multi-factor authentication means you need something more than just a password to login, such as a code sent to your phone or an app such as Google Authenticator or Microsoft Authenticator.

It is a simple step that adds a powerful layer of protection. Even if someone guesses your password, they cannot log in without your second factor.

4. Update your apps and devices

Yes, those software updates are annoying, but they are important. Updates fix security holes that hackers can use. Make it automatic if you can, and do not ignore update prompts, especially for your operating systems such as Windows, iOS or Android. However, it is important to recognise that older devices often stop receiving updates because manufacturers stop supporting older models or are not developing updates for older devices as it can be costly.

Outdated software harbours known vulnerabilities that hackers

actively can target. While keeping devices longer supports sustainability, there is a balance to strike. If your device no longer receives security updates, it may be safer to responsibly recycle it and invest in a newer supported model to maintain your digital safety.

5. Be mindful of what you share

Oversharing on social media makes you an easy target. Public posts that include your birthday, where you went to school, or your pet's name can be used to guess security questions or build convincing fake messages. Think before you post - would a stranger need to know this?

What should I do if I have been hacked?

To check if your passwords have been leaked in a breach, you can use HaveIBeenPwned - a free tool trusted by security experts.

If you have been hacked, follow the tips provided by Australian Cyber Security Centre. For example, you should change all your passwords and passcodes and use software to scan for malware on your computer.

Need more help? Visit esafety.gov.au for practical guides, especially for parents, teachers and young people.

Digital hygiene is not a personal responsibility, it is a collective one. We are connected through emails, group chats, workplaces and social media. One weak link can put others at risk. Talk to your family and friends about the risk of scams and how to avoid them. The more we talk about this, the more normal and effective digital hygiene becomes.

Because just like washing your hands became second nature during the COVID-19 pandemic, keeping your online life clean should be a habit, not an afterthought.

# ASUS ROG's Latest Flow, Zephyrus & Strix Laptops Powered by NVIDIA RTX 5000 Now Available for Sale in India

**New Delhi :** ASUS India, Republic of Gamers (ROG), India's No.1 gaming brand, is thrilled to announce that its 2025 ROG laptop lineup powered by NVIDIA RTX 5000 series is now available across the Indian market, starting today. Unveiled earlier this month, the new range includes the high-performance ROG Strix Scar 16/18, Strix G16, Zephyrus G16, Zephyrus G14, and the convertible Flow Z13, all engineered to deliver cutting-edge performance, advanced cooling, and AI-powered capabilities tailored for gamers and creators.

The new lineup offers gaming enthusiasts, casual gamers, and professionals a variety of personalized options to suit their style. The ROG Strix Scar 16/18 series, powered by Intel® Core™ Ultra 9 processors, will be available starting at INR 379,990 and INR 449,990, respectively. The Zephyrus G16, equipped with Intel® Core™ Ultra 9 processors, will start at INR 359,990, while the Zephyrus G14, featuring the AMD Ryzen™ AI 9 HX processor, will be priced from INR 279,990. The new Flow Z13, powered by the AMD Ryzen™ AI Max processor, will be available from INR 199,990, and the Strix G16, featuring Intel® Core™ Ultra 9 proces-



sors, will start at INR 259,990. This next-gen portfolio will be available via ASUS e-shop, Flipkart, Amazon, ROG-authorized retailers, and ASUS Exclusive Stores across the country.

# Caring for Your Baby Before Birth: The Importance of the Maternal Marker Test

**Dr Abhik Banerjee,** Zonal Technical Chief, East Zone Apollo Diagnostic, KolkataThis article helps to highlight the importance of the maternal marker test. So, opt for it as advised by the expert to know about the baby's health before he/she is bornKolkata : Pregnancy is a unique journey filled with hopes, dreams, and even important responsibilities when it comes to the child. One of the most important aspects of a healthy pregnancy is ensuring the baby's well-being even before birth. During Maternal Sepsis, it is the need of the hour for all expecting parents to understand the importance of prenatal care, especially the Maternal Marker Test, which is a simple but powerful tool to check the baby's health before birth. Maternal marker tests like Double marker, Triple Marker, and Quadruple Marker tests. These tests give a risk score based on some biochemical parameters (blood tests) and fetal biometry assessed by the USG test of the pregnant

mother. The Maternal Marker Test is recommended for pregnant women to check for the baby's chances of birth defects or genetic problems in the baby. It helps to determine if the baby might be at risk for various conditions like Down syndrome, a genetic disorder caused by an extra chromosome, or neural tube defects, which are problems in the baby's brain or even spinal cord development. This test is non-invasive and safe for both mother and baby and involves taking a small amount of blood from the mother. Now, couples, instead of panicking, take this test and know the baby's health status. When is the Test Done?The test is usually done between the 10th -20th week of pregnancy, which is during the early months. This timing helps to identify any risks early and plan further tests or treatment if needed. Why is it Important?Detecting any risk early allows doctors and parents to take necessary steps. In some

cases, early treatment or close monitoring can improve the outcome for both mother and baby. It also gives parents time to prepare emotionally and medically for any special care the baby may need after birth. What Should Expecting Mothers Know?• The test does show if there is a higher risk. • If the result is positive, doctors may suggest more tests to confirm. • It is completely safe, and many pregnant women take it without any hesitation. • It gives peace of mind and helps the couple with better planning for a healthy pregnancy. • Follow the instructions given by the expert. During Maternal Sepsis Week, the focus is on preventing complications in pregnancy through awareness and early testing. The Maternal Marker Test is one such test that helps mothers to take care of their babies even before they are born. Regular check-ups and timely tests can make a big difference in ensuring a safe and healthy pregnancy journey.

# China's army of food delivery drivers get by with help from discount 'loving meals'

**Beijing :** After the lunchtime rush, it's time for China's food delivery drivers to eat.

Liu Lijie, halfway through a 13-hour workday, parked his electric scooter in front of a restaurant in Beijing for his go-to choice, lamb noodle soup with a side of pickles, for 12 yuan (\$1.65), a discount of 6 yuan off the regular price.

The reduced-price meal is part of a movement that offers free or discounted meals to people in need, no questions asked.

Known as "aixincan" (eye-sheen-zan), or "loving meals," they are available at some restaurants in major Chinese cities, home to large populations of migrant workers who come looking for jobs.

"There is a lot of pressure in

life since I came to Beijing to work, so eating aixincan is both economical and practical," said the 40-year-old Liu, who arrived two years ago from nearby Shanxi province. Eager to get back to earning money, he digs into his meal at a branch of the Yushiji restaurant chain without even stopping to remove his helmet, branded with the name of the popular Ele.me food delivery app.

The movement, also known as "suixincan" or "follow-the-heart meals," can be traced back to the early 2000s. It has been featured in China's government-run media and on social media, including posts in which influencers pose as hungry customers in need to highlight the generosity of the restaurants. LuoShuai, a driver for Meituan, China's largest

food delivery service, learned of Yushiji's discounted meal initiative through colleagues and has since become a daily customer at the Beijing chain, which serves food from his native Henan province. "It reminded me of my hometown," said the 27-year-old Luo, who moved to Beijing at the end of last year. Among China's nearly 300 million migrant workers, an increasing preference for gig-based work such as delivery driving over factory work has emerged in recent years. There are now more than 200 million gig-economy workers, according to government data. For a full-time driver, the average monthly pay at Meituan can reach more than \$1,500. But only 11% of the app's drivers work full-time. Part-timers in the biggest cities, such

as Beijing and Shanghai, averaged closer to \$1,000 a month in 2024. The existence of discounted meals reflects a shift in China's urban landscape, according to Xiang Biao, head of the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Germany. Previously, migrant workers could carve out their own spaces by helping each other, he said, but those networks have disappeared with the erosion of informal restaurants in cities for hygiene and safety reasons.

"They will have to seek help from strangers," Xiang said.

The state-implemented cleanup since the late 2000s of "urban villages" - spaces where migrant workers would live that grew alongside urban development - has increased those pressures.

# Community-run food co-ops can reduce food insecurity boost healthy diets research shows

**Sydney/Wollongong :** (The Conversation) As grocery prices continue to rise, many Australians are struggling to afford healthy food and are looking for alternatives to the big supermarket chains. The recent supermarkets inquiry, run by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, confirmed Australia's grocery sector is highly concentrated, with limited competition and rising retail margins. In regional and remote areas, consumers often face higher prices and fewer choices.

One option growing in popularity around the country is the community food co-operative, or "food co-op".

Food co-ops are local not-for-profit or member-owned groups where people join together to buy food in bulk, usually straight from farmers or wholesalers. These co-ops can take different forms, including shops, neighbourhood-based hubs, or box delivery models. They typically offer a range of foods such as fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, dairy products, eggs and pantry staples.

By co-ordinating their orders, members can reduce food costs, limit packaging waste, and avoid supermarket markups. Co-ops can also help lower transport emissions by reducing long supply chains.

We've been researching the

benefits of food co-ops. We've found this model could reduce food insecurity and increase people's intake of fruit and vegetables.

How are food co-ops run?

Some co-ops are owned and run by their members. Any surplus or profits are generally reinvested into the co-op or shared through lower prices, improved services, or support for local community initiatives.

Other co-ops are managed by not-for-profit organisations focused on improving food access for whole communities.

More recently, digital platforms and apps have made it even easier for people to start or join co-ops and connect with local growers.

Regardless of the model, co-ops are guided by values of co-operation, fairness and community benefit, rather than profit.

What does the research say?

We recently published a study which adds to a growing body of evidence showing food co-ops can play an important role in improving diet and reducing food insecurity.

Food insecurity is when someone doesn't have reliable access to affordable, nutritious food. It can mean skipping meals, eating less fresh produce, relying on cheap processed foods, or experiencing ongoing stress about

being able to afford groceries.

We surveyed more than 2,200 members of Box Divvy, a community-based food co-op operating across New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. Within this co-op, members join local "hubs", pool their orders for groceries through an app, and collect their



food from a nearby coordinator.

To measure food security, we used an internationally recognised survey that asks about things such as running out of food or skipping meals due to cost.

Before joining the co-op,

more than 50% of surveyed members were classified as "food insecure". This is well above the national average (estimated to be around 22%). It suggests many people turning to food co-ops are already under significant financial pressure.

After joining, food insecurity dropped by nearly 23%. The

rate of severe food insecurity - where people skip meals and regularly experience hunger - more than halved.

These changes were accompanied by improved diets. We asked participants to report how many serves of fruit and vegeta-

bles they usually ate in a day. On average, members increased their vegetable intake by 3.3 serves per week and their fruit intake by 2.5 serves. The benefits were even more pronounced for people experiencing severe food insecurity, who tend to have poorer diets overall. They ate 5.5 more serves of vegetables and

4.4 more serves of fruit per week while using the co-op.

These are meaningful improvements that bring people closer to meeting national dietary guidelines. This matters because eating more fruit and vegetables is linked to a lower risk of chron-

ic diseases such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and some cancers.

Other research has reflected similar findings. A 2020 Sydney-based study found co-op members were more likely to meet the recommended servings of fruit and vegetables than non-members.

Another study of The Community Grocer, a Melbourne-based social enterprise, found their weekly markets offered produce around 40% cheaper than nearby retailers and improved healthy food access for culturally diverse and low-income customers.

Internationally, a Canadian study of a community-based food box program - similar in structure to some co-ops - reported higher fruit and vegetable intake among regular users. It found a decline in intake for those who stopped using the service.

In Wales, disadvantaged communities that used co-ops reported better access to fresh produce. Similarly in New Zealand, co-op participants reported better access to healthy food.

In qualitative research, people who have experienced food insecurity say co-ops offer a more dignified alternative to food relief by offering choice and control over what's on the table.

Where to next?

Despite clear benefits, food co-ops remain largely overlooked in Australian policy. This is at a time when national conversations about price gouging and supermarket power highlight the need for viable, community-based alternatives.

Meanwhile, food co-ops also face operational challenges. For example, regulatory requirements can vary significantly between local councils and states. This makes it difficult to establish, scale or replicate successful co-ops.

Government support could help co-ops grow where they're needed most. Some measures might include:

- seed funding and small grants to establish co-ops in low-income communities
- subsidised memberships or vouchers for eligible households
- investment in digital tools and logistics to support efficient operations, particularly in rural and remote areas
- simplifying regulatory processes.

As the Feeding Australia strategy develops under the Albanese government, there's an opportunity to consider how community models such as food co-ops could complement broader national efforts to improve food security and strengthen local food systems.



## Regulation of trains for construction of Sub-Way in Bhagalpur – Jamalpur Section

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In a significant stride towards enhancing safety and convenience for local commuters, Eastern Railway is constructing a Sub-way in lieu of Level Crossing Gate No. 16 at Ratanpur Station limit in Bhagalpur – Jamalpur section over Malda Division. This infrastructural upgrade is aimed at improving connectivity for the local population, ensuring uninterrupted movement across the railway tracks. The sub-way will not only reduce travel time but also mitigate the risks associated with level crossings, offering a safer passage for both pedestrians and vehicles. Accordingly, for launching of RCC boxes and slab using road crane in connection with construction of this Limited Height Subway, 7 hour Traffic & Power Block has been planned on 17.05.2025 (Saturday). Consequently, following arrangement in train running have been made as under:

**Cancellation of trains on 17.05.2025 (Saturday):** • 73430/73429 Jamalpur – Bhagalpur – Jamalpur Passenger • 63423/63424 Jamalpur – Kiul – Jamalpur MEMU Passenger

**Short termination/Short origination:** • 13230 Rajendranagar – Godda Express (journey commencing on 16.05.2025)/ 13229 Godda – Rajendranagar Express (journey commencing on 17.05.2025) will be Short Terminated at / Short Originated from Kiul. • 13409/13410 Malda Town – Kiul – Malda Town Intercity Express (journey commencing on 17.05.2025) will be Short Terminated at / Short Originated from Bhagalpur. • 63431/63432 Sahibganj – Jamalpur – Sahibganj MEMU Passenger will be

Short Terminated at / Short Originated from Bhagalpur.

**Rescheduling of trains (journey commencing on 16.05.2025):** • 22406 Anand Vihar – Bhagalpur Garib Rath Express (Journey commencing on 16.05.2025) will leave Anand Vihar at 22:20 hrs instead of 17:20 hrs (Rescheduled by 05 hrs).

**Rescheduling of trains (journey commencing on 17.05.2025):** • 12367 Bhagalpur – Anand Vihar Express will leave Bhagalpur at 15:55 hrs instead of 11:55 hrs (Rescheduled by 04 hrs). • 22405 Bhagalpur – Anand Vihar Express will leave Bhagalpur at 18:55 hrs instead of 13:55 hrs (Rescheduled by 05 hrs). • 53408 Jamalpur – Rampurhat Passenger will leave Jamalpur at 16:18 hrs instead of 14:08 hrs (Rescheduled by 02 hrs 10 mins). • 13419 Bhagalpur – Muzaffarpur Jan Sewa Express will leave Bhagalpur at 16:05 hrs instead of 14:05 hrs (Rescheduled by 02 hrs). • 14003 Malda Town – New Delhi Express will leave Malda at 12:00 hrs instead of 09:30 hrs (Rescheduled by 02 hrs 30 mins). • 13235 Sahibganj – Danapur Express will leave Sahibganj at 20:20 hrs instead of 15:20 hrs (Rescheduled by 05 hrs). • 13236 Danapur – Sahibganj Express will leave Danapur at 10:20 hrs instead of 05:20 hrs (Rescheduled by 05 hrs). • 13334 Patna – Dumka Express will leave Patna at 06:40 hrs. instead of 01:40 hrs (Rescheduled by 05 hrs). • 13333 Dumka – Patna Express will leave Dumka at 19:10 hrs. instead of 14:10 hrs (Rescheduled by 05 hrs).

Moreover, 53403 Rampurhat – Gaya Passenger (journey commencing on 17.05.2025) will be controlled for 30 minutes en-route in Malda Division.

## Firefighting Training organised at Dum Dum and Belgachia Metro Stations



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Metro Railway takes all possible measures and care for ensuring commuters safety. Shri P Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway regularly monitors and reviews safety measures adopted in the 'Lifeline of Kolkata' to avoid any untoward incident like fire. In order to check the preparedness of Metro staff of different departments to tackle any fire emergency inside the tunnels or on the viaduct, regular training is conducted in Metro Railway, Kolkata. Firefighting training programmes for the field staff were conducted under the supervision of senior officers today i.e. on 14.05.2025 at Dum Dum and Belgachia Metro stations. Metro staff were imparted training on how to douse the flame through simulation of various fire and smoke conditions. Staff from Traffic Department and RPF personnel attended these training programmes. It is expected that such training will sharpen the skill and alertness of the field staff to respond to any emergency situation and minimize the rescue time and restore normalcy at the earliest.

## UN humanitarian chief blasts Israel for 'deliberately' blocking aid to Gaza

**MI News Service, United Nations:** The United Nations' top humanitarian official blasted Israel on Tuesday for "deliberately and unashamedly" imposing inhumane conditions on Palestinians, including the risk of famine — one of the strongest condemnations by a high-ranking UN official during the war in Gaza. Tom Fletcher, head of the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, briefed members of the Security Council, describing this work as a "grim undertaking" since Israel began blocking all humanitarian aid from entering Gaza more than 10 weeks ago. He went as far as saying that the council must "act now" to "prevent genocide." Israel vehemently denied that is taking place. "I ask you to reflect — for a moment — on what action we will tell future generations we each took to stop the 21st century atrocity to which we bear daily witness in Gaza," said Fletcher, a longtime British diplomat who took up the U.N. post in November. "It is a question we will hear, sometimes incredulous, sometimes furious — but always there — for the rest of our lives."

In response to Fletcher's remarks, the Israeli mission to the U.N. said that "Israel will not accept a hu-

manitarian mechanism that props up the Hamas terror organization that butchered our people in their homes and communities." Before the blockade, the U.N. and other international aid agencies handled moving aid into the enclave. The UN World Food Program's director for Gaza, Antoine Renard, told The Associated Press that a quarter of Gaza's population is at risk of famine. That's despite all the food needed to feed the territory's population sitting in warehouses in Israel, Egypt, and Jordan — and most of it is not even 25 miles (40 kilometers) away, he said. Renard said WFP warehouses in Gaza are empty, and the agency has gone from providing meals for 1 million people at the end of April to producing only 250,000 meals daily. The meals they can serve are "meaningless, compared to people's requirements," he said. "Soon, we're going to speak about the fact that people don't even have access to a meal," Renard warned. "Is that where we need to go to actually raise the alarm? It's now that we need to act."

The warnings come after food security experts said Monday that Gaza will likely fall into famine if Israel doesn't lift its blockade and stop its military campaign. Nearly half a mil-

lion Palestinians are facing possible starvation, living in "catastrophic" levels of hunger, and 1 million others can barely get enough food, according to findings by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, a leading international authority on the severity of hunger crises. In January 2024, the International Court of Justice, the U.N.'s top court, ordered Israel to do all it can to prevent death, destruction, and any acts of genocide in Gaza.

The alarm comes after the AP obtained a proposal from a newly created group backed by the U.S., the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, to implement a new aid distribution system based on plans similar to those designed by Israel. The U.N. and aid groups have rejected Israel's moves to control aid distribution. "It is a cynical sideshow. A deliberate distraction. A fig leaf for further violence and displacement," Fletcher said Tuesday about the proposal. When asked Tuesday whether the U.S. supports aid quickly entering Gaza, a spokesperson for the State Department said he would not speak for the foundation, while repeating Israeli rhetoric that Hamas "bears responsibility" for the humanitarian conditions in Gaza.

## Intensive ticket checking drive in Howrah Division -612 Ticketless Passengers apprehended in a Single Day



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** As part of its ongoing efforts to curb ticketless travel, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway conducted an intensive ticket checking drive at Howrah and Liluah Railway stations. The operation was carried out under the close supervision of the Assistant Commercial Manager (ACM/HC), following the directives of the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager

(Sr. DCM). The primary objective of the drive was to raise awareness among passengers about the importance of travelling with valid tickets and to take strict action against ticketless and irregular travel. A dedicated team of Travelling Ticket Examiners (TTEs) and supported by Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel, participated in the operation. The inten-

sive checking operation resulted in the detection of 612 cases of ticketless and irregular travel. A total fine of Rs. 1,90,095 was realized on the spot, marking a significant step towards enforcing ticketing rules. Such drives are a key component of Indian Railways' continuous campaign to promote responsible travel behavior and deter fare evasion. The Howrah Division remains committed to conducting regular checks to ensure strict adherence to ticketing norms and enhance the overall travel experience for passengers.

The Railway Administration extends its sincere thanks to the travelling public for their cooperation and urges all passengers to always travel with valid tickets to avoid inconvenience and travel with dignity.

## Cancellation of running of two MEMU Special

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Railway has decided to cancel the running of 03146/03145 Deoghar – Godda – Deoghar MEMU special and 03148/03147 Bhagalpur – Deoghar – Bhagalpur MEMU special with effect from 14.05.2025.

## Awareness Campaign Conducted by Malda Division to Prevent Cattle Run Over (CRO) Incidents



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Under the leadership of Shri Yatin Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager, Malda Division, continuous efforts are underway to enhance the safety and punctuality of train operations. As part of this commitment, joint public awareness campaigns were conducted today in vulnerable sections of the division to prevent Cattle Run Over (CRO) incidents. One such awareness drive was organized in the CRO-prone areas between Mandar Hill and Hansdih section. This initiative saw coordinated participation from RPF/Bhagalpur, Traffic Inspector/Godda, and officials from the Operating, Engineering, and Commercial departments of Malda Division. The campaign aimed to sensitize nearby villagers about the risks posed by stray cattle near railway tracks and to encourage responsible practices for ensuring safety. A similar awareness campaign was also held in the Bhagalpur-Tikani section, involving Traffic Inspector/Bhagalpur, PW/Bhagalpur, and RPF/Bhagalpur. The local community was informed about the importance of keeping railway premises free from obstructions, particularly stray animals, to avoid accidents and disruptions.

During the current financial year 2024–25, Malda Division has reported 245 cases of Cattle Run Over (CRO). The primary objective of this campaign was to engage with and sensitize residents of nearby villages about the dangers posed by stray cattle near railway tracks. Through direct interactions and educational outreach, the railway officials urged locals to adopt responsible cattle-rearing practices and remain vigilant to prevent untoward incidents. Malda Division urges local people living near railway tracks to be cautious and proactive in preventing such incidents. Community awareness and vigilance are crucial in ensuring safe and efficient railway services.

## Two Kerala universities cancel seminars on Kashmir, Pahalgam attack

**MI News Service, Thiruvananthapuram:** Two distinguished Kerala universities, Kerala University and the University of Calicut, recently banned seminars relating to Kashmir and the Pahalgam terror attack, citing that they pose a "serious threat to national security." Kerala University's Department of Tamil had planned a seminar on May 9, titled 'Friday Literary Circle.' Organisers shared an article ahead of the event that accused the Union government of manipulating nationalist emotions, especially ahead of the Bihar Assembly elections. The piece was titled "Pahalgam attack: Truths drowned in nationalist frenzy" and appeared on a Tamil-language website. When it was brought to Vice Chancellor (VC) Mohanan Kunnummal's notice, he demanded a written explanation from the head of department (HoD) Hepsy Rose Mary A and the event organiser, Maktob Media reported. The HoD replied she was not informed about the event, and the event organiser issued an apology. Following this, VC Kunnumal decided not to take disciplinary action against the two but issued instructions to cancel the event, which he later clarified was taken based on the numerous complaints regarding the seminar.

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The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower/borrowers to repay the loan/loans within 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 symbolic 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 Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Tanmay Bhattacharjee/ Kakali Bhattacharjee/ 1 H 89 Sarbakhshan Road Post Office Balgachia, Police Station Chitpur, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Kolkata- 700037/ TBCAL00006709490/ LBCAL00006721865	Flat No. 17, 4th Floor, South Block, South West Side Portion, Premises No. P11, Motijheel Avenue, Sabek Dag No. 5252, Dag No. 2262, Sabek Khatian No. 168, Khatian No. 302, R.S. No. 68, Touzi No. 162, J.L. No. 21, Mouza Bagolia, Post Office Nagpur, Police Station Dum Dum, South Dum Dum Municipality, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700074, West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area of 800 Sq. Ft. Super Builtup Area Be The Same A Little More or Less, Totether With The Proportionate Undivided Interest or Share on The Ground Floor, Together With Right To Use All Common Areas And Utilities Available In The Said Building./ Date Of Symbolic - 09.05.2025	December 16,2024 Rs. 20,46,841.28/-	Kolkata
2.	Poonam Yadav/ Raj Kumar Yadav/ Della, De 603, Siddha Galaxia, Phase 1, Floor 6th, Raigachi, Rajarhat, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal Kolkata - 700135/ LBCAL00004795392	Complex "Siddha Galaxia", Building Della, Eight Floor, Residential Flat No. D8B03, R.S./ L.R. Dag Nos. 615, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627 and 628, L.R. Khatian No. 579/1, 595/1, 1759, 1760, 1761, 1762, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2473, 2587, 2615, 2723, 2774, 2820 and 2826, J.L. No. 12, Mouza Raigachi, Police Station Rajarhat, Rajarhat- Bishnupur No. 1 Gram Panchayet, Sub Registration Office Rajarhat Formerly Bidhanagar, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700135, West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area Of Flat Having Super Built Up Area Approximately 836 Square Feet Along With The Parking Space Being The Right To Park 1 (One) Medium Sized Car In The Covered Space (Stack) Of The Basement Level In The Said Complex Together With The Land Share Being Undivided, Impartible Proportionate and Variable Share In The Land / Date Of Symbolic - 09.05.2025	January 24,2025 Rs. 34,37,506.66/-	Kolkata
3.	Prajwal Pathak/ Shilpi Pathak/ S/o Yogeswar Pathak, Sunanda Apartment, 37/3 Usha Bazar, Rabindra Pally, P.O. Rabindrapally, P.S. Baguiati, Rajarhat, District- North 24 Parganas, West Bengal Calcutta- 700059/ LBCAL00005804700/ LBCAL00005815851	"Sunanda Apartment-(1)", Residential Flat No. 15, South West Side, 3rd Floor, Premises No. 37/3, Rabindra Pally, Jyanga, C.S. Dag No. 96 & 97, C.S. Khatian No. 33 & 243, R.S. Dag No. 116, 117, R.S. Khatian Nos. 40 & 1029, Mouza Jyanga, J.L. No. 16, R.S. No. 114, Touzi No. 3027, Police Station Rajarhat, Now Baguiati, Additional District Sub-Registration Office Rajarhat, New Baguiati, Additional District Sub-Registration Office Rajarhat Formerly Bidhanagar (Salt Lake City), Rajarhat Gopalpur Municipality, Ward No. 25, Holding No. 1253/8, Now Bidhanagar Municipal Corporation, Ward No. 16, Holding No. 243, Post Office Jyanga, District of North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area of 764 Sq. Ft. More or Less Super Built Up Area Together With Proportionate Share of Land/ Date of Symbolic - 09.05.2025	December 18,2024 Rs. 24,40,648.62/-	Kolkata
4.	Rumpa Das/ Arijit Das/ W/o Arijit Das, 52, A. C. Banarjee Road, Ration Office, Post Office Ariadaha, Police Station Baguiati, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal Kolkata - 700057/ LBCAL00003502719	"Sayan" Flat No. C-2, 3rd Floor, Premises No. 98, Prabartak Pally (2), D. P. Nagar, Holding No. 250, C.S. and R.S. Flat No. 119, 120 (P), E.P. No. 1356, 1356, J.L. No. 2, Mouza Basudevpur, P.S. Belgharia, P.O. Belgharia, Ward No. 28, Kamarhati Municipality, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata 700056, West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area of Measuring An Area of 400 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area More or Less Together With Undivided Proportionate Share of Land/ Date of Symbolic - 09.05.2025	December 30,2024 Rs. 4,41,284.06/-	Kolkata
5.	Kaushik Sarkar/ Lata Sarkar/ Sodepur No. 1 Deshbandhu Nagar, Block A, Near Sodepur Chandrachud Boys School P.O. Sodepur, P.S. Khardah, District North 24 Parganas West Bengal Kolkata- 700110/ LBCAL00006674664 TBCAL00006665068/ LBCAL00006674664	"Devi Narayani Apartment", Flat No. 6, Third Floor, South- Eastern Side, Municipal Holding No. 1, P.N. Chatterjee Road, R.S. And L.R. Dag No. 369 and 369/510, R.S. Khatian No. 1412 and 234, J.L. No. 8, R.S. No. 45, Touzi No. 178, Ward No. 17, Panhati Municipality, P.S. Khardah, P.O. Sodepur, Mouza Sodepur, A.D.S.R.O. Sodepur, Collector of North 24 Parganas, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700110, West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area of Flat Measuring More or Less 950 Sq. Ft. Super Built- Up Area/ Date Of Symbolic - 09.05.2025	January 24,2025 Rs. 27,01,789.46/-	Kolkata/ Dankuni
6.	Samareesh Ghosh/ Rupali Ghosh Mallick/ 6 Bijoy Nagar, P.O. & P.S. Naihati, Near Boys Club, Naihati (M), District North 24 Parganas West Bengal Naihati - 743165/ LBCAL00006003967/ LBCAL00006111278	Holding No. 6, Bijoy Nagar Road, R.S. Dag No. 19/732, L.R. Dag No. 131, R.S. Khatian No. 133, L.R. Khatian No. 2607, J.L. 5, Re. Sa. No. 20, Touzi No. 701, Ward No. 23, Mouza Deulpara, P.S. Naihati, Naihati Municipality, District North 24 Parganas, Pin Code No. 743165, West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area of 02 Cottahs 01 Chittaks and 35 Sq.ft. Along With Single Storied Residential Structure Measuring 1184 Sq.ft. Standing There on/ Date of Symbolic - 09.05.2025	January 30,2025 Rs. 19,04,859.60/-	Kolkata/ Naihati (West Bengal)
7.	Suman Brahma/ Sekha Brahma/ 164/690 Ganga Para Bi Lane Left Near Rajkumari School District North 24 Parganas West Bengal Kolkata- 743129/ LBCAL00004734366	Dag No. 390, Jamindari Khatian No. 196, Nija Khatian No. 205, J.L. No. 3, Re. Sa. No. 15, Touzi No. 1193, Mouza Phingapara, Pargana Haveli Sahar, hana Jagaddal, Additional Sub- Registry Office Naihati, District 24 Parganas West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area of Land Area .0247 Satak With House/ Date of Symbolic - 09.05.2025	January 24,2025 Rs. 12,92,371.86/-	Barrackpur/ Fingapara/ Kolkata (West Bengal)
8.	Debaditya Chatterjee/ Krishna Saha/ 56, Panchanatala Road Haora West Bengal Howrah- 711101/ LBCAL00005232527	Municipal Holding No. 56, Panchanatala Road, Flat on 4th Floor, Municipal Ward No. 19, Howrah Municipal Corporation, P.S. Howrah, District Howrah, Howrah- 711101, West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area of Flat Measuring About 1120 Sq. Ft. (Super Built-up Area)/ Date of Symbolic - 12.05.2025	January 31,2025 Rs. 24,66,884.14/-	Kolkata/ Howrah
9.	Chandan Dey/ Jaya Dey/ 27 B. Gopi Mohan Dutta Lane 1st Floor Bagbazar P.S. Shyambazar, Bagbazar Bata West Bengal Kolkata- 700003/ LBCAL00000548690	Flat On 1st Floor, Municipal Holding No. 14/2 Ramcharan Sett Road, Dag No. 97, Khatian No. 49, Mouza Shibpur, P.S. Shibpur, Ward No. 10, Circle No. 37, District Howrah, West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area Of Super Built Up Area 496 Sq. Ft. Together With Proportionate Share Of Land/ Date of Symbolic - 12.05.2025	December 26,2024 Rs. 2,97,863.52/-	Kolkata/ Howrah
10.	Ashish Singh/ Asha Singh/ S/o Rajesh Kumar Singh, 42/1 Tinkari Nait Bose Lane Post Office Salkia, Police Station Golabari, Howrah Corporation District Howrah West Bengal Howrah- 711106/ TBHOW00006359340/ LBCAL00006454201	Shop Room at Ground Floor and Mezzanine Floor, North East Side, Holding/ Premises No. 8, Dharmatala Road, Police Station Malipanchhara, Ward No. 6, Howrah Municipal Corporation, District Howrah, Howrah- 711106, West Bengal, (Admeasuring An Area of Shop Room At Ground Floor 185 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area And Shop Room at Mezzanine Floor 102 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area Be The Same A Little More Or Less Together With Undivided and Impartible Proportionate Share And Interest/ Date of Symbolic - 12.05.2025	December 16,2024 Rs. 20,71,249.40/-	Howrah
11.	Kiran Rai/ Dilip Rai/ 6, Sikdar Para, 2nd Lane, Kalokar Street Barabazar West Bengal Kolkata- 700007/ LBCAL00004755772/ LBCAL00005230851	Flat No. 502, 5th Floor, South Facing, Dag No. 3338, Khatian No. 2672, L.R. Dag No. 9895, J.L. No. 27, Municipal Holding No. 51/2, N. S. Road, P.O. & P.S. Rishra, Municipal Ward. 9, Mouza Rishra, Rishra Municipality, District. Hooghly, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area of Measuring Covered Area 800 Sft., Super Built Up Area 160 Sft. Total 960 Sft. Along With Proportionate Share Of Land. Date of Symbolic - 12.05.2025	30/01/2025 Rs. 14,49,410.3/-	Kolkata/ Hooghly
12.	Gyan Chand Rungta/ Asha Rungta/ 50 Jagdini Prasad Rungta, B/9/4, 106 Kiran Chandra Singha Road 4th Floor, Ganges Garden, Post Office And Police Station Shibpur District Howrah West Bengal Howrah- 711102/ LBHOW00004860653/ TBHOW00006735000/ LBCAL00005410011	Commercial Room No. 1b, East Of 1st Floor, Premises No. 3, Babulal Lane, Holding No. 266, Block No. Xi, Ward No. 42, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Police Station Buzurg, Kolkata- 700072, West Bengal, (admeasuring An Area Of 570 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area Together With Undivided Proportionate Share Of Land Together With Common Areas, Benefits, Facilities, Amenities Thereof/ Date Of Symbolic - 13.05.2025	November 20,2024 Rs. 74,39,176.13/-	Kolkata/ Howrah

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 15, 2025, Place: Kolkata & Dankuni & Howrah & Naihati & Barrackpur & Fingapara & Hooghly (West Bengal)

Sincerely Authorised Officer,

For ICICI Bank Ltd.



# Trent Boult likely to rejoin Mumbai Indians for remainder of IPL 2025: Report



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Mumbai Indians' left-arm pacer Trent Boult is likely to rejoin the squad for the remaining matches of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025, according to a report by ESPNcricinfo.

Boult has played a key role for the five-time champions this season. The New Zealand seamer is currently Mumbai Indians' top wicket-taker and is joint-fourth in the overall list, with 18 wickets from 12 matches. He has an average of 19.89 and an economy rate of 8.49. His best performance was against Sunrisers Hyderabad, where he picked up 4 wickets for 26 runs and was named Player of the Match.

Mumbai Indians, led by Hardik Pandya, are placed fourth on the points table with 14 points after winning seven of their 12 matches.

The tournament was suspended last Thursday by the BCCI due to cross-border tensions between India and Pakistan.

The 18th edition of the league will resume on May 17, with Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) facing defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.

Mumbai Indians will play their next match on May 21 against Axar Patel-led Delhi Capitals at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.

After hostilities ended on Saturday, the BCCI held discussions with the Indian government and other stakeholders. On Monday, the cricket board released the updated schedule for the remaining 17 matches.

Six cities--Delhi, Jaipur, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, and Bengaluru--will host the remaining 13 league matches. However, the venues for the playoff games have not yet been finalised.

According to the new schedule, Qualifier 1 will be held on May 29, the Eliminator on May 30, and Qualifier 2 on June 1. The IPL 2025 final will take place on June 3.



## India, England close gap as Australia stay on top in ICC Women's ODI rankings

DUBAI [UAE] : The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Wednesday released the updated Women's ODI team rankings. Australia continue to lead the table, but England and India have made gains and closed the gap at the top.

According to the ICC website, Australia's lead has narrowed to 40 points from 44 after the annual update. They now have 167 rating points, while England are second with 127 points. India, in third place, gained eight rating points and now sit at 121 -- reducing their gap with England from 11 points to just six.

New Zealand (96), South Africa (90), and Sri Lanka (82) remain in fourth, fifth, and sixth places, respectively. However, South Africa lost nine rating points despite retaining their position.

The rankings update takes into account matches played from May 2022 to April 2024 at a 50% weighting, and matches after April 2024 at full value. As a result, South Africa's 2022 World Cup semi-final performance is no longer counted.

This change also affected the West Indies, which reached the semi-finals in 2022. They dropped 10 points, falling from seventh to ninth place with 72 points. They now trail Bangladesh (79) and Pakistan (78), who have moved up to seventh and eighth place, respectively.

## INDIA ANNOUNCES 36 MEMBER SQUAD TO PARTICIPATE IN 2025 ISSF JUNIOR WORLD CUP

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : India has announced a 36-member contingent to participate in the 2025 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup, scheduled to take place in Suhl, Germany, from May 19-27, as per a release from ISSF.

Eight of these 36 shooters have trained at the Gun for Glory academy, which is run by the 2012 Olympics bronze medalist Gagan Narang in Pune.

These eight athletes are Naraen Pranav, Mukesh Nelavalli, Anushka Thokur, Prachi Gaikwad, K. Tanishq Naidu (RPO), Sagnik Banerjee (RPO), Melvina Angeline Joel (RPO), and Vedant Waghmare (RPO).

All these athletes have trained under Project Leap, a sponsored project designed in collaboration with Olympic Gold Quest for selected shooters to improve their performance in the physical, mental, and technical aspects of the sport. Started in 2017, the project has already held more than 60 camps.

While Naraen will participate in the 10m Air Rifle Junior Men's and Junior Mixed Team events, Mukesh, Tanishq, and Sagnik will represent India in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Junior Men's event. Anushka, Prachi, and Melvina will participate in the 50m 3P Junior Women's category, with Vedant competing in the 50m 3P Junior Men's event.

We are incredibly proud of our athletes who will be competing at the ISSF Junior World Cup. Their hard work, talent, and unwavering dedication reflect the core values of our academy and foundation.

We believe that they have the potential to achieve great success and make India proud. I would like to extend my best wishes to these athletes as they embark on this challenging and exciting journey," said the former Indian shooter Gagan Narang.

"I am incredibly grateful to the Gagan Narang Sports Promotion Foundation for their unwavering support as I prepare for the ISSF Junior World Cup. Their guidance and resources have been instrumental in my journey, and I am honored to represent India on this prestigious platform. I hope to make my country and my mentors proud," said Anushka as she gets ready to shine on the global platform."



## India placed in Group D with Qatar, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia for FIBA World Cup 2027 Qualifiers

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The Indian men's basketball team are placed in Group D of the qualifiers alongside Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and hosts Qatar to book their spot in the FIBA World Cup 2027, as per the Olympics.com.

The draw for the FIBA World Cup 2027 Qualifiers was held on Tuesday at Alhazm in Doha, which will also host the main basketball tournament from August 27 to September 12, 2027. It will be the first time the Men's Basketball World Cup is held in the Arab world, and the third straight edition will be staged in Asia. A total of 80 national teams from the four FIBA regions of Africa (16 teams), the Americas (16 teams), Asia and Oceania (16 teams), and Europe (32 teams) will play in the FIBA World Cup 2027 Qualifiers. FIBA Basketball World Cup 2027 Qualifiers draw Asia and Oceania:

Group A: Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Guam

Group B: Japan, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Chinese Taipei

Group C: Iran, Jordan, Syria, Iraq

Group D: Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, India, Qatar

India has yet to qualify for the FIBA World Cup in the previous 19 editions. It will be hoping to break new ground during the six-window qualification cycle that begins November 24, 2025, and runs through early 2027.

FIBA World Cup 2027 Qualifiers windows:

November 24 to December 2, 2025

February 23 to March 3, 2026

June 29 to July 7, 2026

August 24 to September 1, 2026

November 23 to December 1, 2026

February 22 to March 2, 2027

Qatar, as hosts, will automatically progress to the second round and eventually to the FIBA World Cup, leaving the other three teams in Group D - including India - to battle for the two remaining spots in the next stage.

Lebanon, ranked 29th in the world, is the top-ranked team in Group D. Saudi Arabia is ranked 65th, followed by India at 76th and Qatar at 87th. Matches will be played on a home-and-away basis in six windows.

World No. 3 Germany are the reigning champion, having won their first-ever FIBA World Cup title in 2023.

The FIBA 2027 World Cup will feature 32 nations. It will also be a qualifying event for the LA 2028 Olympics.

## Ireland announce 14-member squad for T20I and ODI series against West Indies

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The Ireland cricket team have announced 14-member squads for the upcoming ODI and T20I series at home against West Indies, which will take place later this year in June, as per the ICC official website.

Led by Paul Stirling, the two lineups feature multiple new names, including 22-year-old top-order batter Cade Carmichael and 24-year-old pacer Tom Mayes, who have received maiden call-ups in the ODI squad. Pacer Liam McCarthy has also received his maiden call-up in the T20I squad.

The hosts will be missing out on the services of experienced pacer Mark Adair during the ODI series, with the quick still recovering from an injury. Adair is expected to be available for the subsequent T20I series. "Selection decisions for these two series were challenging, given the growing depth of talent we have in Ireland," said Andrew White, Ireland's national men's team selector, as quoted by ICC.

On the newcomers in the squad, White said, "Cade Carmichael has been in the pathway for several years now. His talent, stroke play, and resilience were on full display for the Wolves in April, and his rise over the last couple of years is a real demonstration of how consistent performances - and his ability to adapt his game to conditions - have been recognised with an International call-up. In a similar vein, two seam bowlers - Liam McCarthy and Tom Mayes - have also been recognised for consistency and demonstrating the ability to step their game up a level at each time of asking."

ODI squad: Paul Stirling (c), Andrew Balbirnie, Curtis Campher, Cade Carmichael, George Dockrell, Matthew Humphreys, Josh Little, Tom Mayes, Andrew McBrine, Barry McCarthy, Liam McCarthy, Harry Tector, Lorcan Tucker, Craig Young T20I squad: Paul Stirling (c), Mark



Adair, Ross Adair, Curtis Campher, Gareth Delany, George Dockrell, Matthew Humphreys, Josh Little, Barry McCarthy, Liam McCarthy, Harry Tector, Lorcan Tucker, Ben White, Craig Young.

West Indies have already named their squads for their tour of Europe, which includes series against Ireland as well as England.

Ireland vs West Indies schedule:

1st ODI: May 21, Clontarf

2nd ODI: May 23, Clontarf

3rd ODI: May 25, Clontarf

1st T20I: June 12, Bready

2nd T20I: June 14, Bready

3rd T20I: June 15, Bready.

# Delhi Capitals announce Bangladesh pacer Mustafizur Rahman as replacement for Jake Fraser-McGurk



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Delhi Capitals (DC) on Wednesday announced the signing of Bangladesh pacer Mustafizur Rahman as a replacement for Australian opener Jake Fraser-McGurk, who will be unavailable for the remainder of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 season, according to a release from DC.

After Chennai Super Kings (CSK) all-rounder Jamie Overton, Australia's young opening batter Jake Fraser-McGurk is set to become the second overseas player to be a confirmed pullout from the remainder of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025, which is scheduled to resume on May 17.

Fraser-McGurk has informed the



Capitals of his intention not to rejoin the squad after BCCI suspended the tournament for a week last Friday due to tensions between India and Pakistan.

Mustafizur, who made his IPL debut in 2016, previously represented the Delhi Capitals during the 2022 and 2023 seasons. In 2022, he picked up eight wickets in eight matches with an economy of 7.62 and in the following season, he played two matches for Delhi Capitals.

Over the course of his IPL career, the 29-year-old has played 38 matches, claiming 38 wickets at an economy rate of 7.84.

He has played for different franchises in the league, forming a reputa-

tion of bowling effectively in all phases of an innings.

With 132 wickets in 106 T20Is for Bangladesh, Mustafizur has established himself as one of the leading left-arm pacers in the white-ball cricket. Across all T20 competitions in the domestic circuit and globally, he has taken 351 wickets in 281 matches.

Delhi Capitals are outside the play-off bracket, a point shy of fourth-placed Mumbai Indians.

They occupy the fifth spot with 13 points from 11 fixtures. Delhi will resume their campaign against Gujarat Titans on Sunday, then square off against Mumbai Indians on May 21 and finish off the group stage against Punjab Kings on May 24.