

Pakistan's nuclear weapons should be brought under IAEA watch, says Rajnath Singh

MI News Service, Srinagar: Pakistan's nuclear weapons should be brought under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) as they are not safe in the hands of such a rogue nation, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said here on Thursday.

The defence minister's comments came days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India would not tolerate "nuclear blackmail" by Pakistan and would punish cross-border terrorism strongly.

Shortly after arriving in Srinagar in his first trip to Jammu and Kashmir since Operation Sindoor, Singh said how strong India's resolve against terrorism can be gauged from the fact that it has not even paid heed to Pakistan's nuclear blackmail.

"The whole world has seen how irresponsibly Pakistan has given nuclear threats to India several times," he said during his interaction with troops in a border outpost.

"Today, from the land of Srinagar, I want to raise this question before the whole world: are nuclear weapons safe in the hands of such an irresponsible and rogue nation?" Singh asked.

"I believe that in view of its irresponsible behaviour Pakistan's nuclear weapons should be taken under the supervision of IAEA without further delay



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The Defence minister described Operation Sindoor as the "biggest" action taken by India against terrorism in its history.

"For the last 35-40 years, India has been facing terrorism being carried out from across the border. Today India has made it clear to the whole world that we can go to any extent against terrorism," he said.

By carrying out the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, an attempt was made to hurt India's forehead and to break the country's social unity."They attacked India's forehead, we have inflicted wounds on their chest," he said.

"The only way to cure Pakistan's wounds is to

stop giving shelter to anti-India and terrorist organisations, and not allow its land to be used against India," he added.

Recalling then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's visit to Pakistan 21 years ago, Singh said Pakistan had declared that terrorism will no longer be exported from their soil.

"But Pakistan betrayed India time and again and is still betraying it. Now it has to pay a heavy price for this. And if terrorism continues, this price will keep increasing," he said.

Rajnath Singh said Prime Minister Modi has clearly redefined India's policy against terrorism, which says that any terrorist attack on Indian soil will be considered "an act

of war".

"The understanding that has been formed between the two countries is that no unwarranted action will be taken across the border," he said.

"If any action is taken, then the matter will go very far. Along with this, our prime minister has also made it clear that terrorism and talks will not go together and if there will be talks, it will be on terrorism and Pakistan-Occupied-Kashmir," he said.

Singh said the success of Operation Sindoor has made it clear to the terrorist organisations hiding in Pakistan and their masters that they should not consider themselves safe and secure anywhere.

"Now they are the target of Indian forces. The world knows that our forces have an accurate aim and when they aim, they leave the task of counting to the enemies," he said.

Referring to the IMF loan to Pakistan, he said, "As for Pakistan, what can I say to you about it. That country has reached such a state due to its ignorance of begging that it can be said about it that wherever Pakistan stands, the line of beggars starts from there. You must have heard how it once again went to the IMF to ask for a loan".

"On the other hand, our country, today, falls in the category of those countries which give loans to the IMF so that the IMF can give loans to poor countries," the Defence minister said.

Hailing the defence forces, he said, "As Defence Minister, I have had the opportunity to know you all very closely. I know your courage and valour, and at the same time I know your anger towards incidents like Pahalgam. I know that after Pahalgam, there was anger inside you, there was anger inside the whole country. I know how it feels when the blood flowing in the arteries starts getting out of control". "And I am also happy that you gave

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Invoking rare power President Murmu asks SC to fix timeline on assent to bills

MI News Service, New Delhi : In a major development President Droupadi Murmu has exercised powers under Article 143(1) used in rarity to know from the Supreme Court whether timelines could be imposed by judicial orders for exercise of discretion by President while dealing with the bills passed by state assemblies.

Article 143 (1) of the Constitution deals with the power of President to consult the Supreme Court "if at any time it appears to the President that a question of law or fact has arisen, or is likely to arise, which is of such a nature and of such public importance that it is expedient to obtain the opinion of the Supreme Court upon it, he may refer the question to that Court for consideration and the Court may, after such hearing as it thinks fit, report to the President its opinion thereon".

President's decision comes in light of the April 8 verdict of the apex court passed in a matter over the powers of Governor in dealing with bills questioned by the Tamil Nadu government.

The April 8 verdict for the first time prescribed President should decide on the bills reserved for her consideration by Governor within three months from

the date on which such reference is received.

In a five-page reference, President Murmu posed 14 questions to the Supreme Court and sought to know its opinion on powers of Governor, President under Article 200 and 201 in dealing with bills passed by the state legislatures.

Article 200 deals with situations with regard to passage of bills by the state assembly and subsequent options available to the Governor on grant of assent, or withholding of assent or sending the bill to President for reconsideration.

Article 201 deals with the bills reserved for the President's consideration by Governor.

The Centre has resorted to the presidential reference instead of seeking review of the verdict, which has evoked sharp reactions in the political spectrum.

The rules prescribe for the review petitions to be heard by the same set of judges in the apex court in chambers, while Presidential references are heard and considered by a five-judge Constitution bench.

The apex court, however, may choose to refuse to answer any or all of the questions raised in the reference. Article 200, the reference underlined, which prescribes powers

of Governor to be followed while assenting to bills, withholding assent to bills and reserving a bill for President's consideration, does not stipulate any time frame upon Governor for the exercise of constitutional options.

President said similarly Article 201 which prescribes the powers of President and the procedure to be followed while assenting to bills or withholding assent therefrom does not stipulate any time frame or procedure to be followed by President for the exercise of constitutional options under Article 201 of the Constitution.

President Murmu also questioned the exercise of plenary power under Article 142 of the Constitution by the Supreme Court to make the bill re-presented to Tamil Nadu Governor, as deemed to have been passed. "Whereas the concept of a deemed assent of the President and the Governor is alien to the constitutional scheme and fundamentally circumscribes the power of the President and the Governor," the reference of May 13 said. President Murmu said the contours and scope of provisions in Article 142 of the Constitution in context of issues which are occupied by either constitutional provisions

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3 more terrorists killed in encounter in J-K's Pulwama

MI News Service, Srinagar : In yet another success after the Sopihan incident on Tuesday, three more terrorists were gunned down by the security forces during an encounter in Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, police said.

Informing this district police sources said the security forces launched a cordon and search operation in the Nader Tral area of Awantipora in the south Kashmir district after receiving specific inputs about the presence of terrorists there. Soon they realised the presence of some armed terrorists in the area and the search operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists opened fire at the forces, who retaliated, killing three unidentified terrorists on the spot.

Sources said the three terrorists belonged to the Hizbul Mujahideen terror group. But the police are yet to confirm their identities.

the Kashmir Police posted 'X'.The search operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists fired upon the forces, who retaliated, a police official said. Further details were awaited, the official added.

"On 15 May 2025, based on specific intelligence input from Int agency, a Cordon & Search Operation was launched by Indian Army, J&K Police and Srinagar Sector CRPF at Nader, Tral, Awantipora. Suspicious activity was observed by vigilant troops and on being challenged, terrorists opened heavy fire and fierce gunfight ensued. Operation is in progress," Chinar Corps of the Indian Army posted on X. The fresh encounter broke out two days

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10 militants gunned down in Manipur's Chandel in joint operation

MI News Service, Imphal : At least ten suspected militants have been killed in an ongoing operation near the Indo-Myanmar border in Manipur's Chandel district, the army said Thursday.

According to a statement issued by the Eastern Command of the Indian Army, an Assam Rifles unit under the III Corps launched an operation Wednesday night, acting on a "specific intelligence on movement of armed cadres nearby New Samtal village, Khengjoy Tehsil, Chandel district near the Indo-Myanmar border."

"During the operation, the troops were fired upon by suspected cadres to which they quickly reacted, redeployed and retaliated in a calibrated and measured manner. In the ensuing firefight, 10 cadres were neutralised and a sizeable quantity of arms and ammunition have been recovered," said the statement.

According to an official, the operation is still ongoing as of Thursday and information on the identity and affiliation of those killed and the armed cadres will follow as details emerge.Chandel is a tribal-ma-



jority hill district with predominantly Naga population.

The site of the encounter is close to the India-Myanmar international border in the hilly terrain of Chandel district, an official said, adding it is 130 km from the state capital Imphal and has scant human habitation. Kohima-based Defence PRO said "The operation is still underway on Thursday morning and more information will be shared only when it is over."

When asked about the identity of the militants involved, a central security official said,

"The troops are still conducting operations and the identity is yet to be confirmed."

The Army's Eastern Command said in a post on X on Wednesday, "Acting on specific intelligence on movement of armed cadres near the New Samtal village, Khengjoy tehsil, Chandel district, close to the Indo-Myanmar border, Assam Rifles unit under Spear Corps launched an operation on May 14." "During the operation, the troops were fired upon by suspected cadres to which they quickly reacted, redeployed and

retaliated in a calibrated and measured manner. In the ensuing firefight, 10 cadres were neutralised and a sizeable quantity of arms and ammunition were recovered," it added.

Meanwhile, the Indian Army and Assam Rifles formation under Spear Corps have launched a number of intelligence-based operations in the hill and valley districts of Kakching, Tengnoupal, Bishnupur and Kangpokpi in Manipur, between April 27 and May 14.

The operations took place in coordination with Manipur Police, CRPF, BSF, and ITBP and led to the apprehension of 17 cadres from the hill and valley-based groups and recovery of 31 weapons, 14 Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), grenades, ammunition and warlike-stores. On April 26, Assam Rifles, along with Indian Army and Manipur Police conducted a joint search in Moltingcham village of Kakching district which led to the recovery of four weapons comprising a Self-Loading Rifle (SLR), two single-barrel guns, one bolt action rifle, grenades, improvised launchers (pompi) and ammu-

nition.

On the same day, in Tengnoupal district, an area domination patrol at T Minou led to the recovery of six Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

In another operation on April 29 conducted by the Indian Army, Manipur Police and Assam Rifles in various districts led to the recovery of arms and ammunition.

In Tengnoupal, Assam Rifles carried out search along the Salvom-Molnoi axis and destroyed three bunkers and recovered eight IEDs, grenades, ammunition and war like stores.

Acting on specific intelligence regarding the presence of arms and warlike stores near Loktak Lake about 6 kms south-east of Bishnupur, the Indian Army and Manipur Police, launched a search operation in the area, leading to the recovery of two weapons comprising a 7.62 mm SLR, a 9 mm pistol, grenades and ammunition.

In another operation on the same day, the Indian Army, along with the CRPF and Manipur Police recovered a hidden cache of four weapons from dense jungle terrain in the

Phaileng area in Kangpokpi . The weapons comprised of two SLRs, one carbine, and one country-made firearm.

Additionally, a joint search by Assam Rifles and Manipur Police in Kangpokpi on April 30, led to the recovery of eight weapons comprising two SLRs, one INSAS rifle, a 12-bore SBBL, one Pt. 22 rifle, three improvised mortars (pompi), grenades and ammunition.

On May 1, an intelligence-based operation launched by Assam Rifles in general area of Maohing Kuki in Kangpokpi, resulted in the recovery of five weapons comprising one 7.62 mm SLR, one .303 Bolt Action Rifle, two 12 Bore single barrel bolt rifles, one improvised launcher (Pompi) and grenades.

In another intelligence-based search carried out in Samuchep Lok Nala, near Ningthoukhong in Bishnupur on May 4, Assam Rifles recovered eight weapons comprising two SLRs, two 9mm Pistols, one Single Barrel Rifle, two improvised mortars, grenades, ammunition and war like stores. The apprehended cadres and the recovered items have since been handed over to Manipur Police.

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Former Union Minister John Barla Joins TMC, criticises BJP

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant political development ahead of 2026 West Bengal Assembly elections, former Union Minister and BJP MP John Barla officially joined the Trinamool Congress (TMC) on Thursday. His induction into the party took place in presence of TMC All India President Subrata Bakshi and senior minister Aroop Biswas.

Announcing Barla's inclusion, Bakshi stated that Barla had become disillusioned with the BJP and was impressed by Chief Minister Ma-

mata Banerjee's pro-people governance. "He expressed his wish to join the TMC, and Mamata Banerjee approved his application," Bakshi said. John Barla, a prominent tribal leader from North Bengal, had been a key figure in the BJP after being elected to the Lok Sabha in 2019 from Alipurduar constituency. He also served as Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs. However, his stature within the party changed dramatically after the BJP chose Manoj Tigga over him as its candi-

date in Alipurduar for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, fuelling speculation about a possible switch. Barla's participation in a government event attended by Mamata Banerjee in North Bengal a few months ago had sparked rumours of his defection, which have now been confirmed with his formal induction into the TMC. Subrata Bakshi mentioned that Barla's inclusion would strengthen the party's reach among tea

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Call for boycott of trade, tourism with Turkey

MI News Service, Thiruvananthapuram : Coming down heavily on Turkey for its role to extend unconditional support to Pakistan and its war machinery during the recent hostilities between the two nuclear neighbours and supply them with drones and other equipment, Kerala BJP president Rajeev Chandra Shekar has called for a "total boycott of all trade, tourism and other relations with Turkey".

"After realising the true nature of its top leadership, Indians must understand that their hard-earned money should not be spent on those helping enemies of the country and do not do any sort of business

with them", said Chandrasekhar. Referring to India's massive assistance to Turkey in the aftermath of the country's devastating earthquake in 2023 with men, materials and money to help its earthquake hit people, he said it was very surprising Turkeyand unfortunate how they have they forgotten such assistance at the time of their greatest need and instead helped Pakistan with the supply of huge quantity of military hardwares to attack Indian military and civil establishments Incidentally India launched

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Narayana’s Supremacy Continues in CBSE Exams



MI News Service, Kolkata: Narayana Schools once again upholds its legacy of academic excellence with remarkable results in the CBSE 2025 examinations. In Class 10, Spandana AM, Parth Bansal and Trisha Ghosh achieved an exceptional 498 out of 500, while Vakhin S and Reyansh Devnani made the institution proud in Class 12 by secur-

ing an outstanding 495 out of 500. Demonstrating Narayana’s consistent commitment to academic success, 17 students scored above 495 marks in Class 10, with 111 students securing above 490 and the overall pass percentage stood at an impressive 99.6. In Class 12, 17 students crossed the 490 mark, these results stand

as a testament to Narayana’s dedication to nurturing excellence and empowering students to achieve their academic dreams. The Narayana Schools, West Bengal proudly announce exceptional academic results for the recent Class X and Class XII examinations in West Bengal, showcasing our commitment to educa-

tional excellence and student success. We are thrilled to highlight Tisha Ghosh from the Kalyani Town branch, who has achieved a remarkable 99.6% in her class X CBSE exam, securing her position as the STATE TOPPER. Her dedication and hard work exemplify the spirit of Narayana Schools.

Our Class XII results are equally impressive, with notable performers across various streams:

- Humanities Topper: Atiriya Chowdhury with 98.2%
- Science Topper: Belal Khursheed Ahmad with 96.6%
- Commerce Topper: Swaraj Poddar with 95.6%

In addition, we celebrate the achievements of our students:

- Class XII: 18 students scoring above 95% and 120

students above 90%

- Class X: 49 students scoring above 95% and 197 students above 90%

These results not only highlight the individual excellence of our students but also underscore the robust academic framework and quality education provided by Narayana Schools across West Bengal. Our consistent performance in the CBSE board exams reflects our dedication to nurturing well-rounded, high-achieving students.

Looking ahead, we are excited to extend our success into the upcoming academic year, aiming for similar accomplishments in the CISCE and WBBSE examinations. Narayana Schools remain committed to our mission of educational excellence and the holistic development of our students.

Bangladeshi cleric’s “India Split” threat sparks controversy, local backlash

MI News Service, Murshidabad: In Murshidabad, another individual Asamat Sheikh has been arrested for sharing inflammatory content on Facebook. He allegedly reposted a video of a Bangladeshi religious leader predicting India’s disintegration, sparking outrage online and promoting swift police action. This incident follows a similar arrest in East Burdwan, highlighting a concerning trend of anti-national posts being circulated on social media despite previous arrests.

Police in Baharampur have apprehended Asmat Sheikh, 29, a resident of the Rangamati Chandpara area, for allegedly sharing seditious content on Facebook. According to law enforcement sources, Asamat Sheikh reposted a statement by a Bangladeshi religious leader that proclaimed, "India will be torn to pieces." The post triggered significant concern and drew the attention of the authorities. Upon becoming aware of the inflammatory content circulating on social media, the police promptly initiated an investigation, leading to Asamat Sheikh’s arrest. The offensive post has since been removed. Officials have indicated that legal proceedings will be pursued against the accused. This incident bears a resemblance to a recent arrest in Kalna, East Burdwan, where Rabiul Khan was taken into custody on Wednesday for sharing an anti-national Facebook post. Khan’s post allegedly stated, "Pakistan will never be erased from the world map, Hindutva will be erased from Hindustan," resulting in a case being registered against him under multiple sections related to sedition and anti-national activities. He was subsequently produced before the Katwa Subdistrict Court. These successive incidents underscore a worrying trend of individuals disseminating harmful content online, despite facing legal repercussions. Authorities are likely to be concerned by the apparent lack of deterrence these arrests have had on a segment of the population residing and working in India.



Teachers and non teaching staff who lost their permanent jobs after the Supreme Court verdict took part in a protest and agitated their ‘March to Bikash Bhawan’, demanding to restore their permanent jobs at Salt Lake in Kolkata.

Ranaghat Police District Honours Academic Achievers from Police Families

MI News Service, Ranaghat : In a proud and heartwarming gesture, the Ranaghat Police District celebrated the academic success of 53 students from police families who recently cleared their Secondary and Higher Secondary Examinations. The felicitation ceremony was held at the Police Office in Kalyani, where families, officers, and well-wishers gathered to applaud the hard work and determination of these young achievers. The event aimed to recognize and encourage the children of police personnel, whose dedication to academics has brought pride not only



to their families but also to the entire police fraternity. Speaking on the occasion, senior officials expressed their joy and pride in the students’ accomplishments and highlighted the importance of education as a foundation for future success. The commitment shown by these students, despite the unique chal-

lenges faced by police families, is truly inspiring,” said a senior officer during the celebration. “We hope this recognition motivates them to continue striving for excellence.” The gathering was filled with emotion and joy as proud parents and family members took part in the celebrations. Students were presented with tokens of appreciation and best wishes for their future academic and professional journeys. The Ranaghat Police District extended heartfelt congratulations to all the successful students, encouraging them to continue excelling and making their families and community proud.

Brother beats grandfather, nephew hacks uncle in rage

MI News Service, Katwa : A TMC activist was hacked to death in Katwa’s Mangalkot area over a long-standing family feud. The victim, Jairul Mallick had allegedly assaulted his grandfather Asadul Mallick days earlier during a property dispute. In a shocking turn, Jairul’s nephew, Anna Mallick allegedly attacked him with a halberd on Thursday. Leading to his death. The incident has sparked widespread outrage, with locals demanding strict punishment. Anna is currently absconding.

A shocking murder in the Mangalkot area of Katwa has sent ripples through the local community, as a long-standing family dispute over property ended in bloodshed. Jairul Mallick, a Trinamool Congress (TMC) activist and resident of Aogram, was brutally attacked and killed on Thursday afternoon, allegedly by his own

nephew, Anna Mallick. According to local and family sources, the root of the conflict lay in a property dispute between Jairul and his grandfather, Asadul Mallick. Tensions had been simmering for quite some time, and matters reportedly escalated when, three to four days prior to the incident, Jairul allegedly assaulted his grandfather. Asadul Mallick sustained injuries and is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital. The situation took a fatal turn on Thursday when, in what appears to be an act of revenge, Anna Mallick—Asadul’s son—allegedly arrived with a group of men and launched a violent assault on Jairul. Armed with a halberd and other weapons, they reportedly beat Jairul in multiple parts of his body, leaving him critically injured. He was rushed to a nearby hospital but succumbed to his injuries shortly after arrival.

rival. Jairul Mallick was known locally as an active TMC worker, and his murder has triggered outrage among residents. The incident has sparked a political and social uproar in the region, with locals demanding swift justice and the immediate arrest of the culprits. As of now, Anna Mallick remains absconding, and police have launched a manhunt to trace him and others involved in the attack. Local authorities have increased security in the area to prevent any further escalation, and an investigation is underway to determine the exact circumstances and premeditation behind the murder. Political leaders are yet to issue official statements, but the incident is likely to add fuel to the ongoing discourse on law and order in the region. Further developments are awaited as police continue their probe into the gruesome murder.

Arjun Singh urges returns of “Fame changer” voters ahead of assembly polls

MI News Service, Barrackpore: BJP leader Arjun Singh has called upon Union Minister of State Satish Chandra Dubey to facilitate the return of Bengali voters working in Bihar, urging them to vote for the BJP in the upcoming West Bengal assembly election. Arjun Singh believes these voters are “game changers” and crucial for the party’s victory. The appeal comes amidst border BJP efforts to consolidate its voter base, including a focus on non-Bengali and Hindu votes, as highlighted by other party leaders. BJP leader and former Member of

Parliament, Arjun Singh, has made a direct appeal to Union Minister of State, Satish Chandra Dubey, to facilitate the return of Bengali voters currently residing in Bihar to West Bengal, in anticipation of the upcoming state assembly elections. Arjun Singh asserted that these voters constitute a “game changer” and are crucial for the BJP’s electoral success. Speaking at a party event, Arjun Singh outlined a strategy to bolster the BJP’s prospects in both Bihar and West Bengal. He proposed that Bengali workers in Bihar be encouraged to return to their

native state to cast their votes, while Bihar voters residing in West Bengal should travel to Bihar for the same purpose. He expressed confidence that this mobilization effort would significantly enhance the BJP’s chances of victory in both regions. This appeal follows earlier remarks by opposition leader Suwendu Adhikari, who had emphasized the importance of non-Bengali and Hindu votes. Arjun Singh’s recent statement reflects a broader BJP strategy to consolidate its voter base across diverse demographics.

BENGAL

Trinamool MLA Tapas Saha Passes Away; By-Election Likely in Tehatta

MI News Service, Nadia: Tapas Saha, the Trinamool Congress MLA from Tehatta constituency in Nadia district, passed away on Thursday morning at the age of 66. He had suffered a brain hemorrhage on Tuesday and was admitted to a private hospital near the EM Bypass in Kolkata. He breathed his last at 8.15 am. on Thursday morning. Rukbanur Rahman, Trinamool MLA from Chapra in Nadia, stated, “Several party leaders from the district rushed to Kolkata. Subsequently while the body reached at his home at Tehatta on Thursday afternoon, the final rites will be done at Palashipara on Thursday night.” Rukbanoor Rahaman, Mahua Maitra, Tarunomir Mir and many other TMC leaders reached his home. Party sources said Tapas Saha was a close confidant of Mamata Banerjee since the inception of the Trinamool Congress. In 2011, he had sought a ticket from Tehatta but was denied the party’s nomination, which instead went to Gourishankar Dutta. In protest, Saha contested as an independent candidate. The resulting split in votes led to a Left Front victory in the constituency, despite the broader wave of change across Bengal. He was suspended from the party for contesting against the official nominee, but was later reinstated. Over time, Saha regained prominence in the party and played an active role in organizational activities. In 2016, he won from the Palashipara constituency as a Trinamool candidate. In 2021, he was



fielded from Tehatta and secured victory, thus becoming a two-time MLA from two different constituencies in Nadia. His career, however, was not without controversy. Last year, his name surfaced during investigations into the Bengal recruitment scam. He was accused of collecting several crores of rupees in the name of offering jobs. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) reportedly recorded his voice as part of their probe. Tehatta falls under the Krishnanagar Lok Sabha constituency. Earlier this year, on February 2, Nasiruddin Ahmed, Trinamool MLA from the adjoining Kaliganj assembly segment within the same parliamentary area, also passed away. With both seats now vacant, political observers believe that by-elections in Tehatta and Kaliganj are inevitable. However, meanwhile the district administration has remained active for Kaliganj by election.

Historic step taken by the High Court Mediation Committee to reduce the mountain like cases

NURUL ISLAM KHAN

Wednesday evening, certificates were given to the mediation trainees under the leadership of Chief Justice T. S. Shivagnanam at the Calcutta High Court auditorium. This important meeting was attended by Patron Justice Soumen Sen, President Justice Arijit Banerjee, Justice Madhuresh Prasad, Justice Shuvra Ghosh and other judges of the Mediation Committee of the Calcutta High Court. The certificates were given to ‘Advocate Mediators’ and ‘Non-Advocate Mediators’ under the chairmanship of Sudip Banerjee, Member Secretary of this committee. Legal correspondent and General Secretary of Kumud Sahitya Mela Committee, Molla Jasimuddin and other mediators as ‘Non-Advocate Mediators’ received certificates from the Chief Justice and other judges on this day. Deputy Registrar (Legal) of the Original Side of the Calcutta High Court and Officer-in-Charge of the Mediation Committee Dr. Subhasish Muhuri said -



“To reduce the mountain like backlog of cases, the Mediation and Conciliation Committee of the Calcutta High Court has appointed mediators in various courts of the state including the Calcutta High Court.” “There is a huge cost burden to get justice. For that, the National Lok Adalat is being held as per the orders of the Supreme Court. Similarly, under the direction of the Supreme Court, the work is being done continuously to resolve cases quickly. The mediators appointed by the Mediation and Conciliation Committee of the

Calcutta High Court are resolving many cases from commercial to matrimonial cases. In addition to the Calcutta High Court, mediation sessions are held at 72 ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution Centers) of the lower courts. The mediators conduct hearings with both parties. The final report of these cases is issued within a period of two months. The office staff of the Mediation Committee, Mohammad Naushad, Akbar Ali, Moushumi Mandal, etc., play an important role in hosting the guests at the meeting



On Thursday, a meeting was organized by the Birbhum District Committee. The General Secretary of the West Bengal Police Association, Bijitawsa Raut, was present at the meeting. Detailed discussions were held on the upcoming “Return to the Past” program, the district conference, various challenges faced by the district forces, and several other pertinent issues. On behalf of the Birbhum District Welfare Committee, heartfelt thanks were extended to Bijitawsa Babu for his presence and support. Pic: Nurul Islam Khan

Rafale related post sparks stir, police arrested accused

MI News Service, Hooghly: A youth named Mohammad Wakil from Bansheria Kalbazar in Hooghly was arrested for allegedly posting anti-national comments about Rafale on social media. The arrest followed a complaint by BJP worker Debjit Mukherjee at Magra police station. Amid heightened Indo-Pak tension, this marks the third arrest in the district within five days for similar offenses. Wakil was produced before the Chunchura court, as authorities continue to crack down on provocative online content. In a growing crackdown on inflammatory social media activity during heightened Indo-Pak tensions, a youth from Hooghly has been arrested for allegedly posting anti-national content online. Mohammad Wakil, a resident of Bansheria Kalbazar in the Magra area, was taken into custody

on Wednesday after reportedly making negative remarks about the Rafale fighter jet on his social media page. The arrest came following a formal complaint lodged by BJP worker Debjit Mukherjee at the Magra police station. Acting on the complaint, police arrested Wakil and subsequently produced him before the Chuchura court. This incident follows two recent arrests in the district—one each in Balagarh and Pandua—where individuals were also accused of posting anti-India content on social media platforms. All three cases have drawn attention amid a tense atmosphere between India and Pakistan, during which the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting had issued advisories urging citizens to refrain from spreading misinformation or posting statements deemed anti-national.

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the right direction to your anger and with great courage and wisdom, you avenged Pahalgalam," he added.
India carried out precision strikes on terror infrastructure early on May 7 following which Pakistan attempted to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9 and 10.
The Pakistani actions were strongly responded to by the Indian side. The Indian military targeted eight Pakistani air bases with missiles and other long-range weapons on May 10 in retaliation for Pakistan's attempts to strike 26 military facilities.
The hostilities ended with an understanding on stopping the military actions following talks between the Director Generals of Military Operations of both sides on the afternoon of May 10.
Earlier in the morning ,in his first visit after Operation Sindoor, Defence

Minister Rajnath Singh arrived here on Thursday to further review the overall security scenario and the combat readiness of the armed forces in Jammu and Kashmir.
The Defence minister in his maiden tript is his first trip to the union territory since the April 22 Pahalgalam terror attack and the subsequent hostilities between India and Pakistan through Operation Sindoor will also visit different areas of the Kashmir valet which were affected by the enemy shelling causing some damage to the civilian population and their properties. He is also expected to hold meetings with Chief minister Omar Abdullah and several army and civil officials to review the prevailing situation in the border areas.
Singh will also review the combat readiness of the armed forces in Jammu and Kashmir during his stay, officials said.

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or statutory provisions also require an opinion of the Supreme Court of India. "It appears to me that the following questions of the law have arisen and are of such nature and of such public importance that it is expedient to obtain the opinion of the Supreme Court of India thereon," President Murmu said while posing 14 questions to the apex court for its opinion. The verdict has set a timeline for all Governors to act on the bills passed by the state assemblies and ruled that Governor does not possess any discretion in exercise of functions under Article 200 of the Constitution in respect to any bill presented to them and must mandatorily abide by the advice tendered by the council of ministers.
It had said that state governments can directly approach the Supreme Court if President withholds assent on a bill sent by a Governor for consideration. A bench of Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan which passed the verdict said reserving a bill on grounds such as "personal dissatisfaction of Governor, political expediency or any other extraneous or irrelevant considerations" was strictly impermissible by the Constitution and would be liable to be set-aside forthwith on that ground alone.

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after three Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorists were killed in an encounter in Shopian, South Kashmir, on Tuesday. The confirmation of the identification of two out of three LeT-affiliated terrorists has been made.
The three terrorists were killed in the Shukroo forest area of Keller in the Shopian district. A massive cache of arms and ammunition was also recovered by the Indian Army during the 'Operation Keller'.
A video shows several rifles, grenades, and ammunition, along with backpacks and wallets belonging to the slain terrorists, being recovered.
Operation Keller is the Indian Army's yet another military action against terrorists which comes amid the country's successful and ongoing Operation Sindoor.
While Operation Sindoor was launched by Indian forces on May 7 to target terrorism backed by Pakistan, Operation Keller was launched on May 13 by the Indian Army after receiving intelligence about the presence of terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district. Under Operation

Keller, three "hardcore terrorists" were gunned down during a heavy exchange of fire in the Keller area of Shopian.
The operation was launched based on the specific intelligence of a Rashtriya Rifles Unit about the presence of terrorists in the general area of Shokal Keller and is currently underway, the Indian Army said.
In what came as a big blow to terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir, a top LeT commander, Shahid Kuttay, was among the three terrorists killed in Operation Keller.
According to a senior police official, all three terrorists killed were affiliated with Lashkar-e-Taiba, out of whom, he identified two as Shahid Kuttay and Adnan Shafi, the report added. However, the identity of the third terrorist is not yet known.
Kuttay had joined the terror ranks in 2023 and was a category "A" terrorist and a top commander of LeT, said the official.
After the April 22 terror attack in Kashmir's Pahalgalam in which 26 people, mostly tourists, were killed, Kuttay's residence was razed by the authorities just days later on April 26.

Former Union Minister...

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garden workers and tribals in the region. "He will contribute both at the state level and within the tea garden community," said Bakshi.
Reacting to the development, BJP MLA Shankar Ghosh remarked, "He had been trying for a long time. The party gave him ample opportunities. Only he can explain why he switched sides."
Speaking to the press, Barla accused BJP leaders, particularly Suvendu Adhikari, of obstructing his developmental initiatives. "I wanted to build a Rs 160-crore hospital on railway land and had secured full funding. But opposition leaders blocked the project," he said. He also

thanked Mamata Banerjee for allotting land to tea workers and highlighted the lack of development in tea estates even in Assam, which has a BJP government.
"Didi includes everyone. I will raise the issues of tea workers soon," Barla concluded.
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well known that the Sangh brigade opposed the Mandal Commission measures of OBC empowerment as fiercely as it had opposed the Constitution of India at the time of its adoption. It is another thing that now in power, it swears allegiance to the Constitution even as it wages a relentless war of subversion of all constitutional values, principles and objectives; and with the rise of Modi it has been busy projecting the BJP as the biggest champion of OBC assertion. Now, the latest caste census U-turn signals the Sangh-BJP's desperation to hijack the popular call for comprehensive social justice even as the Sangh brigade is busy trying to stymie the biopic on Savitribai and Jyotirao Phule, the

TMC announces march to honour Indian Army and Air Force

MI News Service, Kolkata: After the Indian Army and Air Force successfully executed a counteroffensive on Pakistani drone bases and inflicted damage on several military installations, the political landscape in Bengal witnessed swift reactions. The Trinamool Congress (TMC) has planned an initiative — a tribute march to honour the armed forces, aiming to rise above political lines.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced that marches will be held on Saturday and Sunday across West Bengal from 3 PM to 5 PM, where all party workers have been urged to participate. Emphasizing that the programme is "above politics," Mamata stated the sole purpose is to honour the valour and sacrifice of the Indian Army, not to gain political mileage. This positioning is significant. The

BJP's programme — led by state president SukantaMajumdar and Leader of Opposition SuvenduAdhikari — is set to begin from May 16 in Kolkata. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Banerjee also expressed joy over the return of BSF jawanPurnamSau. "His family is happy, we are happy, and the country is happy," she said, reinforcing TMC's message of national solidarity beyond party boundaries.



The West Bengal Madrasa Students' Union holds a protest march demanding the repeal of the Waqf Amendment bill. The rally starts from Aliah University Taltala Campus and concludes at Dharamtala in Kolkata on Thursday.

Gold shop duped of Rs 56k through fake app transaction

MI News Service, Kolkata: A well-dressed woman allegedly duped a prominent gold shop in South Kolkata of Rs 56,000 by using a fake payment app, raising fresh concerns over digital transaction frauds in the city. The incident reportedly took place at a jewellery showroom inside a mall on Lee Road in the Bhawanipur area late last month. According to the complaint filed with Bhawanipur Police Station, the woman had entered the store posing as a potential buyer and expressed interest in purchasing gold jewellery. The shop attendants, assuming her to be a genuine customer due to her refined appearance and confident behaviour, welcomed her warmly and assisted her in selecting an item. The woman reportedly took her time inspecting various gold chains and inquired in detail about their specifications. Eventually, she selected one chain priced at Rs 55,807. Upon confirming her choice, she informed the staff that she

would be making the payment online. The shop workers agreed and provided her with the bank account details for the transfer. At the payment counter, the woman showed the staff a transaction confirmation screen on her mobile phone, which indicated that the amount had been successfully transferred to the store's bank account. Believing the transaction to be genuine, the employees allowed her to leave with the gold chain without verifying the actual credit of the funds in their bank account. The fraud came to light days later when the shop officials noticed that the amount never reached their account. Despite waiting for almost two weeks, no money was credited. Suspecting foul play, the shop authorities reviewed the invoice records and found that the woman had provided a residential address on Raja Basanta Roy Road near RabindraSarobar. However, the authenticity of the address is now under scrutiny.



State Minister for Library and Information Services Siddiqullah Chowdhury addressed the 25th Representatives' Meeting of West Bengal Rabeta-e-Madaris-e-Islamia Arabia in the presence of other dignitaries at Mahajati Sadan in Kolkata on Thursday.

Lansdowne market renovation to begin this month

MI News Service, Kolkata: After two decades of delay and legal hurdles, the long-awaited renovation work of Lansdowne Market in South Kolkata is finally set to begin this month. The project had been stalled due to lawsuits filed by nine traders and prolonged disputes that affected more than 300 shopkeepers, leaving both the developer and Kolkata Municipal Corporation at a loss. The old Lansdowne Market is being demolished to make way for a new nine-story building. The ground floor will house the market and parking lot, while the upper floors will be leased or sold by the developer. The traders will be allocated specific spots as part of this arrangement. The renovation process initially started 20 years ago but came to a halt due to persistent demands and opposition from some traders, creating a divide between those supporting development and those resisting it.
In the first phase, around 150 traders were temporarily relocated, and preliminary renovation work was completed. However, further progress was obstructed by nine traders who filed court cases and raised multiple demands, causing prolonged delays and financial losses to both

developers and the municipal body.
Following instructions from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee to resolve the issues, a meeting was held at the Kolkata Municipal Corporation on Tuesday. While the concerns of four traders were addressed, five others remained firm on their demands. To break the deadlock, three Mayors-in-Council – Baishanwar-Chattopadhyay (Law Department), SandiparanjanBakshi (Lighting Department and local councillor), and Amiruddin Bobby (Market Department) – visited Lansdowne Market on Wednesday. They held discussions with the traders facing space-related issues and arranged alternative locations. Several measures were also taken to accommodate the traders' demands. Following this intervention, the deadlock was resolved. Amiruddin Bobby, Market Department Mayor-in-Council, stated, "Following the Chief Minister's directive, we have resolved the issues. Traders who were obstructing have handed over their shop keys. Arrangements have been made for their shops on the ground floor. The full renovation work of Lansdowne Market will commence with contracts on the 21st of this month."

Now apply for vehicle permits entirely online in West Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major move to enhance transparency and curb corruption, the West Bengal Transport Department has announced that vehicle permit applications will now be accepted only through online mode. Applicants seeking new permits for commercial vehicles like stage carriages and auto-rickshaws will no longer need to visit RTO offices, as the entire process is shifting to the 'Vahan' software platform.
A notification issued by the Transport Department states that from now on, permit issuance, renewal, and related services will all be handled digitally. The initiative aims to eliminate middlemen and reduce illegal transactions, which have long plagued the permit acquisition system.

Previously, commercial vehicle owners complained of having to pay lakhs in bribes to secure route permits. With this digital initiative, authorities aim to ensure a streamlined, fair, and transparent system. All vehicle permits must now be uploaded to the 'Vahan' portal.
For permits not yet digitised, vehicle owners must submit original and photocopies of permit documents during tax payment or related transactions. These will be verified and uploaded to the system within 96 hours.
Applications for new stage carriage and auto-rickshaw permits will be accepted online only, beginning on the seventh day after the department or district website issues vacancy notifications. This ensures equal opportunity for all applicants. If selected, permit offer letters will remain valid for up to 180 days, subject to timely payment of the monthly fee. Once the validity expires, the offer will no longer be applicable, and a fresh application will be required.
Permits that remain unused for six months beyond their expiry may be cancelled after a hearing. The department believes this step will promote fair use of permits and maintain discipline in the transport sector.

Guv discharged from hosp after cardiac treatment

BWest Bengal Governor Dr. CV Ananda Bose was discharged from a private hospital in Kolkata on Thursday, following a 24-day stay for cardiac-related issues. Doctors confirmed that the Governor has made a full recovery, though he has been advised to reduce his workload temporarily.
According to the official medical bulletin released by Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals, Dr. Bose was admitted on April 22, 2025, after he experienced pain in his left shoulder and discomfort in the chest, symptoms that emerged following a strenuous official visit. Initial tests indicated mild coronary artery disease, prompting doctors to undertake a necessary medical intervention.

"The Governor has responded well to treatment. His oxygen saturation is now at 100%, and both his blood pressure and blood glucose levels are within normal ranges. However, he has been advised to slow down his pace of work until his next re-assessment," the bulletin stated.
Dr. Bose had originally fallen ill on April 20, and was initially taken to a military hospital in Alipore. He was then shifted to the private hospital on April 22 for further tests and treatment. Sources confirmed that the Governor had been feeling unwell due to overwork, and had complained of pain in his left shoulder during a field visit. Later assessments revealed minor blockages in his coronary arteries.
During his hospital stay, he underwent monitoring and treatment under a team of senior cardiologists. Medical authorities closely observed his condition, which gradually improved with time. The 24-day hospital stay concluded successfully on May 15, when he was released and returned to Raj Bhavan in the afternoon.
A spokesperson from Raj Bhavan also issued a statement confirming the Governor's discharge and his stable health condition. "The Governor, Dr. CV Ananda Bose, has returned to Raj Bhavan today. He is completely healthy and recovering well. He will continue to carry out his responsibilities, though with limited workload as per medical advice," the statement read.
The news of the Governor's recovery has brought relief to the political and administrative circles of West Bengal. Political leaders across party lines extended their wishes for his speedy recovery and well-being.
Dr. CV Ananda Bose, known for his active administrative role and field visits across the state, is expected to resume a light schedule until his next medical review.

Call for boycott of trade, tourism.

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'Operation Dost' in Turkey in 2023 to help the victims of massive earthquake which had killed over 30,000 people in Turkey's eastern region. Chandrasekhar, also a former Union minister during the previous Modi government, said, however, at a time when the whole world is getting united in the fight against terrorism, Turkey's open support for a nation that sponsors terror, especially against a country that has helped them, "is deeply unacceptable" and must be resisted.
"The boycott of Turkey is organic and spontaneous, and I'm completely in support of it," he said in his Facebook post with the hashtags -- #BoycottTurkey #saynototurkey.
In another Facebook post, with the hashtags #BoycottTurkey #SayNoToTurkey #ZeroToleranceToTerrorism #NewIndia, Chandrasekhar said that Indians should choose to spend, invest in, and welcome investments from countries that share a "civilizational outlook, nations that stand for peaceful coexistence, saying no to terrorism, and saying no to war".
He further said that India was the fourth-largest economy in the world with significant outbound and inbound investments and therefore, "nobody needs to tell us we're welcome".
Also urging the Government of India to suspend all trade relations with Turkey, amounting to only about USD 2.5 billion annually, Chandrasekhar said country like India can jolly well ignore easily go without an insignificant country like Turkey, but it would not be that easy for that country because of the size of India's current contribution in global trade and the geo-politics under the present dispensation.

Stylists trained on bold new hair trends
MI News Service, Kolkata: Godrej Professional hosted a major event in Kolkata, training over 200 hairstylists on its new Surreal Collection and Strait Smooth technique. Actress Rukmini Maitra walked the ramp, showcasing one of the signature looks. This initiative aims to empower stylists through advanced training. Inspired by nature, the Surreal Collection offers vibrant shades, while Strait Smooth transforms frizzy hair into sleek, hydrated locks.

Cyber fraud accused arrested in Kolkata by Bengaluru police

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major operation against cybercrime, Bengaluru City Police arrested four cyber fraud suspects from the Anandapur area of Kolkata on Tuesday. The accused were allegedly involved in multiple scams, including credit card fraud and extorting victims through digital arrest threats. However, despite their arrest, the police could not secure transit remand due to procedural lapses in the arrest process.
The four arrested individuals have been identified as Ranjit R.S., Joel JibrajKarkara, Akarn R. Nathan, and Ashish Rabindra Nathan. According to police sources, the quartet had previously been arrested by Bengaluru Police in connection with similar cybercrime charges.

Name Change
I, Rakhi Mukherjee D/O Gopendra Kumar Banerjee, residing at 114, B.B. Ghosh Road, Tetultalla Bardhaman, 713101, W.B. India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rakhi Banerjee as declared before the Executive Magistrate at Sadar, Bardhaman on 02/05/2025. Rakhi Banerjee and Rakhi Mukherjee both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, No. 14921096N Rank EX SEP Name Md. Ali Hossain resident of Vill.-Dastanagar, P.O.-Sadipur Berugram, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman (WB), Pin-713129 have change my Son's Name & Date of birth from Mohammad Dilshan Hossain & 17.08.11 to Md. Dilshan Hossain & 17.04.2011 vide Affidavit dated 08.05.25 before the Court of the Sub Div. Executive Magistrate (1st Class) Katwa, Purba Bardhaman.

Name Change
I, Akriti Singh D/o Rajesh Kumar Singh, residing at Ramkrishna Apartment, Flat-2, Vivekananda Road, Sonali Park Autostand, 640, Niranjani Pally, Block-B, P.S.-Bansdroni, Kolkata-700070, WB, declare that my name has been recorded wrongly as Lucky Singh D/o Rajesh Kumar Singh in my Aadhaar Card in place of my correct name Akriti Singh D/o Rajesh Kumar Singh. That Akriti Singh D/o Rajesh Kumar Singh and Lucky Singh D/o Rajesh Kumar Singh both are same and one identical person vide Affidavit No.26564 dated 30.04.25 before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore.

Change of Name
I, Praveen Agarwal S/o Late Devi Prasad Agarwal Residing at Jiva Homes, Tower-2, Flat No. 2-8D, 8th Floor, 6 Pagladanga Road, Near Rcc Institute, Po&Ps - Tangra, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700015 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Praveen Kumar Agarwal. I declare that Praveen Agarwal and Praveen Kumar Agarwal is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 15-05-2025.

Change of Name
I, Gulzar Salim Shaikh S/o Shaikh Gulzar Residing at Hutton Road Amar Saria Enclave Asansol, Ps - Asansol (South), District-Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713301 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Shaikh Gulzar. I declare that Gulzar Salim Shaikh and Shaikh Gulzar is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 15-05-2025.

Change of Name
I, Ganesh Ch Bhattacharya S/o Shaktidhar Bhattacharya Residing at K.S Road Dipu Para Keddia Barrack Palash Bagan Asansol, Ps-Asansol(North), District-Paschim Bardhaman, Pin - 713301 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Ganesh Bhattacharya. I declare that Ganesh Ch Bhattacharya and Ganesh Bhattacharya is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 15-05-2025.

Change of Name
I, Abdul Rahaman Purkait S/o Alembari Purkait Residing at Baishata, P.o - Baishata, Jaynagar-II, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin-743338 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Abdur Rahman Purkait. I declare that Abdul Rahaman Purkait and Abdur Rahman Purkait is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 15-05-2025.

Change of Name
I, Ashok Kumar Jain (Old Name) S/o Manik Chand Jain Residing at 7, Bysack Street, Barabazar H.O, District- Kolkata, Pin - 700007 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ashok Jain (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 006/2025 Dated 15-05-2025. Ashok Kumar Jain (Old Name) and Ashok Jain (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Subham Bubna (Old Name) S/O Madhu Sudan Bubna,Residing At 331, Lake Town, Block-A, Ps-Lake Town, Dist-24 Parganas (North), Pin-700089, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shubham Bubna(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/05/2025.Subham Bubna(Old Name) And Shubham Bubna (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Rajesh Kumar Mistry (Old Name) S/O Late Nimai Mistri @ Nemai Mistry,Residing At Vill & Po-Jagannath Nagar, Ps-Maheshatala, Pin-700140, Dist-24 Parganas South, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rajesh Mistry (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/05/2025. Rajesh Kumar Mistry (Old Name) And Rajesh Mistry (New Name),Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ananta Shit (Old Name) S/O Apurba Kumar Shet Alias Apurba Kumar Shit, Residing At Patpur, Aradanga Bankura, Ps-Bankura, Dist-Bankura, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ananta Shet (New Name) As Declared Before The Ld.1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Bankura On 17/03/2025.Ananta Shit (Old Name) And Ananta Shet (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mallick Rukshi Khatun Nazrul (old name), daughter of Nazrul Islam Mallick residing at Paschchim Kumirmora, P.O.-Kumirmora, P.S.-Chanditala, Hooghly, Pin-712704, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and she shall henceforth bekknown asMallick Rukshi Khatun (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 10/05/2025. Mallick Rukshi Khatun (New Name) and Mallick Rukshi Khatun Nazrul (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Kishore Kr Haldar & Kishore Kumar Halder (old names) S/O Sahadev Halder, residing at Nayapara, Tarakeswar, Hooghly, Pin- 712410, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kishore Halder (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 14/05/2025. Kishore Halder (new name) and Kishore Kr Haldar & Kishore Kumar Halder (old names) all are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Nazrul Islam Mallick on behalf of my minor daughter Mallick Rimsha Nazrul (old name), residing at Paschchim Kumirmora, PO.-Kumirmora, P.S.-Chanditala,Hooghly,Pin-712704,West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my daughter name and she shall henceforth be known as Rimsha Mallick (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 10/05/2025. Rimsha Mallick (New Name) and Mallick Rimsha Nazrul (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Syed Ajamad Ali (Old Name), Son Of Shamsuzoha, Residing At 12/1A Blochmann Street, Kolkata-700013, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Syed Ahmed Ali(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 07/05/2025. That Syed Ajamad Ali And Syed Ahmed Ali Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Bharti Chhabil Das Kamdar And Bharati Kamdar (Old Name),Wife Of Chhabil Kamdar, Residing At 13, Priya Nath Mallick Road,Vrindaban Apartment, Kolkata-700026, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Bharti Chhabil Kamdar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025. That Bharti Chhabil Das Kamdar And Bharati Kamdar Also Bharti Chhabil Kamdar All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,C H Kamdar (Old Name),Son Of Himatal Kamdar, Residing At 13, Priya Nath Mallick Road,Vrindaban Apartment, Kolkata-700026, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Chhabil Kamdar(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/05/2025. That C H Kamdar And Chhabil Kamdar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Pampi Chourasia (Old Name), Daughter Of Sanat Kumar Mullick, Residing At 179, 5th Floor, Flat- 5E, Gopal Lal Tagore Road, Saraswati Apartment, ISI P.o., Kolkata -700108,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Pampi Mullick (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/05/2025. That Pampi Chourasia And Pampi Mullick Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sekh Ali Box (Old Name),Son Of Late Sk Abdul Rejjak, Residing At Banbarasati, Marhtala, Ps-Debra, Paschim Medinipur-721156, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Ali Box (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/05/2025. That Sekh Ali Box And Sk Ali Box Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Nasiruddin Gazi (Old Name), Son Of Late Sultan Gaji, Residing At Vill-Swarupdaha, Po-Hakimpur, Ps-Swarupnagar, North 24 Parganas -743273, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nasiruddin Gazi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/05/2025. That Md Nasiruddin Gazi And Nasiruddin Gazi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Chameli Bibi,Wife Of Sk Ali Box, Daughter Of Late Sk Saidu Ali, Residing At Banbarasati, Marhtala, Ps-Debra, Paschim Medinipur - 721156,West Bengal, Do Hereby Notified That My Father Sekh Saidu Ali (Old Name) Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Saidu Ali(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/05/2025.That Sekh Saidu Ali And Sk Saidu Ali Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Anwara Begum (old name) W/O Late Sekh Ebadullah Ahammed, residing at Aymapaharpur, Tarakeswar, Dist.-Tarakeswar, Hooghly, Pin- 712401, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anowara Begam (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 15/05/2025. Anowara Begam (new name) and Anwara Begum (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Shrabani Gayen Mondal (old name) W/O Swadhin Gayen, residing at FL-1A, 440, Jogendra Garden, Nabapally, P.S.- Kasba, Kolkata, Pin- 700107, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shrabani Gayen (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 15/05/2025. Shrabani Gayen (new name) and Shrabani Gayen Mondal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Shova Mallick (old name) W/O Nidhir Mallick, residing at Bhabanipur, P.O.- Bhabanipur, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743270, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shobha Mallick (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 15/05/2025. Shobha Mallick (new name) and Shova Mallick (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Avijit Bhowmick (old name) son of Manas Kumar Bhowmick, residing atSatsanghaPally,NaskarPara, Hatiara,North24Pgs,Pin-700157, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Avijit Bhowmick (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 08/05/2025. Avijit Bhowmick (New Name) and Avijit Bhowmick (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Manas Bhowmick (old name) son of Rabindranath Bhowmick, residing atSatsanghaPally,NaskarPara, Hatiara, North 24 Pgs, Pin-700157, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manas Kumar Bhowmick (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 08/05/2025. Manas Bhowmick (New Name) and Manas Bhowmick (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Manab Roy (old name) son of Late Hari Singh residing at 72/1/1, Ground Floor, Girish Park North, Beadon Street, Kolkata- 700006, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Man Singh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 15/05/2025. Man Singh (New Name) and Manab Roy (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Lila Roy (old name) wife of Man Singh residing at 72/1/1, Ground Floor, Girish Park North, Beadon Street, Kolkata- 700006, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lila Singh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 15/05/2025. Lila Singh (New Name) and Lila Roy (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Nur Mohammad S/o. Sk Abu declared that I & my son Riyajul Ali S/o. Sk Nur Mahammad as well as Rijajul Ali S/o. Nur Mohammad R/o. Gangarampur, Mandra, Dhaniaikhal, Hooghly-712301, W.B., both are the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 3719 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 14/05/2025.

Name Change
I, Bengali Ashraf Anishbhai (old name) S/o. Anisur Rahaman R/o. Pandama, Ayema Nababpur, Damda, Hooghly-712149, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sheikh Ashraf Ali (new name) vide an affidavit no. 3624 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 13/05/2025. Bengali Ashraf Anishbhai & Sheikh Ashraf Ali S/o. Anisur Rahaman both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Binoy Sarkar (old name) S/O. Dulal Sarkar R/o. Baksagar, Patuligram, Balagarh, Hooghly -712501, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Benoy Bhusan Sarkar (new name) vide an affidavit no. 316 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 07/05/2025. Binoy Sarkar & Benoy Bhusan SarkarS/o. Dulal Sarkar both are the same & one identical person. Alik Sarkar is my son.

Name Change
I,Ritoban Mukhopadhyay(Old Name As Per DI No Jh09 200600006873),Son Of Mukteshwar Mukhopadhyay, Residing At Flat 4C,4Th Floor, Block -C, Ideal Regency,46 Diamond Harbour Road, Po-Thakurpukur, Kolkata-700063,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ritaban Mukhopadhyay (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore, Kolkata On 15/05/2025.That Ritoban Mukhopadhyay And Ritaban Mukhopadhyay Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Sanjib Paria(Old Name),Son Of Hemanshu Paria, Residing At 6, Swamiji Park, Po-Brahmapur, Ps-Bansdroni, Kolkata-700096, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sanjib Kumar Paria(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/05/2025.That Sanjib Paria And Sanjib Kumar Paria Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ashima Mondal (old name) wife of Dilip Mondal, residing at North East Kalikapur, Barasat,Taki Road, P.O.& P.S.- Barasat, North 24 Pgs, Pin-700124, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asima Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 15/05/2025. Asima Mondal (New Name) and Ashima Mondal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Binoy Chakraborty (old name) son of Birendra Chakraborty, residing at Fulbari Sehalapara, P.O.- Nahata, P.S.- Gopalnagar, North 24 Pgs, Pin-743290, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Binay Chakraborty (New Name) as declared before the Ld A.C.J.M 1st class at Bongaon, dated 13/05/2025. Binay Chakraborty (New Name) and Binoy Chakraborty (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I,Affia Midda(Old Name),Wife Of Saifuddin Ali Midda, Residing At 618/402A/1408A/112A Fatepur, Alameen Polly, Uluberia, Howrah - 711315,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Afifa Begam(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/05/2025. That Afifa Midda And Afifa Begam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Jayanta Halder(Old Name),Son Of Swapan Halder, Residing At Barbaria Colony,Madhaypara Uttar Purba,Dhantala,Nadia - 741501,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sumit Halder(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/05/2025. That Jayanta Halder And Sumit Halder Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ankit Vora (old name) son of Vipul Vora, residing at 15 D, S.B Sarani, Kolkata- 700020, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ankit V Vora (New Name) as declared before the Metropolitan Magistrate at Kolkata, dated 14/05/2025. Ankit V Vora (New Name) and Ankit Vora (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Bikash Mondal (old name) S/O Sushil Baidya, residing at VIVEKANANDA PALLY, JATRAGACHI, R R SIDE, NEW TOWN, NORTH 24 PGS- 700159, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bikash Baidya (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. Bikash Baidya (new name) and Bikash Mondal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Shyamali Mondal (old name) W/O Bikash Baidya, residing at VIVEKANANDA PALLY, JATRAGACHI, R R SIDE,NEW TOWN,NORTH 24 PGS- 700159, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shyamali Baidya (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 07/05/2025. Shyamali Baidya (new name) and Shyamali Mondal (old name) both are same and identical person.

India's exports hit record \$825 billion

MI News Service, New Delhi: India's exports of goods and services hit an all-time high of USD 825 billion in 2024-25, driven by a record surge in the shipments of services that reached USD 386.5 billion in the last fiscal despite global trade headwinds, according to the commerce ministry data.

Following the release of March services exports data by the RBI, the country's overall exports for 2024-25 have been revised to USD 824.9 billion from the earlier estimate of USD 820.93 billion, announced on April 15. Total exports were worth USD 778.13 billion in 2023-24.

The data showed that services exports jumped to a record high of USD 387.5 billion in 2024-25, registering a robust 13.6 per cent growth over USD 341.1 billion in 2023-24.

In March, services shipments rose by 18.6 per cent to USD 35.6 billion compared to USD 30 billion in March 2024.

The main sectors which contributed to the growth in exports included telecommunication, computer and information services; transport; travel; and financial services.

"According to the latest release, India's total exports touched a historic USD 824.9 billion in 2024-25, growing by 6.01 per cent over the previous year's USD 778.1 billion," a ministry release stated.

Commenting on the data, Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) SC Ralhan the data shows the resilience of exporters..

However, he said that "as of today, the inflow of orders is not goods from the US and Europe. The US importers are waiting for the trade agreement and this can affect our exports, he said adding the government should immediately announce an interest subvention scheme for exporters.

Ralhan said that interest rates are high in the country and to become competitive in the global markets, "we need a minimum 5 per cent subvention".

Bandhan Bank sets target of 15-17% growth

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bandhan Bank has set its sight on three focus areas over the next two to three years. The bank has set a target of 15-17 per cent growth in advances, with deposits outpacing the advances growth. This is significantly higher than the 9.8 per cent growth the bank saw in FY25.

Around 55 per cent of the total advances is expected to be secured lending, while the cost of credit is expected to decline further to 1.5-1.6 per cent. Outlining the strategy, the bank's MD and CEO Partha Pratim Sengupta said, "Over the next couple of years, our strategic priorities are centered on achieving deposit growth that outpaces advances growth with emphasis on stable granular retail deposits.

Name Change
I, Subham Bubna (Old Name) S/O Madhu Sudan Bubna, Residing At 331, Lake Town, Block-A, Ps-Lake Town, Dist-24 Parganas (North), Pin-700089, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shubham Bubna(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/05/2025.Subham Bubna(Old Name) And Shubham Bubna (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rajes Kumar Mandal S/O- Gobinda Mandal @ Gobinda Chandra Mandal resident of Vill- Amrul, P.O.- Amrul, P.S.-Indas, Dist- Bankura, West Bengal, PIN-722206, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'RAJESH MANDOL' vide an affidavit before the Notary Public at Purba Bardhaman on 15/05/2025. That Rajes Kumar Mandal and Rajesh Mandal both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I , Mohammad Waes Ali Sarkar S/O- Abdul Hamid Sarkar resident of Uttar Galsi, Galsi, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713406, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'MD WAES ALI SARKAR' vide an affidavit before The Executive Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman on 15/05/2025. That Mohammad Waes Ali Sarkar and Md Waes Ali Sarkar both are same and one identical person.

Miscellaneous

Celebrating 100 Years of Howrah Division: A Legacy of Sporting Excellence

MI News Service, Kolkata: As the Howrah Division of Indian Railways commemorates its centenary in 2025, it not only marks a milestone in transportation history but also celebrates a legacy of sporting excellence. Over the past century, the division has been instrumental in nurturing some of India's finest athletes, whose achievements have brought national and international recognition. This enduring commitment to sports underscores Howrah Division's multifaceted contribution to the nation.

A Platform for Champions
The Howrah Division has long been a nurturing ground for sports talent, offering a unique platform where employees can pursue their athletic aspirations alongside their professional careers. Athletes from this division have excelled in diverse disciplines, including athletics, boxing, cricket, football, basketball, volleyball, bridge, tennis and table tennis. Their dedication and prowess have not only brought laurels to the division but have also contributed significantly to India's sporting achievements on international stages such as the Olympics and Commonwealth Games.

Arjuna Awardees and Olympians
Howrah Division takes



Mangal Singh Champia receiving Prestigious Arjuna Award from Honourable PRESIDENT

immense pride in its athletes who have been honored with the prestigious Arjuna Award, India's highest recognition for sports excellence. These distinguished sportspersons include Biswajit Palit (Kabaddi), Rahul Banerjee (Archery), and Mangal Singh Champia (Archery), all of whom have brought recognition to the division through their exceptional achievements in their respective sports.

Additionally, several athletes from the Howrah Division have represented India at the Olympics, a testament to their skill and dedication. These Olympians include Sanjay Rai (Athletics), Diwakar Prasad (Boxing), Rahul Banerjee (Archery), Mangal Singh Champia (Archery), and Bhawna-Jat (Athletics), all of whom have proudly showcased their talent on the world

International Contributions

The Howrah Division has made remarkable contributions to Indian cricket, with players like Subhalakshmi Sharma and Priyanka Roy representing the nation on international platforms. In the Asian Games 2022, PoonamChaturvedi and MadhuKumari were significant members of the Indian basketball team, whereas MohamayaChowdhury coached the Indian volleyball team. Additionally, Mampi Das (Rifle Shooting), Say-antankushari (Bridge),Sid-dhantMohapatra (Chess) and Hari Shankar Roy (Athletics)have earned international medals, further solidifying the division's reputation as a powerhouse of sporting talent.

Inspiring Future Generations
As Howrah Division celebrates 100 years of service, its unwavering commitment to sports continues to inspire aspiring athletes. By fostering a culture that balances professional responsibilities with sporting ambitions, the division sets a remarkable precedent for institutions nationwide. Its relentless support for athletes has played a pivotal role in shaping India's sporting landscape, ensuring that this legacy endures for generations to come.

Intensive ticket checking drive in Howrah Division -278 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 recently at Tarakeswar station and in Sheoraphuli – Tarakeswar Section. The operation was carried out under the guidance of Dr Uday Shankar Jha, Principal Chief Commercial Manager/ER. The primary objective of the drive is to raise awareness among passengers about the importance of travelling with valid tick-



ets and to take strict action against ticketless and irregular travel. A dedicated team of Travelling Ticket Examiners and RPF personnel, participated in the operation.

Regulation of trains for construction of sub-way in Malda division

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant stride towards enhancing safety and convenience for local commuters, Eastern Railway is constructing subways in lieu of Level Crossing Gate No. 61 and Gate No. 63 in Tildanga – Bonidanga section over Malda Division. These infrastructural upgrades are aimed at improving connectivity for the local population and ensuring uninterrupted movement across the railway tracks. The subways 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 slabs using road cranes in connection with the construction, 8.5 hrs. Traffic & Power Blocks have been planned on 18.05.2025 (Sunday). Consequently,

following arrangements in train running have been made as under:
Cancellation of trains on 18.05.2025 (Sunday):
• 63401/63402 Sahibganj – Malda Town – Sahibganj MEMU Passenger
Short termination/Short origination of trains:
• 53433/53434 Azimganj – Barharwa – Azimganj Passenger (journey commencing on 18.05.2025) will be Short Terminated at/ Short Originated from Nimtita.
Rescheduling of trains:
• 12509 KSR Bengaluru City Junction – Guwahati Express (journey commencing on 16.05.2025) will be rescheduled by 03 hrs.
• 13174 Sabroom – Sealdah Express (journey commencing on 17.05.2025) will be rescheduled by 05 hrs.
• 13173 Sealdah – Sabroom Express (journey

commencing on 18.05.2025) will be rescheduled by 05 hrs. 30 mins.
• 12364 Haldibari – Kolkata Express (journey commencing on 18.05.2025) will be rescheduled by 04 hrs. 30 mins.
• 13053 Howrah – Radhikapur Express (journey commencing on 18.05.2025) will be rescheduled by 04 hrs.
• 63422 Sahibganj – Azimganj Passenger (journey commencing on 18.05.2025) will be rescheduled by 02 hrs.
Controlling of trains (journey commencing on 18.05.2025):
• 13161 Kolkata – Balurghat Express will be controlled for 30 mins. in Howrah Division
• 03466 Digha – Malda Town Express will be controlled for 90 mins. enroute in Asansol and Howrah Divisions.

Sealdah division introduces unique identity badge for TTEs

MI News Service, Kolkata: Shri Rajeev Saxena, DRM/Sealdah, has unveiled a Unique Identity badge with Logo for all ticket-checking staff within the Sealdah Division. This pioneering initiative has been implemented by Shri Jasram Meena, Sr. DCM, under guidance of DRM/Sealdah. The newly designed badge is an integral part of the uniform for all ticket examiners while on duty and it will be henceforth instrumental in detecting fake TTEs.

This unprecedented step aims to cultivate a heightened



sense of accountability and ensure clear-cut visibility of authorized personnel for the enhanced convenience and security of passengers.

DRM/Sealdah states that, this visionary initiative sets

Four additional AC chair car coaches for Howrah-Puri-Howrah Vande Bharat express

MI News Service, Kolkata: To accommodate more passengers, 22895/22896 Howrah-Puri-Howrah Vande Bharat Express will run with 20 Coaches w.e.f 16.05.2025.Earlier the train was running with 16 coaches. The new 20 Coach Howrah-Puri-Howrah Vande Bharat Express rake will have two Executive Class and eighteen AC Chair Car coaches.

a new benchmark for ticket checking staff within Indian Railways. The introduction of this Unique Identity badge with logo is anticipated to significantly enhance the overall efficiency, transparency, and credibility of ticket checking operations within the Sealdah division, ultimately contributing to a more seamless, secure, and trustworthy travel experience for all passengers.

Complete traffic block in green line-2 on Sunday

MI News Service, Kolkata: There will be a complete Traffic Block from Howrah Maidan to Esplanade stretch of Green Line-2 on 18.05.25 (Sunday) due to some urgent maintenance work. No service will be available on that day in Green Line-2. Normal services will be available on Blue Line on that day.

Centenary Celebration of Howrah Division – Commemorative Event Marks 100 Glorious Years

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Eastern Railway's Howrah Division, a cornerstone of India's railway heritage, proudly celebrated its centenary on 15th May 2025 with a special event at Platform 9 of Howrah Station. To mark this historic occasion, the prestigious Howrah-New Delhi Rajdhani Express was hauled by a specially decorated WAP7 electric locomotive, themed to honor 100 years of Howrah Division.

The event was graced by the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of Howrah, along with other senior officers. Their presence underscored the importance of the momentous milestone, celebrating a century of exceptional service, growth, and transformation.

The centre of attraction, WAP7 electric locomotive number 37357, homed at the Electric Loco Shed, Howrah, showcased a stunning commemorative livery designed to reflect the division's illustrious past and progressive journey. With a top speed of 140 kmph and a continuous power rating of 6,350 horse-



power, the locomotive embodies strength, speed, and reliability — values that mirror the spirit of the Howrah Division.

Adorning the locomotive were beautifully illustrated motifs depicting iconic moments and symbols from the division's century-long history. These included a tribute to Rabindranath Tagore's travels in an Eastern Railway first-class coach, the majestic façade of Howrah Station, the historic station clock, and the Jubilee Bridge—a marvel of engineering from a bygone era. Other highlights featured semaphore signals

from the Katwa section, a nostalgic scene of a steam locomotive and EMU side by side at Howrah, and the flagging off of India's first Rajdhani Express in 1969.

These visual elements served not only as artistic representations but also as storytelling canvases, celebrating the cultural and operational milestones that have shaped the identity of Howrah Division since its establishment in 1925. The division's legacy of innovation, resilience, and nation-building was aptly honored through this unique initiative.

"Only thing which remains to be discussed on Kashmir is vacating of illegally occupied PoK": Jaishankar

MI News Service, New Delhi : External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday strictly reaffirmed that the Kashmir issue is a bilateral matter, focusing on Pakistan's illegal occupation of Indian territory in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

He said that the Indian government is willing to discuss the Kashmir issue with Pakistan, specifically regarding the vacating of illegally occupied Indian territory.

Jaishankar, while talking to reporters on the sidelines of the inauguration of the Embassy of Honduras, said, "So sometimes the Kashmir issue has been brought up again. The only thing which remains to be discussed on Kashmir is the vacating of illegally occupied Indian territory in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. We are open to discussing that with Pakistan. So I want you to spell out our positions very clearly so that you know what is in your minds and what many of you have raised with me on various occasions. The government's position is very, very clear."

He reiterated that India's relations with Pakistan will remain strictly bilateral, with a focus on counter-terrorism efforts and emphasised that India's dealings with Pakistan will be bilateral, without any third-party involvement.

Jaishankar stated that

Pakistan expected to take concrete actions on terrorism and needed to hand over a list of terrorists and dismantle terrorist infrastructure.

"Our relations and dealings with Pakistan will be strictly bilateral. That is a national consensus for years, and that is absolutely no change. The prime minister made it very clear that talks with Pakistan will be only on terror. Pakistan has a list of terrorists that needs to be handed over, and they have to shut down the terrorists' infrastructure. They know what to do. We are prepared to discuss with them what is to be done about terrorism. Those are the talks which are feasible," said Jaishankar.

Jaishankar also reiterated that the Indus Water Treaty, signed in 1960, is currently on hold due to Pakistan's cross-border terrorism. The treaty governs the sharing of water resources from the Indus River and its tributaries between India and Pakistan.

"Water issues have been raised again, you all know, and I reemphasise the Cabinet, the Cabinet Committee on Security and the government. It was very clear that the Indus Water Treaty is held in abeyance and will continue to be held in abeyance until cross-border terrorism by Pakistan is credibly and irrevocably

stopped," he said.

The treaty allocates the eastern rivers (Beas, Ravi, and Sutlej) to India and the western rivers (Indus, Chenab, and Jhelum) to Pakistan, with some provisions for India to use the western rivers for limited irrigation and non-consumptive uses like power generation.

The World Bank brokered the Indus Water Treaty to resolve water-sharing disputes between India and Pakistan. Despite tensions and conflicts, the treaty has generally held, with both countries exchanging data and cooperating on water management through the Permanent Indus Commission.

However, it is on hold after the Pahalagam terror attack on April 22. In response to the terror strike, India on the intervening night of May 6-7 launched Operation Sindoor, striking nine terror launchpads in Pakistan and PoK.

Jaishankar added that he was thankful to the government of Honduras for its condemnation of April 22 Pahalagam terror attack.

"I think you know for us it was very good that we have a new embassy and Honduras is a country where you know business is growing. They are politically supportive of us. They were one of the countries who expressed very strong solidarity when it came to. The attack, so I appreciated it very much,"

he said.

Jaishankar added that several international leaders called him and affirmed their support. Further, acting on the United Nations Security Council resolution, India attacked the terror sites in Pakistan on May 7 under Operation Sindoor.

"We actually got a lot of international support. Many ministers, many leaders called up here, many ministers called me up. We had a Security Council resolution which very clearly said that the perpetrators of the attack should be held accountable. And on May 7th morning we held them accountable through the action which was taken through our operation Sindoor," he said.

Earlier on May 13, during the weekly media briefing by the Official Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, Randhir Jaiswal also echoed the same stance.

"After the CCS decision, this Indus Waters Treaty has been put in abeyance. I

would also like to take you back a little. The IWT, the Indus Waters Treaty, was concluded in the spirit of goodwill and friendship as specified in the preamble of the treaty. However, Pakistan has held these principles in abeyance by its promotion of cross-border terrorism for several decades now," he said.

The Indus Water Treaty, which withstood several decades of cross-border terrorism by Pakistan, now stands in abeyance. Jaiswal said that climate changes and demographic shifts have created new realities on ground.

"Now, as per CCS decision that I referred to of 23rd April, India will keep the treaty in abeyance until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably, abjures its support for cross-border terrorism. Please also note that climate change, demographic shifts and technological changes have created new realities on ground as well," Jaiswal said.

Annual general meeting of the state council – 2025 organised by Bharat Scouts & Guides, Eastern Railway



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Annual General Meeting of the State Council – 2025, organised by the Bharat Scouts & Guides, Eastern Railway held today in the Conference Room at Fairlie Place, Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway and Patron of Bharat Scouts & Guides Eastern Railway, graced the meeting with his presence. Among the other distinguished dignitaries who attended the meeting were Smt. Zarani Firdausi,

Principal Chief Personnel Officer, Eastern Railway & State Chief Commissioner, Shri Vikram Gupta, Principal Chief Engineer, Shri Sudarshan Vijay, Chief Mechanical Engineer (EnHM), Eastern Railway, and Smt. J.P. Kusumakar, Chief Personnel Officer (Administration) & State Commissioner (Guides), along with representatives from all District Associations.

The meeting commenced with a prayer, followed by a PowerPoint presentation showcasing the achievements of the Bharat Scouts

& Guides, Eastern Railway, during the last financial year. The primary agenda of the meeting was to discuss preparations for the 21st All India Railway Jamborette, which has been entrusted to Eastern Railway by the Railway Board and is scheduled to be held next year.

In his address, Shri Milind Deouskar emphasized the pivotal role played by members of the Bharat Scouts & Guides. He remarked that Scouts and Guides contribute significantly to society and the Railways, given their analytical mindset, readiness to face challenges, and commitment to service. He also acknowledged their remarkable contribution during emergencies through various social and community service initiatives. Shri Deouskar encouraged the unit leaders on skill development among Scout members.

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Tender Notice No. 222-S1/WM-I Date: 14.05.2025. Following e-Tenders are invited online by Sr. Divisional Engineer/III, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following work :-**Tender No.: TN-30-25-26; Name of the Work:** Bank protection as a measure of monsoon precaution including repairing of cess at bad bank location with all ancillary works in the jurisdiction of Sr.DEN/C/Sealdah in Sealdah Division. **Tender Value:** ₹ 1,30,52,006.95; **EMD:** ₹ 2,15,300/-; **Completion Period for the Work:** 12 Months. **Date and Time of Closing of Tender:** 09.06.2025 at 15:00 hrs.; 1. Tender Documents and other details are at www.irops.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily rejected. **2. Date and Time of Opening Tender is on 09.06.2025 at 15:30 hrs.**

Athens hosts landmark India -Greece-Cyprus Business Investment Council meet



MI News Service, Athens/Kolkata: The 1st India-Greece-Cyprus Business Forum was held in Athens, co-organized by Eurobank and the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The event marked the official launch of the India-Greece-Cyprus (IGC) Business Investment Council and brought together 30 business leaders from Greece and India, aiming to promote cross-border trade, investment, and economic cooperation.

The Forum aimed to further strengthen cooperation and enhance powerful strate-

gic ties between India – Greece and Cyprus, in a context that highlights common economic prospects and promotes business growth.

Held at the National Art Gallery - Alexandros Soutsos Museum, the forum focused on sectors including infrastructure, tourism, shipping, startups, technology, food and beverage, and financial services. Business leaders from Indian companies already operating in Greece and Cyprus, or seeking to enter these markets, joined Greek counterparts to explore mutual growth opportunities.

Greece's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tasos Chatzivasilieou, in his address, stated: "The official launch of the IGC Business & Investment Council signifies the beginning of a new era of collaboration between Greek, Cypriot, and Indian enterprises. It lays the foundation for us to join forces and enhance trade and business ties." Eurobank CEO Fokion Karavias highlighted the strategic role of the forum and the bank's commitment to international market connectivity. "The establishment of the India-Greece-Cyprus Business Council contributes to forging strong business ties among the three countries, during a period of rapid economic and geopolitical developments. Greece and Cyprus serve as natural gateways for India into Europe, and Eurobank is committed to supporting that transition," he said.

MI News Service, Thiruvananthapuram: Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Thursday clarified his stance on Operation Sindoor, emphasising that his views were personal and not representative of the party's opinion.

He highlighted the importance of rallying around the national flag, particularly in the US, Europe, and the Middle East, to contribute to the national conversation, especially internationally, where India's perspective was underrepresented.

Tharoor emphasised that his opinions were individual and not reflective of the Congress party's stance.

"I made it very clear that I am expressing my personal views. It was really a contribution to the national discourse, at a time when it was very important for us to rally around the flag, especially internationally. There was a relative lack of our point of view being heard, particularly in the US, Europe, and the Middle East..." said Tharoor.

This comes after the Congress party distanced itself from party MP Shashi Tharoor's remarks on the Operation Sindoor and understanding between India and Pakistan.

He claimed to have received no communication from the party regarding his views, only seeing media reports.

"People are entirely free to reject my point of view. I have received no communication from the party; all I am seeing is media reports..." added the Congress leader.

Tharoor affirmed that he spoke as an Indian and the views he expressed were his personal, adding that he is neither a spokesperson of the party nor the government.

"...At this time, at a time of conflict, I spoke as an Indian. I never pretended to speak for anyone else. I am not a spokesperson for the party. I am not the government spokesperson. Whatever I have said, you may agree or disagree with that, blame it on me individually, and that's fine..." said Tharoor on Congress party's reported remarks - 'Lakshman Rekha' and 'not party's opinion' over his stance regarding Operation Sindoor and India-Pakistan understanding.

On Wednesday, Congress MP Jairam Ramesh had said, "It is his opinion. What Shashi Tharoor speaks is not the opinion of the party."

government and the armed forces at the beginning of India-Pakistan 'conflict' and with that spirit, he also expressed his support.

Speaking to reporters in Thiruvananthapuram, the Congress MP said, "But he's correct. He's absolutely correct. I very clear I'm not a spokesman of the party. I'm not a spokesman of the government either... People seem to think I have some knowledge about some of these subjects, and so they come and ask me my views. I make it very clear, sometimes explicitly, sometimes implicitly, that I'm expressing my personal views as an Indian, as a proud citizen, and certainly don't forget that my own party had declared complete solidarity with the government and the armed forces at the beginning of this conflict and that spirit. I also expressed that support..."

Furthermore, Congress MP Tharoor refuted the reports which had claimed that Congress leaders in the meeting of Congress Working Committee (CWC) had said that Tharoor has 'crossed Lakshman Rekha' over his stance regarding Operation Sindoor and India-Pakistan understanding.

Tharoor said, "I don't know where it came from. I was in the meeting, a closed-door meeting, with the leaders of the Congress Working Committee (CWC). I was there till 6.35 pm for the meeting that began at 4.30. And I must say that in that time there was certainly no reference to any of this, and no reference to me. Now, if something happened thereafter, I am yet to be informed of it. So when I'm informed I will react. I don't see much point in reacting to something of which has been no official communication to me of any kind, nor any discussion of which I was a part."

Tharoor has been praising the Centre's handling of Operation Sindoor. Tharoor had also welcomed the understanding between India and Pakistan to halt all military actions—on land, at sea, and in the air and emphasised the importance of 'peace'.

However, Congress, which had extended support to the Centre in its action against those behind the April 22 Pahalagam terror attack, has now questioned the BJP-led Centre and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on United States President Donald Trump's claims of mediating between the India and Pakistan on the cessation of hostilities.

India launched Operation Sindoor in response to last month's Pahalagam terror attack in which 26 people were killed. India's precision strikes in Pakistan and PoK on May 7 killed over 100 terrorists.

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Home Credit India Makes Everyday Shopping Smarter with Ujjwal EMI Card

New Delhi: Stepping up its commitment to simplify consumer financing, Home Credit India, a leading consumer finance company, is making credit more accessible and inclusive in India through its Ujjwal EMI Card. This pre-approved virtual EMI card offers an instant credit limit of up to ₹75,000, making shopping seamless, smarter and paperless.

Designed to empower a wide demographic of customers- from first-time borrowers to salaried professionals and self-employed individuals- the Ujjwal EMI Card makes shopping for consumer durables more affordable, convenient, and flexible. Customers can use this virtual card online or in-store to purchase smartphones, home appliances, healthcare plans, and convert the cost into easy EMIs ranging from three to twelve months.

Key Highlights of the Ujjwal EMI Card:

Simple Eligibility
The Ujjwal EMI Card is available to all Indian citizens aged 18 to 60, including salaried, self-employed, and retired individuals. The basic requirements include valid ID/address proof, an active bank account, a monthly household income of over ₹25,000.

Hassle-Free Onboarding with



One-Time KYC The onboarding process is completely digital with minimal documentation, making it seamless. Customers need to complete a one-time KYC using a PAN card and a valid ID proof (Aadhaar card/ Passport/Driving Licence/Voter ID) to get their virtual card instantly activated.

Exclusive EMI offers

Customers can shop online and offline with attractive offers like zero down payment and zero % interest EMI options on a wide range of consumer durables & mobiles. The Ujjwal EMI Card gives customers the access to Home Credit India's extensive network of over 53,000 retail partners across the country. Home Credit India has partnered with leading brands like Vivo, OPPO,

Xiaomi, Samsung, Whirlpool, Haier, Godrej, Blue Star, and Voltas to make purchases more accessible and affordable.

Buy More Than One Product

Customers can make multiple purchases with their Ujjwal EMI Card based on their credit limit and EMI eligibility and pay through easy EMI's as a single monthly bill, bringing more convenience to everyday needs and bigger aspirations.

Value-Added Services for Enhanced Protection and Wellness

The Ujjwal EMI Card goes beyond just shopping convenience-it offers a suite of value-added services designed to enhance both security and well-being. Customers can opt for

essential protection like Safe Pay, Mobile Protect, Extended Warranty, and Wallet Security to safeguard their purchases. Additionally, health and wellness plans such as Care360° and Health360+ are available on easy EMIs, making comprehensive care more affordable and accessible.

Apply from Anywhere, Anytime

Customers can easily apply for the Ujjwal EMI Card by either visiting a partner store, where representatives will assist them through the paperless application process, enabling real-time KYC, instant approval, and a seamless digital journey. For more information, customers can visit the nearest retail partner of Home Credit India. The Ujjwal EMI Card by Home Credit India is redefining consumer finance with a digital-first and inclusive approach. Tailored for aspiring borrowers, it offers an affordable and accessible way to turn purchases into manageable EMIs-without any financial constraints. More than just a financial tool, the Ujjwal EMI Card bridges the gap between aspiration and affordability, empowering millions of Indians to upgrade their lifestyle on their own terms.

Study shows how allergies differ in urban, rural children

New York [US] : Scientists discovered that a previously uncharacterized subset of immune cells may play an important role in the development of allergy illnesses and explain disparities between urban and rural populations.

The study sheds light on how the immune system develops in early life and why urban children are more prone to allergies than rural children.

Led by researchers from the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC), including MD/PhD student Catherine Pizzarello and senior author KirsiJarvinen-Seppo, MD, PhD, the study uncovered a unique subpopulation of T cells known as helper 2 (Th2) cells with distinct molecular characteristics. T-cells are the foundational immune cells that fight off infections,

but there is evidence that this specific subtype is recognizing certain foods as allergenic and attacking them, according to Jarvinen-Seppo.

"These pro-allergic T cells are more inflammatory than anything previously described in this context," said Jarvinen-Seppo, chief of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology at UR Medicine Golisano Children's Hospital. "They were found more frequently in urban infants who later developed allergies, suggesting they may be a predictive biomarker or even a mechanistic driver of allergic disease." The study compared blood samples from urban infants with those from infants in a farming community, specifically the Old Order Mennonites (OOM) of New York's Finger Lakes region-known for their low rates

of allergies. Researchers found that while urban infants had higher levels of the aggressive Th2 cells, OOM infants had more regulatory T cells that help keep the immune system in balance and reduce the likelihood of allergic responses. While additional research is needed to identify a possible cause, Jarvinen-Seppo speculates that differences in the development of the gut microbiome between the two populations, and more exposure to "healthy" bacteria in rural children, may be a factor.

"The farming environment, which is rich in microbial exposure, appears to support the development of a more tolerant immune system. Meanwhile, the urban environment may promote the emergence of immune cells that are primed for allergic

inflammation," said Jarvinen-Seppo. The work is part of a broader, NIH-funded investigation into how early-life exposures influence long-term immune outcomes. In 2023, Jarvinen-Seppo's team received a \$7 million grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) to study environmental, microbiome, and immune differences between OOM and urban infants. The goal is to continue this foundational work to uncover protective factors that could be translated into preventive therapies, including probiotics or microbiome-supporting interventions. "If we can identify the conditions for this disparity between the different T cell subpopulations, we can potentially find solutions in allergic disease development," Jarvinen-Seppo said.

Feeling exhausted constantly? Doctors say a mini-stroke could explain the lasting fatigue

Exhaustion is bound to happen to all after a tiring day or a workout or due to various mental/physical reasons. But the feeling of constantly being exhausted needs answers and a group of doctors may have explored the reason behind it.

As per a study by a group of researchers from Aalborg University Hospital in Denmark, fatigue is a common symptom that can last up to a year after a transient ischemic attack (mini-stroke). This could provide answers to the lasting fatigue experienced by some.

What is a transient ischemic attack?

According to the Mayo Clinic, a transient ischemic attack (TIA) is a short period of symptoms similar to those of a stroke. It is caused by a brief blockage of blood flow to the brain.



Experts opine that TIA may be just a warning

and about 1 in 3 people who have experienced a TIA will eventually have a stroke, with about half occurring within a year after the TIA.

Findings:

The study involves 354 participants, with 61 per cent reporting fatigue two weeks after the event, and 54 per cent still experiencing fatigue at three, six, and 12 months.

According to the DailyMail, participants of the survey were enquired about their level of fatigue in the first two weeks after a mini-stroke and again at three, six and 12 months later. Those being analysed also had to undergo brain scans to check for blood clots. The scientists also found that participants who reported feeling fatigued were twice as likely to have a history of anxiety and/or depression.

Axis Bank partners with Antara Senior Care to enhance quality of life for India's senior citizens

Axis Bank to offer Antara's senior care services and products, including Care Homes, Care at Home, and AGEasy products, to its Silver Linings Program customers

May 15, 2025: Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India, has joined hands with Antara Senior Care, India's only integrated senior care ecosystem and a wholly owned subsidiary of Max India Limited, to enhance the well-being and quality of life of India's senior population. Through this collaboration, Antara offers its comprehensive suite of products and services, including Care Homes, Care at Home, and AGEasy (a distinctive online and offline marketplace with solutions for chronic health condition management). These services will be available to over 20 lakh customers of Axis Bank's Silver Linings Program, an initiative specially designed to address diverse needs of customers above 60 years of age.

Axis Bank's Silver Linings Program is an exclusive initiative that supports seniors by offering

them enhanced banking solutions and curated benefits to address their wellness, lifestyle and travel needs. This program is designed to empower senior citizens to manage their money with confidence and enjoy a more fulfilling life. Through this partnership, Antara Senior Care extends its comprehensive senior care ecosystem to Axis Bank customers. This alliance equips senior citizens with convenient, dignified and personalized care solutions rooted in excellence and 'Sevabhav'. Antara's vision is to positively impact quality of life of seniors by offering a blend of life-care and lifestyle solutions enabling the seniors to age with ease and joy.

In India, the demographic shift toward an aging population is creating increasing demand for comprehensive senior-centric care solutions. The country's senior care industry is poised for rapid growth, driven by an aging population projected to more than double from the current ~150 million to ~350 million by 2050, according



ing to estimates presented in a 2024 JLL-ASLI report. This trajectory

is driven by changing family structures, increased financial

Antibiotics from human use are contaminating rivers worldwide: Study

Washington DC [US] : Millions of kilometers of rivers around the world are carrying antibiotic pollution at levels high enough to promote drug resistance and harm aquatic life, a new study warns.

The study estimated the scale of global river contamination from human antibiotics use. Researchers calculated that about 8,500 tons of antibiotics -- nearly one-third of what people consume annually -- end up in river systems around the world each year even after in many cases passing through wastewater systems.

Published in PNAS Nexus, the study is the first to estimate the scale of global river contamination from human antibiotics use.

"While the amounts of residues from individual antibiotics translate into only very small concentrations in most rivers, which makes them very difficult to detect, the chronic and cumulative environmental exposure to these substances can still pose a risk to human health and aquatic ecosystems," said HeloisaEhaltMacedo, a post-doctoral fellow in geography at McGill and lead author of the study.

The research team used a global model validated by field data from nearly 900 river locations.



They found that amoxicillin, the world's most-used antibiotic, is the most likely to be present at risky levels, especially in Southeast Asia, where rising use and limited wastewater treatment amplify the problem.

"This study is not intended to warn about the use of antibiotics -- we need antibiotics for global health treatments -- but our results indicate that there may be unintended effects on aquatic environments and antibiotic resistance, which calls for mitigation and management strategies to avoid or reduce their implications," said Bernhard Lehner, a professor in global hydrology in McGill's Department of Geography and co-author of the study.

The findings are especially notable because the study did not consider antibiotics from livestock or pharmaceutical factories, both of which are major contributors to environmental contamination.

"Our results show that antibiotic pollution in rivers arising from human consumption alone is a critical issue, which would likely be exacerbated by veterinarian or industry sources of related compounds" said Jim Nicell, an environmental engineering professor at McGill and co-author of the study. "Monitoring programs to detect antibiotic or other chemical contamination of waterways are therefore needed, especially in areas that our model predicts to be at risk," he added.

SBI Card Partners Apollo HealthCo; Introduces Apollo SBI Card SELECT Card

New Delhi : SBI Card, India's largest pure-play credit card issuer and Apollo HealthCo, which operates Apollo Pharmacy - India's largest retail pharmacy network and Apollo 247 - country's leading omni-channel digital health platform, have extended their strategic partnership to introduce a unique, health and wellness focused co-branded credit card - Apollo SBI Card SELECT card, today. This one-of-its-kind premium credit card has been thoughtfully designed to address the evolving needs of today's health-conscious consumers, offering a compelling blend of healthcare savings and financial rewards. Customers can easily apply for this card digitally on the Apollo 247 app and opt to apply via SBI Card SPRINT, by visiting the SBI Card website SBI Card.com. Customers can also apply for the card at select Apollo Pharmacy stores.

The Apollo SBI Card SELECT cardholders enjoy a rewarding shopping experience on transactions, including pharmacy products, health check-up packages, blood tests, and more through the Apollo 247 app and Apollo Pharmacy stores. Cardholders get 10% back as reward points, and additionally up to 15% back as health credits, giving them a total value back of up to 25%. Reward points can be converted into Health Credits, which are redeemable across the entire product range of Apollo 247 App and Apollo pharmacy stores.

Apollo SBI Card SELECT card customers receive ₹1,500 e-gift voucher as welcome benefits, redeemable on the Apollo 247 app and at Apollo pharmacy stores. They also enjoy Apollo Circle benefits that provide priority



access to services and special discounts on doctor consultations, diagnostic tests and pharmacy orders on Apollo platforms. Additionally, Apollo SBI Card SELECT card customers also get a complimentary 1-year FITPASS PRO Membership, offering access to a wide network of gyms, fitness classes, and wellness programs, across India.

Ms. SalilaPande, MD & CEO, SBI Card said, "At SBI Card, we understand the evolving spending needs and aspirations of today's conscious consumers who are focused on good health and well-being. Our collaboration with Apollo HealthCo to introduce Apollo SBI Card SELECT card is firmly aligned with this need. By offering thoughtful healthcare benefits and valuable rewards, we aim to empower our customers to stay committed to their health and wellness goals, while enjoying varied financial benefits."

Ms. ShobanaKamineni, Executive Chairperson, Apollo HealthCo said, "With the Apollo SBI Credit Card, we're introducing a revolutionary financial product

designed to seamlessly connect health and wellness with everyday living. By turning everyday spending into health investments, we're making access to care seamless, intuitive, and affordable. It's our way of saying that healthcare should be earned, saved, and accessed just as easily as any other essential. This is the future of health-and we're proud to build it with SBI Card. Together, we will be the health keeper of the nation."

The Apollo SBI Card SELECT card also offers various lifestyle and travel benefits. Customers can avail spend-based annual fee reversal upon achieving annual spends of ₹ 3 lakhs. Moreover, customers get a 2-year Priority Pass Membership for international lounge access and four complimentary domestic airport lounge visits per year (maximum one per quarter), adding to the premium experience. Additionally, accelerated earnings of 2 reward points per ₹ 100 spent on dining, movies, entertainment, and travel, elevating the customer's lifestyle experience on each transaction.

wellness and active aging solutions. The partnership between Axis Bank and Antara Senior Care underscores a shared commitment to empower India's seniors with access to reliable, and comprehensive care services. It's a pioneering model for senior care that seamlessly combines financial infrastructure with a robust ecosystem to support seniors.

Speaking on the partnership, MunishSharda, Executive Director, Axis Bank said, "We are delighted to partner with Antara Senior Care with whom we share a common goal of serving the senior citizens of our country with best-in-class experience during their golden years. This partnership will enable the Bank to serve its customers beyond financial solutions and offer them much more in terms of care and support. Through this collaboration, we aim to provide a holistic approach to address the needs of the elderly, ensuring that they have access to a comprehensive ecosystem ranging from person-

alised banking to trusted home care services."

Rajit Mehta, MD and CEO, Antara Senior Care, said, "We value Axis Bank's dedication to creating a bouquet of innovative offerings for senior care through its Silver Linings Program, and partner organizations. Together with Axis Bank, we are building comprehensive solutions that enhance quality of life and promote well-being for India's senior citizens."

IshaanKhanna, CEO, Antara Assisted Care Services Limited, said, "At Antara, we remain committed to ensuring our elders are supported with dignity, attentiveness, and solutions they can depend on without hesitation. The Silver Linings Program creates a pathway for seniors to discover and engage with Antara's higher level of care when they need it the most. Through the Silver Linings Program, seniors will be able to explore our services and solutions with ease, ensuring they feel supported."

Muslim youth killed; brother injured mob attack over cattle theft allegation

MI News Service, Chapra: In a deeply disturbing incident in Chhapra city of Bihar's Saran district, a young Muslim man, Zakir Qureshi, was brutally lynched by a mob of around 50 to 60 people on allegations of cattle theft. His brother, Nihal Qureshi, who was also attacked, is critically injured and fighting for his life in the hospital.

The violence erupted on May 11 after a reportedly stolen animal was recovered in an area called Kasai Toli (Butcher's area). Following the discovery, Zakir and Nihal were accused of involvement and soon surrounded by a large mob.

The attackers tied the brothers with ropes and assaulted them with sticks, iron rods, cricket bats, and wooden planks. Videos that surfaced on social media



Zakir Qureshi

show a severely wounded Zakir pleading for mercy, unable to even stand due to the extent of his injuries.

Both victims were rushed to Patna Medical College and Hospital. Zakir succumbed to his injuries while Nihal remains in critical condition. Photographs of Zakir's body, covered in bruises, cuts, and swollen marks of deep purple and black, have shocked many, reflecting the mercilessness of the attack.

Following Zakir's death, residents of the Khanua

area staged protests that led to clashes with the police.

Based on Nihal's statement, police registered a case under sections 126(2), 115(2), 125(B), 109, 103(1), 352, 351(2), and 3(5) of the BNS.

Senior Superintendent of Police of Saran, Dr Kumar Ashish, briefed the media on May 12. So far, two persons, including the main accused, Pankaj Kumar and Mintu Rai, have been arrested.

The police officer said that further investigations are underway to nab the other accused. He also mentioned names of Sujit Kumar, Prince Rai and Pappu Rai who were involved in the lynching.

"Efforts are ongoing to apprehend the remaining suspects, and authorities have assured that the culprits will soon be brought to justice," he said.

58 held in Assam for alleged pro-Pakistan support following Pahalgam attack

MI News Service, Dispur: The Assam government has intensified its action against those accused of supporting Pakistan following the recent attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday announced that two additional individuals had been arrested from Sonitpur district, bringing the total number of arrests to 58.

Taking to social media platform X, the Chief Minister wrote, "58 Pak sympathisers are behind bars. They will also receive special care for their anti-national activities."

He further asserted that the crackdown on what he termed "traitors" would persist, stating that "nobody will be spared."

The state has been witnessing an intensified law enforcement response since the April 22 assault in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, where 26 individuals lost their lives when gunmen targeted the tourist-frequented area of Baisaran.

Many of the arrested alleged that the police are taking advantage of the current situation to arrest Muslim



Himanta Biswa Sarma

youths. "Many of the contents shared are anti-war, some are critical of the government, and others are appeals for peace. How can these be labelled as pro-Pakistani and anti-national?" a researcher from Guwahati asked.

"The Assam government and the Chief Minister are notorious for cracking down on Muslims. He has publicly stated many times that he is happy to target Muslims," she added.

In a press conference held last week, Sarma also announced that some of those apprehended would be booked under stringent provisions of the National Security Act (NSA).

Among those taken into custody is AIUDF MLA Aminul Islam, who was booked on sedition charges for allegedly defending Pakistan and denying its role in the Pahalgam incident.

Centre reaffirms undertaking before SC on Waqf Amendment Act

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Bench, also comprising Justice A.G. Masih, was dealing with a batch of pleas challenging the constitutional validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025.

The parties requested the apex court to post the matter for hearing next week since the question of passing an interim order on the implementation of a statute would require a detailed hearing.

The CJJ Gopal-l Bench decided to hear the parties on the question of interim relief on Tuesday, clarifying that it would independently deal with the pleas challenging the validity of the Waqf Act, 1995.

In an earlier hearing held on April 17, the Supreme Court had granted a week to the Centre and state governments and the Waqf Boards to file their preliminary reply.

It decided to treat five writ petitions as lead cases. It said that other pleas will be treated as intervention applications, apart from ordering the registry to rename the cause titles of the proceedings as "In Re: The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025".

After the apex court hinted at passing a stay order,

the Union government had assured the top court that it would not de-notify provisions related to "Waqf by user" or include non-Muslim members in the Waqf Board.

In its preliminary affidavit, the Centre said that it brought amendments to prevent abuse of Waqf legislation, which resulted in the encroachment of government properties, apart from ensuring that the Waqf Boards in the country are properly administered and function with transparency.

"It is submitted that there have been reported misuses of Waqf provisions to encroach on private properties and government properties. It is really shocking to know that after the amendment brought in the year 2013, there is a 116 per cent rise in Waqf area," the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs said.

The Centre, in its reply document filed before the top court, said that it was found that most of the Waqf Boards have been functioning in the "most non-transparent manner" and have either not uploaded the details in the public domain or have uploaded partial details.

54 people killed in overnight airstrikes on southern Gaza city

MI News Service, Khan Younis: A hospital in southern Gaza says 54 people have been killed in overnight airstrikes on the city of Khan Younis.

An Associated Press cameraman in Khan Younis counted 10 airstrikes on the city overnight into Thursday, and saw numerous bodies taken to the morgue in the city's Nasser Hospital.

Some bodies arrived in pieces, with some body bags containing the remains of multiple people. The hospital's morgue confirmed 54 people had been killed.

It was the second night of heavy bombing, after airstrikes Wednesday on northern and southern Gaza killed at least 70 people, including almost two dozen children.

The strikes come as US President Donald Trump visits the Middle East, visiting Gulf states but not Israel.

There had been widespread hope that Trump's regional visit could usher in a ceasefire deal or renewal of humanitarian aid to Gaza.

India is installing warning system to boost Honduras' disaster management, says EAM Jaishankar

MI News Service, New Delhi: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Thursday at the inauguration of the Embassy of Honduras in Delhi said that as a part of the Global South cooperation, India and Honduras is specifically focused on health.

Jaishankar said that India is now engaged in installing an early warning system which is developed by C-DOT which is aimed at strengthening Honduras's preparedness for disaster resilience.

"I also want to share on this occasion the discussions that we've had today and I think some of our earlier meetings as well the fact that as part of global south

Violence in Libya's Tripoli threatens nearly half million children: UNICEF

MI News Service, Tripoli: The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on Wednesday said the escalating violence in and around the Libyan capital Tripoli over the past two days threatens to impact nearly half a million children.

"UNICEF has received reports that children, families, and medical staff were stranded in hospitals for hours, including inside Al Jalaa Children Hospital, as fighting closed in. For several hours, emergency services were unable to access the facility to provide the needed help. Families are reporting extreme distress among their children due to the violence," UNICEF said in a statement.

It urged all parties to uphold their obligations under international humanitarian law and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child to protect children and the infrastructure they rely on.

"We call for a sustained cessation of hostilities to ensure the safety and well-being of every child," it said.

Heavy clashes broke out late Monday in Tripoli between forces loyal to Prime Minister Abdul-Hamed Dbeibah, including the 444 Brigade, and a powerful militant group affiliated with the Presidency Council the Stability Support Apparatus (SSA), amid reports of the death of Abdul Ghani al-Kikli, known as "Ghani-wa," who was the head of

the SSA.

Libya's Tripoli-based Government of National Unity declared a ceasefire on Wednesday following intense overnight clashes between the rival militias that spread into central and residential districts of the capital.

Libya has been mired in political turmoil and insecurity since the 2011 overthrow of longtime leader Muammar Gaddafi. The country remains split between rival administrations: an eastern-based government in Tobruk backed by the House of Representatives, and a western-based government in Tripoli aligned with the UN-recognized Presidency Council.

Iran's president condemns Trump's anti-Tehran remarks

MI News Service, Tehran: Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has strongly condemned recent anti-Tehran remarks by U.S. President Donald Trump, calling them evidence of Trump's failure to understand the true character of the Iranian people.

Pezeshkian made the remarks during a meeting with Iranian elites and cultural figures in the western province of Kermanshah on Wednesday evening, following Trump's comments in Riyadh the day before, said a statement posted on his office's website.

On Tuesday, Trump denounced Iran as "the most destructive force" in the Middle East and accused it of fueling regional instability, vowing that the United States would never allow it to acquire a nuclear weapon.

In response, Pezeshkian said the remarks revealed Trump's failure to grasp the Iranian people's "truth, honor, magnanimity and selflessness."

He added that while Trump portrayed Iran as a source of regional insecurity, thousands of women and children had been killed in Israeli bombardments of Gaza, where residents have also been deprived of water and medicine.

Pezeshkian said for the past 47 years, the United States and its allies have strained every nerve and sinew to bring Iran's government and people to their knees, but they have failed, and will not succeed.

Expressing confidence in Iran's resilience, he said the country would continue to advance by relying on its scientists, intellectuals and entrepreneurs. He added that while Iran does not seek war, it will never trade its honor and glory for the sake of peace.

Meanwhile, Iran's Foreign Ministry issued a statement late Wednesday, condemning Trump's comments as "false, divisive and deliberately misleading." It accused Trump of attempting to deflect international attention from Israel's actions in the region.

The statement added that while Israel was committing "the most heinous genocide" in the occupied Palestinian territories, along with "terrorist acts and war crimes" against Lebanon, Syria and Yemen through repeated violations of their sovereignty and territorial integrity, the U.S. president "brazenly" blamed Iran for the devastation in these countries.

Trump's remarks came after Iranian and U.S. delegations held the fourth round of indirect talks on Iran's nuclear program and U.S. sanctions in Muscat, the capital of Oman, on Sunday.

UN Security Council urges Israel to lift Gaza aid blockade amid famine warnings

MI News Service, United Nations: The United Nations Security Council has called on Israel to lift its blockade on Gaza, where food supplies are dwindling and the humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate.

Addressing an emergency meeting held on Tuesday on Gaza's worsening humanitarian crisis, Tom Fletcher, the UN under-secretary-general for humanitarian affairs, said the humanitarian situation in Gaza is deteriorating rapidly amid an Israeli blockade that has prevented the entry of food, medicine, water and shelter materials for more than 10 weeks.

"We have life-saving supplies ready, now, at the borders ... We have rigorous mechanisms to ensure our aid gets to civilians, and not to Hamas. But Israel denies us access, placing the objective of depopulating Gaza before the lives of civilians," he told the security council.

According to Fletcher, some 70 percent of Gaza's territory is either under displacement orders or within Israeli-militarized zones, leaving hundreds of thousands of civilians trapped

in shrinking areas without basic necessities.

"Every single one of the 2.1 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip face the risk of famine. One in five face starvation," he said, quoting a report from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO).

Israel blocked the entry of goods and supplies into Gaza on March 2, following the end of the first phase of a January ceasefire deal with Hamas. It resumed attacks on Gaza on March 18, with at least 2,720 Palestinians killed since then.

Concerns over Gaza's humanitarian crisis have deepened following Israel's recent declaration that it plans to intensify its ongoing military campaign.

Fu Cong, China's permanent representative to the UN, noted that nearly half a million people in Gaza are facing catastrophic levels of hunger. He urged Israel to uphold international humanitarian law and lift the blockade to allow unhindered access to food, medicine and other critical supplies.

Gaza has become the most dangerous place for humanitarian workers,

with more than 400 humanitarian workers killed in the current conflict, Fu said.

"China urges Israel to immediately cease its military attacks on Gaza," Fu said, noting that military action cannot resolve the conflict and only prolongs the humanitarian crisis.

While welcoming the recent release of an American hostage, Fu called on the United States to play a fair and constructive role in bringing about a ceasefire.

Israeli-American hostage Edan Alexander returned to Israel on Monday evening after spending 19 months in captivity in Gaza under Hamas, according to a statement from Israel's Defense Ministry.

Riyad Mansour, the permanent observer for the State of Palestine to the UN, said "Israel has been openly and brazenly blocking humanitarian aid for over two months now. This is engineered starvation."

He warned that the Israeli plan for distributing humanitarian aid is "just a continuation of the weaponization of aid" and stressed that it is "rejected by all UN agencies and all humanitarian organizations."

Seminar in memory of Pir Baro Huzur in Furfura

Nurul Islam Khan

On Wednesday, an educational seminar was held at the Parliament of Furfura Sharif on the occasion of the death anniversary of Partabe Kaimuzzaman Pir Shahsufi Ala Hazrat Baro Huzur. About twenty Pirsahabs of Furfura discussed the entire life and work of Pir Baro Huzur who is the owner of the full perfection of Hazrat Pir Dada Huzur. The seminar was organized by Pirzada Sawban Siddiqui. There were educationists, eminent people and special speakers of the society. Baro Huzur was not just a Pir Sahib, he was a social reformer, educationist, and a great leader of harmony and unity,said Sheikh Ibadur Rahman. Pirzada Imran Siddiqui said that this national seminar is very necessary in this changing situation. Even if we hold a meeting for 7 days to discuss the life of Baro Huzur, we cannot finish discussing his life and work. Pir Syed Amjad Hossain said that Baro Huzur's sincere behavior, his outstanding contribution to establishing educational institutions and educating women is still history in society. Baro Huzur's only son-in-law, Maulana Abu Saleh Rezwanul Karim, expressed his opinion on the progress of madrasah education. Baro Huzur has spread the light of modern education among people of all walks of life by starting the Islamic renaissance in the subcontinent and maintaining communal harmony. Pirzada Taha Siddiqui, Pirzada Mehrab Siddiqui, Pirzada Sanaullah Siddiqui, Pirzada Azmatullah Siddiqui, Pirzada Uzayer Siddiqui and



Syed Sajjad Hossain said these words.They further said that Baro Huzur was a history, institution and era reformer. He called people to the path shown by Pir Dada Huzur. He created a society free from shirk and belayat and benefited people, especially during the independence movement and the Indo-China war, he donated a lot of gold ornaments to the Ministry of Defense of the country. Dr Rafiqul Islam, who received the President's Award, highlighted the contribution of Pir Baro Huzur and Pir Abu Ibrahim Siddiqui in the development of madrasah education. Rafiqul Sahib, who recently retired from teaching, was given a special honor. Everyone protested strongly against the New Waqf Kala Kanun. Everyone was called to unite, forgetting all the differences of the community. Pir Abdullah Siddiqui prayed for the welfare of the people of the whole world. Pirzada Hojaifa Siddiqui, Pirzada Mujahid Siddiqui, Ali Yusuf Sambil, Pirzada Tamim Siddiqui, Pirzada Minhaj Siddiqui, Pirzada Kohafa Siddiqui and many other famous speakers of Bengal were present. Prayer mahfils were held at various places in the state including Bangan Khanqah to mark this special day.

Congress plans nationwide 'Jai Hind' rallies against BJP's 'Sindoor Politics'

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Congress party on Wednesday announced a series of "Jai Hind Sabha" rallies across 10 to 15 states, aimed at protesting what it calls the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) politicization of national security in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor.

Addressing a press briefing after a high-level meeting of senior leaders, Congress spokesperson Jairam Ramesh said the rallies would raise pointed questions to Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding the government's handling of security issues and the recent Pahalgam terror attack.

"We have decided to hold 'Jai Hind Sabha' rallies across major states. Senior Congress leaders will lead these events, and we will ask the Prime Minister why he is avoiding serious national conversations," Ramesh said. The meeting, chaired by Rahul Gandhi in the absence



Jairam Ramesh

of party president Mallikarjun Kharge, included members of the Congress Working Committee (CWC). The committee adopted a resolution raising concerns over the intelligence failures that led to the Pahalgam attack, which claimed 26 lives.

"Despite heightened tensions and intelligence alerts, terrorists managed to carry out a deadly strike. This points to serious lapses," the resolution stated.

Congress also questioned the government's abrupt end to Operation Sindoor without sufficient transparency. "The sudden halt, without explanation, has led to national concern and confusion," the

resolution added.

Ramesh accused the BJP of using Operation Sindoor for political mileage. "Operation Sindoor belongs to the nation, not to a political party," he said, further criticizing the Prime Minister for convening a meeting only with National Democratic Alliance (NDA) chief ministers on May 25, instead of all state leaders.

"Why is the Prime Minister refusing to meet with all Chief Ministers? Why no all-party meeting or special Parliament session?" he asked.

In response, BJP leader Sudhanshu Trivedi slammed Congress for what he called "irresponsible rhetoric" during an ongoing security operation. "Raising questions at such a time damages national unity and sends the wrong message," he said.

Operation Sindoor was launched following the Pahalgam attack, which remains under investigation.

Hezbollah member killed in Israeli airstrike on southern Lebanon

MI News Service, Beirut: An Israeli drone strike killed a Hezbollah member in southern Lebanon on Wednesday, targeting a vehicle near Qaaqaait al-Jsir in the Wadi al-Hujayr area, Lebanese security and official sources said.

Lebanon's state-run National News Agency (NNA) reported that "an enemy drone targeted a car at the entrance of Wadi al-Hujayr near Qaaqaait al-Jsir in the Nabatieh district this morning."

The Lebanese Ministry of Health's Public Health Emergency Operations Center confirmed one fatality in the strike. Civil Defence officials said the vehicle caught fire, and the body was transported to a hospital in Nabatieh.

A Lebanese security source told Xinhua that the

deceased was identified as Hussein Nehmeh Milhem Shomran, a Hezbollah member from Qaaqaait al-Jsir.

Also on Wednesday, the Israeli military said it had carried out the strike, describing the target as a senior Hezbollah figure.

"Israeli Defense Forces aircraft carried out an attack in the area of Qaaqaait al-Jsir in southern Lebanon, eliminating a member of the Hezbollah terrorist organization who held the position of commander of the Qabrikha compound," Israeli army spokesperson Avichay Adraee said on social media platform X.

In a separate incident, the NNA reported that an Israeli drone crashed due to a technical malfunction and exploded inside a home in the town of Shebaa, in the Has-

baya district. No casualties were reported, though material damage was sustained.

The cross-border strikes come despite a ceasefire agreement reached on November 27, 2024, intended to halt more than a year of hostilities tied to the war in Gaza. The truce, mediated by the US and France, had largely held, though sporadic flare-ups have continued.

Israel has said its strikes are intended to neutralize Hezbollah threats. However, the Lebanese government and several Arab states have accused Israel of repeatedly violating the ceasefire agreement. Despite the truce's provision requiring a full Israeli withdrawal, Israeli forces continue to hold several strategically important positions in southern Lebanon.

Turkish, Ukranian FM's meet on upcoming Russia-Ukraine peace talks

MI News Service, Ankara: Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan met with his Ukrainian counterpart Andrii Sybiha on Wednesday in Türkiye's city of Antalya before the upcoming Russia-Ukraine peace talks scheduled in Istanbul.

According to a report by Türkiye's state-run Anadolu Agency, Fidan told Sybiha that Türkiye is ready to provide all kinds of support, including holding talks, to help achieve peace.

After the meeting, Sybiha wrote on the social media platform X that he and Fidan thoroughly discussed

ways to advance a "meaningful peace process."

"I reaffirmed Ukraine's commitment to peace, our immediate and unconditional readiness for a full and durable ceasefire, as well as our offer of the highest-level direct meeting between Ukraine and Russia," he wrote.

On Sunday, Russian President Vladimir Putin proposed resuming direct negotiations with Ukraine on May 15 in Istanbul. That same day, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky stated he would be prepared to meet with Putin in Istanbul.

Earlier on Wednesday, Russian presidential aide

Yuri Ushakov said that the Russian delegation would address political and technical issues at the upcoming talks, and the topics on the agenda will guide the selection of the delegation.

Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan (R) shakes hands with Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha during their meeting in Antalya, Türkiye, on May 14, 2025. Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan met with his Ukrainian counterpart Andrii Sybiha on Wednesday in Antalya before the upcoming Russia-Ukraine peace talks scheduled in Istanbul.

'Dummy' aircraft, Brahmos, Crystal Maze: The night the IAF destroyed Pakistan's air defence and targeted its air bases

MI News Service, New Delhi: Following the Pakistan-backed terror attack in Pahalgam on April 22nd, which killed scores of Indian citizens on the basis of their religion, India responded with precision strikes on Pakistani terror camps in places like Muridke and Bahawalpur on May 7th.

Following the commencement of Operation Sindoor, India's kinetic action against terror assets finding safe shelter in Pakistan, swarms of drone and missile attacks were launched on the Indian civilian population and military bases.

Subsequently, Round 2 of India's major counter-offensive would go down in the annals of South Asian military history as one of the most daring and tactically ambitious counter-offensives ever witnessed between the two nuclear-powered arch rivals.

ANI has pieced together the sequence of events by talking to multiple sources involved in the operation. Due to the sensitivities involved in an ongoing operation, their identities have been kept anonymous for this report.

On the intervening night of May 9th and 10th, the Indian Air

Force with active support of other forces struck 11 out of 12 Pakistani Air Bases spanning the length and breadth of the country and in the process also, crippled their Chinese supported Air Defence systems. The missiles that led to the most destruction of the Pakistani air fields were caused by the BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles, along with the Scalp missiles fitted on the Rafale fighter jets. India had unleashed its most potent tactical weapons on an adversary that was completely blindsided by the dramatic and unanticipated escalation.

Neeraj Chopra to lead four-front Indian at the Doha Diamond League 2025



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Neeraj Chopra, the reigning world champion in the javelin throw, will lead the four-front Indian assault at the Doha Diamond League 2025, which is set to take place at the Qatar Sports Club on Friday, according to Olympics.com.

Kishore Jena, who won silver at the Asian Games, will be there in the men's javelin throw competition alongside Neeraj, while national record holder Parul Chaudhary is entered for the women's 3000-meter steeplechase event. Gulveer Singh, another Indian athlete, is prepared for his Diamond League debut when he competes in the men's 5000m event.

Neeraj has had a successful career with the Qatar Sports Club, placing second in the Diamond League's Doha leg in 2024 and winning in 2023.

For the past few years, Neeraj has also started his athletic season at the Doha competition.

However, following the Potch Invitational Meet in Potchefstroom, South Africa, in April, this will be the former Olympic champion's second competitive competition of the year. The Indian ace won the competition with a respectable throw of 84.52 meters.

Neeraj, who will also be attempting to break the sought-after 90-meter barrier in Doha, holds the Indian national record for the men's javelin throw and has a personal best of 89.94 meters.

In the interim, Kishore Jena will be hoping to replicate his performance from two years prior, when he won a silver medal at Hangzhou 2023. Since the victory, the javelin thrower, who was born in Odisha, has had a difficult time.

On his Diamond League debut last year, he placed ninth in Doha.

Except for Neeraj Chopra and Kishore Jena, the javelin throw field is dominated by big names like Grenada's former world champion Anderson Peters, who defeated Neeraj by one centimetre in the 2024 Doha Diamond League.

In her Diamond League debut at the Eugene leg last year, Parul Chaudhary, the national record holder for the women's 5000m and 3000m steeplechase, placed 16th in the steeplechase competition. Meanwhile, Gulveer Singh is poised for his maiden Diamond League run in Doha.

Gulveer owns the 5000m national record courtesy of a 13:11.82-second run he recorded in Japan last year. This is the largest Indian contingent in terms of numbers at any single Diamond League meet to date.



Record prize money revealed for World Test Championship Final

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : With less than a month to go until the one-off Test at Lord's between South Africa and Australia, the International Cricket Council (ICC) has unveiled a massive prize money pool for the 2023-25 edition of the ICC World Test Championship.

The total prize pool for the WTC 2023-25 Final stands at \$5.76 million USD, more than double that of the previous two editions, as per ICC.

ICC Chairman Jay Shah said, "It's exciting to announce that the winner of the WTC 25 Final between South Africa and Australia will earn \$3.6M, with the runner-up to receive \$2.1M. The increase in prize money exhibits our efforts to prioritize Test cricket and build on momentum from previous WTC cycles."

The champions will walk away with USD \$3.6 million, a significant jump from the USD \$1.6 million awarded in both 2021 and 2023 while the runners-up will earn USD \$2.16 million, up from USD \$800,000.

To mark the 30-day countdown to the Ultimate Test, the ICC also released a promotional video building excitement for the clash, featuring South Africa captain Temba Bavuma, ace pacer Kagiso Rabada, Proteas star Aiden Markram, Australia talisman Steve Smith and the swashbuckling Travis Head along with former greats Shaun Pollock, Dayle Steyn, Matthew Hayden, Mel Jones, Nasser Hussain, Shoaib Akhtar and Ravi Shastri.

South Africa topped the WTC25 standings and became the first team to secure a spot in the final at Lord's, courtesy of series victories over Pakistan, West Indies, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka, along with a drawn home series against India.

Australia booked their place in the final with a 3-1 triumph over India in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. Their strong campaign also included a 3-0 sweep of Pakistan at home and away series wins against New Zealand and Sri Lanka.

Speaking on the announcement, ICC Chair Jay Shah said, as quoted by ICC: "We have witnessed a very interesting third cycle of the ICC World Test Championship, where the finalists were decided only towards the end of the competition."

"The championship has showcased remarkable performances from players of different teams, culminating in a final between these two exceptional squads - a true celebration of cricket."

"I am sure spectators at Lord's, along with fans tuning in from all over the world, will be treated to some top-class cricket in this revered format when Australia and South Africa take the field less than a month from now."

"On behalf of the ICC, I extend best wishes to the players of both teams in their preparations for the prestigious match," he concluded.

Both captains have their sights set on glory at Lord's, with South Africa chasing an elusive ICC title, while Australia aim to make history as the tournament's first two-time champions.

South African captain Temba Bavuma said: "We are really pleased to have made the World Test Championship Final, which is a good opportunity for us to win an ICC title."

"Everyone understands the importance of Test cricket, and the World Test Championship lends context to this vital format of the game. Lord's is a fitting venue for this mega fixture, and all of us will be out there trying to give our best against Australia."

"The anticipation is increasing with less than one month to go, and I am sure fans around the world would be following the fortunes of both teams come 11 June."

Australian captain Pat Cummins said: "We are enormously proud to have the opportunity to defend the World Test Championship, especially at Lord's. It is a testament to all those involved across the past two years who have worked incredibly hard to reach the final, which is a great honour for all of us."

"We very much look forward to getting together again in England in just a few weeks' time and the challenge South Africa will present at the home of cricket," he concluded.

SRI LANKA CRICKET ANNOUNCES TIM BOON AS COACH AND HIGH PERFORMANCE CONSULTANT A ONE-MONTH DEAL FOR SL WOMEN'S

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Sri Lanka Cricket has announced Tim Boon, who previously served as the head coach of Leicestershire and the England Under-19 team, as a coach and high-performance consultant on a one-month deal that begins on May 8, according to ESPNcricinfo.

He will be serving as a batting consultant for the Sri Lanka Women's senior and A-team squad, and the Sri Lanka Under-17s, Boon, who was also England's team analyst under Duncan Fletcher during the 2005 Ashes victory, will also work with the men's emerging team.

His programme will include "technical and tactical sessions aimed at improving the players' overall batting approach and individual performance. His stint dovetails with that of R Sridhar, India's former fielding coach, who earlier this month conducted a "comprehensive 10-day fielding programme" for both top men's and women's cricketers in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) released a statement on Tuesday to announce that the specialised program will commence on May 7 and will involve men's and women's national squads, emerging squads, Premier Club players, and the National U19 team, and Women's 'A' team as well.

Sridhar is a BCCI Level 3 qualified coach and will bring a wealth of experience, having served as India's fielding coach across more than 300 international matches from 2014 to 2021.

It is a continuation of SLC's strategy of employing foreign coaches under short-term contracts. In an effort to improve batting standards, Rajasthan Royals' high performance director Zubin Bhurchara ran a short program in 2024. In the previous ten years, Wasim Akram and Jonty Rhodes have also been brought in to lead brief fielding and bowling programs, respectively.



LONDON [UK] : England star all-rounder Ben Stokes opened up on his time away from the game due to a hamstring injury, doing his rehabilitation, and how he aims once again to take up his role of full-time pace bowling all-rounder.

Stokes has made this vow as he has been out of action from county and country cricket after a hamstring tear during the final Test against New Zealand in December. In the coming months, England has two tough series lined up: a home series of five Tests against India, which will kickstart both sides' ICC World Test Championship 2025-27 campaign, and the away Ashes series against Australia towards the end of the year.

Since his surgery in January, the 33-year-old has been on "one of the longest rehab periods of his career," which could help him return in Tests "fitter than ever."

"I always work hard," Stokes said as quoted by Sky Sports.

"My ethos when I am injured is that I come back fitter than I was before I got injured."

"I have worked incredibly hard on all aspects of everything, from my cricket to fitness, and know I am going to be in a position when I am back on the field to potentially be in physically the best possible shape I have been in," he added.

Stokes' hamstring injury was a recurrence, having previously surfaced during the Hundred tournament last August. It kept him out of four successive Tests, three at home to Sri Lanka and one in Pakistan.

Towards the end of the year, he was challenged to be fit for the NZ tour, and his recovery was condensed, which contributed to his relapse. With a gap in the international calendar giving him enough time, Stokes has seized this opportunity to return to his full fitness.

"The first time I pulled my hamstring, there was such a small timeframe to try and get myself ready for that series against Pakistan," he added.

"To walk back on to the field after nine weeks with the hamstring tear I had was a pretty good effort, but there were days I had no interest in doing what I needed to do."

"That rehab period then looked a lot different to this period. We had to fast-track certain periods of a normal rehab with a hamstring just to pass me fit to play, whereas this time around the medical team and I said we are going to nail it because we have got the time absolutely."

"The time has allowed me not to have to get into the mindset of every day waking up and thinking about what I need to do to feel right in my head that I am fit. Those are the unseen things that people from outside don't necessarily see."

"It was a tough old slog and was very tiring and taxing, not just physically but also mentally, doing something every single day to try and get myself to the next level of my rehab. It does take it out of you; it was pretty much every day for about six weeks where I had to do something, three or four sessions a day, it was tough," he continued.

Stokes said that this time around, he had a lot more time to "slowly drip feed in bits of progression from walking, into fast walking, into running and then into bowling".

"It has not been anywhere near as taxing physically or mentally, that has been the big difference. I have definitely handled this period of injury and rehab a lot better than the first one."

"I am not fully through that yet, but we are at the back end of the four-month period, and I am excited to get back to playing this summer," he continued.

Before the home series against India, England will give themselves some game time with a one-off Test against Zimbabwe on May 22. Stokes also said that he was in touch with the head coach, Brendon McCullum, about

"I come back fitter than I was before I got injured": Ben Stokes on rehab and recovery



his fitness and how he can rediscover his form to become one of the world's best again.

"I am 33, I don't want to expose myself to a situation where I am off the field when I don't have to be," Stokes said.

"I talk to Baz a lot about many different things, we have spoken about this kind of stuff and how he is going to help me better, how he is going to speak to me a lot more about this stuff."

We have worked together for so long, we know each other inside out, and those discussions we have had over the last couple of months have been very good," he said.

"I feel great. Training and playing are completely different. No matter what you do at training, you cannot replicate the intensity your body is put through in a game. As excited as I am to get back on the field, I know it will be different to my training."

"But in terms of my role as a player, that full seamer, batting at six, trying to dominate every situation I find myself, whether I have got a bat or ball in my hand, is what I want to get back doing out on the field, on the biggest stage. I know I have done it before, it is something I am very confident in myself that I can do," he concluded.

SOUTH AFRICAN WTC FINAL SQUAD MEMBERS SET TO MISS IPL PLAYOFFS

JOHANNESBURG [SOUTH AFRICA] : Eight South African players, who are included in the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) final squad, will be missing the Indian Premier League (IPL) playoffs and returning home by May 27.

As per ESPNcricinfo, these eight players are: Kagiso Rabada (Gujarat Titans), Aiden Markram (Lucknow Super Giants), Marco Jansen (Punjab Kings), Tristan Stubbs (Delhi Capitals), Lungi Ngidi (Royal Challengers Bengaluru), Wiaan Mulder (Sunrisers Hyderabad), Ryan Rickelton and Corbin Bosch (both Mumbai Indians). They will all be leaving for UK on May 30. Ahead of the final at Lord's scheduled for June 11, they will be playing a warm-up game against Zimbabwe from June 3 at Arundel.

Earlier, the Sydney Morning Herald reported that SA players were expected to stay until the tournament end, potentially impacting their preparation for the WTC final. The newspaper reported that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) allegedly used its influence to ensure South African players' continued participation.

"One thing we have made clear, and

we are finalizing it with the IPL and the BCCI, is that we are sticking to our original plan when it comes to WTC preparations with May 26 being the latest for the Test guys to come back," CSA's director of cricket Enoch Nkwe had said, as quoted from The Sydney Morning Herald.

However, in just few hours, CSA's director Enoch Nkwe changed his stance, saying higher-level talks were happening between CSA, the BCCI, and IPL franchises, suggesting CSA had little choice in the matter.

"Correction - the squad will resume training for the game on June 3rd," he declared. "The matter is being discussed higher up than me. At ground level, we are focusing on preps for the WTC final," he said.

The IPL is a much bigger money-maker than the WTC final, which has led to tough discussions about scheduling between cricket boards and IPL franchises. Cricket South Africa (CSA) initially insisted that their eight IPL players would leave by May 25 to prepare for the final.

But now, as per ESPNcricinfo, Cricket South Africa (CSA) has negotiated with the IPL for the early release of



their players, considering the importance of their WTC final fixture against Australia.

All other South African players not playing the WTC final will be playing the IPL till the very end, till the final scheduled for June 3.

The IPL will resume from May 17 after a suspension just over a week back amidst rising tensions between India and Pakistan. The high-octane clash between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in Bengaluru will mark the resumption, with pacer Lungi Ngidi expected to play in case Australian pacer Josh Hazlewood does not recover from his shoulder injury.

Out of the seven teams having WTC final-bound SA players, Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) is out of contention, and Gujarat Titans (GT) have played the majority of their season without Kagiso Rabada, who has just featured in two matches and is close to securing the playoffs spot.

MI will be heavily affected as their opener Ryan Rickelton is their second-highest run-getter with 336 runs in 12 innings, with three fifties while Corbin

Bosch has been solid with bat and ball in his three games so far, having scored 47 runs in two innings and taken a wicket.

Marco Jansen's departure will affect Punjab Kings (PBKS) adversely as they will miss out on their third-highest wicket-taker (11 wickets in 11 games) and need two wins in their last three matches to seal a place in the final four.

For Delhi Capitals (DC), the departure of SA players means that their middle-order batter/finisher, Tristan Stubbs, misses out as well, having been a prolific performer with 259 runs in 10 innings with a strike rate of 151.46 and an average of 51.80. At fifth, they are in a tricky situation, needing wins from this point to have a chance at the final four finish.

For Lucknow Super Giants, Aiden Markram has been prolific at the top, scoring 348 runs in 11 innings at an average of 31.63 with four fifties. LSG is currently in seventh place and needs to win all their three remaining fixtures to have any chances of qualifying for the playoffs.

The league phase ends on May 27, with playoffs starting on May 29, with the final on June 3.