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FWICE calls for boycott of all **Turkish shows** on Netflix, **Prime Video**

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MI News Service, Mumbai : The Federation of Western India **Cine Employees** (FWICE) has urged all major streaming platforms, including Netflix, Prime Video and JioHotstar, to completely boycott all Turkish shows following the country's support to Pakistan amid heightened tensions with India.

In a statement on Friday, the organisa-tion said they stand "firmly for the interest of the nation and industry"."We are writing to express our serious concern and strong objection regarding the continued streaming and promotion of Turkish shows on various Over-The-Top (OTT) platforms operating in India. FWICE has also

asked Indian film producers not to consider Turkey as a shooting destination anymore, citing its open support to Pakistan and supplying them with drones, affecting India's national inter-

ests. FWICE, the apex body representing 36 crafts of workers, technicians, and artists in the Indian media and entertainment industry, in a statement said we believe that despite having large commercial interests "Nation Comes first.

In view of recent developments and Turkey's consistent positioning in support of Pakistan, which has raised concerns regarding national integrity and security, it is not in the best interests of the Indian film industry to invest or collaborate in any form that could indirectly support or bene-fit such a nation.

Turkey's stance has been noted not only diplomatically but also



The Tiranga Yatra was solemnly organised to celebrate the resounding success of Operation Sindoor and to pay heartfelt tribute to the unmatched valour and sacrifice of the Indian Armed Forces. The rally marched from College Square to Shyambazar in Kolkata, on Fri-Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya day.

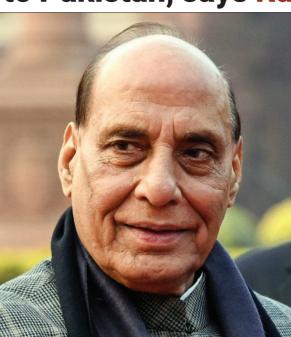
IMF must re-consider giving financial assistance to Pakistan, says Rajnath Singh

MI News Service, Ahmed-abad: Apprehending that Pakistan could use USD one billion assistance from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for terror funding, India has called the world body to reconsider its decision with utmost importance. . In an address to military person-nel at Bhuj in Gujarat on Friday, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said India does not want that the funding it gives to IMF and its contribution to the world body should be used directly or indirectly to create terror infrastructure in Pakistan or any other country.

"I believe that in today's time, any kind of financial assistance to Pakistan is nothing less than terror funding," he said. "India would like that

IMF reconsiders its assistance of one billion dollars to Pakistan and refrains from giving any kind of as-sistance in future," he said. Singh said in Operation Sindoor, India's armed forces not only dominated the enemy but also succeeded in decimating them.

Lauding the Indian Air Force for spearheaded the campaign against terrorism effectively, he said "Our Air Force has touched new and greater



work destroyed by India

during Operation Sindoor

and urged the Interna-

tional Monetary Fund

(IMF) to rethink its latest

bailout package to the

"The Pakistan govern-

country.

heights with its valour, courage and glory"

Singh arrived at the Bhuj Air Force station this morning to review overall security situation on the Western Front.

The Bhuj Air Force base was one of the many ment has also announced military infrastructures financial assistance to rethat Pakistan targeted durbuild the terror infrastrucing the four-day long conture of Lashkar-e-Taiba frontation between the two (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) located in militaries.

Defence Minister also Muridke and Bahawalpur. asserted that Pakistan A significant portion of the was trying to rebuild the one billion dollars coming dismantled terrorist netfrom the IMF will certainly

be used to fund this terror infrastructure. Would this not be considered indirect funding by the IMF? Singh said.

On May 9, at the height of hostilities between India and Pakistan, the IMF cleared USD one billion tranche for Islamabad as part of its Extended Fund Facility (EFF) lending pro-gramme despite objections by India.

The Defence Minister further stressed that any kind of financial assistance to Pakistan was nothing less than terror financing.

"The government there is planning to spend around 140 million rupees - collected from ordinary Pakistani taxpayers - on Masood Azhar, even though he is a UN-desig-nated terrorist," Singh said. Singh's assertion comes a day after Pakistan minister Rana Tanveer Hussain visited Muridke one of the nine terror bases hit by India during Operation Sindoor - and said that the government would rebuild the area at its own expense. Muridke is the hub of the LeT, while Bahawalpur is the head-quarters of the Jaish-e-Mohammed. The Pahalgam attack, where 26 people were killed, was carried out by Lashkar terrorists.

Bengali climber dies after conquering Mt Everest

MI News Service, Kathmandu / Kolkata: In a tragic incident, a 45-year-old Indian climber from West Bengal died on Mt Everest after successfully summiting the world's highest mountain peak in the midst of an inclement weather on Thursday.

According to reports reaching here on Friday mountaineer Subrata Ghosh developed signs of altitude sickness while descending from the summit of the world's highest peak along with his other team members including his co climber Rumpa Das, who also did the summit of Mount Everest together. However, 44 year old Rupma was able to reach in the safe environment of camp four later in the dayBoth Subrata Ghosh and Rumpa Das hailed from Ranaghat in Nadia district and Ghosh was a school teacher by profession like Rumpa das.Both were also avid mountaineers and earlier climbed a number of other difficult mountains in the Himalayas and elesewhere

Ghosh is the second foreigner to die on the



8,848.86 metres-high Mt Everest this season, informed sources said .Bodhraj Bhandari, Managing Director at Snowy Horizon Treks, who organised the summit expedition said that Ghosh died just below the Hillary Step, near the summit point of Mt Everest . Ghosh did his last push for the his summit and reached the top with his guide and Rumpa around 2 pm, he said.

But during the descent, he became exhausted and showed signs of altitude sickness, eventually refusing to continue, he said . "Ghosh refused to move while descending from the summit," Bhandari quoted Champal Tamang, his guide, as saying. Champal later returned to Camp IV late last night with other climbers and informed about the incident.

Ghosh was part of the Mountaineering Association of Krishnanagar-Snowy Everest Expedition 2025, Bhandari said adding efforts are underway to bring his body to the base camp bepresending the same to his home.

Earlier during the present climbing season 45-year-old Philipp II Santiago from the Philippines died while preparing for the summit push on May 14.

So far, over 50 climbers have successfully reached the peak this season. More than 450 climbers have been granted permits to attempt the ascent.

Subrata Ghosh, died below the Hillary Step while descending after reaching the 8,849-metre (29,032-foot) peak.But he refused to descend from below the Hillary Step because of exhaustion and breathed his last there, said another Sherpa of the same team. However, the exact cause of his death will be known only after post mortem," he said.

The Hillary Step is situated in the 'death zone,' the region between the South Col at 8,000 metres (26,250 feet) and the summit, where the natural oxygen levels are too low to sustain human life.

Nepal has issued 459 permits to climb Everest during the current season that ends in May. Nearly 100 climbers and their guides have already reached the summit this week.

At least 345 people have died on Everest in more than 100 years since summiting expeditions were known to have started, according to the Himalayan data base and hiking officials.

in numerous international forums, where it has taken stances that contradict India's sovereign interests. As an industry deeply rooted in Indian soil and culture, we cannot remain indifferent to actions that undermine our nation's dignity or security.

"We therefore appeal to all production houses, line producers, actors, directors, and crew members across the Indian film fraternity to stand in solidarity with the nation and boycott Turkey as a location for film shoots until such time that the country revisits its diplomatic stance and aligns with principles of mutual respect and non-interference," the statement stated further.

Meanwhile, the **General Secretary of** the Federation of Western India Cine **Employees** (FWICE), Ashoke Dubey, has also called for a complete ban on Pakistani artists from working in India. This was decided after the deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam on April 22, killing 26 innocent civilians, he said.

'Everyone wants name in newspapers' as SC says no to fresh pleas against Waqf law

MI News Service, New Delhi : The Supreme Court on Friday refused to examine a couple of fresh pleas challenging the constitutional validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, saying everybody wants name in newspapers.

A bench comprising Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih said it would decide the pending matter scheduled to come up on May 20. The apex court would then hear the

point of interim relief in the case.

As soon as one of the pleas came up for hearing on Friday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, objected and said there can't be an "endless" filing of pleas challenging the Act.

The counsel appearing for the petitioner said he had filed the petition on April 8 and removed the defects pointed out by the apex court registry on April 15 but his plea was not listed for hearing. "Everybody wants his name to be in

the newspapers," the CJI observed.

When the lawyer urged the bench his plea should be tagged with the pending petitions, the bench said, "We will decide that matter." The bench then dismissed it. When another similar plea came up

for hearing, the bench said, "Dismissed". When the counsel for the petitioner

urged that he be allowed to intervene in the pending pleas, the CJI said, "We already have too many intervenors." On April 17, the apex court decided to hear only five of the total number of pleas before it.

The pleas challenging the Act came up for hearing before a bench comprising the CJI and Justice Masih on May 15.

The bench said it would hear argu-

ments on May 20 for passing interim directions on three issues including the power to de-notify properties declared as waqf by courts, waqf-by-user or waqf by deed

The second issue raised by the petitioners relates to the composition of state waqf boards and the Central Waqf Council, where they contend only Muslims should operate except ex-officio members.

The third issue relates to a provision that says a waqf property will not be treated as a waqf when the collector conducts an inquiry to ascertain if the property is government land.

On April 17, the Centre assured the top court that it would neither de-notify waqf properties, including "waqf by user", nor make any appointments to the central waqf council and boards till May

Mehta on May 15 told the apex court that in any case, there was a subsisting assurance of the Centre that no waqf properties, including those established by waqf by user, would be denotified.

The Centre had opposed the apex court's proposal to pass an interim order against the denotification of waqf properties, including "waqf by user" aside from staying a provision allowing the inclusion of non-Muslims in the central waqf councils and boards.

On April 25, the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs filed a preliminary 1,332page affidavit defending the amended Waqf Act of 2025 and opposed any "blanket stay" by the court on a "law having presumption of constitutionality passed by Parliament"

Huge cache of firearms, ammunition recovered from encounter site in Manipur

MI News Service, Imphal : Only a day after 10 militants were gunned down by the security forces during an encounter in Chandel district of strife torn Manipur, near the Indo-Myanmar border, a huge cache of firearms and ammunition were recovered from near encounter site, while efforts are currently underway to identify the deceased.

According to Defence sources here on Friday, a huge cache of arms and ammunition were recovered from the encounter site after the gun battle, in-

cluding 12 assault rifles and other firearms, huge number of live ammunition and a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) during subsequent search operations in the area.

At least 10 militants wearing "camouflage fatigues" were killed in a gunfight with an Assam Rifles unit near New Samtal village in Chandel district along the Indo-Myanmar border on Wednesday, it added

"During subsequent combing operations, seven Army's Eastern Command had said, "Acting on spe-AK-47 rifles, one RPG launcher, one M4 rifle, and cific intelligence on move-

four single-barrel breechloading rifles, ammunition and other war-like stores were also recovered," the sources stated. They said the militants were suspected of being involved in cross-border insurgent activities adding "The situa-tion along the border remains under heightened surveillance, in coordination with civil administration and intelligence agencies to ensure peace and stability in the region.' In a post on X, the

ment 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 15." "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. they added.

GJC urges nationwide ban on gems, jewellery trade with Turkiye, Azerbaijan

MI News Service, Mumbai : The All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) on Friday urged the industry to suspend all business transactions with Turkiye and Azerbaijan for extending support to Pakistan during the conduct of 'Operation Sindoor' against terrorirsts by India. This comes after Turkiye's public support for Pakistan in the wake of Operation Sindoor, the GJC said in a statement. "The multi-billion dollar Indian gem and jewellery sector stands united in support of the nation. It is imperative that our industry sets a strong example by prioritising the country over commerce. We call upon every jeweller, manufacturer, trader, and wholesaler to

stop all transactions with Turkiye and Azerbaijan," GJC chairman Rajesh Rokde said. GJC urge the industry to suspend all business transactions with Turkive and Azerbaijan in order to show support for 'Operation Sindoor'. He said, this collective action reflects the industry's unwavering commitment to national interests and solidarity during Operation Sindoor."By halting trade, we send a clear message of unity and resolve, reinforcing our industry's role as a pillar of national pride. Let us unite as an industry to uphold these values, showcasing our resilience and loyalty to India's honour and security," he added.

Mass use of drones and cyberspace leads to a paradigm shift to military conflicts

MI News Service, New Delhi : The mass use of drones along with space and cyberspace in modern day warfares have caused a paradigm shift towards military conflicts these days, and the unmatched success of Operation Sindoor is a shining example of this. This view was expressed here on Friday by a former Director General of Military Operation, who oversaw the Doklam crisis, Lt.

Gen. Anil Kumar Bhatt (retired).

Strongly contradicting the diversified views in social media by many war-mongers, who were unhappy with the India-Pakistan conflict ending in four days on the grounds that it was an opportunity to reclaim Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, Lt Gen Bhat said war should be the last option and should not be waged since India had

achieved its strategic aims.

"A war or taking back PoK, should be a war of choice, to be decided by the country's top brass. But this time that was not planned though the armed forces were fully prepared for it, if the situation so arises, said Lt Gen Bhatt, who is the main guiding force behind the growth of the private sector space technology in the country after his re-

tirement from the service in June 2020.

As DGMO, Ly Gen Bhatt was one of the most senior military officers in the hierarchy, in-charge of ensuring that the armed forces were operationally ready at all times. Reporting directly to the Army Chief, the DGMO is intimately involved in shaping strategies to deal with immediate and longterm security challenges, besides coordinat-

ing with the other two services as well as civilian and paramilitary security forces very closely all the time.. In times of crisis and escalated tensions, it falls on the DGMO to communicate with his opposite number, and the current DGMO Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai is exactly doing thatBhatt was DGMO in

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2 Bangladeshis caught entering Bengal with fake Indian docs via broker



MI News Service, Habra: Habra Police arrested two Bangladeshi nationals on Friday for allegedly entering India illegally and creating fake Indian documents through a broker. The accused, Binto Kumar Saha from Faridpur and Hariprasad Das from Chandpur, had reportedly crossed the border about a year ago. Acting on a tip-off, police detained them and discovered they had already secured Indian documents fraudulently. A third individual was reportedly in the process of obtaining similar documents. The arrested were produced in Barasat court as authorities investigate potential links to a larger network.

In a significant development amid heightened illegal activities.

border vigilance, Habra police arrested two Bangladeshi nationals on Friday for illegally entering India and acquiring forged Indian identification documents. The arrests were made following a tip-off from an intelligence source. According to police, the two accused-Binto Kumar Saha from Madhukhali, Faridpur district, and Hariprasad Das from Char Masi village in Chandpur district-had crossed into India around a year ago with the help of a broker. Using fraudulent means, they allegedly obtained Indian documents through the same broker. A third individual, reportedly linked to the duo, was also attempting to forge Indian documents. The arrested individuals were produced in the Barasat court on the same day. Law enforcement agencies are now investigating the wider network potentially involved in facilitating such illegal entries and document forgeries. The arrests come at a time of increasing political unrest in Bangladesh and growing anti-India sentiment, prompting the Border Security Force (BSF) to intensify surveillance along the Indo-Bangladesh border. Authorities are also examining the pos-

sibility of a larger group operating behind these

Digha residents stranded, daily life paralyzed

MI News Service, Digha: Digha locals Gridlocked near temple amid tourist surge. Residents of villages near the newly popular Jagannath Dham in Digha face daily travel woes as road closures, implemented to manage massive Ashaya Tritiya crowds, force frustrating detours.

Local residents in the vicinity of the newly inaugurated Jågannath Temple in Digha are facing significant disruptions to their daily lives due to road closures implemented to manage an overwhelming influx of devotees and tourists. The surge in visitors, which began following Akshaya Tritiya on April 30th and was exacerbated by a series of consecutive holidays, has led to severe congestion in the popular beach town. To ensure the safety and smooth flow of pilgrims, authorities have closed the main southern entrance of ne temple, situated on National Highway 116B, and redirected access through the eastern gate. control the crowds, has resulted of the temple's design on traffic

in considerable inconvenience for local villagers, including those residing in Bhagi Brahmapur and Bil Amoria. They are now compelled to take lengthy detours for their daily commutes. Furthermore, vehicular access, including bicycles, cars, auto-rickshaws, and electric rickshaws, has been restricted on the eastern road adjacent to the temple, effectively stranding local residents. This has generated considerable frustration among the affected population. Basantkumar Jana, a local resident and Secretary of the Digha Adi Jagannath Temple Trust, expressed the community's predicament, stating, "The fervor surrounding the Jagannath temple is understandable, but the persistent crowds, especially during holidays, have rendered the primary road to our village impassable. The necessity of taking detours has made our daily routines exceedingly dif-

flow. "The architectural layout is causing long queues daily. While the eastern road is kept open to manage the situation, it severely restricts our movement within the village. Navigating the crowds has become a major challenge." Appeals have been made to the local administration to address the hardships faced by the residents. However, Apurba Biswas, the Administrator of the Digha-Sankarpur Development Board, declined to comment on the issue. In contrast, Pooja Debnath, the Block Development Officer (BDO) of Ramnagar 1, stated, "I am currently unaware of any inconvenience being faced by the local population. Should a problem exist, we will certainly explore alternative solutions and are actively looking into the matter." The situation underscores the challenges of balancing religious tourism and the daily lives of local com-

More support farmers with Higher MSP and Satellite motoring

Service, MI News Kolkata: The Jute Corporation of India Ltd.(JCI) has completed 54 years of supporting jute farmers, primarily by ensuring Min-imum Support Price (MSP) procurement to prevent distress sales. In FY 2024-25, JCI produced over 5.05 lakh quintals of raw purchases still ongoing. For the upcoming crop year (2025-26) , starting July 1, 2024 the MSP for TD3 (middle grade) jute has been increased to 5,650 per quintal. JCI also implements the Jute-ICARE scheme—funded by the National Jute Board and

supported by ICAR-CRIJAF and ICAR-NINFET—to enhance jute quality and yield through farming mechanization and microbial retting. Additionally, a geospatial crop monitoring system is being introduced with the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) to estimate jute crop area and productivity nationwide. The data will feed into the upcoming PATSAN Module platform. This initiative uses satellite data, mobile apps, and the BHUVAN geo-portal for accurate mapping, yield esti-mation, and real-time monitoring

Cold purified drinking water machine installed at Guskara College by Lions Club



MI Service, News Guskara Town Guskara: Lions Lions Club has installed a cold and normal purified drinking water machine at Guskara College. The machine was formally inaugurated by the chairman of Guskara Municipality Kushal Mukherjee and Lion Rajendra Prasad Agarwal, an eminent social worker and Chartered President of Gushkara town lions club on Friday. Principal of Gushkara Mahavidyalaya Dr. Sudip Chatterjee, Chairman of Lions Club Trastee board Mr. Ananta Chatterjee, Professors and staffs of the college were present. The principal said that there are about four thousand students in the college. Besides, every afternoon, children of the area

Boy beaten to death over mango, tension flares

MI News Service, Naihati: Tension gripped Atisara village in Nahati after a 17-year-old-boy, Sudipta Pandit, was allegedly beaten to death by a mango orchard guard, Farhad Mondal, for picking mangoes. Sudipta, who had come to attend his uncle's funeral, was caught with friends near the orchard and reportedly assaulted. He was declared dead at Naihati State General Hospital. The incident sparked outrage, leading villagers to set the orchard on fire and demand

cused has been arrested.

come to the college grounds to play sports and exercise. Everyone will benefit from the installation of this machine. He thanked the Lions Club. He requested to be by their side in the future. Rajendra Prasad Agarwal said that the cost of installing the machine was near about 1.5 lakh rupees. The machine will be installed in several other populated places in Guskara town for the common people. He also said that health checkup camps will be organized for college students in the coming days. The Chairman said that the Lions Club has come forward for various charitable works in Guskara. They have extended their helping hand in various developmental works before.

with a group of friends to pluck mangoes. According to local residents, Sudipta was caught by the orchard's guard, identified as Farhad Mondal, who allegedly assaulted the teenager severely. Sudipta was later rushed to Naiĥati State General Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

The news of the boy's death spread quickly, sparking outrage across the village. In retaliation, angry villagers set fire to the mango orchard and demanded strict action against the acstrict punishment. The accused. Police later arrested Farhad Mondal and have A 17-year-old boy was allaunched an investigation legedly beaten to death for into the incident. attempting to pick mangoes The situation remains from a private orchard, trigtense, with authorities degering massive unrest in ploying additional forces to Atisara village of Naihati. prevent further escalation. The incident occurred when Locals have called for jus-Sudipta Pandit, who had tice and accountability in come to the village to attend what they describe as a bruhis uncle's funeral, reporttal and senseless act over a edly entered the orchard minor incident.

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of them dead on arrival.

Among the three injured,

one is reported to be in criti-

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

Thief flaunts stolen saree on facebook, arrested by police

MI News Service, Madhyamgram: A Facebook story featuring a stolen saree led to a breakthrough in multiple theft cases in Madhyamgram. The police cracked six cases in the past four months, recovering stolen jewelry, saree, and even a scooty. Five arrests were made, though the accused in a cyber fraud case involving lakh of rupees recovering the lost money. Superintendent of police Pratiksha Jharkhand handed over the recovered items to the rightful owners. In a significant breakthrough, Madhyamgram police have successfully cracked six separate cases—including theft, house burglary, and cyber fraud—over the past four months. A total of five individuals have been arrested in connection with these cas-

es, and several stolen items have been returned to their rightful owners. Among the cases solved was a unique theft involving stolen sarees and gold jewelry. The investigation was triggered after complainant Ashish Dasgupta reported that his sister's chador and several valuables had gone missing during the winter. Suspicion fell on their housemaid, Pooja Sardar. The case took a turn when Dasgupta's younger daughter noticed the stolen sarees being worn and displayed in a Facebook story. She took a screenshot, which was later submitted as evidence to the police. Following this lead, officers recovered the stolen sarees and jewelry. On the same day, Barasat Police District Superintendent Pratiksha Jharkharia personally

handed over the recovered items to the complainants. Police sources confirm that. in total, six cases have been solved in recent months. These include a case of cyber fraud in which a victim lost several lakhs of rupees. Though the stolen money was successfully recovered no arrests have been made in that particular case so far. However, arrests were made in all other investigations. In another recovered theft case, a scooty stolen from a local resident was also returned to its owner. Police continue to interrogate the arrested individuals to determine if a larger network or gang is involved. The swift resolution of these cases highlights the growing effectiveness of local police efforts in tackling both physical and digital crime.

Bengal

Bangladeshis roaming freely and staying illegally in Dankuni raise alarms

News Service, Dankuni: Following the arrest of two Bangladeshis with fake Indian documents in Habra, another Bangladeshi, Mohammad Shahadat Hossain, was arrested from Manoharpur, Dankuni. Shahadat, originally from Satkhira, Bangladesh, entered India on a tourist visa in 2020 but overstayed illegally. His passport has been confiscated. Meanwhile, the two Bangladeshis arrested in Habra—Binto Kumar Saha from Faridpur and Hariprasad Das from Chandpur-are alleged to have entered India a year ago through brokers. Authorities continue investigations into illegal entries and docu-

down on illegal immigration

Saha, a resident of Madhukhuni following intelligence inputs. Shahadat, originalali in Faridpur district, Banly from Satkhira district in gladesh, and Hariprasad Das Bangladesh, had entered Infrom Char Masi village under dia in 2020 on a tourist visa Bageri police station, Chanvalid for only three months. dpur district, Bangladesh. However, he overstayed well According to police investigabeyond the permitted peritions, these two individuals od and has been residing in had entered India roughly a year ago through brokers a rented accommodation in Dankuni since then. Despite and had obtained fake Indiestablishing a certain level an identification documents of local familiarity, residents via these intermediaries. Authorities are actively probwere reportedly surprised to learn that he had been living ing the network involved in these illegal entries and the in India without valid legal status for such an extended fabrication of fraudulent docduration. The police arrested uments. This operation high-Shahadat on charges of illelights the ongoing challenggal stay, and his passport has es faced by border security been seized. He was subseagencies and law enforcequently produced before the ment in West Bengal amid Serampore court. This arrest heightened vigilance due to came on the same day that increased political unrest and cross-border tensions in

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ficult." Umesh Maiti, another local resident, echoed these con-This measure, while intended to cerns, highlighting the impact

munities in rapidly developing pilgrimage sites. Residents are hopeful for a swift resolution that will alleviate their transportation woes

ASEL recommends 100 per cent Dividend after better performance in Q-4

Service, MI News Kolkata: The Board of Directors of Avadh Sugar & Energy Limited (ASEL) has recommended a 100 percent Dividend for its shareholders of the Face Value after the company has posted a net profit of Rs. 72 Crore in Q4FY25 as against Rs. 55 Crore in Q4FY24. After discussing the audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Full Year Ended 31st March 2025 the Board expressed its happiness that the company's net income during Q4FY25 stood at Rs.678 Crore as against Rs. 621 Crore in Q4FY24 and the EBITDA at Rs 149 Crore as against Rs. 122 Crore in Q4FY24. Commenting on the



Mr. Chandra Shekhar Nopany

results, C.S. Nopany, Co-Chairperson, Avadh Sugar & Energy Ltd said "sugar production in Uttar Pradesh is expected to decline due to lower yields and lower recoveries in the 2024-25

opening stocks and higher anticipated production next season, India's sugar industry is not only well-positioned to meet domestic needs but also to re-enter global markets confidently. We foresee a season of stability and opportunity, balancing export potential with assured supply for domestic consumers and ethanol blending programmes. At Avadh, while we acknowledge these near-term headwinds, we

crushing season, but with strong

remain committed to sustainable growth with our ongoing capex programme. We believe the sector can rebound strongly in the 2025-26 season and bevond"

Bengal sees big investment as Cosmic Birla mulls Rs 250 Cr casting project in Barjora

MI News Service, Kolkata: Its boom time for investment in West Bengal as Cosmic Birla Group annouced its much awaited project in Barjora, West Bengal. Cosmic Birla Group, a prominent player in India's heavy engineering and railway infrastructure sector is all set to launch its new high-capacity casting plant in Barjora, West Bengal

The investment will be of Rs 250 Crores for the said project.

Spread across more than 10 acres of land aquired through DRT auction process, the plant will have a massive capacity of 25,000 metric tonnes of finished casting per year.

The production line would include railway bogies, axles, gears, crossings and other various critical components catering both to railways and defence sectors.

A direct and indirect employment of at least 500 will be on





cards due to this mega project. Construction is progressing with land development, foundation

work and structural set up for the said project. The project is scheduled for completion by March 31, 2026

commencing in the first quarter of Finnancial Year(FY) 2026-27. Equipped with state-of-the-

art machinary, both indiginous and imported, the plant will adhere to global standards in casting technology and precision engineering. The said initiative eventually marks another milestone in Cosmic Birla Group's journey towards forward integration, enhancing its value chain and reaffirming its commitment to Bengal's as well as India's industrial and infrastructure development.

with commercial production of the nation.



The plan of the Cosmic Birla Group was formally unfolded by MI Aditya Vikram Birla(Chairman and MD- Cosmic Birla Group). He further mentioned that the recent India- Pakistan war has enhanced the need for more and more defence related requirements in India. Aditya Vikram Birla once again re-confirmed the commitment of Cosmic Birla Group in serving both West Bengal and India in its fullest capacity for the holistic development

Kolkata: Three day long international business conference started under the initiative of S I Surgical Went to Maya Resort in Kolkata. In the press conference on the first day, Managing Director of S Eye Surgical, Mr. Mukherjee Told him to move ahead towards fulfilling his dream. S I Surgical is a trusted name as a medical equipment

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2 Killed, 3 Injured in Lightning Strike During Sudden Nor'wester in Nadia's Shantipur

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MI Service, News 2 killed, 3 Shantipur: others injured from lightning strike at Sutragarh under Shantipur in Nadia on Thursday night.

A sudden nor'wester storm struck Nadia's Shantipur and surrounding areas on Thursday night, bringing heavy rain and lightning. In Sutragarh Das Para, a tragic lightning strike claimed the lives of two people and left three others injured.

community. Local authori-According to local sourcties and disaster response es, around 8:30 PM, as the teams have visited the site storm intensified, five indiand are monitoring the sitviduals took shelter under uation

Managing Director Sanjay explains the global expansion of S I Surgical



Service, manufacturer. In any state of India, medical equipment means surgical. This time I am ready to spread my knowledge worldwide. This company will work jointly with different countries. With new technology and low cost, it is possible to create more advanced equipment which can be used in international trade. Will create noise. Many jobs will be created as a result.

and document forgery, the police arrested a Bangladeshi national, Mohammad Shahadat Hossain, from the Manoharpur area of Dank-

two other Bangladeshi nationals were apprehended in the region. Police continue to Habra for possessing forged Indian documents. The arrested individuals have been identified as Binto Kumar such networks.

monitor the situation closely to prevent further infiltration and illegal activities linked to

Dry taps force villagers to take drastic protest step

MI News Service, Bakura: A severe water crisis has gripped Anchuri village in Bankura Block 1, where hundreds of families have pipeline connections but receive little to no water. Despite a pipeline system installed five years ago, irregular supply has left villagers struggling for even drinking water. With unusable tube wells and insufficient water tankers, residents-especially women-took to the streets in protest, blocking roads in Chhatna to demand a regular supply. Authorities cite low water pressure at the pipeline's tail-end as the root cause and have promised swift action.

A worsening water crisis has sparked protests in Anchuri village of Bankura Block 1, where hundreds of families have been facing severe water shortages despite having pipeline connections installed five years ago. With

the onset of intense summer heat, the irregular and insufficient water supply has escalated into a critical issue, prompting residentsmostly women—to block roads at the Anchuri intersection from early morning on Friday. According to local sources, while pipelines have reached every household, water supply through them remains erratic. Even on days when water is available, it is for such a short duration that families manage to collect only one or two buckets—insufficient even for basic drinking needs. Water tankers sent occasionally fail to meet demand, and tube wells in the area are reported to be unfit for drinking or cooking purposes. With no reliable source potable water nearby, of villagers are forced to walk nearly 2.5 kilometers daily to fetch water, enduring the scorching heat. In protest,

they staged a road blockade in Chhatna, bringing local traffic to a standstill during peak office hours. Police and officials from the Bankura Sadar Police Station and the Public Health Engineering Department arrived on the scene to manage the situation, but were met with strong resistance from the protesters. Officials from the Public Health Technical Department stated that Anchuri lies at the far end of the pipeline system that sources water from Durgapur, resulting in significantly reduced water pressure and subsequent supply issues. Authorities have assured that steps are being taken to resolve the crisis urgently. The incident has raised serious concerns at the state level, with Nabanna reportedly issuing strict instructions to address water shortages in affected regions across western districts.

Kalyani Central Model School felicitates students for better results

MI News Service, Kalyani: Kalyani Central Model School in Nadia felicitated some of their students who secured the remarkable marks in AISSC (Class XII) and in class X this year, said Akash Roy, Manager of the school

The felicitation program took place at the school hall on Friday. The students were handed over the medels.

A total of 239 students had appeared from class 12 and 39 students from class 10. Out of 239, a student achieved 98 per cent mark. However, 23 students achieved 90 percent plus marks. Along with that in



class 12, the school has 99.7 & 99.45 percentile in G main as well. Most of the students are appearing for NEET, the Principal Ashutosh Kumar said.

a student of the school has achieved the topper position with 96.8 percent, teacher Arpan Datta said.

Last time we got the first position in the district in this In class ten, Sayan Bain, issue, Principal more said.

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Mass use of drones and...

From PG 1

2017 when India was locked in a 73-day military standoff with China in the Doklam tri-junction near the Sikkim sector of the Line of Actual Control (LAC). A four-star Lieutenant General is the second highest rank in the army, below a five-star general of the status of Field Marshal, which is largely a ceremonial or war-time rank. Gen Shyam Manekshaw, the legendary war hero, was the last Field Marshal in the Indian Army

Reiterating that "war is a serious business. A very, very serious business. And a nation goes for it when all possible options are over", Lt Gen Bhat said "We had options less than war (during the current crisis) and gave a sense to it," from his experience of remaining 38 long years in the Army

Åsked how important drones were in the latest conflict, he said the unmanned aerial vehicles have created an entirely new paradigm in warfare and the militaries of the world began focussing on it when they achieved spectacular success for Azerbaijan in winning a nearly lost war against a well-armed Armenia. The extensive use of drones are also being seen in the three year long Russia-Ukraine war in Europe besides the civil wars in Ethoiopia and in several countries in Africa, he said adding however, in the Israel- Palestine conflicts the use of drones is minimal because it is absolutely a one sided affair.

Lt Gen Bhat said the drones were mostly Turkish made. Turkey also supplied drones to Pakistan, which sent swarms of them over Indian air space for surveillance and some-

times lethal payloads. Lt Gen Bhatt agreed that relatively inexpensive drones costing as little as Rs 2 lakh for each of them, were able to destroy armoured tanks worth Rs 20-30 crore in the two Azerbaijan-Armenia wars in 2017 and 2020 besides in the Russia- Ukraine conflict. This made it clear that war theatres of the future will be dotted with drones. To that there are two more new elements, Bhatt noted. "Previously, we used to say that wars are fought on land, sea and in the air. But there are two new domains, very, very effective and important domains – space and cyber space that are now emerging,"

said Lt Gen Bhatt, who is now the Director General of the Indian Space Association, the industry body of the space sector. Lt Gen Bhatt said the space sector is critical to future warfare as satellites play an important role in intelligence gathering, surveillance and reconnaissance. besides guiding missiles and aircraft to their desired targets. "But in the future every country will have to protect its assets in space and also know what are the adversaries

assets in space," he said. The former DGMO further stated that several countries like the USA and China have demonstrated anti-satellite weapons and were also developing suicidal satellites that go near an adversary's satellites and destroy it. He said India has nine

or 10 military satellites for surveillance purposes and has plans to put in place a constellation of 52 satellites for space-based surveillance.

"These 52 satellites will definitely increase our capability. Today, our gap is filled by companies like Maxar, PlanetM among others. But we would obviously want our own satellites. Shutter control is very important," Bhatt said.

He said the Pahalgam attack was seen in strategic circles as an attempt by the Pakistan Army to stay relevant in their country after a series of setbacks, including the attack on the Pakistan Corps Commander residence in 2023 by supporters of former Prime minister Imran Khan.

Lt Gen Bhatt said India has drawn a new red line for dealing with Pakistan by warning them of a strong response to every act of terror on Indian soil

"We have set a new normal - you cross the red line, we will hit back. Of course it require us to be more prepared. But for Pakistan there is no other method," he said.

Lt Gen Bhatt said the keeping in abeyance of the Indus Water Treaty has been a very effective method. Another method, he added, was for India to keep focusing on its growth story while keeping an eye on Pakistan's activities. "It's up to you. You put Pakistan on your

Kolkata sets benchmark in 'Air Quality Improvement', CM Mamata Banerjee credits collective effort

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata has once again set a remarkable example by being recognized among three major cities in India for significantly reducing Particulate Matter (PM) levels and improving the overall Air Quality Index saying, (AQI). West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee took to social media to share the news, stating,

"The Government of India has awarded Kolkata for its significant progress in reducing air pollution and improving air quality. This recognition is a proud mo-ment for all of us." She expressed her gratitude, "I am deeply thankful to the people of Kolkata for their unwavering support and cooperation in this vital mission."

Mamata Banerjee emphasized the importance of collective effort, urging, "Let us all-citizens and agencies alike-continue working together to maintain and enhance our city's cleanliness and greenery." This achievement underscores the state government's commitment to sustainable urban development and environmental

health. The accolade reflects Kolkata's growing role as a leader in addressing pollution challenges, aligning with Mamata Banerjee's vision of a healthier and greener Bengal. This national recognition serves as an inspiration for other cities to intensify their efforts toward cleaner air and better living conditions.





In a vibrant display of patriotism and cultural pride, women played with sindoor during the Tiranga Yatra, marking the success of Operation Sindoor and honouring the bravery of the Indian Armed Forces, in Kolkata on Friday.

Police uses limited force to clear protest, ensures employees' safe exit, says ADG

MI News Service, Kolkata: On Friday, senior Bengal police officials, including ADG Law and Order Jawed Shamim and ADG South Bengal Supratim Sarkar, held a press conference to address the recent violence during protests by teaching and non-teaching staff at BikashBhawan. They firmly stated that the use of force was minimal and only enforced to protect the democratic rights of the hundreds of employees and visitors trapped inside the building for over eight hours.

Jawed Shamim emphasized the police's empathy towards the protesters who have lost their jobs, stressing that the police never intended to obstruct their peaceful agitation. "We understand the pain of losing employment. They are suffering, and we sympathize with that," he said. While showing deep respect for teachers, calling them the pillars of societv, Shamim added, "What happened during the protests is not befitting of teachers." He also acknowledged the value of jobs, stating, "We too work and understand the importance of employment." The police officials underscored that while peaceful protests are a democratic right, the government employees also have the right to return home safely after office hours. It was in the effort to uphold this right that police had to resort to limited force ADG South Bengal Supratim Sarkar provided further details, revealing that 500-600 employees and visitors were trapped inside BikashBhawan, unable to leave due to the blockade by protesters. Despite repeated requests from police to allow the employees to exit, the protesters refused. Sarkar noted that the demonstra-

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The defection of former

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tions had remained peaceful for the previous ten days, with police showing restraint even after an incident involving a politician earlier in the day. "If government property is attacked, then the movement cannot be considered democratic or peaceful," he said.

The protest turned violent late Thursday night as teachers and staff, whose demands were dismissed by the Supreme Court last month, clashed with police and alleged Trinamool supporters. Many protesters claimed police baton charges, while police alleged they were attacked with bricks while trying to clear the way for employees and visitors.

Sarkar highlighted the plight of those trapped inside, including elderly people, women, and a pregnant woman. In desperation, one woman jumped from the mezzanine floor, fracturing her leg. Sarkar recounted an employee's plea to be allowed home to administer medicine to his ailing mother, which was denied by the protesters. "If protesters have the right to demonstrate, don't others have the right to reach their homes?" he questioned. Jawed Shamim shifted the blame for the escalation onto the protesters, suggesting they resorted to violence due to frustration over perceived inattention to their peaceful protests. "It is unfortunate that peaceful protests sometimes fail to get due attention; this is a collective failure. They need to explain why they chose violence last night," he said. Shamim clarified that the police's sole intention was to remove the blockade without harming uninvolved individuals and safely escort those trapped out.

AITC initiates major reshuffle and announces State Mother Comm

MI News Service, Kolkata: The All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) on Friday finalized a significant organisational reshuffle have across several key districts in West Bengal, ending weeks of speculation about leadership changes within the ruling party. This strategic reorganisation involved appointing new district chairpersons and presidents while establishing core committees in politically sensitive areas like Birbhum and Kolkata North, reflecting the party's focus on decentralised leadership and stronger grassroots engagement ahead of upcoming electoral challenges.

In Kolkata North, instead of appointing a sin-gle district president, the party has created a ninemember District Core Committee headed by senior parliamentarian Šudip-Bandyopadhyay. The committee includes influential leaders such as Atin Ghosh, JibonSaha, NayanaBandyopadhyay, Paresh Paul, Dr. Shashi Panja, Pandey, Supti Swa-Swarna panSamadar, Kamal Saha, and Vivek Gupta, combining veteran political experience with urban influence to better manage the party's affairs in this crucial urban constituency. Meanwhile. Kolkata South continues to be overseen by Manish Gupta as District Chairperson and Debasish Kumar as District President, underscoring the party's confidence in their seasoned administrative capabilities.

Further north, Ganga Prasad Sharma has been appointed as District Chairperson of Alipurduar with Prakash ChikBaraik as District President. In Cooch Behar, GirindraNath Barman and Avijit De Bhowmik have been named Chai"person and President respectively, while Jalpaiguri's leadership rests with Chairperson Khageswar Roy and President MahuaGope. The Darjeeling Hills district is now led by L.B. Rai as Chairperson alongside President ShantaChettri, whereas the Darjeeling Plains has Sanjay Tibrewal as Chairperson, with the

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be announced. In Uttar Dinajpur, HamidurRahaman and KanaiaLal Agarwal has been divided into three organisational been appointed Tamluk, Kanthi, and Ghatal—with Dipendra Chairperson and President respectively. Similarly, DakshinDinajpur's leader-Narayan Roy and Sujit ship consists of Chairper-Kumar Roy serving as Chairperson and President son Toraf Hossain Mondal and President SubhashBin PurbaMedinipur (Tamhaoyal. Malda district's PurbaMedinipur luk). (Kanthi) will be overseen new leaders are Chairperson Chaitali Sarkar and by Chairperson Tarun-President Abdur Rahim Boxi. Murshidabad district Maity and President PiiushKanti Paschim Medinipur has been divided into two (Ghatal) is led by Chairperzones for enhanced administrative efficiency: son AjitMaity and Presi-Berhampore, chaired by RadhakantaMaiti, dent NiamotSk with Apurba while PaschimMedinipur Sarkar (David) as Presi-(Medinipur) has assigned dent, and Jangipur, where Dinen Roy as Chairperson. Jakir Hossain serves as Chairperson and Khalilur-In Howrah Rural, Sujov Hazra has been appointed Rahaman as President. District President with Birbhum district has Samir Kumar Panja as

taken a distinctive approach by forming a ninemember District Core Committee instead of appointing individual office bearers. This committee includes key leaders such Abhijit Sinha, \mathbf{as} AnubrataMondal, Asish Bikas Banerjee, Rov Chowdhury, Chandranath Sinha, KajalSk, and Sudipto Ghosh. Notably, Asish Banerjee is mentioned among Chairper-sons, indicating a collaborative leadership model, with all MPs from the district serving as exofficio members to ensure comprehensive coordination. In PurbaBardhaman, Apurba Chowdhury has been named District Chairperson with Rabindranath Chatterjee as President. PaschimBardhaman's leadership roles have been assigned to Chairperson Hareram Singh and Presi-

President Roy and Arunava Sen, signalling a focused strategy to strengthen urban voter outreach. In Hooghly district, Mitali Bag has taken charge as Chairperson with RamenduSingha Roy as President in the Arambag region, and AsimaPatra and ArindamGuin are **Chairperson and President** respectively in Serampore. Nadia district's Krishnanagar area will be led by Chairperson Rukbanur Rahman and President MahuaMoitra, while Ranaghat will be overseen by Chairperson Shankar Singha Roy and President

Chairperson.

Urban's leadership in-

cludes Chairperson Arup

DebasishGanguly, high-lighting the party's focus on critical border constituencies. In North 24 Parganas, Mamata Thakur and Biswajit Das have Narendranath been appointed Chairper son and President of the Sen Bongaon subdivision, reflecting a commitment to the Matua community. The Barasat subdivision's **Chairperson and President** posts remain vacant pendannouncement. ing Basirhat's leadership consists of Chairperson Saroj Banerjee and President BurhanulMukaddim (Litton), aimed at enhancing administrative coordination in this border belt.

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your car. Or look at the economy and keep driving it. Keep them (Pakistan) in the rear view mirror, it will be enough. Don't distract yourself from what they are doing," he said.

front screen and drive

PRAYING TO BCCI NOT TO REMOVE **Dilip Ghosh reacts** to John Barla's

Cricket lovers agitate in front of Eden Gardens Stadium, protesting against the BCCI over the removal of the IPL 2025 Playoff match from the venue, in Kolkata.

Fake birth cert scam exposed: UP youth arrested in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata police have once again unearthed a fake birth certificate scam linked to fraudulent passport applications. A young man, Ehsahan Khan, originally from Uttar Pradesh and currently residing in the Garden Reach area of Kolkata, was arrested by the Security Control Organisation (SCO) branch of Kolkata Police. The arrest was made after it was discovered that Khan had submitted a forged birth certificate, allegedly generated from Gosaba, as part of his passport application process.

During routine verification, officials grew suspicious about the authenticity of the certificate, which ultimately led to Khan's arrest. He is set

raised serious concerns within to be presented before the Janata Party in West Bencourt. Police officials are gal. Barla, who reprecontinuing their investigasented Alipurduar in the Lok Sabha since 2019, joined TMC on Thursday in tion into how Khan managed to obtain the fake document and whether he the presence of senior leaders SubrataBakshi and is part of a larger network operating similar Arup Biswas. He criticised schemes. Meanwhile, in a the BJP for obstructing deseparate but related case, velopment and failing to investigators have made safeguard tribal rights, esshocking revelations repecially in tea garden areas. Without naming ingarding Azad Mallik, who dividuals, Barla took a veiled dig at BJP's Leader had been arrested earlier in a passport fraud case. of the Opposition in West According to intelligence sources, Mallik, whose Bengal, SuvenduAdhikari, real name is reportedly accusing him of divisive Azad Hossain, is a Pakpolitics and personal ambiistani national who ention to become Chief Ministered India through ter. Reacting to Barla's exit, Bangladesh in 2013. He al-BJP national vice-president legedly spent Rs 1 lakh to and former West Bengal state president Dilip Ghosh procure Indian identity documents, including PAN, acknowledged Barla's sig-Voter ID, and Aadhaan nificant influence and cards. trade union backing.

Chakraborty. Bankura district will be led by Chairperson Aloka Majumdar and President Tara Sankar Roy, while in Bishnupur, BikramjitChattopadhyay and Subrata Dutta have been appointed to these roles. The tribaldominated Purulia disleadership trict's comprises Chairperson ShantiramMahato and President RajibLochanSaren, whereas Jhargram will be adminis-tered by Chairperson Bir-

dent

North 24 Parganas



Members of the Task Force visit market to inspect prices of essential commodities at Gariahat area in Kolkata

Mystery shrouds the death of Pritam Majumdar

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a shocking develop-ment, a web of troubling questions has emerged following the death of BJP leader RinkuMajumdar's son, Pritam, whose body was found last Tuesday in a luxury apartment at the Sapoorji Housing Com-plex in New Town, Kolkata. The BidhannagarCommissionerate police have launched an investigation into an unnatural death, though no formal complaint has yet

been filed by the be-reaved family. Pritam, a young man with a promising career, is now at the center of a growing inves-tigation surrounding alleged substance abuse. Initial findings have revealed that he was undergoing counseling for drug addiction. However, the circumstances leading to his death have raised deeper concerns—specifically, the role of his live-in partner in his descent into addiction.

Lalbazar to procure high-power generators to stabilize Bhangar policing infra

levels.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Following the administrative decision to bring Bhangar under Kolkata Police jurisdiction, Lalbazar has taken swift steps to resolve critical infrastructural gaps ham-

pering law enforcement in the region. Persistent power outages in police across stations the Bhangar Division have prompted the Kolkata Police Headquarters to initiate urgent an procurement of high-capacity generators, aiming to ensure uninterrupted law and order operations

Senior officials at Lalbazar confirmed that the power supply situation in Bhangar had become a major operational obstacle. Frequent load-shedding, especially during rain and thunderstorms, often paralyzes policing activities. Online case documentation, real-time communication between units, and digital surveillance systems face routine disruption, leaving officers handicapped dur-

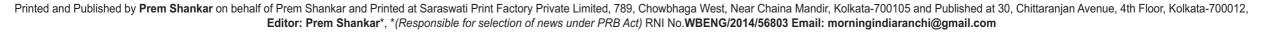
ing peak duty hours. In response, Lalbazar has sanctioned a fund of Rs 33 lakh for the purchase of six state-of-the-art generators with high power output and reduced noise

The official tender has already been floated on the Kolkata Police website, and Lalbazar intends to complete installation before the onset of monsoon. Though the list of police stations slated to receive the generators is yet to be finalized, it is expected that the worst-affected stations—including Hatishala, Polerhat, Uttar Kashipur, Bijoyganj Bazar, Madhabpur, Chandaneswar, Bodra, and Bhangar—will be given priority

Officials clarified that while most Kolkata Police divisions rely on CESC for uninterrupted power supply, the Bhangar Division falls under the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL), which uses overhead wiring-more prone to disruption during inclement weather. Lalbazar, after repeated field reports and logistical reviews, recognized the need for independent backup systems to maintain policing integrity.

A senior Lalbazar officer stated, "We cannot allow law enforcement to be held hostage by infrastructure challenges. Bhangar is strategically sensitive. These generators are not a luxurythey are essential tools to ensure safety, stability, and seamless nance." gover-Meanwhile, WBSEDCL

has acknowledged the recurring power issues in the area. Lalbazar's intervention is being viewed as a proactive measure to protect administrative efficiency and public trust in Kolkata Police operations. With the generator installations expected before the monsoon. Bhangar's police units may soon get the power they need—literally and institutionally.



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Civil aviation min Naidu holds meeting

with airline officials

MI News Service, New Delhi: Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu held a meeting with airline representatives, according to sources. The meeting came in the backdrop of disruptions in flight operations in recent days in the wake of the military conflict between India and Pakistan. On Saturday, India and Pakistan reached an understanding to stop all firings and military actions on land, air and sea with immediate effect. The sources said the minister will be meeting the airline representatives to discuss various issues. Specific details about the meeting agenda could not be immediately ascertained. Security measures were enhanced and at least 32 airports in the northern and the western parts of the country were temporarily shut in view of the conflict. These airports were reopened for civilian flights on Monday. The closure of airports had disrupted flight operations, with airlines cancelling over 300 flights daily. Besides, Indian airlines have been taking longer for international routes flights from the northern parts of the country to the West due to the closure of Pakistan airspace for Indian carriers. Following the airspace closure, the ministry had sought inputs from the airlines on the potential operational and financial impact. Airlines have already submitted their inputs

Thrust on tourism: Sikkim may get allweather airport

MI News Service, New Delhi: Union minister Ramdas Athawale said an airport is likely to be built in Sikkim to boost tourism. Addressing a press conference, Athawale on Sunday said the Centre was committed to the overall progress of the state. He said Sikkim was excelling remarkably in the tourism sector under the leadership of Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang. Athawale.

Name Change

MD. Ramjani (Old Name) S/d Habib Nadaf residing at 16, Amar-talla Lane, Burrabazar, Kolkata-700001 and my permanent address Hanchanda, Panchobh Darbhanga, Hanumannagar, Bihar-846003 have change my name be kno Ram jani Nadaf as declared before the LD. First Class Magistrate, Kolkata, vide affidavit no. 42402 dated 12.08.2024 MD.Ramjani (Old Name) and Ramjani Nadaf (New Name) both are same and one iden tical person

Bolpur Station: A Cultural Beacon on Howrah Division's **100th Anniversary**



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Bolpur's rise to prominence

was fueled by two transfor-

mative influences: the estab-

lishment of a center for

religious meditation by

Debendranath Tagore, Ra-

bindranath's father, and the

founding of Visva-Bharati University in 1921. These

milestones elevated Bolpur

from a quiet village to a vi-

brant center of intellectual

and artistic activity. The town

became a mosaic of cultural

hubs: Kachharipatti grew as

an administrative center near

the courthouse, Trishulapatti

thrived as a paddy trading

hub, and Kalibaroarytala

emerged as a service-oriented

locality. Weekly Harisava and

Bramhopasana conferences

drew thinkers like Bijaykrish-

naGhoswami, ShivnathShas-

tri, and ShasibhusanBasu,

fostering spiritual and intellec-

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Tagore's connection to Bolpur

Station was deeply personal,

beginning with his first jour-

ney from Howrah to Bolpur

on February 14, 1873, at the

age of 11 years and 9 months.

traveling on a half ticket. Poignantly, his final journey

was also by rail, from Bolpur

to Howrah on July 29, 1941,

just two weeks before his

death. For this journey, Ni-

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Chief Operating Superinten-

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MI News Service, Kolkata: As the Howrah Division celebrates its 100th anniver-Bolpur sary, Station emerges as a landmark of profound cultural and historical significance, deeply intertwined with the legacy of the legendary poet Rabindranath Tagore. Located in the heart of Bengal, Bolpur Station serves as the gateway to Santiniketan, the town founded by Tagore and home to his visionary Visva-Bharati University, established in 1921. Far more than a mere transit point, Bolpur Station is a symbol of Tagore's enduring influ-ence, connecting travelers to a hub of education, art, and humanism that continues to inspire generations.

Vision: Rabindranath Tagore, a Nobel laureate who reshaped India's cultural and educational landscape, frequently traveled through Bolpur Station to reach Santiniketan, his

A Gateway to Tagore's



than a logistical hub; it was a bridge to Tagore's dream of fostering a holistic approach to learning. By welcoming students. scholars, and admirers to Santiniketan, Bolpur Station Sony rides to profit via music, movies & games News Service,

MI Tokyo/New Delhi: Japanese technology and entertainment company Sony logged an 18% rise in profit for the fiscal year through March on healthy results at its music and video-game operations.

Tokyo-based Sonv Corp. said that its annual profit totaled 1.14 trillion yen (USD 7.8 billion), up from 970.6 billion yen in the previous fiscal year. Annual sales were virtually unchanged, inching down to 12.957 trillion yen (USD 88 billion) from 13.020 trillion yen.

One area that lagged among Sony's sprawling businesses was the financial segment, where revenue stalled. But its film division and its imaging and sensor solutions segment did well.

Among the movies that fared positively at the box office for the fiscal year through March were were "Venom: The Last Dance," featuring the Marvel Comics superhero, and "Bad Boys: Ride or Die," an action comedy, in which Will Smith and Martin Lawrence come back in their popular cop roles, the fourth installment in the series.

Sony, which makes the PlayStation console and game software played on that machine, also marked healthy results in the gaming business. Its music operations, which also held up, include recordings, streaming services and streaming services and music for games. The top-selling recorded music projects for the latest fiscal year globally was SZA's "SOS Deluxe: LANA," followed by Beyonce, Future & Metro Boomin and Travis Scott. For the Japan music business, the topseller was Kenshi Yonezu's "Lost Corner" album, fol-lowed by offerings from Stray Kids and Six Tones.

leaders, including For the January-March NetajiSubhas quarter, Sony posted a Bose, 197.7 billion yen (USD 1.3 recognized billion) profit, up 5% from signifi-189 billion yen the same quarter in the previous fiscance, holding cal year. Sales were 2.6 trillion yen (USD 17.7 bil-lion), down 24% from 3.48 conferences that amplified nationalist and social reform Last Railway trillion yen.

Sony is forecasting a nearly 13% drop in profit for the fiscal year through March 2026, to 930 billion yen (USD 6.3 billion), on 11.7 trillion yen (USD 80 billion) sales, down 2.9% on-year.

Metro Staff help an Indisposed Lady Passenger

MI News Service, Kolkata: On-duty Metro staff and RPF personnel have once again come forward to help an indisposed lady commuter in the Metro premises during peak hours at the right time. On 15.05.2025 at about 19.25 hrs., a lady commuter aged around 28 years suddenly started feeling unwell at the platform area of Esplanade station. On-duty station staff and RPF immediately rushed to her help. Considering the seriousness of the situation, she was brought to the Station Master's Office and given first-aid. She was later sent to Medical College and Hospital with RPF and station staff for further treatment. Her family member was informed about her condition through mobile number given by her. She expressed heartfelt gratitude for the kind and timely help rendered by the station staff of Metro Railway.

Railway Board approves new chord rail line between Karhi-Sagma MI News Service, Delhi: Tak-

ing a significant step towards strengthening rail infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh, the Railway Board has approved an important new rail line project under West Central Railway (WCR) zone. The proposed chord rail line is 5.31 km long between Karhi and Sagma, this new rail line project has been approved at a cost of Rs 165.20 crore. This is an important step in the development of railway projects aimed at increasing connectivity in the state.

The chord rail line between Karhi and Sagma (5.31 km) proposed under the umbrella work is important for rail connectivity as it aims to increase the capacity of the lines, flyovers and bypass lines. Karhi station is a new station on the new line under construction Satna-Panna-Khajuraho, and Sagma station is located on the Satna-Manikpur-Prayagraj double line route. At present, the line capacity utilisation of the Satna-Manikpur section is 120%, which is estimated to increase to 143% by the year 2027. Under the Lalitpur-Sin-

MI News Service, Kolkata: Malda Division Organizes Media Tour Showcasing Upgradation of Pirpainti and Rajmahal Stations under Bharat Station Amrit Scheme In a significant step towards modernizing railway infrastructure and enhancing passenger amenities, Malda Division of Eastern Railway organized a media tour today to showcase the ongoing redevelopment works at Pirpainti and Rajmahal railway stations under the ambitious Amrit Station Scheme. The media tour was led by Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Malda, Shri Yatish Kumar, accompanied by Senior Branch Officers of the division. The objective of the tour was to provide an overview of the transformation initiatives underway, and to brief the media on the scope, progress, and fu-

ture vision of the redevelopment projects. Pirpainti Railway Station Redevelopment Highlights At Pirpainti Station, DRM/Malda reviewed the modernization efforts and provided a detailed briefing to media representatives. A walkthrough of the station was conducted, allowing the press to witness firsthand of the upgraded infrastructure and improved passenger-centric facilities. It is noteworthy that the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

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development works worth ₹18.93 crore have been sanctioned. The scope of work includes Civil, Electrical, S&T, Signage, Lift, and 12m Foot Over Bridge (FOB)/Roof Plaza development, Separate Arrival & Departure Blocks, Pedestrian Pathways, Eye-catching Sculptures, Standard Interiors, Modern Facade with Aesthetic Lighting etc Key Works Completed under Phase 1 at Pirpainti Station: • Construction of a modern façade with aesthetic lighting* Development of First Class and Second Class Waiting Halls, Reserved Lounge, Executive Lounge, and Ladies Waiting Hall Completion of the concourse area and arrival block* * Development of the circulating area for smoother passenger movement * Installation of Large-Size Indoor and Outdoor Video Walls for dynamic passenger information Implementation of Signage Work to streamline station navigation * Provision of Fully Divyangjan-Compliant Infrastructure to ensure universal accessibility The station's design and interiors draw inspiration from local art and nearby historical monuments, combining modern architecture with

tion into a state-of-the-art facility with world-class infrastructure and passenger amenities. Classified as an NSG-5 station, Rajmahal is among the busiest and most important stations in the Eastern Railway zone. The redevelopment work is being carried out in phases, with Phase 1 sanctioned at an estimated cost of ₹7.03 crore, encompassing Civil, Electrical, S&T works, Signage. Key works completeded under Phase 1 include: Construction of a Modern Façade with Aesthetic Façade Lighting (completed) Development of

Circulating Area and Pedestrian Pathways * Platform Extension to accommodate longer trains * Renovation and Construction of *First Class and Second Class Waiting Halls, Reserved Lounge, Executive Lounge and Ladies Waiting Hall, including a New Pay & Use Toilet Facility * Implementation of Signage Work to streamline station navigation * Installation of Eye-Catching Sculptures* and **Standard Interiors * Interior** and Exterior Design Elements Inspired by Local Art and Historical Monuments * Fully Divyangjan-Friendly Infrastructure to ensure accessibility for all* Installation of a Large-Size indoor Video Wall for dynamic passenger information * *Signage Work to streamline navigation within the station premises This holistic upgrade aims to enhance the overall passenger experience by combining modern amenities with a cultural touch that reflects the rich heritage of the Rajmahal region. As of now, Planed work has been completed.

Miscellaneous

Name Change

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, No. 14921096N Rank EX SEP ame Md. Ali Hossain resident of Vill.-Dastanagar, P.O.- Sadipur Berugram, Dist.-Purba Bard-haman(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.

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Rimpa Biswas, w/o Tanmoy Biswas. Residing at Nasra para Lane, P.o.+ P.S. Rana ghat, Dist-Nadia, Pin-741201, West Bengal That Before marriage I was known as Kahinoor Khatun, Dlo Mubarak Ali Dafadar. Vide an affidavite Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st class,) at Ranaghat on 14/05/2025 That I, Rimpa Biswas, w/o Tanmoy Biswas Kahinoor Khatun, Dlo Mubarak Ali Dafadar am the Same and one identical Person.

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played a pivotal role in spreading Tagore's philosophy. It facilitated the exchange of ideas that defined Visva-Bharati as a center for intellectual and artistic exploration, making the station a vital link in Tagore's

mission to promote education and humanism. Bolpur's Transforma-

tion Over Time: In its early days, approximately 150 years ago, Bolpur was a village under modest SupurPorgana, surrounded by agricultural fields and the region's characteristic "Lalmati" (red soil). Villages like

rived at Howrah at 2:40 p.m. Dihipara, Khoska Today, the refurbished saloon Sian, dampur, Paruldanga, Goalis preserved in pristine condipara, Ballavpur, and Surul tion at "ChirantanI" near Bolpur Station, a poignant redotted the landscape, with minder of Tagore's enduring paddy fields dominating the economy. The establishment bond with the railways. of Bolpur railway station in tion stands as more than a 1860, as part of the East India Company's Sahebganjloopline railway stop; it is a living extension beyond the Ajay testament to Bengal's rich River, marked a turning point. cultural heritage and the transformative power of ed-The railway spurred development, attracting courts, a poucation, art, and philosophy. lice station, and a sub-registry As the gateway to Santiniketan, it has been a conoffice, which transformed Bolpur into a burgeoning hub. duit for Tagore's vision and The arrival of Christian misa witness to Bengal's social sionaries, who established the and cultural evolution. As Mission Compound with a the Howrah Division comchurch and community servmemorates its centennial, ices, further enriched the Bolpur Station's legacy town's social fabric. The east shines brightly, embodying the ideals of Rabindranath side of the station flourished

with paddy storage houses, stationary shops, grocery stores, and garment outlets, supported by about 19 husk-

Death toll of Lassa fever rises to 138 in Nigeria

MI News Service, Abuja: The death toll of the Lassa fever outbreak in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, has risen to 138 since the beginning of this year, public health authorities said Thursday. In a statement posted to its website, the Nigeria Center for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC) said that 717 confirmed cases have been recorded so far. At least 18 out of the 36 states in the country have been affected by the viral hemorrhagic disease so far this year, with the southern states of Ondo and the northern states of Bauchi and Taraba the worst-hit, accounting for more than 71 percent of the total confirmed cases, the NCDC said. This development, according to the public health agency.

Wholesale price inflation dips to 0.85% in Apr: Govt data

MI News Service, New Delhi:Wholesale price inflation dropped to 0.85 per cent in April as prices of food articles, manufactured products, and fuel eased, government data showed on Wednesday.

WPI-based inflation was 2.05 per cent in March. It was 1.19 per cent in April last year. " Positive rate of inflation in April, 2025 is primarily due to an increase in prices of manufacture of food products, other manufacturing, chemicals and chemical products, manufacture of other transport equipment and manufacture of machinery and equipment, etc," the industry ministry said in a statement. As per the WPI (Wholesale price index) data, food articles saw a deflation of 0.86 per cent in April from an inflation of 1.57 per cent in March, with vegetables seeing a sharp drop. Deflation in vegetables was 18.26 per cent during April compared to deflation of 15.88 per cent in March. In onion, inflation eased to 0.20 per cent in April, as against 26.65 per cent in March. Retail inflation hits 6-year low at 3.16% in April on cheaper food prices

Manufactured products, however, saw inflation at 2.62 per cent in April, compared to 3.07 per cent in March. Fuel and power too saw a deflation of 2.18 per cent in April, compared to 0.20 per cent in March.

grauli New Rail Project, work on the new line between Rewa-Singrauli is also in progress. The proposed bidirectional chord line between Karhi and Sagma will connect the Lalitpur-Singrauli new line to the existing Itarsi-Manikpur line. This will facilitate trains going from Manikpur-Panna and vice versa to run directly without going to Satna Junction station and thus there will be no need to change the engine at Satna, thereby saving time. This rail link will promote regional trade, mobility and access to resources. The construction of the Karhi to Sagma chord rail line will strengthen the tourist connectivity of important states of Madhya Pradesh, Satna, Panna and Khajuraho. Satna and Panna are industrial cities, which have abundant cement and mineral industries, connecting many parts of Madhya Pradesh. The line is expected to help in freight movement, industrial development, tourism and improved passenger connec tivity in the region.

Odisha govt approves projects worth Rs 3,898 cr

News Service, MI Bhubaneswar: The Odisha government approved 19 projects worth Rs 3,898 crore, which are expected to generate employment for over 7,400 people. According to an official statement, the State Level Single Window Clearance Authority (SLSWCA), chaired by Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja, has given its nod to the proposals spanning various sectors such as steel, iron & ferro alloys, industrial gases, logistics, food and beverage, agro-processing,

tourism and hospitality.

virtually laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of Pirpainti Station in August 2023. Pirpainti Station, categorized as an NSG-5 station, is one of the busiest in the Eastern Railway zone, necessitating significant infrastructure enhancement. Under Phase 1 of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, re-

Temporary Stoppage of Five **Express trains at Kuppam Station for Shri Prasanna** Thirupati Gangamma Jatra

MI News Service, Kolkata: For the convenience of passengers during Shri Thirupati Prasanna Gangamma Jatra from 15.05.2025 to 21.05.2025. Railway has decided to provide temporary stoppage at Kuppam station over South Western Railway for following trains:

• 22502 New Tinsukia SMVT Bengaluru Express (journey commencing on 16.05.2025). • 15228 Muzaffarpur - SMVT Bengaluru Express (journey commencing on 17.05. 20 25). • 1ॅ3434 Malda Town -SMVT Bengaluru Express (journey commencing on 18.05.2025). • 12510 Guwahati - SMVT Bengaluru Express (journey commencing 18.05.2025 on 19.05.2025). • 12551 SMVT

Bengaluru – Kamakhya Express (journey commencing on 19.05.2025).

Cancellation of Kolkata-Silchar – Kolkata Special

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to operational reasons, 05639 Silchar -Kolkata Special (journey commencing 22.05.2025) and 05640 Kolkata – Silchar Special (journey commencing on 16.05.2025 & 23.05.2025) will remain cancelled.

pleted.Rajmahal Railway Redevelopment Station Highlights A Similar media Tour also carried out at Raimahal Railway Station. where members of the press were briefed on the significant progress made under the Amrit Station Scheme. This initiative is aimed at transforming Rajmahal Sta-

the region's cultural her-

itage to give the station a

distinct identity.As of now,

Planed work has been com-

Howrah Division Continues 100 Glorious Years Celebrations with Prabhat Pheri, Tree **Plantation and Cleanliness Drives at Bandel and Barddhaman Stations**



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing celebration of 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division, a series of impactful events - including Prabhat Pheri, Tree Plantation, and Cleanliness Drives - were successfully conducted at Bandel Station and its surroundings on 15th May 2025, and at Barddhaman Station and its surroundings on 16th May 2025 under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Shri Sanjeev Kumar. These events reflected the division's continued commitment to community engagement, environmental awareness, and public service. The celebrations began at Bandel with a vibrant Prabhat Pheri, where railway staff, officers, and local volunteers marched together, raising slogans and carrying banners highlighting the division's century-long legacy. The event was followed by a Tree Plantation drive in the station area. promoting green practices and sustainability. A Cleanliness Drive was also carried out, focusing on improving hygiene and cleanliness across platforms and surrounding areas, aligned with the goals of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. On the following day, similar activities were organized at Barddhaman Station. The Prabhat Pheri once again brought together the railway fraternity in a show of pride and unity, spreading awareness about the 100-year journey of Howrah Division. The Tree Plantation and Cleanliness Drive further strengthened the division's message of environmental responsibility and civic consciousness. These events served not only to commemorate the illustrious history of Howrah Division but also to reinforce its dedication to sustainable development, community well-being, and cleanliness. The centenary celebrations continue to inspire collective action and pride among railway personnel and the public.



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India to launch global campaign to expose Pakistan's support for terrorism

large-scale diplomatic initiative aimed at exposing Pakistan's continued support for terrorism on the global stage.

According to reliable sources, around 40 multi-party parliamentarians will form seven groups and travel to various regions of the world. The goal of this initiative is to inform the international community about Pakistan's ongoing support to terrorism and highlighting India's recently launched Operation Sindoor.

The tour is expected to span 10 days, commencing on May 23. The groups of parliamentarians are likely to visit several key world capitals, including the United States, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, South Africa, and Japan.

This will be the first time that the Centre will depute MPs from multiple parties to present India's stance on Kashmir and cross-border terrorism originating from Pakistan. While the government has

not officially announced the initiative, it is understood that over 100 terrorists.

"I'll rise above gutter": Omar Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti

Service, MI News Srinagar : Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and People's Democratic Partv (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti war of words on X intensified on Friday over the revival of the Tulbul Navigation Project. Tulbul Navigation Project is

aimed at improving navigation on the River Jhelum and power generation. Omar Abdullah's call to revive the project on Thursday was seen as provocative by Mehbooba Mufti, especially after both countries had stepped back from the brink of war in the backdrop of the Pahalgam terror attack, abeyance of Inus Water Treaty and Operation Sindoor.

Chief Minister Abdullah took to social media to counter what he termed as "cheap shots" from Mehbooba, asserting he would not be drawn into a "gutter" level of debate.

These remarks came after Mufti brought Abdullah's grand-

MI News Service, New the Ministry of External Affairs Delhi: India is planning a (MEA), the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and other agencies are currently preparing documents containing facts and instances to substantiate the allegations against Pakistan. An official from the MEA is expected

to accompany the delegations. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju is leading the coordination efforts for this international tour, marking a significant

step in India's diplomatic outreach. Several opposition MPs, including Manish Tewari, Shashi Tharoor, Priyanka Chaturvedi, and Sasmit Patra, have reportedly been approached to partic-

ipate in the campaign. JDU MP Sanjay Jha, former Minister of External Affairs Salman Khurshid, and BJP MP Aparajita Sarangi is also likely to participate.

India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 in response to April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people were killed. India's precision strikes in Pakistan and PoJK on May 7 killed

father and former J-K Chief Minister Sheikh Abdullah into the heated exchange between the two on the issue of the Indus Water Treaty and the Tulbul Navigation Project. The Chief Minister further suggested the PDP chief can keep posting as he would

now engage in some "real work." In a social media post, replying to PDP chief Mufti, Abdullah said, "Is that really the best you can do? Taking cheap shots at a person you yourself have called Kashmir's tallest leader. I'll rise above the gutter you want to take this conversation to by keeping the late Mufti Sahib and 'North Pole South Pole' out of this." He added, "You keep advocating the interests of anyone you want to & I'll keep advocating for the interests of the people of J&K to use our own rivers for our own benefit. I'm not going to stop the water, just use more of it for ourselves. Now I think I'll do some real work & you can keep posting."

Delhi: Akashteer, India's ed air defence warfare," it fully indigenous, automated said. Akashteer has demon-Air Defence Control and Reporting System, which interstrated that it sees, decides, cepted and neutralised every and strikes faster than anything the world has fielded.

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launched its deadliest attack on Indian military and civilian areas," according to an official release. While Pakistan relied on

imported HQ-9 and HQ-16 systems that failed to detect and intercept Indian strikes, Akashteer showcased India's dominance in real-time, automated air defence warfare during Pakistan's retaliation in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor.

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Devendra Fadnavis hails Sharad Pawar for his contribution in Indian cricket MI News Service, New MCA, certainly has made At the inaugura-Delhi: a huge contribution to the tion of four new spaces on stage on which we get to see Friday, at the Wankhede cricket today and therefore, stadium by the Mumbai giving his name to the stand Cricket Association (MCA), here is a very right decision Maharashtra Chief Minister that the MCA has taken. I congratulate him for that." Devendra Fadnavis hailed MCA and NCP-SCP chief Sharad Pawar for the develaugurated at the Wankhede stadium: Grand Stand Level opment of cricket as Presi-

dent of BCCI and MCA. 3: Shri Sharad Pawar Stand, Speaking at the event, Fadnavis said, "Mumbai Grand Stand Level 4: Ajit Wadekar Stand, and Dive-Cricket Association has takcha Pavilion Level 3: Rohit en an excellent decision. We Sharma Stand. In a heartare celebrating those who felt tribute to the Late Amol made us proud. The work Kale, the ex-president of the he (Sharad Pawar) has sport's governing body in done for the development Mumbai, the match day ofof cricket as the President fice at the MCA Pavilion will of BCCI, as the President of now be known as the MCA family and the Maharash-

MI News Service, New Expressing her support for Delhi: In a show of solidarthe resolution, Smriti Irani emphasised the role of small traders in shaping a self-reli-

ity with India's armed forces, Union Minister Smriti Irani announced that she is donatant India. "Today, I associate ing her entire pension and myself with this resolution of benefits as a former Member the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) that the of Parliament to the National Defence Fund of India. small businessman of India Speaking to reporters is not only contributing to

here, Smriti Irani said, "As a citizen and strategic advisor of the All India Traders

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clear -- Turkey and Azerbaijan have openly supported Pakistan against India.'

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The move aligns with the

"Honour, duty to dedicate my pension to National Defence Fund": Smriti Irani

one format."

Khandelwal said the boyeffect, halting all imports "Any import and export

recent wave of economic nationalism and strategic trade decisions aimed at reinforcing India's geopolitical stance through collective industry action.

Members of the Chamber considerable impact, and it of Trade and Industry also now intends to extend this took an oath on Friday to movement to Turkey and stop trade with Turkey and Azerbaijan

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technology; it is India's answer to asymmetric warfare, hybrid threats, and cross-border terrorism.

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Speaking at the event, Ro-

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today, I had never dreamt

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President of the Board of

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(BCCI) from 2005 to 2008

and as President of the In-

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(ICC) from 2010 to 2012.

He was also president of the

Mumbai Cricket Association

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-22-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Medical Setting up, Operation & Maintenance of Medical Store at Konnagar station of Howrah Division. AA/4. MSS-HWH-RIS-MedStn-23-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Medical facilities at station), Setting up, Operation & Maintenance of Medical Store at Rishra station of Howrah Division. AA/5. MSS-HWH-SRP-MedStn-24-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Medical facilities at station), Setting up, Operation & Maintenance of Medical Store at Shrirampur Jn. station of Howrah Division. Auction start date and time: 30.05.2025 at 12.00 hrs. HWH-88/2025-26

EASTERN RAILWAY NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION

E-Auction Notice No.: COM/PUB/HWH/MEDSTN/24, Dated:

15.05.2025. E-Auction is invited by Senior Divisional Commercial

Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th floor, Yatri Niwas, near Howrah

Station, Howrah-711101 for awarding contract of Commercial Publicity

Rights: Catalogue No.: PUB-HWH-25-17. Seq. No., Lot No.,

Description: AA/1, MSS-HWH-BEQ-MedStn-20-25-1 (Misc-Static-

Services-Medical facilities at station), Setting up, Operation &

Maintenance of Medical Store at Belur Jn. station of Howrah Division

AA/2, MSS-HWH-UPA-MedStn-21-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Medical

facilities at station), Setting up, Operation & Maintenance of Medical

Store at Uttarpara station of Howrah Division. AA/3, MSS-HWH-KOG-

Tender Notices are also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: 🛛 @EasternRailway 👔 @easternrailwayheadquarter

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

Tender Notice No.: e-Tender/2025/14, Date: 15.05.2025. For and on behalf of President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur-721301 invites e-tender for the following works before 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15.30 hrs. SI.No.-1. Tender No.: E-KGP-EAST-39-2025. Description of work: Execution of work of Through Turnout Renewal (TTR) - 458 sets & Derailing Switch (DS)- 15 sets in Howrah-Kharagpur section under the jurisdiction of DEN/EAST/Kharagpur. Tender Value: 5,30,50,924.13. Earnest Money: ₹ 4,15,300. SI.No.-2. Tender No.: E-KGP EAST-40-2025. Description of work: Construction of a New 100 Bedded Running Room with Combined Crew Lobby at Abada. Tender Value: ₹ 12,09,69,397.87. Earnest Money: ₹ 7,54,900. SI.No.-3. Tender No.: E-KGP-HQ-17-2025. Description of work: Re-conditioning of 89 nos. wornout CMS crossing by translamatic robotic method & re-conditioning of 41 nos. tongue rails by electrode method in Panskura-Haldia section under the jurisdiction of DEN(HQ)/Kharagpur. Tender Value: ₹ 24,52,829.66. Earnest Money: ₹ 49,100. SI.No.-4. Tender No.: E-KGP-HQ-18-2025. Description of work: Construction of Restricted Height Subway (3m x 2.7m) at 25/5-7 in Panskura-Haldia section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Tamluk. Tender Value: ₹ 2,33,56,998.09. Earnest Money: ₹ 2,66,800. Sl.No.-5. Tender No.: E-KGP-South-23-2025. Description of work: Renovation & improvement of staff quarters at Baleshwar under ADEN/Baleshwar. Tender Value: ₹ 85,67,423.52. Earnest Money: ₹ 1,71,400. SI.No.-6. Tender No.: E-KGP-South-24-2025. Description of work: Provision for extension, raising, resurfacing of platform & other amenities at Rupsa station under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Baleshwar. Tender Value: ₹ 6,09,43,306.38. Earnest Money: ₹ 4,54,700. Sl.No.-7. Tender No.: E-KGP-South-25-2025. Description of work: Replacement of existing piped bridges (10 nos.) in Kharagpur-Rupsa section of Kharagpur division under ADEN (South)/Kharagpur (7th Call). Tender Value: ₹ 4,82,92,883.82. Earnest Money: ₹ 3,91,500. SI.No.-8. Tender No.: E-KGP-HQ-19-2025. Description of work: Construction of 17 units new type-II Quarters in Traffic area at Kharagpur under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Settlement/Kharagpur. Tender Value: ₹ 4,66,73,158.92. Earnest Money: ₹ 3,83,400. SI.No.-9. Tender No.: E-KGP-HQ-20-2025. Description of work: Construction of a new Crew Lobby (G+1) at Kharagpur under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Settlement/Kharagpur. Tender Value: ₹ 3,66,79,764.66. Earnest Money: ₹ 3,33,400. SI.No.-10. Tender No.: E-KGP-HQ-21-2025. Description of work: (i) Strengthening of embankments prone to Slope/Toe failure by providing Bullah Pilling & sub-bank in Panskura-Haldia & Tamluk-Digha section and (ii) Widening, strengthening & Improvement/Stabilization of Cess-45507 Mtr. in Panskura-Haldia section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Tamluk (2nd Call). Tender Value: ₹ 14,31,47,669.37. Earnest Money: ₹ 8,65,700. Cost of Tender documents: ₹ 0 (for SI.No. 1 to 10 each). Date of opening: 05.06.2025 (for SI.No. 1 to 7 each) & and time of the tender. The details of 12.06.2025 (for SI.No. 8 to 10 each). Completion Period of the work: 12 (Twelve) tender are available at website: months (for SI.No. 1 & 4 to 10 each), 18 (Eighteen) months (for SI.No. 2) & 06 (Six) months (for SI.No. 3). Bidding start date: From 22.05.2025 and up to 15.00 hrs. on 05.06.2025 (for SI.No. 1 to 7 each) & from 29.05.2025 and up to 15.00 hrs. on 12.06.2025 (for SI.No. 8 to 10 each). Interested tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these works will be accepted. N.B.: Prospective bidders may regularly visit www.ireps.gov.in to participate in all tenders (PR-163)

ederation, today the entire the dream of Make in India, Federation has pledged that she said.

we will contribute from our Irani praised the collecside to the National Defence tive action taken by trade organisations, calling it "a Fund of India. Since last year, gesture in support of those I have not taken my pension or any facility as a former brave sons and daughters of MP. This is the money from India who guard the nation's the treasury of India, which borders.

I am dedicating today to the "All trade organisations have called for a boycott. National Defence Fund." The BJP leader also lauded This is in support of those the Confederation of All India brave sons of India and Traders (CAIT) association's those brave women who decision to terminate all keep the country's borders trade with Turkey and Azersafe," she said.

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Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal said, "A col-EASTERN RAILWAY lective decision has been Tender Notice No. : EL/HWH/25/21 taken in the conference of (Notice)/671 Dated: 15.05.2025. trade leaders today to end Divisional Railway Manager, Easter all trade with Turkey and Railway, DRM Building, near Howral Station, Howrah-711101 invites Oper Azerbaijan. The reason is

e-Tenders for the under mentione আমমোক্তারনামা electrical work/s : Tender No. : EL HWH-25-21-3448; Name of work এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যহিতেছে যে, ১. বলরা 100% conversion to energy efficien মোদক, ২. ধীরেন মোদক, ৩. বিশ্বজিৎ মোদক LED luminaries at all Railway premises সকলের পিতা- বনমালী মোদক, ৪. দীননাণ in Khana Jn. - Gumani section: Tender মোদক, পিতা- ফনীন্দ্র মোদক, সকলের সাং Value (Rs.) : ₹ 1,51,69,888/-; Bid মল্লিকপুর, পোঃ ও থানা-সিঙ্গুর, জেলা-হুগলী বিগত security (Earnest Money Deposit) ইং ১১.০৮.২০২৩ তারিখে সিঙ্গুর এ.ডি.এস.আর. (Rs.) : ₹ 2.25.900/- Completion হুগলী অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ৪০৫৮ নং আমমোক্তা Period : 270 Days; Closing Date & Time: 04.06.2025 at 15:00 hrs. In case দলিল মূলে আমার মক্কেল ১. হেমন্ত অধিকারী the date of closing mentioned in the পিতা- ঁজানকী অধিকারী, সাং-রতনপুর, পোঃ ও notice inviting tender is declared a থানা-সিঙ্গুর, জেলা-হুগলী, ২. তরুণ রাম, পিতা noliday/ bandh/strike on any account কৈদার রাম, সাং-বুড়াশান্তি, পোঃ ও থানা-সিঙ্গুর the date of closing tender online will জেলা-হুগলী-কে আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন। যার not be changed as the application in তপশীল জেলা-হুগলী, থানা-সিঙ্গুর, মৌজা the website of IREPS does not permit মল্লিকপুর, ৪৮ নং জেএল ভুক্ত এল.আর. ১৩৩৭ submission of any offer after closing ১৩৩৮, ১৩৩৯ ও ১০৩৩ নং খতিয়ানে ৩২৬ date and time of the tender. However opening of tenders online will be on দাগে যোলো আনায় ১৬ শতক বাঁশবাগান জমির any convenient day after closing date মধ্যে ০.৯৬৭৫ অংশের কাত ১৬ শতক সম্পত্তি আমমোক্তারকত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে ৫ www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are কাহারও যদি কোন আইনানগ আপত্তি বা অধিকার requested to submit their offer online থাকে তাহার জন্য সঠিক পদক্ষেপ গ্রহণ করে ' HWH-84/2025-26 মাসের মধ্যে ১. হেমন্ত অধিকারী, পিতা- জানকী Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.ir অধিকারী, সাং-রতনপুর, পোঃ ও থানা-সিঙ্গুর জেলা-হুগলী ও ২. তরুণ রাম, পিতা- ঁকেদার

হুগলী-কে জানাইতে হবে।

Notice am Syed Md. Qaiser S/o. Lt. Syed Md. Gazanfar residing at B-75, Iron Gate Rd., P.O.+ P.S.- Gardenreach, Kol-24.I Purchased 2Kh-land from deed no.-6446/2022 from power holder Mustafizur Rahman POA No.-0536 Mouza-Gardenreach. JL- 703, Dag No.-352, R.S.Kh-149, if anybody has any objection on Mutation of said land inform office of BLLRO, Kolkata K.M.C. Building Room No.-328, 5 No. S.N. Banerjee Rd., Kol-13, in writing or over E-mail- bllroatm@gmail.com with in one month from the date ofAdvertisement.

Notice regarding Power of Attorney as per West Bengal Govt Order No. 1000-15/22/2024 dated

27.02.2024 This is to notify that smt. TITU DEVI W/O of ASHOK RAM Address K. T. ROAD PS Asansol Dist Paschim Bardhaman has/have purchased the below mentioned has/have purchased the below mentioned land schedule by virtue of deed/deeds no.2330 dated 2024 (A.D.S.R ASANSOL/DSR /ADSR) with the help of power of attorney deed no.3880 dated 2023 (A.D.S.R/ADSR) executed by sri. DULU GHOSH S/O DHIREN GHOSH address GHOSH PARA PS ASANSOL Dist.PASCHIM BARDHAMAN and the said anplicant has/have annoided with the same applicant has/have applied with the same land schedule for mutation vide mutation case no. MN/2025/2305/5574 Dist. Paschim Bardhaman at the office of the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) dist.Paschim Bardhamer If there in our abjection for Bardhaman. If there is any objection for mutation in this respect, any concerned principle are requested to submit objection along with relevant documents to the

concerned revenue office at the office oft the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) within one month from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise law will take it own course. Land Schedule Block :Sub-Divisional Land and Land Reforms Office (EP-1) Mouza:- UTTAR DHADKA J.L NO:-26 Plot no. :- 12 Name of the recorded owner:- SHIBU রাম, সাং-বুড়াশান্তি, পোঃ ও থানা-সিঙ্গুর, জেলা GHOSH

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Prodhan, Baruipara Paltagarh Gram Panchayat invites e-Tender under Memo No.- 135/BP, Date : 16.05.2025, total 03 Nos. scheme under SBM (G), fund. Tender Dropping End Date (Online) : 23.05.2025 up to 06:00 PM. Tender Opening Date Technical) : 26.05.2025 on 09:00 AM onword. For more details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in & undersigned GP office Sd/-

Prodhan Baruipara Paltagarh Gram Panchayat

Bally Gram Panchayat Ghoshpara, Nischinda, Bally, Howrah-711227

Notice Inviting e-Tender

e-Tenders are hereby invited from the bonafied and resourceful bidder for different development works under GP area vide NIT No.- WB/ HZP/BJ/BGP/NIT-1/25-26 & Memo No. 200/15th FC/BGP/2025-26, Date: 14.05.2025, NIT No.- WB/HZP/BJ/BGP/NIT-2/15th FC/25-26 & Memo No. 202/15th FC/BGP/2025-26. Date: 15.05.2025. Bid submission start date: 14.05.2025 (NIT-1), 15.05.2025 (NIT-2) at 04.00 PM. Last date of Bid submission : 27.05.2025 up to 05.00 PM. Date of opening: 30.05.2025 at 01.00 PM. For details please visit <u>www.wbtenders.gov.in</u> and Office Notice Board. Sd/-

Prodhan **Bally Gram Panchayat**

Bally Gram Panchayat Ghoshpara, Nischinda, Bally, Howrah-711227 Notice Inviting e-Tender

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Bally Gram Panchayat

Office of the Municipal Councillors Serampore Municipality 1, N. S. Avenue, Serampore, Dist.: Hooghly, Pin: 712201

Notice Inviting e-Tender

e-Tender of the following works are invited by Chairman, Serampore Municipality from experienced and resourceful, GST registered bidders or execution the works vide NIT No:- WBMAD/ULB/SRMP/NIT-06/2025 26, Date: 16/05/2025, Number of works- 17 Nos, Under Serampore Municipality. Bid Submission Start date (online) : 16/05/2025 at 12.00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing (online) : 24/05/2025 at 02.00 P.M. Bid Opening Date for Technical Proposals (online) : 26/05/2025 at 02.00 P.M. For details of the project go through <u>http://wbtenders.gov.in</u> and www.seramporemunicipality.net/tenders

> Sd/-Chairman

Serampore Municipality

OFFICE OF THE SAGAR PANCHAYAT SAMITY Rudranagar, South 24 Parganas E-Tender Notice Notice No. -209(50) dated 16/05/2025 Hereby e-Tender notice has been invited from Govt Contractor to build Concrete Road and Box Culvert from the Fund of MLA Area Development Fund. Last Date of E-Tender Submission : 28/05/2025 at 2 P.M For details please contact at the Office of the Executive Officer , Saga

Panchayat Samity. Website : www.etender.wb.nic.in Sd/-Executive Officer

Sagar Panchayat Samity

Notice Mv client - (1) Kabita Roy (2) Rumpa Santra, Mouja-Gapalnagar, J.L. -132, R.S.- 330, Dag No. (L.R.) 253, Khatian No.-(L.R.) 440; 1 Kata 6 M/L Chattak plot sold Deed No. 1-1607 08583/2022 out of this a deed has been found with Power of Attorney Deed No.-160703808 - 2022 A.D.S.R Behala. Now we request the office BL&LRO for the mutation of the plot Case No.- MN/2025/1630/6151 & MN/2025/1630/6152 And for any objections or queries please contact in the address given 344/1 Raja Rammohan Roy Road, Kol-700 004

Bimal Ch. Lahiri, M.A., LLB (Advocate) Alipore Judges Court Kolkata-700 027 Enrolment No.-WB/298/82

Notice

Notice to hereby given to all concerned that I Subrata Mukhopadhyay and my wife Nibedita Mukhopadhyay purchased a land measuring about 3Kh.8CH.40Sqft. at Mouza-Navabad, J.L.No.-25. L.R. Dag No.-132 under P.S. Jadavpur, District South 24 Parganas from Sri Pradyut Kumar Bhattacharjee as constitute Attorney of Sri Pinak Pani Bhattacharya through Deed No.- 12789/2023 which was duly registered at D.S.R.-IV at Alipore Power of Attorney Deed No.-29/2023. We are applied for Mutation the B.L & L.R.O. Office at Kolkata Block, Kolkata-700013. For any complain inform within one month at Kolkata Block, B.L.& L.R.O. Office. Email: bllroatm@gmail.com, Mob : 9331267206

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NHRC writes to states Union Territories on ending manual scavenging

New Delhi : The NHRC has written to all states and Union Territories asking them to ensure "immediate implementation" of directives issued by the Supreme Court in a 2023 verdict, aimed at eradicating manual scavenging and hazardous sewer cleaning.

The rights panel has recommended a slew of measures to authorities, including the establishment of "robust monitoring systems to ensure realtime compliance and deterrence", the rights panel said on Thursday.

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has also asked the authorities to submit an action taken report within eight weeks, officials said.

In view of the continued practice of manual cleaning of hazardous waste, the NHRC, in a letter to all the chief secretaries and administrators of states and Union Territories, has "asked to ensure the immediate implementation of the 14 directives issued by the Supreme Court in its landmark 2023 judgment (Dr. Balram Singh v/s



Union of India, 2023 INSC 950), aimed at eradicating the inhuman and castebased practice of manual scavenging and hazardous sewer cleaning," it said

in a statement. The commission has noted that the practice constitutes a "grave violation of human rights", especially the right to life with dignity

and equality before the law. The NHRC has observed that despite the constitutional and legal safeguards, as well as a complete ban announced by the Supreme Court in January 2025 in six major cities -- Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad -manual cleaning of hazardous waste "continues to be reported in certain parts of the country". Therefore, the NHRC has recommended the immediate implementation of measures including wide dissemination of the prohibition of manual scavenging and relevant judicial directives among stakeholders, including local authorities, contractors, and the general public, it said. Other measures include sensitisation programmes for government officials, sanitation workers, and communities on the legal, social, and human rights dimensions of manual scavenging; and regular follow-ups and review mechanisms to track progress, identify implementation gaps, and ensure accountability at all levels.

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Delhi govt to develop data hub to ensure genuine beneficiaries get welfare scheme benefits

New Delhi : Delhi government is working on developing a data hub to ensure that only genuine beneficiaries receive benefits of the various welfare schemes run by it, officials said on Thursday. The

Information Technology (IT) Department of the Delhi government is preparing a 'Unified Data Hub' of beneficiaries of various welfare schemes,



based on consolidated data from different departments running various welfare schemes, they said. This data hub will not only weed out ineligible people availing of benefits of welfare schemes but also prevent duplication with the same beneficiaries receiving subsidised or free services and facilities provided by the government, said a senior officer.

The data hub will collate personal details of the beneficiaries, including their names, number of family members, profession, annual income, address, caste, age, educational qualification and gender, among others, he said.

It will help process the eligibility of applicants for various welfare schemes run by the Delhi government departments, he added.

"Personal and household data of citizens will be collected from all departments like food and civil supplies, revenue, Delhi Jal Board, power, trade and taxes, and MCD," he said.

Such exhaustive data integrated on a unified hub will create a single platform for cross-referencing and verification of the applicants under various schemes.

Donald Trump asks Apple to halt 'Make in India' plans. Piyush Goyal's US trip in vain?

While Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal is leading a team of senior Indian officials to Washington to finalise bilateral trade agreement (BTA) with the United States, it seems like President Donald Trump has other plans. While India is keen to improve its trade relations with the United States, Trump, who has launched a tariff war, is pushing for local manufacturing. Trump, who is on a

tri-nation Middle East tour, said in Doha on Thursday that he told Apple CEO Tim Cook to "stop producing iPhones in India". Apple, the American tech giant, has no smartphone production in the US - most of its iPhones are made in China, while facilities in India produce around 40 million units per year (about 15 per cent of Apple's annual output).

"I had a little problem with Tim Cook yesterday. I said to him, Tim, you're my friend. I treated you very well. You're coming in with \$500 billion (investment). But now I hear you're building all over India. I don't want you building in India if

Miss World 2025 contestants witness hand-woven saree making visit Narasimha temple

Hyderabad : The Miss World 2025 contestants have witnessed the making of famous handwoven IKAT sarees and also offered prayers at the Lakshmi Narasimha temple at Yadagirigutta near here.

Twenty-five contestants from Africa visited Pochampally village, which had bagged the 'Best World Tourism Village' tag awarded by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).

The contestants, who were accorded a traditional welcome at the Pochampally on Thursday, were delighted to witness the complex process of making the IKAT sarees.

Some of them tried their hand at spinning cotton using a spinning wheel.

At an amphitheatre in the village, the contestants were elated to watch a fashion show featuring Indian women in IKAT and handloom sarees. They cheered the women with applause.

The beauty queens were captivated by the music of 'kinnera' and 'dappu' instruments played by the local artistes. They tried their hand at folk instruments and danced to the music.

Children die as USAID aid cuts snap lifeline for the world's most malnourished

Dikwa (Nigeria) : Under the dappled light of a thatched shelter, Yagana Bulama cradles her surviving infant. The other twin is gone, a casualty of malnutrition and the international funding cuts that are snapping the lifeline for displaced communities in Nigeria's insurgency-ravaged Borno state.

"Feeding is severely difficult," said Bulama, 40, who was a farmer before Boko Haram militants swept through her village, forcing her to flee. She and about 400,000 other people at the humanitarian hub of Dikwa - virtually the entire population - rely on assistance. The military restricts their movements to a designated "safe zone," which severely limits farming.

For years, the United States Agency for International Development had been the backbone of the humanitarian response in northeastern Nigeria, helping non-government organizations provide food, shelter and healthcare to millions of people. But this year, the Trump administration cut more than 90% of USAID's foreign aid contracts and \$60 billion in overall assistance around the world.

Programmes serving children were hit hard.

Bulama previously lost young triplets to hunger before reaching therapeutic feeding centers in Dikwa. When she gave birth to twins last August, both were severely underweight. Workers from Mercy Corps enrolled them in a program to receive a calorie-dense paste used to treat severe acute malnutrition. But in February, Mercy Corps abruptly ended the program that was entirely financed by USAID. Two weeks later, one of the twins died, Bulama said. She has no more tears, only dread for what may come next. for severe malnutrition, resulting in 163,500 additional deaths per year. For Helen Keller Intl, its programs in Bangladesh, Nepal and Nigeria have been terminated.

"It is very traumatic," said Trond Jensen, the head of the United Nations humanitarian office in Maiduguri, Borno's capital, of the funding cuts, noting that other donors, including the European Union, have taken similar steps this year. "One of the things is the threat to the lives of children."

UNICEF still runs a therapeutic feeding center nearby, which now supports Bulama's surviving baby, but its capacity is stretched. It is turning away many people previously served by other aid groups that have pulled out due to



funding cuts. Intersos, an Italian humanitarian organization, has the only remaining facility providing in-patient services for malnutrition in Dikwa, treating the most perilous cases. Its workers say they are overwhelmed, with at least 10 new admissions of seriously malnourished children daily. acute in Maiduguri, where the economy is reeling from massive terminations of aid workers. At another Intersos-run facility, 10 of the 12 doctors have left and four nurses remain, with 50 new admissions of malnourished children per week. "It used to be far less," said Emmanuel Ali, one of the remaining doc-

Beyond nutrition

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The effects of the funding cuts extend far beyond nutrition. At the International Organisation for Migration's reception centre in Dikwa, thousands of displaced families and those escaping Boko Haram captivity are stranded. There are no new shelters being built and no support for relocation.

"Before, organizations like Mercy Corps built mud-brick homes and rehabilitated damaged shelters to absorb people from the IOM reception center," said one official at the center, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly on the situation. "Now, that has stopped."

Jensen, the UN humanitarian head in Maiduguri, said, "sadly, we are not seeing additional funding to make up for the US cuts." He warned that vulnerable people could turn to risky ways of coping, including joining violent groups. A global problem

The crisis in Nigeria is part of a larger reckoning. According to Kate Phillips-Barrasso, Mercy Corps' vice president for policy and advocacy, 40 of its 62 US-funded programs with the potential to reach 3.5 million people in Nigeria, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Somalia, Iraq, Sudan. Afghanistan, Kenya, Lebanon and Gaza have been terminated. In Mozambique, where jihadist violence in the north has displaced over a million people since 2017, humanitarian organizations face steep shortfalls with "devastating" effects on the needy, said Frederico João, chairman of the forum of NGOs in the region.



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Thoroughly enjoying the proceedings, the contestants got their hands mehendi tattooed by local artistes and posed for photos.

Meanwhile, a group of Miss World contestants from nine countries visited the Lord Lakshmi Narasimha temple at Yadagirigutta in traditional Indian attire, wearing sarees.

The Miss World competitors, who were explained the significance of the temple, participated in 'Deeparadhana' (lighting the traditional lamps).

They had the darshan of the presiding deity, and the temple priests gave them blessings.

Enchanted by the architectural splendour of the temple, the contestants joined local women in performing the traditional 'Kolaatam' dance played using sticks.

As part of its broader vision, the Telangana government has drawn up an action plan to leverage the global event to promote the state as a tourist destination, enhance the state's international profile and attract investments.

During their stay, the Miss World contestants are touring several key tourist attractions across the state.

They undertook a heritage walk at the historic Charminar here on May 13 and visited Ramappa temple in Mulugu district, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, on May 14.

The Miss World 2025 contest began with a glittering ceremony in Hyderabad on May 10 and will continue until May 31. "I don't want to bury another child," she said.

Very traumatic

Globally, 50% of the therapeutic foods for treating malnutrition in children were funded by USAID, and 40% of the supplies were produced in the US, according to Shawn Baker, chief program officer at Helen Keller Intl and former chief nutritionist at USAID.

He said the consequence could be 1 million children not receiving treatment

"Before the USAID cut, we made a lot of progress," said Ayuba Kauji, a health and nutrition supervisor. "Now my biggest worry is high mortality. We don't have enough resources to keep up." Intersos was forced to reduce its staff from 30 to 11 in Dikwa after the USAID freeze. Its nutrition and health facilities now operate solely on support from the Nigerian Humanitarian Fund, a smaller pot of money contributed by a few European countries. That funding will be finished in June. The crisis is equally

More widely, the USAID funding cut compromises Mozambique's health sector, especially in HIV/AIDS care, said Inocêncio Impissa, cabinet spokesman. The government now seeks alternative funding to prevent total collapse of health systems. But now I hear you're building all over India. I don't want you building in India if you want to take care of India," Trump said on Thursday. Apple had earlier this year pledged to spend \$500 billion in the US over the next four years. Trump suggested that Apple could manufacture phones in India to cater to the Indian market. "You can build in India if you want, to take care of India," he said.

Reportedly, Indian government officials spoke with Apple's executives soon after Trump's comments and the US firm assured the government that "Apple's investment plans for India are intact", a senior official told PTI.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had in April announced that iPhones worth Rs 1.5 lakh crore were exported from India in the fiscal year 2025.

However, Trump's comments come ahead of Union Minister Piyush Goyal's four-day tour to the US to discuss bilateral ties. The four-day talks come against the backdrop of both countries exploring the possibility of an interim trade arrangement in goods to secure "early mutual wins" ahead of finalising the first phase of the trade agreement by fall (September-October) this year.

The main issues that will figure in the negotiations include market access, rules of origin, and non-tariff barriers, PTI reported. India's proposal to impose retaliatory duty on certain US products over American tariffs on steel and aluminium would also figure in the BTA deliberations, reports said.

Why we've fallen out of love with dating apps

Coventry (UK) : (The Conversation) Dating apps have transformed how people meet romantic partners. But they seem to be falling out of favour.

Data shows that last year, four of the biggest dating apps in the UK lost over a million users between them. And research my colleague and I worked on suggested that this is because people have become frustrated and bored with digital matchmaking.

The frustration is usually the result of inconsiderate behaviour from other app users. And the boredom appears to stem from a growing belief that the AI used by these apps seems to prioritise short-term engagement metrics over meaningful connections.

This marks a significant shift from earlier online dating websites, which were notably more transparent about how they tried to establish authentic connections. Often this was through detailed answers to compatibility quizzes or personality assessments. For example, OkČupid.com (founded 2004) asked users a wide range of multiple-choice questions. It then went further by also asking them to specify the responses to those same questions they wanted to see from prospective partners. In contrast, today's dating apps In increasingly rely on less transparent AI which seems to be based on simplistic engagement metrics (number of swipes, frequency of texts, time spent on the app) rather than a path to genuine compatibility.

The result is often a selection of vague, fleeting connections that do not amount to meaningful relationships. And the business model of today's dating apps - selling increased visibility and access to matches - creates a challenging environment for many users to find the matches they want.

Because of this, many users experience a sense of dissatisfaction which manifests itself in four stages. It begins with what I call a "boredom cycle". General boredom prompts many daters to use the app in the first place, but resulting conversations often turn into uninspired and lacklustre exchanges. This adds to the boredom, which then spreads and grows throughout the entire dating app network.

After that is a general sense of disappointment, as users become jaded from regular "ghosting" (cutting off communication without notice), "flaking" (cancelling dates at the last minute), and mundane message exchanges which don't lead to



actual dates. This all leads to a third stage of "algorithmic cynicism". At this point, users become increasingly sceptical of dating app algorithms, suspecting that their primary function is to encourage the purchase of certain features rather than to establish authentic connections.

Finally, communication fatigue kicks in. Users go through the motions of swiping and texting with a sense that there are no better alternatives. It all becomes a somewhat hollow experience which ultimately drives many away from the platforms completely.

Swipe on, swipe off Research has also shown that

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the initial rise of online dating usage among millennials coincided with early enthusiasm about social media. But this enthusiasm has diminished. Social media users are now increasingly suspicious (and vigilant) about the risks of misinformation, scams, and offensive content. Despite all of this, people still seek connections through dating platforms whether for casual or long-term partnerships. So perhaps the issue is not with digital dating itself, but with how the industry uses AI. And an alternative is possible. In related research on human-AI joint decision-making, my colleagues and I found that when people interact with an

imperfect AI system, but also receive clear feedback about the their own behaviour patterns and how the AI responds, they can help to correct errors.

That research focused on financial decisions, but dating apps could do a similar thing by openly providing daters with personalised insights about how AI algorithms are responding to their activity. This is something that no dating app currently does. Instead, they let users adjust

certain filters, such as age, location and ethnicity. But then they use AI to create "revealed preferences" based on people's patterns of engagement with the app, like swiping and messaging. These "revealed preferences" seem to greatly influence the kinds of profiles that the dating apps' AI recommends. For example, even if someone says they are keen to date people across a wide age range, the app may still end up recommending profiles of a narrower age group, because the user has tended to swipe right on those in the past. Because of this, users have expressed concerns that the AI could be adding unwanted limitations to

their potential dating pool. In the AI of the beholder Indeed, our research shows that a cynical view of dating app algorithms is a key reason why something as potentially exciting as finding a romantic partner can become so dreadfully boring.

Addressing this issue, by simply explaining to daters how AI interprets their use of the app (the swipes, the matches, and actual dates) could be a valuable selling point. Giving users freedom to adjust other filters besides demographics, such as those related to their values and interests, could further increase interest. This would represent a return to the more transparent match-making principles of earlier dating websites, but with the benefits of the latest technology.

Our research suggests that as dating app users grow ever more discerning, they will demand greater transparency and an improved overall dating app experience. The industry's future may ultimately depend on whether companies can shift focus from impersonal engagement metrics to fostering authentic connections.

And platforms which embrace transparency and empower users could make many fall in love with dating apps all over again.

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ER Holds 'PREM' Meeting

MI News Service, Kolkata: In an endeavour to bring a participative environment in management and decision making, Eastern Railway holds PREM (Participation of Railway Employees in Management) meeting at Eastern Railway's Headquarter, Fairlie Place today in the presence of Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway & all Principal Officers of Eastern Railway. Representatives/office bearers of different Trade Unions and representatives of different Employees Organisation of Eastern Railways took part in this meeting. Eastern Railway holds this PREM meeting to provide a constructive dialogue between management and employees representative to resolve disputes and improve the overall functioning of the Railway

While addressing this in the meeting, General Manager, Eastern Railway advised the representatives of different trade unions and employees organisation to uphold specific demands or requirement which will be very useful for immediate mitigation for employee satisfaction and improvement in work environment rather than a generalised statement which requires long time to decipher the target area. General Manager, Eastern Railway also uphold various employee centric initiatives taken over Eastern Railway for providing additional amenities and facilities

and system improvement to reduce the work load as well as safety.

Discussions were hold on 3 broad segments, (i) Accident prevention strategies (ii)Skill development and training programme (iii) Improvement in staff amenities, in respect of which exchange of ideas and suggestions took place between the Principal Officers of Eastern Railway and Trade Unions/Employees Representatives. The discussion will have various fruitful outcomes which will be gradually implemented over Eastern Railway for improvement of working system and working environment as well. In the meeting Shri Sumit Sarkar, Additional General Manager, Eastern Railway and other Principal

Head of various Departments of Eastern Railway viz. Principal Chief Commercial Manager, Principal Chief Engineer, Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, Chief Administrative Officer (Con), Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer, Principal Chief Medical Di-rector, Principal Chief Personnel Officer, Principal Chief Security Commissioner, Principal Chief Signal Telecommunication Engineer, Principal Chief Material Manager, Principal Chief Safety Officer, Principal Financial Advisor were also present to interact in the meeting. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Shri Ved Prakash, Deputy General Manager (G), Eastern Railway. **Augmentation of Coaches in**

-Proactive Steps to Ensure Passenger Safety and Infrastructure Security MI News Service, Kolkata: In view of the current national security environpassengers,

been undertaken as part of this enhanced security

strategy. Key Measures Imple-mented: Area Domination : Route marches are being carried out regularly at major railway stations. Public announcements are being made to discourage the spread of rumors and to encourage reliance on official government advi-

sories and press releases. Joint Patrolling : Coor-dinated patrolling is un-derway in sensitive zones such as railway yards, bridges, and wulperable bridges, and vulnerable track sections to deter any

ures : Security has been bolstered with intensified anti-sabotage checks, supported by dog squads and targeted inspections based on suspect profiling. Access Control : Secu-

EASTERN RAILWAY

100 killed in Israeli airstrikes in Gaza, cancer hospital knocked out of service

MI News Service, Gaza: At least 80 Palestinians were killed and dozens of others wounded in Israeli airstrikes across Gaza, said Palestinian medical sources. The Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis reported that 54 people, including women and children, were killed in strikes on the southern city, according to a press statement on Thursday. According to Gaza-based health authorities, the Gaza European Hospital, the only hospital providing medical followup care to cancer patients in the enclave, was out of service due to recent Israeli attacks, Xinhua news agency reported. The Israeli attacks "caused significant damage to infrastructure, such as

sewage lines, damage to internal departments, and destruction of roads leading to the hospital," the authorities said in a press statement. Meanwhile, medical sources told Xinhua news agency that 26 others were killed in Israeli airstrikes on Gaza City and other areas in northern Gaza. The airstrikes came after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned on Tuesday that the Israeli military

force" in the coming days to press forward with efforts to defeat Hamas. Israel resumed large-scale military operations in Gaza on March 18, ending a twomonth ceasefire. Since then, 2,876 Palestinians have been killed and more than 7,800 injured, according to health officials in Gaza. The total Palestinian death toll since the war erupted on October 7, 2023, has reached 53,010, the officials said on Thursday. Israel is using a policy of "reducing space and emptying popu-lated areas to pressure citizens." Mahmoud Basal. spokes person for the Civil Defence in Gaza, told Xinhua on Thursday. He also claimed that thousands of people spent the night in the streets amid threats of strikes on schools and shelters housing the displaced, adding that Israeli forces were obstructing emergency teams from reaching victims and systematically destroying Civil Defence infrastructure. Since October 2023, the Israeli Army has pursued a brutal offensive on the Gaza Strip, killing more than 53,000 Palestinians so far, most of them women and children.

would enter Gaza "with full

Indian scholar freed by US judge after detention over support for Palestine

MI News Service, Alexandria: A Georgetown scholar from India who was arrested amid the Trump administration's crackdown on foreign college students was released from immigration detention Wednesday after a federal judge's ruling. Badar Khan Suri, who was being held in Texas, will go home to his family in Virginia while he awaits the outcome of his petition against the Trump administration for wrongful arrest and detention in violation of the First Amendment and other constitutional rights. He's also facing deportation proceedings in an immigration court in Texas. Immigration authorities have detained college students from across the country — many of whom par-ticipated in campus protests over the Israel-Hamas war - since the first days of the Trump administration.

Khan Suri is the latest to win release from custody, along with Rumeysa Ozturk, a Tufts University student from Turkey, and Mohsen Mahdawi, a Palestinian student at Columbia University. Khan Suri was arrested by masked, plain-clothed officers on the evening of March 17 outside his apartment complex in Arlington, Virginia. He was then put on a plane to Louisiana and later to a detention center in Texas

Diversion of trains for **Track Maintenance** Work over South Eastern Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Track maintenance work on both Up & Dn line between Gamharia - Sini stations in Chakradharpur Division over South Eastern Railway, Mega Block has been planned from 21.05.2025 to 28.05.2025. Consequently, following trains have been diverted as under:

Diversion of trains: 13288 Ara - Durg South Bihar Express (journey commencing on 20.05.2025, 27.05.2025, 03.06.2025, 10.06.2025, 17.06.2025 & 24.06.2025) will be diverted via Kandra - - Sini (avoiding Tatanagar) instead of the regular route Kandra – Gamharia – Tatanagar -Gamharia – Sini. * 13287 Durg - Ara South Bihar Express (journey commencing on 24.05.2025, 31.05.2025, 07.06.2025, 14.06.2025, 21.06.2025 & 28.06.2025) will be diverted via Sini - Kandra (avoiding Tatanagar) instead of the regular route Sini Gamharia – Tatanagar Gamharia – Kandra.

Diversion Of Bhagalpur – Gandhidham Express



faster and more comfortable rail travel between Howrah and Puri, Indian Railways has announced 25% aug-Howrah-Puri Vande Bharat coaches. Starting today, the coaches, in place of earlier 16, adding four additional

mentation of 22895/22896 Express with additional train will operate with 20 AC Chair Car Coaches. This augmentation includes the addition of four

AC Chair Car Coaches, aimed at accommodating the growing number of passengers traveling on this prestigious semi-high-speed train service. The upgraded rake composition will now consist of 16 AC Chair Car Coaches, 2 Executive Chair Car Coaches and 2 Crew & AC Chair Car Coaches. The decision to augment the train



occupancy rate of 70-80%, connects Howrah Junction in the train has now reached an West Bengal to Puri in impressive patronisation level of over 110%. Currently, Train No. 22895 (Howrah– Odisha, covering a distance of 500 km in approximately 6.5 hours. The train operates Puri) records 110.9% occusix days a week, except pancy, while Train No. 22896 Thursdays, with departures from Howrah at 6:10 am and (Puri-Howrah) sees 109.2%. Specifically, patronage in AC from Puri at 1:50 pm. This train provide stoppages at Chair Car classes stands at 110.65%, and 103.19% in seven stations: Khurda Road Chair Executive Junction, Bhubaneswar, Cut-Car coaches.Passengers tack, Jajpur Keonjhar Road, have Bhadrak, Balasore, and overwhelmingly welcomed the augmentation, as more Kharagpur Junction. The number of passengers can Vande Bharat Express fea-

preventive action. Public Awareness Campaigns: Passengers are being sensitized to remain safeguard alert and to report any suspicious objects or behavior to the nearest railway staff or security personnel. **Employee Sensitization** : Railway staff are being regularly briefed to identify and report any unusual or suspicious activity, thereby strengthening in-ternal vigilance.

Enhanced Security Measures by RPF in Howrah Division

Inter-Agency Coordi-

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intelligence-sharing are

being maintained with the

Enhanced Briefings:

RPF personnel are receiv-

ing regular briefings and

debriefings focused on

prevailing threats and ef-

fective response mecha-

Monitoring through the

CCTV network has been

intensified, especially at

stations and other high-

The RPF urges all passen-

gers and stakeholders to

cooperate with security

personnel, remain vigilant,

and immediately report

any suspicious activity.

priority areas.

CCTV Surveillance :

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Baggage and Cargo Screening : Enhanced unlawful activities. Anti-Sabotage Measscreening procedures have been implemented using advanced scanners to detect any prohibited or suspicious items. The Howrah Division remains steadfast in its commitment to passenger safety and security.

rity protocols have been tightened at critical installations including control rooms, workshops, and zones with outsourced contractual activities.

> AA/30; MPS-HWH-NKL-MPS-64-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved: 02 06 2025 at 17 20 hrs: AA/31: PS-HWH-BQY-MPS-10-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls): Allotr Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 02.06.2025 at 17.30 hrs; AA/32; MPS-HWH-BOI-MPS-21-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Unreserved - Open to all; 02.06.2025 at 17.40 hrs; AA/33; MPS-HWH-JIT-MPS-35-23-1 (MPS-MultiPurpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Unreserved - Open to all 02.06.2025 at 17.50 hrs; AA/34; MPS-HWH-MBE-MPS-40-23-1(MPS- Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Unreserved
> Open to all; 02.06.2025 at 18.00 hrs; AA/35; MPS-HWH-SKG-MPS-55-23-1(MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 10.30 hrs; AA/36; MPS-HWH-RPH-MPS-77-24-1(MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Multipurpose stall for (SMU SC) for 5 years for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 10.40 hrs; **AA/37;** MPS-HWH-AMBG-MPS-72-24-3 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for 05 years for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 10.50 hrs; AA/38; MPS-HWH-KKAE-MPS-15-23-1 (MPS- Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 11.00 hrs; AA/39; MPS-HWH-DMLE-MPS-27-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Unreserved - Open to all; 03.06.2025 at 11.10 hrs; AA/40; MPS-HWH-SLG-MPS-46-23-1(MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Unreserved - Open to all: 03.06.2025 at 11.20 hrs; AA/41; MPS-HWH-BFZ-MPS-50-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 11.30 hrs; AA/42; MPS-HWH-JPQ-MPS-52-23-1(MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 11.40 nrs; AA/43; MPS-HWH-SOAE-MPS-56-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls) Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 11.50 nrs; AA/44; MPS-HWH-MDSE-MPS-63-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 12.00 hrs; **AA/45;** MPS-HWH-PBZ-MPS-66-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 12.10 hrs; AA/46; MPS-HWH-TAK-MPS-74-24-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for 5 years for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 12.20 hrs; AA/47; MPS-HWH-ADST-MPS-2-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 12.30 hrs; AA/48; MPS-HWH-BGAE-MPS-4-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 12.40 hrs; AA/49; MPS-HWH-BGNA-MPS-6-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 12.50 hrs; AA/50; MPS-HWH-GFAE-MPS-11-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 13.00 hrs; **AA/51;** MPS-HWH-AGAE-MPS-19-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Unreserved - Open to all 03.06.2025 at 13.10 hrs; AA/52; MPS-HWH-BZL-MPS-24-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls): Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Unreserved Open to all; 03.06.2025 at 13.20 hrs; AA/53; MPS-HWH-GPAE-MPS-29-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Unreserved - Open to all; 03.06.2025 at 13.30 hrs; AA/54; MPS-HWH-DTAE-MPS-32-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Unreserved - Open to all; 03.06.2025 at 13.40 hrs.; AA/55; MPS-HWH-NBAE-MPS-41-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Unreserved - Open to all; 03.06.2025 at 13.50 hrs; AA/56; MPS-HWH-PTAE-MPS-43-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Unreserved - Open to all 03.06.2025 at 14.00 hrs; **AA/57;** MPS-HWH-TLO-MPS-49-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Unreserved - Open to all; 03.06.2025 at 14.10 hrs; AA/58; MPS-HWH-DHAE-MPS-51-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 14.20 hrs; AA/59; MPS-HWH-BGRA-MPS 53-23-1(MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls): Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 14.30 hrs; AA/60; MPS-HWH-GRAE-MPS 60-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 14.40 hrs; AA/61; MPS-HWH-JOX-MPS-14-23-1 (MPS-Multi Purpose Stalls); Allotment of Multipurpose stall (MPS) for Reserved; 03.06.2025 at 14.50 hrs; Rate Unit: Annual Licensing Fee for Seq. No. AA/1 to AA/61 each. Trips/Days: 1826 for Seq. No. AA/1 to AA/61 each. Min. Incre(%): 0.2 for Seq. No. AA/1 to AA/61 each. EMD : 10% for Seq. No. AA/1 to AA/61 each. Turnover Required: 0 for Seq. No. AA/1 to AA/61 each. HWH-86/2025-20 ender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in

Government Railway Poment, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of lice (GRP), Intelligence Bureau (IB), and other law Eastern Railway's Howrah enforcement agencies for Division has significantly seamless response and intensified its security arrangements across the division. These measures aim to ensure the safety of railway personnel, and protect vital infrastructure from any potential threats.

A series of proactive and preventive actions have

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Traffic & Power blocks on Platform No. 4 15.05.2025(from to (from 15.05.2025) to 16.05.2025) and on Plat-form No. 5 (from 17.05.2025 to 09.07.2025) in connection with construction of concourse foundation at Lucknow station, 09452 Bhagalpur -Gandhidham Express (journey commencing on 19.05.2025, 26.05.2025, 02.06.2025, 09.06.2025 16.06.2025, 23.06.2025, 30.06.2025 & 07.07.2025) will be diverted via Barabanki - Malhour - Aishbagh - Kanpur Central instead of the regular route via Barabanki - Lucknow – Kanpur Central.

Short origination & change in terminal

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to the ongoing non-Interlocking work at SANTRA-GACHI Station and yard, Train no. 18047 (Shalimar-Vasco Da Gama) Amravati Exp Journey Commencing on 17.05.2025 will Short Originate from SANTRAGACHI Station instead of Shalimar. And, Train no. 18048 (Vasco Da Gama - Shalimar) Amravati Exp Journey Commencing on 16.05.2025 Ex -Vasco-Da-Gama and arrival on 17.05.2025 will be terminated at HOWRAH Station instead of Shalimar.

Cancellation of One Pair Lakshmikantapur – Namkhana Local for Track Maintenance Work

MI News Service, Kolkata: For Track maintenance work between Lakshmikantapur - Namkhana section. 34935/34914 Lakshmikantapur - Namkhana - Lakshmikantapur local will remain cancelled on 18.05. 20 25 (Sunday).

was made after a thorough review of passenger patronization and travel demand, highlighting the Puri-Howrah Vande Bharat Express as one of the most sought-after routes for both commuters and dailv tourists. The enhanced capacity is expected to improve travel convenience, reduce waitlists and further popularize this premium train service. Patronisation of the train has seen a significant increase since its inception. Initially operating with an now avail the services of the prestigious train. Many regular commuters and tourists have shared positive feedback on social media and railway feedback portals, appreciating Indian Railways' responsiveness and sensitiveness to public demand. Enhanced coach capacity has also been applauded by public representatives, who have actively advocated for this upgrade in recent months. The Puri-Howrah Vande Bharat Express is a semi-high-speed train that

tures state-of-the-art amenities, including onboard Wi-Fi, infotainment systems, bio-vacuum toilets and comfortable seating arrangements. The train is designed to provide a safe and comfortable travel experience for passengers. The augmentation of the Howrah-Puri Vande Bharat Express is a testament to Indian Railways' commitment to enhancing passenger services and meeting the growing demand for efficient and comfortable rail travel.

Regulation of trains due to Developmental Works in Chakradharpur Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: In view of developmental works in Chakradharpur Division, the following trains will be regulated as under:

1		Date of Cancellation
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Ex BJP Min Gali's plea for spl prison category rejected by CBI court

MI News Service, Hyder-abad: A special CBI court in Hyderabad has rejected a petition filed by Gali Janardhan Reddy, the former Karnataka minister and BJP leader convicted in the Obulapuram illegal mining case, seeking to be treated as a special category prisoner during his sentence. Reddy, who is currently serving a sevenyear jail term in Chanchalguda prison, had requested the court to issue directions for special facilities under a privileged prisoner category.

However, the CBI court dismissed his petition on Thursday, stating that with the verdict already delivered in the case, there were no pending matters before the court to warrant such consideration, and therefore, the petition could not be entertained. Reddy, along with three others, was convicted earlier this month in the highprofile Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC) illegal mining case, which involved large-scale unau-

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Kolkata (West Bengal) [India], May 16 (ANI): The City of Joy, Kolkata, lived up to its billing during the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 season as the Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) turned Eden Gardens into a pulsating theatre of colour, creativity, and fandom.

The defending champions took fan experience to new heights by unveiling an unprecedented 14 different tifos across 7 home matches, setting a cultural benchmark not just in the IPL, but in Indian sport, as per the Kolkata Knight Riders press release. Ă 'tifo' often refers to a chore-

ographed visual display, typically involving large banners, flags, or signs, performed by sports fans. From electrifying player-centric designs to moments to commemorate the 'home of champions',

"WHEN I STARTED AT CLUB LEVEL...": RCB SKIPPER PATIDAR ON DEVELOPING **HIS ABILITY AGAINST SPIN**

BENGALURU (KARNATAKA) : Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) skipper Rajat Patidar on Friday spoke on his proficiency against spin bowling, say ing that the development of his ability against spin can be traced back to his club cricket days when he used to play on "unprepared" wickets.

Patidar was speaking on the latest episode of the RCB Podcast. During the podcast, he highlighted how his days in club cricket and the quality spinners of his domestic side, Madhya Pradesh, helped him push his abilities against spin.

Patidar, who was appointed as the captain of the franchise this year, was quoted as saying as per a press note about his spin abilities, "When I started at the club level, most games were on unprepared wickets. You did not get well-prepared surfaces, so I gradually got used to playing spin. Before my Ranji debut, we had a home-and-away format where the home team prepared the wickets. Since we had three quality spinners, we opted for spin-friendly tracks, and I knew I would be playing on a square-turner.

Patidar also said that while practicing, he would practice the sweep shot for three hours per

day. "There was only one thought in my mind: if I had to score runs on those pitches, I needed to develop that shot. It is a shot that can put pressure on bowlers on turning tracks," he added.

Patidar also revealed that he used to look up to Indian batting legend Rahul Dravid and his ability to play spin.

"I saw a lot of his batting in Test matches, especially on spin tracks. The way he used his footwork, whether it was the front foot or the back foot, and how he used the crease, I got to learn a lot from him." he added. During the remaining season, Patidar will be aiming to overcome a lean run of form since the last three to four games. In 11 games and 10 innings, he has scored 239 runs at an average of 23.90, with a strike rate of 140.58. He has scored two half-centuries, with the best score of 64. RCB is at the second spot with eight wins and three losses, giving them 16 points. They will play their next match against defending champions Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) at Bengaluru on Saturday, which will mark the resumption of the tournament.



KKR delivered multiple tifos throughout the season, with the marquee clash against Chennai Super Kings (CSK) at the Eden Gardens witnessing a staggering seven unique tifos being unfurled. Each tifo was conceptualized and executed to reflect the ethos of the franchise, reflecting fearlessness, expressiveness, and a

deep connect to its city and its supporters, while also carrying the famous 'Korbo, Lorbo, Jeetbo' motto

The unveiling of multiple tifos throughout the season not only added to the matchday experience

tiative not only celebrated the team but also paid tribute to the loyal Knight Riders' fan base, who have consistently packed the stands and brought the fortress to life, the press release added.

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

If the Knight Riders stand triumphant with two wins, they will move to 15 points and will hope for other results to fall in their favour to keep their title defence alive. For their upcoming fixture against Bengaluru, ESPNcricinfo reported that KKR will hold a training session at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Friday

Behera sweats under media grilling ahead of JSCA polls

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RANCHI : As the countdown begins for the crucial Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) elections scheduled for May 18, 2025, the cricketing circles in the state are witnessing a flurry of activity and high-stakes campaigning.

After Ajaynath Shahdev addressed the media on Thursday, SK Behera, a prominent industrialist and Managing Director of RSB Group, appeared before the press on Friday, accompanied by his panel. Contesting for the coveted post of JSCA President, Behera laid out his vision and future plans for Jharkhand cricket-but the media interaction soon turned tense.

During the question-and-answer session Behera appeared visibly uncomfortable, struggling to address pointed questions from journalists. In particular, he

JSCA Election Abhishek Chaudhary send notice to Behra Group on "Amitabh ke Log" PC JHA

RANCHI: The election of Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) is on 18 May and now the atmosphere is getheated. Abhishek ting Chaudhary, son of former IPS Amitabh Chaudhary, who founded JSCA, has made serious allegations on SK Behera group. Regarding this, he wrote a letter to Election Officer NN Pandey. After which Assistant Election Officer Ravi Ranjan Mishra has sent a notice to Behera group. In the notice issued to

Behera group, it has been said that Abhishek Chaudhary, son of Amitabh Chaudhary and daughter Niyati Chaudhary and daughter Niyati Chaudhary have given an application and alleged that the people of Behera group are calling the candidates "Amitabh ke Log" in their posters. His father's name is being misused. This should be stopped. After this, a notice has been issued to Behera group. However, in the poster released on 16 May, SK Behera group has removed "Amitabh ke Log" from their poster. Instead, it says "Achhe Log, Sachche Log".

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was cornered when asked why he had not attended the Annual General Meetings (AGMs) for the past seven years-a violation that. as per JSCA's constitution, could lead to disqualification of membership. While Behera claimed he had attended the 2024 Jamshedpur AGM, the explanation failed to convince the media. SB Singh, the candidate for JSCA Secretary from Behera's panel, attempted to step in and manage the situation, but his responses also fell short of satisfying the press's concerns.

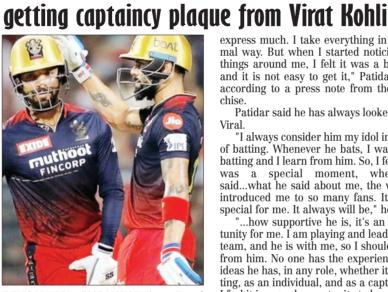
Despite the controversy, Behera reiterated his commitment to revamp Jharkhand cricket. He unveiled a series of proposals, emphasizing the upliftment of district-level cricket and the formation of five zonal cricket academies to identify and nurture emerging talent from across the state.

"Cricketing opportunities have expanded manifold in recent years. We aim to scout and support cricketers from the most remote areas

Jharkhand," Behera said. "Our goal is to carve out a new and proud identity for Jharkhand on the national cricket map."

The upcoming elections will see fierce competition between the Shahdev and Behera factions, both of whom have mounted full-fledged campaigns. Voting will determine not just the President, but also several key committee positions within the JSCA. As the election-day nears, all eyes remain on how these promises and controversies will sway the outcome.

but also reiterated KKR's commitment to their fans and the atmosphere at Eden Gardens. The inievening. "It is very special...": RCB skipper Patidar on



BENGALURU (KARNATAKA) : Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) captain Rajat Patidar recalled receiving the captaincy plaque from star batter Virat Kohli during the RCB Unbox event ahead of the 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL) season, saying that the moment will always be "special" for him.

Patidar was speaking on the latest episode of the RCB Podcast.

Patidar said that after replacing Faf Du Plessis as captain, his father called him,

and people congratulated him. "Until then I was normal, I didn't feel much. My personality is such that I do not

express much. I take everything in a normal way. But when I started noticing the things around me, I felt it was a big role and it is not easy to get it," Patidar said, according to a press note from the franchise

Patidar said he has always looked up to Viral.

"I always consider him my idol in terms of batting. Whenever he bats, I watch his batting and I learn from him. So, I feel that was a special moment, when he said...what he said about me, the way he introduced me to so many fans. It's very special for me. It always will be," he said. "...how supportive he is, it's an oppor-tunity for me. I am playing and leading the

team, and he is with me, so I should learn from him. No one has the experience and ideas he has, in any role, whether it is batting, as an individual, and as a captain. So I feel it is a good opportunity to learn from him," he added.

During the remaining season, Patidar will be aiming to overcome a lean run of form since the last three to four games. In 11 games and 10 innings, he has scored 239 runs at an average of 23.90, with a strike rate of 140.58. He has scored two half-centuries, with the best score of 64.

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PRAYERS AT TIRUPATI TIRUMALA

LSG OWNER SANJIV GOENKA OFFERS

TIRUMALA (ANDHRA PRADESH) : RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group chairman and owner of Lucknow Super Giants IPL team, Sanjiv Goenka, and his family vis-ited Tirupati Tirumala temple and offered prayers.

The temple, dedicated to Lord Venkateswara, considered an incarnation of Lord Vishnu, is one of the most visited religious sites in India, attracting millions of devotees annually.

The visit of Sanjiv Goenka and his family to the temple came a day ahead of the restart of this season of Indian Premier League. IPL was suspended for a week due to tensions between India and Pakistan

Earlier on Thursday, Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) pacer Mayank Yadav was ruled out of the remainder of the Indian Premier League (IPL) due to an injury.

IPL issued a statement announcing the decision. Yadav, 22, has been



replaced by the New Zealand pacer Will O'Rourke. He is down with a back injury. "Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) have roped in New Zealand pacer, William O'Rourke, as an injury replacement for Mayank Yadav," the statement said. "Yadav sustained a back injury and is ruled out for the remainder of the

season," added the statement. O'Rourke will be his replacement at

a reserve price of Rs 3 crore. Rourke has represented New

Zealand in five T20Is, taking five wickets at an average of 28.60. In 38 T20s, he has taken 37 wickets at an average of 26.05

Ravi Shastri says if he was coach, Rohit would have played last Test of Australia series

against Australia due to personal

reasons, In his rest three outings,

Rohit only made 31 runs before

opting out from the last Test. In

NEW DELHI : India team's former head coach Ravi Shastri has revealed what he would have told Rohit Sharma ahead of the final match of the Test series against Australia in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, which the then skipper did not play.

Rohit announced his retirement from Test cricket earlier this month

Rohit's lean patch with the bat in the Test format led to the 38year-old sitting out the Border-Gavaskar series decider at the SCG in January

Shastri talked about a conversation he had with Rohit at an Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 fixture and prior to Hitman's Test retirement.

"I saw Rohit a lot at the toss. At the toss, you don't get enough time to speak. Though I did put my hand on his shoulder in one of the games. I think it was in Mumbai, and I told him, if I was



the coach, you would have never line 2-1. If your mindset is you not played that last Test match. feel you are... that's not the You would have played that last stage, you leave a team. Rohit didn't play the first test Test match because the series

Review "And I'm not someone who threw in the towel with the score-

wasn't over," Shastri told ICC

his last eight Tests, which included home series against Bangladesh and New Zealand, Rohit was able to cross the 50run mark only once, averaging 10.93.

Shastri believes Rohit is a match-winner and he would've pushed for his inclusion in Sydney, with the series poised at 2-1

"That was a 30-40 run game. And that's exactly what I told him. The pitch was so spicy in Sydney. Whatever kind of form he was in. he's a match-winner. said Shastri.

Shastri believes that if Rohit would have smashed 35-40 at the top, the series would have been levelled.

"If he had gone, sensed the situation, sensed the condition and smashed it for even 35-40 at the top, you never know. That series would have been level. But that's each one to his own.

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"Other people have different styles. This would have been my style, and I let him know it. It's sitting in my heart for a long time. I had to get it out. And I told him that," he added.

Rohit took to social media earlier this month to announce that he is bidding farewell to the red-ball format. "Hello everyone, I would just like to share that I am retiring from Test cricket. It's been an absolute honour to represent my country in whites. Thank you for all the love and support over the years. I will continue to represent India in the ODI format," he said.

The 38-year-old embarked on a voyage and represented India in 67 Tests, striking 4,301 runs from his bat at an average of 40.57, with 12 centuries and 18 half-centuries. Rohit dazzled with a knock of 212 during a home series against South Africa in 2019.

Mustafizur Rahman NOC, Bangladeshi seamer set to join DC for IPL 2025

NEW DELHI [INDIA] Bangladeshi seamer Mustafizur Rahman has been "granted" a no-objection certificate (NOC) on Friday by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) to link up with Delhi Capitals (DC) for the period from 18-24 May 2025 in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL), according to ESPNcricinfo.

The BCB confirmed that Mustafizur would be available for Bangladesh's first T20I against UAE in Sharjah on Saturday before travelling to India.

On Wednesday, DC announced Mustafizur as a replacement for Australian opener Jake Fraser-McGurk, who will be unavailable for the remainder of IPL 2025.

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

Throughout his IPL career, the 29-year-old has played 38 match-

es, claiming 38 wickets at an economy rate of 7.84. He has played for different franchises in the league, forming a reputation for bowling effectively in all phases of an innings. With 132 wickets in 106 T20IS

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

On Friday, DC seamer Starc confirmed that he wouldn't be travelling to India for the remain-der of IPL 2025, according to ESPNcricinfo. Starc is DC's highest wicket-taker so far in the season with 14 wickets in 11 matches at an average of 26.14.

DC batters Faf du Plessis and Tristan Stubbs have confirmed their return to India, but Stubbs will be available only for the league phase, after which he will leave for the World Test Championship (WTC) final, as he has been named in the South Africa squad.

