



The 'Retina Conclave-2025' seminar organized by Shankar Nethralaya

MI News Service, Kolkata: Jagat Singh Talia, Zonal Manager, Eastern Zone, Life Insurance Corporation of India and Soumitra Kumar Dey, Regional Manager (Corporate Communication) were present as the guests of honour at the 'Retina Conclave-2025' seminar organized by Shankar Nethralaya at the Pavilion Hall of Taj Tal Kuthir, Kolkata. In the seminar, eminent ophthalmologists discussed in detail various problems of the retina of the eye and eye cancer in children. The guest of honour J. S. Talia shed light on the importance of the seminar. Along with this, he highlighted the contribution of Life Insurance Corporation of India in various social development activities including Shankar Nethralaya in his speech. The meeting was attended by the head of Shankar Nethralaya and other eminent doctors, journalists and dignitaries.

The Hinduja Family tops UK Rich List for fourth year

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Hinduja family, led by Gopichand Hinduja, has topped the 2025 Sunday Times Rich List for the fourth consecutive year with a net worth of £35.3 billion. Despite global economic challenges, the Hinduja Group maintained strong international operations and expanded into electric mobility. The family's philanthropic arm, Hinduja Foundation, continues impactful work in education, healthcare, and sustainability.

Missing elderly man found frozen in Pakaban water

MI News Service, Bishnupur: Tragedy struck Bishnupur as the frozen body of Revati Mohan Chattopadhyay, and elderly priest from Kabirajpara, was found floating in the Pokabam pond on Monday afternoon. Missing since morning, his body was discovered by locals during their routine bath and later recovered by police. Authorities have sent the body for autopsy and are investigating the cause of death. The body of an elderly man was recovered from Pokabam, a traditional pond in Bishnupur, on Monday afternoon, hours after he was reported missing. The deceased has been identified as Revati Mohan Chattopadhyay, a resident of Kabirajpara and a priest by profession. According to family sources, Chattopadhyay followed a daily routine of bathing in Pokabam between 8 and 9 in the morning. However, when he failed to return home today, family members grew concerned and began searching for him in the surrounding areas and at the homes of close relatives, but he was nowhere to be found. Later in the afternoon, local residents who had gone to bathe in the pond discovered his body floating in the water. The family was immediately informed, and Bishnupur police were called to the scene. Upon arrival, police recovered the body and sent it for post-mortem examination to determine.



Saturday, Trinamool Congress General Secretary and Minister Aroop Biswas led a procession in ward number 112 of Tollygunge Assembly, congratulating and saluting the Indian Army for protecting the sovereignty, integrity, secularism of the country and defeating Pakistan in war. He was accompanied by Borough Chairman Tarkeshwar Chakraborty and local municipal representative Gopal Roy.



Saturday, the Sports Minister Aroop Biswas inaugurated a free health check-up camp at the Khudiram Anushilan Kendra, organized by Maidan Saathi. Representatives of various clubs and sports organizations of the Maidan including Ajit Banerjee, Shankar Das, Swarup Biswas, Sourav Pal and Joy-

BJP cannot take credit for BSF jawan's release All credit for the soldier's release goes to the country's brave soldiers : Arindam Guin

MI News Service, Hooghly: The Trinamool Congress has reacted strongly to the Bharatiya Janata Party's claim of credit for the safe return of BSF jawan Purnam from Pakistan. Champani MLA and Trinamool District Organisation Chairman Arindam Guin said in clear words that all credit for the soldier's release goes to the country's brave soldiers who carried out "Operation Sindoor" with their unparalleled courage and bravery. Arindam said, "Purnam's return was possible only because of the bravery and sacrifice of the army. The BJP is doing politics on this while the real heroes are the soldiers who entered Pakistani soil and wiped out terrorism. If the BJP wants to take credit, it should also accept responsibility for the terrorist attack in Pahalgam in which 26 innocent tourists were killed. He said that since the jawans went to the Pakistan border on the 23rd, the Trinamool Congress has been standing shoulder to shoulder with their family. MP Kalyan Banerjee, Rishra Municipality Chairman Vijay



Sagar Mishra and local MLAs were helping the family in every possible way. MP Kalyan Banerjee spoke to the BSF DG and got him to talk to Purnam's wife. This was not a political motive. Rather, they stood by his family in this time of crisis. CM Mamata Banerjee was also very worried about Purnam's imprisonment in Pakistan. She spoke to Purnam's wife several times and assured her. He said that he is safe in Pakistan. He will be released soon. On the day of Purnam's release, Chief Minister Mamata

Banerjee also spoke to Purnam's wife Rajni Saw on the phone. Vijay Sagar Mishra provided financial assistance to send the soldier's family to Pathankot and bring them back. Arindam Guin also targeted BJP IT cell chief Amit Malviya for giving credit to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that 'Soldiers go to the battlefield and not the Prime Minister who goes to the battlefield? Therefore, the credit should be given to those who are protecting the country without caring for their lives. He further

said that whether the temperature of the earth is 40 degrees or minus 40, our soldiers protect the country's borders in all circumstances. "Operation Sindoor is a befitting reply to those who destroy the Sindoor of our sisters. "We are proud of our country, our army and brave officers like Colonel Sofia Qureshi." The MLA also said that this is not a matter of politics but of the pride and security of the country. In such a situation, it is very unfortunate to say such things for political gain.



Teachers who lost their permanent jobs have students study under the open sky at the road in front of Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake in Kolkata.

BSF Foils Smuggling Attempt Along India-Bangladesh Border in Nadia, Seizes Silver, Ganja, and Phensedyl

MI News Service, Nadia: The Border Security Force (BSF) once again thwarted a smuggling attempt along the India-Bangladesh international border in Nadia district. In a late-night operation on Thursday, troops from the 32nd Battalion recovered a substantial haul of contraband including silver, cannabis (ganja), and bottles of Phensedyl, a codeine-based cough syrup commonly smuggled across the border. Acting on a tip-off, jawans stationed at the Haldarpada Border Outpost maintained heightened vigilance. According to BSF sources, around midnight, individuals on the Bangladeshi side of the border attempted to throw packages across to the Indian side. When BSF personnel challenged them, the smugglers fled, abandoning their goods in nearby bushes. Following a thorough search of the area, BSF troops recovered 17.66 kilograms of silver balls, estimated to be worth approximately 17 lakh. They also found 6 kilograms of ganja and several bottles of Phensedyl packed in 15 separate parcels. In a separate operation on the same day, the BSF's 32nd Battalion also seized an additional 6 kilograms of ganja



and 216 bottles of Phensedyl. DIG Neelotpal Pandey of the South Bengal Frontier stated, "BSF troops remain constantly vigilant to curb cross-border smuggling. This operation highlights our commitment to fighting narcotics and illegal trade along the India-Bangladesh border." Despite the successful seizures, no arrests have been made in connection with the incident.

Trinamool keeps core panel in charge, Anubarat Mandal sidelined in Birbhum

MI News Service, Birbhum: Anubrata Mandal is no longer the district president of the TMC as per a new list released by the party on Friday. Despite his return from Tihar Jail, the post remains with the core committee. Party leaders, including Bikas Roy Chowdhury and Ashish Banerjee, expressed support for the party's decision, with Kajal Sheikh highlighting the committee's successful performance in recent elections. The Trinamool Congress has officially retained the core committee as the administrative authority for its Birbhum district unit, leaving Anubrata Mandal out of the leadership role he once held. A revised list released by the party on Friday confirmed the change, reigniting political activity in the district. Anubrata Mandal, who served as the district president before his incarceration, returned to Birbhum from Tihar Jail last year. However, the party has chosen not to reinstate him, keeping the district president post vacant and continuing with the core committee-led model implemented during his absence. Reacting to the development, senior leader Bikash Roy Chowdhury stated, "We respect the decision taken by the party. It is a party decision." Ashish Banerjee, chairperson of the core committee, expressed his gratitude towards party supremo Mamata Banerjee and na-

tional general secretary Abhishek Banerjee for their continued trust. He refrained from commenting on Mandal's exclusion. Meanwhile, core committee member Kajal Sheikh reiterated Mamata Banerjee's earlier declaration that the Birbhum district would be managed by the core committee. "This was expected of us, and this is what happened," she said, praising the committee's performance in recent elections. "We are confident of winning all 11 assembly seats with a landslide." The party's decision signals a strategic move to maintain collective leadership in the politically sensitive district while steering clear of controversies linked to Anubrata Mandal.

Rs 2 crore for hospital shelter in ruins, fans dead, families suffer

MI News Service, Medinipur: A night shelter built with nearly Rs2 crore from TMC MP Dev's fund at Ghatal subdistrict and super specialty Hospital lies in neglect. Fans remain non-functional, switchboards are damaged, and hygiene is poor, forcing patients' families to endure extreme heat and discomfort. Authorities have acknowledged the complaints and promised urgent repair. A night shelter built at a cost of nearly 2 crore from the MP fund of Trinamool Congress leader Dev, within the premises of Ghatal Subdistrict Hospital and Super Specialty Hospital in Paschim Medinipur, is now in a state of disrepair. Intended to provide comfort and overnight accommodation for patients' families, the shelter is now causing more hardship than relief. Reports from the ground reveal that none of the fans inside the shelter are functional, with exposed electrical wiring and broken switchboards adding to the safety concerns. In the sweltering summer heat, families are being forced to endure unbearable conditions. Additionally, the shelter has become unhygienic, with garbage strewn around, rising mosquito infestation, and even stray dogs roaming freely inside the dormitory.

Modi to virtually inaugurate reconstructed Ghoshpara station on May 22

MI News Service, Kalyani: The Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to virtually inaugurate Bengal's first Amrit Bharat station of Kalyani Ghoshpara station on May 22, said Senior RPRO, Eastern Railway, Ekalavya Chakraborty.

Sealdah Division has organized a press media tour on Saturday to showcase the infrastructure development works at Kalyani Ghosh Para Station under the aegis of Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

During the visit, media representatives were provided with a comprehensive display of the world class amenities provided at Kalyani Ghosh Para for passengers and Railway users. It includes, improvement of station building, concourse, circulating area, porch & facade, Full cover shed over Platform, Platform raising & surfacing,

Furniture & Seating Benches, importance to Local Art and Culture, Waiting Hall (Renovation), Toilet (Renovation), Single/double Face TIB, PF GPS Clock, Speaker, GPS Based outdoor True Colour LED Tower Clock, Signage, Landscaping, Façade, Concourse & PF shed lighting and Divyangjan facilities - Two ramps, low height booking counter, Toilet & Water booths.

Print and electronic media were also appraised about detailed information on the various aspects of the project including Scope of Work, Sanctioned Cost etc.

The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme plays a game changing role in achieving goal of modernizing world class Railway stations, loaded with improved modern amenities. The media tour serves to highlight progress made in transforming Kalyani Ghosh Para Station equipped with world-class facilities.



However, the list of 103 stations under Sealdah division in West Bengal to be redeveloped under the Amrita Bharat station scheme includes a mix of major junctions and smallest stations. Kalyani ghoshpara rail station in Sealdah - Kalyani simanta section is one of those stations and it is all but completed. That is why the Eastern Railway Authority took the media persons to visit the redeveloped station on Saturday.

Every day 14 UP and 14 Down trains moves through this station. It is not much from the aspect of footfall but it was selected for it historical Satima Temple and Mela. But it lacks the GRP Station. However, Senior PRO, ER, Ekalavya Chakraborty said, "Special facilities will be provided during the historic Satima Mela."

He stated that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually inaugurate the 103 Amrit Bharat listed stations on May 22.

During 2023 - 24 Rail budget, the project was announced. Total 1309 Rail stations all over India is scheduled to be reconstructed. The total cost is Rs. 25 thousand crore.

Hemophilia Society-Durgapur Chapter successfully celebrated their 26th Foundation Day today Distinguished guests attended the program

MI News Service: 1) Dr. Nimai Chandra Mandal, ADHS(NCD1), Nodal Officer, Hemoglobinopathy, Govt. of West Bengal 2) Prof.(Dr.) Tuphan Kanti Dolai, HOD, Hematology Department, NRS Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata 3) Dr. Ananya Mukherjee, Dy.CMOH, Paschim Burdwan 4) Dr. Dhiman Mandal, Medical Superintendent, Sub Division Hospital, Durgapur 5) Mr. Kabi Dutta, Chairman, Rogi Kalyan Samiti, Govt. of West Bengal & Chairman, Asansol Durgapur Development Authority, Durgapur 6) Dr. Ipsita Nag, Medical Officer, The Mission Hospital, Durgapur Prof. (Dr.) Tufan Kanti Daloi appreciated HSDC for their continued unconditional support and efforts for the betterment of hemophiliacs and their families. He shared the house about the advanced treatment for hemophilia management and requested everyone to contact NRS Hospital for any further assistance. Dr. Nimai Chandra Mandal explained the government's policy and support towards hemophilia treatment and requested everyone to cooperate with the government to get the proper treatment on time. Dr. Ananya Mukherjee expressed her best wishes and heartfelt thanks to all the hemophiliacs and their families for their 26th Foundation Day Celebration. She re-



quested to Dr. Nimai Mandal for one dedicated bed in Durgapur Sub Divisional Hospital for the hemophiliacs. Mr. Kabi Dutta assured all possible assistance to hemophilia sufferers for their betterment and pain-free life and thanked to Durgapur Chapter for conducting excellent activities for the benefited of the hemophiliacs.

Dr. Dhiman Mandal thanked all the members of the Durgapur Chapter for their 24x7 dedicated service to the hemophilia community and assured his all possible support. Dr. Ipsita Nag emphasis on the awareness program on hemophilia for early detection, proper treatment and prevention. Durgapur Chapter donated two wheelchairs for extremely needy and disabled hemophilia patients on this occasion.

TMC shakes up Purulia leadership, eyes 2026 polls amid job crisis

MI News Service, Purulia: The TMC has reshuffled its Purulia district leadership, appointing Rajiv Soren as president ahead of the 2026 elections. Rajiv Soren a two time MLA, has called for restraint from those facing job losses, claiming the opposition is politicizing the issue. The move comes as the party aims to regain ground in a district where the BJP has made significant gains. The Trinamool Congress (TMC) has undertaken a significant leadership reshuffle in Purulia district, appointing Rajiv Soren, MLA from Bandowan, as the new district president.

This strategic move, announced Friday, is widely perceived as a preparatory measure for the 2026 state assembly elections. Former district president and minister, Shantiram Mahato, has been designated as the party chairperson.

Rajiv Soren's appointment comes at a critical juncture, as the district grapples with concerns surrounding job losses and teacher protests. In his initial statements, Rajiv Soren urged those affected by job losses to exercise restraint and maintain faith in the state government. He dismissed allegations of a po-

lice lathi-charge on protesting teachers, stating he was unaware of the incident. Rajiv Soren further accused the opposition of politicizing the teachers' movement, asserting that the Chief Minister is addressing the issue with compassion and taking action against corruption.

The TMC's reshuffle reflects its efforts to regain political ground in Purulia, a district where the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has made substantial inroads. In the previous assembly elections, the BJP secured six out of nine seats, while the TMC retained only three.

Countdown for the launch...

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the country's vast territory. The EOS-09 (RISAT-1B) is a follow-on to the RISAT-1 satellite which is equipped with similar configuration. It complements and supplements data from the Resourcesat, Cartosat and RISAT-2B Series satellites. The Earth Observation Satellite-09 is a repeat satellite of EOS-04 launched in 2022. It has been designed with the mission objective to ensure remote sensing data for the user community engaged in operational applications and to improve the frequency of observation. The PSLV-C61 rocket, after a 17 minute journey, is expected to place the EOS-09 satellite into the Sun Synchronous Polar Orbit (SSPO). Scientists, after the satellite gets separated in the desired orbit, would use the Orbit Change Thrusters (OCT) on the vehicle to reduce the altitude of the orbit, later. The mission life of EOS-09 is 5 years, ISRO said. According to scientists, a sufficient amount of the fuel has been reserved for de-orbiting the satellite after its effective mission life by lowering it to an orbit that ensures its decay within two years, towards ensuring a debris-free mission. At 5:59 am Sunday, the PSLV-XL rocket is expected to blast-off from the first launchpad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, India's lone spaceport. The exact launch time is likely to change by a few seconds or a few minutes, depending on the possibility of space debris or other satellites coming in the rocket's flight path.

Sikkim strengthens disaster..

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is bolstering its disaster response capabilities by establishing a state emergency operation centre (SEOC) at the Tashiling Secretariat and district emergency operation centres (DEOCs) across all six districts. Operating around the clock, these centres will provide real-time support and coordination during emergencies, as outlined by Relief Commissioner-cum Secretary Mingma T Sherpa. The primary SEOC in Gangtok is spearheaded by Deputy Director Jigmee Bhutia, who has made contact numbers and an email helpline accessible for public use. At the district level, dedicated officers manage the DEOCs, each equipped with communication lines to facilitate public access to timely assistance. This initiative reaffirms SSDMA's commitment to safety and effective disaster management across Sikkim, the sources said .

Dhankhar draws similarities.

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on the strongholds of Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba.He said the strikes were so precise that only terrorists were harmed. Dhankhar said that after the Pahalgam terror attack, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had given a message to the global community that "Those were not empty words. The world has now realised," he said. He also said that the Pahalgam terror attack, which left at least 26 people dead, was the deadliest attack on civilians since the Mumbai terror attack.

TMC's Sudip Bandyopadhyay..

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The effort will also reinforce India's stance that it was provoked by the terror attack and responded with targeted strikes on nine terrorist sites across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). This outreach echoes similar diplomatic missions undertaken after previous terror attacks, including those in 1994 and 2008, where India faced attacks from Pakistan-sponsored terrorist groups and networks. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju has reportedly reached out to several opposition MPs, inviting them to join the delegations "in national interest." Those contacted reportedly include Congress leaders Shashi Tharoor and Salman Khurshid, NCP(SP)'s Supriya Sule, TMC's Sudip Bandyopadhyay, AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi, DMK's Kanimozhi, and BJP's B J Panda.

More than 80pc insured...

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above, found that 78 per cent of respondents believe their existing health insurance plans may not be sufficient to meet escalating medical expenses. Only 32 per cent of respondents said they fully understand the scope of their health coverage, while 63 per cent initially feel confident about their policies. However, two in three individuals report feeling financially vulnerable when actually filing claims, largely due to unforeseen expenses or depleted coverage limits. The emotional toll of health insurance decisions also emerged as a key theme, with 81 per cent of policyholders describing the process of choosing the right plan as stressful or confusing. Among those who have filed claims, many reported feeling anxious and insecure during the process, particularly when faced with surprise medical bills. These concerns are further amplified by India's high medical inflation rate, which stood at 14 per cent in 2021—higher than that of China (12 per cent) and Indonesia (10 per cent). This steep inflation has placed significant financial pressure on policyholders, making them increasingly aware of the limitations in their current health insurance plans.



State Minister of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Shashi Panja, along with others, took part in a rally to honour the contributions of the Indian Army and to extend condolences to the families of those who died in the recent India-Pakistan conflict in Kolkata, on Saturday.

State Govt activates full-scale monsoon contingency plan

MI News Service, Kolkata: With the advent of the monsoon drawing near, the West Bengal State Government has moved into proactive gear to avert possible disaster scenarios and streamline emergency response. Recently, in a high-level strategic meeting held at Nabanna , Chief Secretary Manoj Pant convened senior officials across multiple departments to review preparedness and reinforce inter-agency coordination. The Chief Secretary stressed the importance of seamless collaboration between state and central departments, particularly in the areas of flood control, evacuation, and relief distribution. "Every department must operate in synchronisation to ensure quick mitigation and real-time response during any monsoon-triggered disruption," Pant directed during the meeting. According to sources within Nabanna, the state irrigation department has been specifically tasked with establishing direct coordination with the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) to monitor and regulate water discharge from reservoirs. Over the years, DVC's unilateral release of water has often resulted in sudden inundations in downstream districts of Bengal, catching local administrations off guard. This year, the State Government has demanded pre-emptive communication and real-time data sharing from the central agency to prevent avoidable flooding. With the India Meteorological Department (IMD) confirming the timely onset of monsoon in the state, Pant directed the irrigation department to complete critical repairs to embankments and sluice gates on a war footing. The government also instructed the agriculture

department to ensure adequate water supply for boro cultivation, reinforcing the dual priority of disaster management and food security. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Army, Navy, Border Security Force (BSF), Coast Guard, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), and the IMD. District magistrates joined the meeting virtually and were instructed to stockpile adequate relief materials, set up functional shelters, and mobilise rescue assets in vulnerable regions. The fisheries department has been directed to initiate immediate recall procedures for fishermen upon any storm or cyclone warning. "If any fishing vessel faces adversity at sea, real-time geolocation tracking and rescue operations will be executed using advanced technology," the Chief Secretary assured. The State Government has made it clear that no effort will be spared in safeguarding life and livelihood this monsoon. A 24x7 control room, pre-deployed response teams, and advanced surveillance systems are being put in place to deal with any exigency.

Education Interface 2025 begins in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: The 20th edition of Education Interface 2025, one of Eastern India's most significant career and education fairs, commenced on Saturday at the iconic Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata. Organised by Career Planner Edufair, the three-day event was inaugurated in the distinguished presence of Firhad Hakim, Mayor of Kolkata and Minister for Urban Development & Municipal Affairs; SovandeBChattopadhyay, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs & Agriculture; and Aroop Biswas, Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Power and Housing, Government of West Bengal. Marking two decades of its impactful journey, the fair continues to guide and support students from across West Bengal and neighbouring states in shaping their academic and professional futures. The event, open from 17 to 19 May, between 11 AM and 7 PM, offers free entry to all visitors. Over 150 premier universities and institutions from across the country are participating, covering academic disciplines such as engineering, medical sciences, architecture, hospitality, data science, design, media, nursing, ITI, and more. Catering to students of Class 10, 12, undergraduate and professional streams, the fair also includes career counselling sessions, live guidance, and detailed information on scholarships, education loans, and government education schemes. Speaking on the occasion, Dipak Sinha Roy, organiser and founder of Career Planner Edufair, said, "Our mission is to ensure every student has access to timely and relevant career guidance. Education Interface has become a trusted platform over the years." With thousands of footfalls recorded on day one, Education Interface 2025 stands as a beacon of opportunity for the youth of Eastern India.

Massive fire breaks out in high-rise near Minto Park: no casualties reported

MI News Service, Kolkata: A massive fire broke out in a high-rise commercial building near Kolkata's prominent Minto Park area on Saturday afternoon, triggering widespread panic and drawing a swift response from the fire department. Flames were first spotted billowing from the sixth floor of the structure around noon, engulfing multiple air conditioning units on the exterior wall in an intense blaze. The inferno, which sent thick plumes of smoke into the sky, reportedly originated from an air conditioning unit, with initial findings by the fire department suggesting a possible short circuit as the cause. While the exact trigger remains under investigation, officials confirmed that three AC units were completely gutted in the flames. In total, five fire tenders were deployed to tackle the blaze, with firemen battling the flames from both ground level and the adjacent AJC Bose Road flyover using high-pressure hoses. Fortunately, as the building primarily functions as an office complex and it being a Saturday, most offices were shut, preventing any casualties. Nonetheless, fire alarms went off inside the building, allowing present staff and maintenance workers to evacuate promptly through stairwells. A few individuals still inside the building at the time were also safely brought out. Fire department officials have stated that the building's internal fire safety mechanisms will be thoroughly inspected to assess their functionality and effectiveness. "Given the nature of the fire and its origin in the AC units, we are probing whether proper maintenance protocols were being followed," a senior official remarked.

Dilip Ghosh urges Govt to clarify India-Pak tensions globally

MI News Service, Kolkata: BJP leader Dilip Ghosh on Saturday expressed concern over the spread of misleading content regarding India-Pakistan tensions, stating that such narratives are leading to public confusion. He emphasised that it is the government's duty to clearly present the truth to the global community. "The way content is being created in the country and the world about India-Pakistan tension, people are being confused. It is the government's responsibility to bring facts to the world, that is why the Prime Minister addressed the nation," Ghosh stated. He further underlined the importance of setting the record straight if misinformation is being circulated internationally. "If any wrong message has gone to the world, then it should be clarified why tensions broke out, why it was stopped, and what role each played," he said. Ghosh noted that in today's interconnected world, clarity is essential to maintain international harmony and trust. "Today, the world has become like a family, everything should be clarified so that there is no misunderstanding in it," he added, calling for transparency and responsibility in global communication.

Elder son arrested in Tangra triple murder case

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major breakthrough in the Tangra triple murder case, Kolkata Police on Saturday arrested Pranoy Dey, the elder son of the Dey family, immediately after he was discharged from NRS Medical College and Hospital. He was later produced before the SealDAH Court, which remanded him to judicial custody till May 30. The gruesome Incident dates back to February when the Dey family of Tangra witnessed a spine-chilling crime — two women of the household were found with their wrists and throats slit, while a teenage girl was reportedly strangled to death. The shocking murders were followed by a staged car accident, allegedly orchestrated by the two brothers — Pranoy and his younger sibling Prasun — in an apparent suicide attempt. While PrasunDey, the younger brother, was arrested shortly after the incident and has been in judicial custody since, Pronoy had been undergoing treatment in a private facility and was later shifted to NRS Hospital. Upon medical clearance, the police wasted no time in formally arresting him. Investigating officers believe that while Prasun directly executed the killings, his elder brother Pranoy was a key accomplice in the entire episode. Notably, Prasun had earlier submitted a confidential statement, to the authorities, detailing his version of events. Now with Pranoy in custody, the police are expected to record his confidential statement as well, to further strengthen their investigation into what remains one of the most disturbing domestic crime cases in recent memory. The Tangra murders have sent shockwaves across the city, raising questions on the mental health and underlying motives of the accused siblings. Police sources indicate that more revelations may follow in the coming days as they piece together the chilling puzzle.



State Minister of Municipal Affairs and Urban Development and Mayor of Kolkata, Firhad Hakim; State Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Agriculture, SovandeB Chattopadhyay; and State Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Power and Housing, Aroop Biswas were present at the inaugural session of India's Premier Career Education Fair, held at Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata on Saturday.

“Anya Rabindranath” musical evening pays tribute to Tagore’s works

MI News Service, Kolkata: A soulful cultural celebration unfolded at the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, to mark the 164th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore and the birth anniversary of legendary music maestro Gyan Prakash Ghosh. The event, jointly organised by Anandi Communication Center and Rupsa literary magazine, presented a spellbinding musical narrative titled “Anya Rabindranath” (The Other Rabindranath), conceptualized and directed by eminent vocalist Indrani Bhattacharya. The production highlighted 23 rare and lesser-known compositions by Tagore, beautifully rendered by Indrani Bhattacharya, AbhikMallik, Sridhara Gupta, Shelly Biswas Bhattacharya, Dr.Surajit Roy, and Aditi Gupta. Their performances were enriched by the live accompaniment of seasoned musicians SubrataMukhopadhyay, Premangshu Sen, Amitranjan Roy, and Gautam Ray. Narration was delivered by Antara Das and ManasiR-aychaudhuri, enhancing the lyrical and emotional depth of the evening. In the second segment, vocalist SnighdadebSengupta offered a heartfelt tribute to his guru, Gyan Prakash Ghosh, through a series of poignant renditions. A significant highlight of the evening was the felicitation of veteran RabindraSangeet exponent and researcher Sagarmoy Bhattacharya by Justice Ashok Ganguly, retired Supreme Court judge. Swami SuparnanandaMaharaj, Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission Golpark, graced the occasion. The entire event was gracefully anchored by SudiptaMukhopadhyay and Anandi Bhattacharya, drawing spontaneous applause throughout. Particularly memorable was the focus on Tagore's seldom-heard compositions, which offered the audience a refreshing and profound perspective of the poet's versatility. Adding a note of pride to the evening, it was shared that both Indrani Bhattacharya and Aditi Gupta are alumni of South Point School, an association that resonated warmly with many attendees.



Justice Ashok Ganguly, retired judge of the Supreme Court of India, was felicitated during a special cultural event titled ‘Anya Rabindranath’ at the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, in Kolkata.



Fire in highrise building at AJC Road in Kolkata.

Pritam Majumdar’s death raises alarming questions, police started investigation

MI News Service, Kolkata: The untimely death of PritamDasgupta, son of BJP leader Dilip Ghosh's wife RinkuMajumdar, continues to raise disturbing questions as investigators probe into events leading up to his passing. Pritam's body was discovered early Tuesday morning in his upscale Sapoorji Housing Complex flat in New Town. Though declared dead upon arrival at the hospital, it is what transpired hours before that has cast a shadow of suspicion. Close family sources and investigators alike are questioning why Pritam's girlfriend and live-in partner — who was reportedly estranged at the time — showed up at his residence in the dead of night, despite being asked not to visit. Their relationship had reportedly soured after financial disputes, with the young woman alleging via messages that Pritam had borrowed money from her. Rinku, in turn, repaid the amount on her son's behalf. Subsequently, the family discouraged further contact

Name Change
I, Santosh Kumar Das (Old Name), son of Late Jadunath Das, residing at 61/8, Paschim Rabindra Nagar, South Dum Dum (M), P.S.-Dumdum, Barrackpore, Pin-700065, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Santosh Das (new name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at North 24 Pgs, dated 14/05/2025. Santosh Das (new name) and Santosh Kumar Das (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Musaraf Mallik (Old Name), son of Abed Ali Mallik, residing at Vill-Sopkhali, P.O. & P.S.- Bishnupur, Dist- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743503, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mosaraf Mallick (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Mosaraf Mallick (new name) and Musaraf Mallik (old name) both are same and identical person.

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I, Bijoy Kumar Gupta (old name) son of Anirudha Gupta, residing at 35/2, Hamiduddin Munshi Lane, Haora (M. Corp), Howrah- 711101, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bijay Kumar Gupta (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 15/05/2025. Bijay Kumar Gupta (New Name) and Bijoy Kumar Gupta (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Jasmeena Begum (Old Name), wife of Mushraf Hussain Mollick, residing at Dakshin Patul, Ohallabai Road, Sekhakhala, P.S.- Chanditala, Hooghly, Pin-712706, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jasmina Begum (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Jasmina Begum (new name) and Jasmeena Begum (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Musaraf Hussain Malik (Old Name), son of Sahadat Mollick, residing at Dakshin Patul, Ohallabai Road, Sekhakhala, P.S.- Chanditala, Hooghly, Pin- 712706, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mushraf Hussain Mollick (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Mushraf Hussain Mollick (new name) and Musaraf Hussain Malik (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Supriyo Bhattacharjee (Old Name), son of Late Sunil Kumar Bhattacharjee, residing at Kalachara, Chanditala, Hooghly, Pin- 712702, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Supriya Bhattacharjee (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Supriya Bhattacharjee (new name) and Supriyo Bhattacharjee (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk. Riayuddin @ Sk. Riaz Uddin (old name) S/o. Sekh Abdul Haque, R/o. Putunda, Sakitgarh, Purba Bardhaman-713149, W.B. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Riayuddin (new name) vide an affidavit no. 15767 sworn before S.D.E.M. Purba Bardhaman, Court 14/05/2025. Sk. Riayuddin @ Sk. Riaz Uddin & Sekh Riayuddin S/o. Sekh Abdul Haque both are the same & one identical person. Sabina Yasmin is my daughter.

Name Change
I, Satyam Ghosh S/O Fanihusan Ghosh Residing at Narna, Domjur, Howrah have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sattam Ghosh as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate-Alipore Court, Kolkata vide Affidavit No. 2874 Dated. 05.05.2025. SatyamGhosh and Sattam Ghosh both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I SANJAY KUMAR ROY,son of Vinod Kumar Roy residing at 1, Ashubabu Lane, P.S. Watgunge, Khidirpur, Kolkata -700023 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my correct and original name is SANJAY KUMAR ROY which are used and recorded in my Voter Identity Card and Pan Card Inadvertently in the academic papers and documents my name has been wrongly recoded SANJAY KUMAR RAI instead of SANJAY KUMAR ROY. By an affidavit before the Notary Public at Alipore on 16.05.2025 that SANJAY KUMAR ROY and SANJAY KUMAR RAI is the same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Achinta Mandi S/o Sankar Mandi @ Achintya Mandi S/o Shankar Mandi, residing at Vill.- Panicha, P.O.- Turka Kashba, P.S.- Dantan, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, shall henceforth be known as Achintya Mandi S/o Sankar Mandi as declared in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Dantan, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur vide Affidavit No. 6466 Dated 08/11/ 2024. **Achinta Mandi S/o Sankar Mandi @ Achintya Mandi S/o Shankar Mandi and Achintya Mandi S/o Sankar Mandi are same and identical person.**

Name Change
I, Gulnaz Parween, D/o. Mohammed Sazzad Residing at 2C/H/3, Chatu Babu Lane, Kolkata-700014, P.O.+P.S.-Entally. My correct date of birth 22/06/2008 according my birth certificate, Due to inadvertent my date of birth has wrongly recorded in the Admission Card of Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination, 22/06/2008 in place of 22/06/2009 vide affidavit no. 4470 date 14.05.2025 in the Court of LD. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Sealdah.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Elias (Old Name), son of Md Ekram Khan, residing at 5/2/IV/24, Bhukailash Road, P.S.-Ekkalpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Elyas (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Md Elyas (new name) and Mohammed Elias (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Saharaf Ali Khan (Old Name), son of Hamid Khan, residing at Dwipamalita Jana Para Kalyanpur Bagnan, Howrah, Pin code 711303, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Saharaf Khan (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Saharaf Khan (new name) and Saharaf Ali Khan (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sunil Kumar Sharma (Old Name), son of Damodar Sharma, residing at 11A/4, Jadavpur North Road, Kolkata-700032, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sunil Sharma (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Sunil Sharma (new name) and Sunil Kumar Sharma (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Rajesh Pathak (Old Name), son of Sampat Pathak, residing at 49/5H/139, Karl Marx Sarani, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajesh Kumar Pathak (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Rajesh Kumar Pathak (new name) and Rajesh Pathak (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Rina Bhowmik (Old Name),wife of Matilal Bhowmik, residing at Bordangi, Kolaghat, Panskura, Dist.- Purba Medinipur, Pin-721134, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rina Bhowmik (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Rina Bhowmik (new name) and Rina Bhowmik (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ranu Banerjee (Old Name),wife of Gautam Kumar Bandyopadhyay, residing at BL-N-301, Binayak Enclave 59, Kali Charan Ghosh Road, P.O.- Sintohe, P.S.- Baranagar, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700050, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ranu Bandyopadhyay (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Ranu Bandyopadhyay (new name) and Ranu Banerjee (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Nand Lal Jaiswal (Old Name), Son Of Late Jawahar Lal Shaw, Residing At 20,Abhay Guha Road, P.O - Liliuah,Howrah - 711 204, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nand Lal Shaw(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/05/2024. That Nand Lal Jaiswal And Nand Lal Shaw Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sk Saifuddin (Old Name), son of Sk Abdul Hakim, residing at Goran Bose, Bharatgarh, Baruipur- 743312, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Saifuddin (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Sekh Saifuddin (new name) and Sk Saifuddin (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ashok Sarkar (Old Name), Son Of Amulla Sarkar,Residing At Vill - Rasulpur, Po - Bhanderkola,Ps - Gopalnagar,Bongaon,North24parganas - 743701,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ashoke Sarkar(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/05/2025. That Ashok Sarkar And Ashoke Sarkar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Dhananjay Choudhury (Old Name), Son Of Jaleshwar Chowdhury, Residing At 365/E,D.K.D. Rly Qtrs, Belgachia, Kolkata - 700037, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dhananjay Chowdhury(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/05/2025. That Dhananjay Choudhury And Dhananjay Chowdhury Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Kapildeo Choudhury (Old Name), Son Of Jaleshwar Chowdhury, Residing At Ward No - 11, Durasan, Po - Dumari,Buxar - 802120, Bihar, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kapildeo Chowdhury (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/05/2025. That Kapildeo Choudhury And Kapildeo Chowdhury Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Majit Mondal (Old Name), Son Of Gafur Mondal,Residing At Sanek pur, Ps - Gopalnagar, Bongaon, North 24 parganas - 743701, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Majid Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/05/2025. That Majit Mondal And Majid Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.



Gemith Pharmaceuticals names men's rights activist Nandini Bhattacharya as its brand ambassador

V. Somanna Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti inspected New Railway connectivity to Industrial nodes at Thimmarajanahalli



MI News Service, Bengaluru: V. Somanna, Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti inspected the works of Thimmarajanahalli Railway Yard under construction as part of Tumkur - Chitradurga - Davanagere New Railway Line project. He said that the proposed Thimmarajanahalli Goods Shed will provide railway connectivity to CBIC-TITL Industrial Park. It is Hon'ble PM Modi's commitment to enhance ease of doing business and reduce logistics cost to boost industrial production. Industries will be extended wholehearted support for setting up Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals. Hon'ble Minister said. He also sought support of industrial leaders in setting up of Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals. As part of Chennai - Bengaluru Industrial Corridor, an industrial node is coming up at Vasanth Narsapura, Tumkur. Hon'ble PM had laid foundation stone for Phase A of the project in 2023. This initiative aims to create about 90,000 jobs and fetch Rs 7000 crore investment. He said that Railways is committed to support industrial

development in the region. He explored the planning of providing railway connectivity to the Industrial township. The Minister reviewed the progress of the Tumkur-Davanagere railway line and assured that the work would be completed within the stipulated timelines. Shri Somanna advised railway officials to prioritize the timely completion of all ongoing works, with a focus on future needs. The 191 km Tumakuru-Davanagere new line project connects important places like Chitradurga, Sirai, Hiriyur, Lakshmisagar, and Tholahunse. The total length of the project is 191.00 km, with a sanctioned cost of ₹1,801 crore. The project covers Tumkur, Chitradurga, and Davanagere districts, including 17 stations, 1 halt, and 1 junction. Jyothi Ganesh, MLA, Tumakuru City; Shri Ajay Sharma, Chief Administrative Officer, Construction; Shri B Prashant Kumar, Principal Chief Operations Manager, SWR; and Shri Veerabadrappa, Commissioner, Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) and others were present.

General Manager Inspects Jai Hind Bimanbandar Metro Station



MI News Service, Kolkata: P. Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway inspected Jai Hind Bimanbandar Metro station today, i.e. on 17.05.2025. Senior officers of Metro Railway accompanied him during this inspection. General Manager inspected the Tunnel Ventilation System, air conditioning system, entry-exit points, concourse area of this station. Shri Reddy also held a high-level meeting with the senior officials of Metro Railway at the station site this morning and instructed them to complete all the scheduled works within the deadline.

Name Change
I, Shah Nawaz Hussain (old name) S/O Late Abdul Hakim, residing at 5H/24, Bhukailash Road, P.O.- Khirdpore, P.S.- Ekkalpore, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sahnawaj Hussain (new name), as declared before the Ld. 1st Class judicial magistrate at Alipore, South 24 Parganas, vide an affidavit (No. 25804) dated 25/04/2025. Sahnawaj Hussain (new name) and Shah Nawaz Hussain (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaikh Mahabul Amin (Old Name) son of Shaikh Aminuddin, residing at 3rd Floor, Chowdhury Market Ward No. 14, Arambagh, Hooghly, Pin- 712601, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Mahabul Amin (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Sk Mahabul Amin (new name) and Shaikh Mahabul Amin (old name) both are same and identical person.

Andhra: Three killed in car crash on National Highway in Kakanida

MI News Service, Kakinada: Three people lost their lives and two others were injured in a car crash on the national highway in Kakanidistrict of Andhra Pradesh, police said on Saturday. The car collided with a stationary lorry on the highway at Tuni, Kakanida district, killing three occupants of the car on the spot and injuring two others. The deceased have been identified as employees of Apollo Pharmacy in Rajamahendravaram. The police have registered a case and are investigating the cause of the accident, the police said.

World Hypertension Day Observed at Central Hospital, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: On the occasion of World Hypertension Day, Central Hospital, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata, organized a special awareness program and health check-up session for its healthcare staff. The event focused on raising awareness about hypertension and promot-

ease in the onset should be detected and treated early since it is a major risk factor for end organ damage . Adding to the discussion, Dr. P. K. Majumdar expressed concerns over the complications associated with uncontrolled hypertension. Dr. Priyanka Mandal discussed how hypertension specifically af-



ing regular monitoring of blood pressure among medical professionals. A total of 75 doctors, nurses, and hospital staff participated in the program, which included a comprehensive health screening using a special body composition analyzer. This advanced device provided detailed data including BMI, body fat percentage, water content, and muscle mass, helping participants gain better insight into their health status. The awareness session featured valuable inputs from senior medical professionals. Dr. B. N. Jha, ACHD, Cardiologist, spoke about the importance of measuring blood pressure regularly and accurately, stressing that proper BP control is essential for living a longer, healthier life. Dr. Anjana Malhotra, PCMD, addressed the significance of managing stress in the workplace and appealed to all staff members to undergo regular blood pressure check-ups. Dr. Sreekumar, Medical Director, conveyed the message that hypertension being a silent dis-

fects women, drawing attention to the need for increased awareness among female healthcare workers. Dr. Mukta Mondal advice healthcare professionals to take care of own health admist taking care of health of the society. Concluding the session, Dr. A. Bera spoke about the necessity of routine health check-ups for all healthcare professionals, reinforcing the importance of preventive care in the medical field. The hospital staff expressed satisfaction with the session and showed great enthusiasm for the initiative. The program not only provided essential health insights but also motivated staff members to take proactive steps in managing their health. In his closing remarks, Dr. Jha shared a memorable message for all: "Keep distance from tension to avoid hypertension." The event marked a meaningful observance of World Hypertension Day on 17th May and reaffirmed the S E Railway central hospital's commitment to the well-being of its healthcare professionals and community.

Howrah Division Marks 100 Glorious Years with Prabhat Pheri and Cleanliness Drive at Pakur Station



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing celebration of 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division, a Prabhat Pheri and Cleanliness Drive were conducted at Pakur Station and its surroundings on 17th May 2025 under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Sri Sanjeev Kumar. The event was organized with enthusiastic participation from railway staff, officers, and local volunteers, reflecting the spirit of unity and public service. The Prabhat Pheri began in the early morning, with participants walking through the station area, raising slogans, and carrying banners highlighting the historical milestones and achievements of the Howrah Division. The procession not only celebrated the centenary journey of the division but also aimed to

raise public awareness about its rich legacy. Following the procession, a Cleanliness Drive was undertaken in and around Pakur Station. Railway employees and volunteers joined hands to clean platforms, waiting areas, and nearby premises. The activity emphasized the importance of hygiene and cleanliness, in alignment with the objectives of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and Indian Railways' commitment to passenger comfort and safety. These activities reinforced Howrah Division's dedication to preserving its heritage while promoting civic responsibility and environmental consciousness. As the centenary celebrations continue, such initiatives highlight the division's ongoing focus on service, sustainability, and community engagement.

Miscellaneous

Years of Howrah Division: Rampurhat Junction – A Pillar of Connectivity and Pilgrimage



MI News Service, Kolkata: As the Howrah Division of Indian Railways celebrates its 100th anniversary, it is an opportune moment to reflect on its remarkable contributions to transportation, pilgrimage, and economic development. Among its prominent stations, Rampurhat Junction Railway Station, established in 1858 in Birbhum district, West Bengal, stands out as a vital hub. Renowned for its rich history, extensive connectivity, and pivotal role in religious tourism, Rampurhat Junction has grown into one of the busiest and most significant railway stations in Eastern India.

Rampurhat Junction: A Gateway to Bengal's Spiritual and Cultural Heritage: Rampurhat Junction is more than a railway station; it is a cornerstone of Bengal's spiritual and cultural landscape. Established in 1858, the station has been integral to the Sahibganj Loop, facilitating connectivity between Eastern India and Bihar. As the 7th busiest station in the Eastern Railway Zone and the largest and busiest in Birbhum district, it holds an NSG-3 and Class A classification, marking it as a top performer under the Howrah Railway Division. Its infrastructure, including a Marshalling Yard for goods trains, a car shed for passenger rakes, and operational East and West Cabins, underscores its strategic importance.

A Major Connectivity Hub: Rampurhat Junction serves as a critical junction, linking West Bengal with Jharkhand, Bihar, and beyond. Handling over 130 express and passenger trains daily, including 19 originating and terminating trains, the station is a lifeline for commuters and travelers. Its robust infrastructure supports both passenger and freight services, making it a key player in regional connectivity. The station's ability to connect rural and urban centers has solidified its role as a vital cog in the Howrah Division's rail network.

A Hub for Religious Tourism: Beyond its logistical significance, Rampurhat Junction is a gateway for pilgrims and spiritual seekers visiting some of Bengal's

most sacred sites. Located just 9 km from the Tarapith-Maa Tara Temple, one of the most revered Shakti Peethas, the station attracts devotees of Maa Tara year-round. It also serves as the primary access point for EkchakraDham, 20 km away, the birthplace of NityanandaMahaprabhu, a central figure in GaudiyaVaishnavism. Additionally, the historic Maluti Temples, 14 km from the station, with their 72 ancient terracotta temples, draw visitors seeking to explore Bengal's rich artistic and religious heritage.

100 Years of Howrah Division: A Legacy of Progress and Connectivity: Over the past century, the Howrah Division has been a driving force in transforming transportation and fostering economic and cultural growth. Its achievements include the expansion of the rail network, connecting rural and urban areas, and preserving cultural and religious heritage by improving access to pilgrimage sites like Tarapith, Santiniketan, Nabadwip, and Fullaratata Shakti Peeth. The Division has also boosted trade and commerce through facilities like Marshalling Yards and goods train operations, supporting both regional and national economies. Modernization efforts, such as electrification, upgraded platforms, digital ticketing, and enhanced passenger amenities, have further elevated the travel experience.

Conclusion: Honoring a Century of Excellence: As the Howrah Division commemorates 100 years of service, Rampurhat Junction Railway Station stands as a powerful symbol of its enduring impact. Whether serving daily commuters, facilitating interstate travel, or enabling spiritual journeys, the station remains a cornerstone of Eastern India's railway network. Looking to the future, the Howrah Division is poised to embrace further advancements, improved infrastructure, and enhanced passenger experiences, ensuring that its legacy of connectivity and service continues to thrive for the next century.

Woman arrested for running brown sugar racket from her residence

MI News Service, Siliguri: In a significant crackdown on the illegal narcotics trade, the white uniform police of Matigara police station arrested a woman for allegedly running a brown sugar racket from her home in Siliguri'sVishwas Colony. The accused, identified as Pooja Swarnkar, was apprehended on Saturday based on actionable intelligence provided by local sources. According to police officials, Swarnkar had allegedly converted her residence into a full-fledged hub for the buying and selling of brown sugar. Operating independently, she is suspected of being actively involved in the local drug distribution network, which poses a serious threat to public safety, especially among youth in the region. Law enforcement authorities acted swiftly upon receiving a tip-off regarding suspicious activities taking place at her residence. A dedicated team from the Matigara police's white uniform unit launched a covert surveillance operation and caught Swarnkar red-handed while she was reportedly standing outside her residence, preparing to sell a consignment of the illicit substance. During the operation, police recovered 186 grams of brown sugar from her possession. Preliminary estimates place the street value of the seized narcotics in several lakhs of rupees, marking a substantial seizure for the district.

Supreme Court says no to fresh pleas against Waqf Act

MI News Service, New Delhi: On Friday, the Supreme Court declined to hear fresh petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025. Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih noted that everyone wants publicity, stating the court will instead focus on the main pending petitions scheduled for hearing on May 20, when it will also consider interim relief.

As one new plea came up, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, objected to the continuous filing of similar petitions. The petitioner's counsel claimed the plea was filed on April 8 and defects corrected by April 15 but it hadn't been listed. The CJ dismissed the plea, saying the court would decide on the main matter. Another similar plea was also dismissed, with the court refusing intervention, citing an already large number of intervenors. On April 17, the Supreme Court had limited its attention to five main petitions among the many filed. These cases came up again on May 15, where the bench said it would hear arguments on May 20 regarding interim directions on three key issues: the power to denotify properties declared as waqf, the composition of state waqf boards and the Central Waqf Council (which petitioners argue should consist solely of Muslims except ex-officio members), and a provision stating waqf properties will not be treated as such if a collector's inquiry deems them government land. Previously, the Centre had assured the court it would not denotify waqf properties or appoint members to waqf boards and councils until May 5. On May 15, Mehta reaffirmed that assurance. The government also opposed an interim stay on the Act, arguing that laws passed by Parliament carry a presumption of constitutionality.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs filed a 1,332-page affidavit defending the amendments.

SIA conducts raids at multiple places in Jammu and Kashmir

MI News Service, Srinagar: On Saturday, the State Investigation Agency (SIA) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police carried out a series of raids across multiple locations in the Kashmir Valley as part of its intensified campaign against terror-related activities. According to officials, the targeted searches were conducted in key areas including Sopore, Baramulla, Handwara, Ganderbal, and Srinagar.

The raids are part of an ongoing investigation aimed at dismantling networks believed to be involved in supporting or facilitating terrorism in the region. The SIA, which functions as the premier investigative agency for terror cases in Jammu and Kashmir, has been actively pursuing leads to curb militancy and its logistical infrastructure.

Officials stated that the operation was carefully planned and executed to ensure maximum impact while minimizing disruption to civilians. They added that the evidence gathered during the raids would be crucial in furthering ongoing cases and identifying individuals connected to terrorist outfits.

These actions come in the wake of continued efforts by law enforcement to maintain peace and security in the region. Authorities reaffirmed their commitment to a zero-tolerance policy towards terrorism and stressed that such operations would continue until the threat is fully neutralized. Further details are expected as the investigation progresses.



An IAF maintenance team that worked alongside USAF personnel to address a technical snag on USAF- C-17 aircraft, in Jaipur.

Expecting overnight transformation in J-K 'unrealistic': Farooq Abdullah

MI News Service, Srinagar: National Conference chief Farooq Abdullah on Thursday said it is "unrealistic" to expect his party-led government, formed last year, to bring overnight transformation in Jammu and Kashmir as the "developmental setbacks" of the last decade cannot be reversed instantly. Addressing a gathering at the Reshi Gund area of Kralpora in north Kashmir's Kupwara district, the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said the Omar Abdullah-led government has ushered in a transformative era of governance marked by the importance of active citizen engagement in shaping effective governance.



"The government's mandate spans five years, and it is unrealistic to expect a newly formed administration to transform the region overnight. The developmental setbacks our region has endured over the past decade cannot be reversed in mere

moments; there is no magic solution," Abdullah said.

He said the people of Jammu and Kashmir have faced hardships over the last decades and reaffirmed that the government is fully committed to fulfilling all promises made

in the party manifesto. He said through ongoing concerted efforts and active public participation, the NC government has established a clear trajectory aimed at addressing these long-standing challenges. The NC chief said, despite holding an absolute majority, the government is not resorting to unilateral decision-making. "On the contrary, there is a strong commitment to inclusivity, ensuring that all voices are heard before policies are formulated. With this collaborative approach, I am confident that our region will regain its momentum. Our citizens will soon experience significant improvements across all fronts," he said. — With Agencies Inputsh

Israel attacks ports in Yemen, threatens to 'hurt' Houthi leaders

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: The Israeli military launched a targeted attack on Yemen's Red Sea ports of Hodeidah and Salif, aiming to weaken the Houthi group's military capabilities. This operation marks the latest escalation in the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Houthis, who have been launching missiles toward Israel in solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza.

According to the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), the ports were being used to transfer weapons, and the strikes were intended to "deepen the damage to the Houthis' terror capabilities" and "neutralise" the ports. The IDF also urged residents to evacuate the areas, emphasising its efforts to minimise harm to civilians. In a statement, the IDF said, "The IDF struck and dismantled terrorist infrastructure sites belonging to the Houthi terrorist regime in the Hudaydah and Salif Ports in Yemen. These ports are used to transfer weapons and are a further example of the Houthi's systematic and cynical exploitation of civilian infrastructure in order to advance terrorist activities." L'armée de l'air israélienne (FDI) a mené une série de frappes aériennes sur les ports de Salif et de

Hodeida, dans la province de Hodeida, sur la côte ouest du Yémen contrôlée par les Houthis du mouvement Ansar Allah, a rapporté la chaîne de télévision yéménite Al Masirah

The Houthi-run health ministry reported that the Israeli strikes killed at least one person and injured nine. Residents in Hodeidah described hearing four loud explosions and seeing smoke rising from the port following the attack. This attack is part of a broader strategy by Israel to disrupt the Houthis' military supply chains and economic infrastructure.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Israel Katz issued a joint statement warning the Houthis that continued missile attacks on Israel would result in severe harm, not only to their military capabilities but also to their leadership. They specifically mentioned that Houthi leader Abdul Malik al-Houthi could become a target, similar to Hamas' Yahya Sinwar and Hezbollah's Hassan Nasrallah. "If the Houthis continue to fire missiles at the State of Israel, they will be severely harmed, and we will also hurt the leaders," the statement read.

Baloch families decry secret night burials by Pakistani forces, denounce violation of religious, cultural rights

MI News Service, Turbat: Three young men, who were allegedly killed earlier this month during a confrontation with Pakistani forces, were reportedly buried in secrecy at night by security personnel without their families' knowledge or involvement. The Balochistan Post (TBP) reported.

The deceased individuals were quietly laid to rest in Turbat's Taleemi Chowk cemetery under the cover of night, lacking proper Islamic funeral rites or shrouds (kafan). Authorities purportedly prevented family members from attending the burial or conducting traditional last rites, as reported by TBP.

Family members voiced their profound sorrow, claiming they were left in uncertainty for three days by police and relevant officials, who provided no meaningful assistance. They further alleged that the burial was carried out in a way that ignored religious and cultural customs, resulting in significant emotional distress for the families, TBP indicated.

In response to the authorities' refusal to return the bodies, a considerable group of women, children,

and other citizens organised a sit-in on the main highway. The protesters demanded that the bodies be returned for appropriate burials. Despite the widespread public outcry, the bodies were not given, forcing the families to ultimately conduct absentee funeral prayers, as highlighted by TBP. "Police authorities are not permitting exhumation or final religious rites. For the last three days, the families have been left waiting without any support. The bodies were interred without shrouds or proper rites," families stated, as quoted by TBP.

The Balochistan region continues to experience a troubling trend of enforced disappearances, where some victims are eventually released, while others face prolonged detention or fall victim to targeted killings. These fundamental rights violations have contributed to rising insecurity and distrust among locals. The ongoing anxiety regarding arbitrary arrests and the lack of accountability persists in destabilising Balochistan, hindering efforts to achieve peace, justice, and public trust in state institutions.

Russia, Ukraine agree on large-scale POW swap, further talks in Istanbul

MI News Service, Istanbul: Delegations of Russia and Ukraine concluded their meeting in Türkiye's Istanbul on Friday, agreeing to hold a new round of negotiations and have a large-scale prisoner exchange.

As a key outcome of the two-hour talks, Russia and Ukraine agreed to a prisoner exchange involving 1,000 people from each side. According to Russian diplomatic sources, Presidential Aide Vladimir Medinsky said the swap would take place soon. He also expressed overall satisfaction with the meeting and confirmed that Russia is ready to continue the dialogue.

Medinsky noted that both sides will soon present their detailed views on a possible ceasefire, after which the negotiations will move forward. He also said that Ukraine proposed direct talks between the two presidents, and that Russia "took note" of the request.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian Defense Minister Rustem Umerov, quoted by the state-run Anadolu Agency, said both sides focused on three key topics: a ceasefire, the prisoner exchange, and the possibility of a future presidential summit. Umerov described the agreement on the prisoner swap as "the largest exchange since the beginning of the war."

In a post on X, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan, who chaired the negotiation, noted that the meeting produced several important outcomes aimed at building trust and laying the foundation for future negotiations.

He said Russia and Ukraine agreed to "share with the other side in writing the conditions that would make it possible to reach a ceasefire," and reached an agreement "to meet again in principle." "As Türkiye, we will continue to make every effort to enable a lasting peace between Russia and Ukraine," he said.

The Istanbul talks follow a proposal by Putin on Sunday to resume direct negotiations with Ukraine. Zelensky has previously said he is open to a face-to-face meeting with Putin. However, the Kremlin said Putin would not attend the talks. The last direct talks between Ukraine and Russia took place in Istanbul in March 2022, where the two sides failed to agree to halt the fighting.

Complete Traffic Block In Green Line-2 On 18.05.2025 (Sunday)

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

Inconvenience caused is deeply regretted.

Sealdah Division Organizes Media Tour to Showcase Progress Under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme



MI News Service, Kolkata: Sealdah Division has organized a press media tour today (17.05.2025) to showcase the infrastructure development works at Kalyani Ghosh Para Station under the aegis of Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. During the visit, media representatives were provided with a comprehensive display of the world class amenities provided at Kalyani Ghosh Para for passengers and Railway users :-

1. Improvement of station building, Concourse, Circulating area, porch & Facade 2. Full cover shed over Platform 3. Platform raising & surfacing 4. Furniture & Seating Benches 5. Local Art and Culture 6. Waiting Hall (Renovation) 7. Toilet (Renovation) 8. Single/double Face TIB, PF GPS

Clock, Speaker, GPS Based outdoor True Colour LED Tower Clock 9. Signage 10. Landscaping 11. Façade, Concourse & PF shed lighting. 12. Divyangjan facilities - Two ramps, low height booking counter, Toilet & Water booths. Print and electronic media were also appraised about detailed information on the various aspects of the project including Scope of Work, Sanctioned Cost etc. The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme plays a game changing role in achieving goal of modernizing world class Railway stations, loaded with improved modern amenities. The media tour serves to highlight progress made in transforming Kalyani Ghosh Para Station equipped with world-class facilities.

Gaza offensive expanded with airstrikes, ground troop deployment: Israeli military



MI News Service, Jerusalem: The Israeli military said that it had stepped up its operations in the Gaza Strip, launching a wave of airstrikes and deploying additional ground forces in an effort to establish operational control in parts of the enclave.

The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) on Friday, said the intensified assault marked the start of a new operation codenamed "Gideon's Chariots," which aims to expand the scope of fighting and advance key war objectives, including the release of hostages and the dismantling of Hamas. "IDF troops will continue to operate in order to protect Israeli civilians and achieve the objectives of the war," the military said in a statement. Earlier this week, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Israeli forces would enter Gaza "with full force" in the coming days as part of efforts to defeat Hamas, Xinhua news agency reported.

Health officials in Gaza said at least 109 people were killed and 216 wounded in the northern part of the territory on Friday amid the latest Israeli bombardment. The intensification followed Israel's resumption of military operations in Gaza on March 18, after a brief lull in fighting. Since then, at least 2,985 Palestinians have been killed and 8,173 injured, bringing the total number of deaths since the conflict erupted in October 2023 to 53,119, with 120,214 wounded, according to Gaza's health authorities. Hamas accused Israel on Thursday of disregarding ongoing ceasefire mediation efforts, saying the Israeli government is pursuing "an endless war." "Israel is responding to mediation efforts with military pressure on civilians, mass bombing, and more suffering for the Palestinian people in a desperate attempt to impose its terms under fire," the group said in a statement. The Hamas-Israel war began on October 7, 2023, when Hamas launched a land, sea, and air assault on Israel from the Gaza Strip. The October 7 attack resulted in more than 1,200 deaths, primarily Israeli citizens, making it the deadliest day for Israel since its independence. More than 240 Israeli citizens were taken hostage during the attack.

The next day, Israel declared itself in a state of war for the first time since the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

Asaduddin Owaisi calls MP minister 'scum' for remarks on Col. Sofiya Qureshi, demands arrest

MI News Service, Hyderabad: AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Saturday termed Madhya Pradesh minister Vijay Shah "scum" and "filth" for his comments on Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, saying the BJP government should sack and arrest him to set an example.

In an interview to PTI Videos, Owaisi described Qureshi as India's "daughter and sister" and said the minister's attitude indicates hatred towards a particular community. "The BJP government should remove him from the cabinet. An FIR has been regis-

tered against him after the high court's order. He should be arrested and sent to jail," Owaisi said.

This will, he added, set a great example not only in the country but in the world — that no one can talk such "nonsense" and that too against such a brave officer.

"What can you call such people? After seeing dirt you will call it dirty...It is outright filth, scum... outright hatred," Owaisi said.

The AIMIM chief said Shah, despite being a responsible person and a state minister, insin-



uated that Qureshi is the sister of Pakistanis.

"How come she is their sister? She is the country's daughter...country's sister. She is part of our armed forces. And even that you are seeing through the lens of religion and linking (her) with the terrorists. "I feel what the minister has said indicates his hatred towards a community. He needs to be made to understand that he should have hatred towards terrorism coming from Pakistan. If you think that it is a Muslim name and I will have hatred then there is no medicine in the world to

treat you," Owaisi said.

Shah was previously found to have made offensive comments on former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's wife. "And yet he has not been removed. Why? Because he belongs to one caste. And you see vote there. It is up to the BJP to decide whether it will see the country or politics," Owaisi said.

On the orders of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, police have booked Shah for the remarks on Qureshi, who gained nationwide prominence along with another woman officer, Wing

Commander Vyomika Singh, during media briefings on Operation Sindoor. During a public event in Indore district on Monday, Shah tried to present Col Qureshi as the "sister of terrorists", prompting the high court to take suo motu cognisance of the matter. The division bench of Justices Atul Shridharan and Anuradha Shukla said the remarks were "disparaging" to the armed forces, which is "perhaps the last institution in the country" that reflects integrity, discipline, sacrifice, selflessness, character, honour and indomitable courage.

Amitabh Choudhary’s son levels grave allegations against Behera Group’s secretary candidate ahead of JSCA polls

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RANCHI : Just a day ahead of the highly anticipated Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) elections, a political storm has erupted. Abhishek Choudhary and Niyati Choudhary - son and daughter of the late Amitabh Choudhary - have publicly levelled serious allegations against secretary candidate SB Singh and joint secretary candidate Raj Kumar Sharma, both representing the SK Behera group.

Addressing a press conference at his residence, Abhishek Choudhary accused Singh and Sharma of being individuals with criminal backgrounds, claiming that complaints have been filed against both. He further condemned the alleged misuse of his

CCL ORGANIZES SUMMER CRICKET AND VOLLEYBALL TRAINING CAMP

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RANCHI : Summer Cricket and Volleyball Training Camp organized by Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) is being organized from May 18 to 31 at Gandhi Nagar Kridangan, Kanke Road, Ranchi. This camp is being organized especially for the boys and girls of CCL employees aged 6 to 16 years.

CCL organizes a summer training camp every year, which motivates the children of employees to develop interest in sports and adopt a healthy lifestyle. This initiative is an important part of CCL's social responsibility, which reflects the company's commitment towards the well-being of the employees' families.

All the employees motivate their children to participate in this training camp, so that they can develop physically and mentally through sports.

It is known that CCL takes care of its employees and their families along with ensuring the energy security of the nation.



Rai lies 17th as Bhatia misses cut; Scheffler, McIlroy make cut and Vegas leads at PGA

CHARLOTTE [US] : Even as some of the big names missed the cut, some others were hanging in by a slender thread at the 2025 PGA Championships at Quail Hollow.

Right on top after two days was Jhonattan Vegas, who is leading a Major for the first time, as the PGA Championship saw a drama-filled second day. Vegas added a 1-under 70. Vegas was 10-under par until he missed a 3-foot putt on 18 and ended with a double bogey for an even-par 70, giving him a two-shot lead.

Vegas was at 8-under 134, two ahead of Matthieu Pavon of France (65), former U.S. Open champion Matt Fitzpatrick (68) and Si Woo Kim, the South Korean who made an ace on the longest par 3 at Quail Hollow on his way to a 64. Kim hit a 5-wood on the 252-yard sixth hole for the longest hole-in-one in major championship history.

Lurking behind them was Scottie Scheffler (69-68) in Tied-fifth.

Then there was Indian-American Akshay Bhatia (70-74), who was in the Top 20 with five holes. Then he dropped five shots in the last five and missed the cut



late father's name in the run-up to the elections, stating that such references were removed only after his personal intervention.

"I will not permit the political exploitation of my father's legacy. However, if his name is invoked in the future for genuine sporting purposes or in association with any sportsperson-with prior consent from the family-we will have no objections," he clarified.

In response, SK Behera group's secretary candidate SB Singh, while speaking to Morning India, expressed regret over the controversy. "Amitabh Sir remains a towering figure in Jharkhand cricket. We owe our current standing to his leadership. It would be deeply unfortunate if any comments from our side bring disrepute to his name,"

"Thankful to our Indian Government and Indian Army": Vipraj Nigam



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Delhi Capitals (DC) all-rounder Vipraj Nigam praised the Indian Army and the Government of India for helping the DC and Punjab Kings teams return safely from Dharamshala after their IPL 2025 match was called off due to rising tensions between India and Pakistan.

The much-awaited game between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals at the Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) Stadium was cancelled midway through the first innings on Thursday night.

Following the cancellation, a special

India to face Bangladesh in SAFF U19 final, aim for record 10th title in Arunachal showdown

YUPIA (ARUNACHAL PRADESH) : Aiming to win their record-extending 10th SAFF age-group men's tournament, India will take on Bangladesh in the SAFF U19 Championship 2025 final on Sunday, May 18, 2025, at the Golden Jubilee Stadium, at 19:00 IST.

India has won the U15, U16, and U17 tournaments twice each, and the U18, U19 and U20 once each. Head coach Bibiano Fernandes has won three of them and is looking for his fourth on Sunday. Bangladesh is a familiar opponent for the Blue Colts. The two nations have met in four SAFF men's age-group finals, and India has won all four, including last year's SAFF U17 final by 2-0, with goals from Md Arbash and Mohammed Kaif, both of whom are part of the current U19 squad.

India has showcased utter dominance in front of a roaring Arunachal Pradesh crowd so far, winning 8-0 and 4-0 against Sri Lanka and Nepal, respectively, in the group stage, and 3-0 against the Maldives in the semi-final on Friday.

Fernandes and captain Singamayum Shami had plenty of praise for the local crowd who have come in increasing numbers in every India match, especially during the semi-final under pouring rain.

"Yesterday, we saw so many fans under such heavy rain, and nobody moved out of the stands. They were still there supporting till the end of the game, and that was amazing. I would like to call the fans to come back tomorrow as well. We will give our best on the pitch and make sure that we don't leave anything behind. I promise that it will be a good game and we will entertain the crowd the same way we have entertained them in the last three games," said Fernandes as quoted by the AIFF official website.

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"We have a few replacements. It is tough to replace Mitchell Starc, but we have regrouped as a team. We don't want to dwell on the absence of players who are not here, but we will try to give our best with the players available," he added.

Speaking about his equation with Kuldeep Yadav, Vipraj said, "The good thing is that we are from the same state, and I've played a good number of matches with him. The IPL is a new experience for me, he has been playing for a long time and sees me both as a player and as a younger brother."

When asked about the importance of domestic cricket and state T20 leagues, the 20-year-old said, "The domestic season is always important for an Indian player. You have to prepare for all three formats. If the T20s start early, the IPL becomes a good experience for you, but it's not always like that. You have to play red-ball and then white-ball cricket. There are always challenges, and you have to switch and adapt, but it's fun to play like this throughout the season."

"The state league gives a similar kind of experience. It's the same process and pressure. I've been playing in the state league for the past two seasons, and I had a very good experience. It is helping me now in the IPL, the state league plays a very important role," he added.

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named the player of the match against Maldives, said, "The Arunachal people love football so much. We're very happy to see so many people coming and supporting us. As players, we feel proud playing in front of them. We're ready for the final and will give our best tomorrow."

Bangladesh beat Nepal 2-1 in the semi-final. After a cagey opening 74 minutes, Ashikur Rahman broke the deadlock with a header from a corner before captain Nazmul Huda Faysal scored the second. Nepal halved the deficit, but Bangladesh saw off the victory.

"We didn't play Bangladesh in the tournament, but have seen them play and know how good they are. They have shown good character in the tournament, especially in the semi-finals, beating Nepal. We respect that, and

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we will prepare and get ourselves ready and make sure we give our best efforts in the finals," said Fernandes.

Bangladesh head coach Golam Robbani Choton said, "Our boys have played good football in all the matches so far, they've learnt a lot, and now are quite confident in their abilities. We are ready for the final."

Bangladesh captain Faysal said, "There's always a certain level of excitement surrounding any final. It's the last match of the tournament, and both teams want to win it. We've come here to fulfil our objective, which is to take the trophy back home."

"We have full confidence in each of our players right from the first match to the semi-finals, and that will continue to the final as well. We've come here to achieve good things. Since we're facing

India in the final, you may say it's a bit of a different proposition. But we have a lot of respect for India, they are a good side. However, we are here to achieve our goals, and we will give it 100 per cent to achieve it."

The 15-year-old also expressed his appreciation for APFA, AIFF and SAFF for providing a good platform for young football players in South Asia at the SAFF U19 Championship, which is also the first international football tournament to be hosted in Arunachal Pradesh.

"I want to convey my whole-hearted gratitude to the APFA, AIFF, and SAFF for bringing us to a new city and new environment. We've thoroughly enjoyed ourselves here. From the hotels to the grounds have been great, and the protocols have been very helpful," said Faysal.