

'Talk to Mayor' gives couple Swasthya Sathi card in 24 hrs

In less than 24 hours after call at the Talk to Mayor programme, a family from Narkeldanga area received their Swasthya Sathi card. One Rajarshi Sikder, a resident of Ward 29, called into the 'Talk to Mayor' programme on Friday to share his difficulty in accessing healthcare for his wife, Nandini Banerjee, due to the absence of a Swasthya Sathi card. The Mayor assured prompt action. The following morning, the couple received a call asking them to visit the Mayor's office at the KMC headquarters. PG 3



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OPERATION SINDOOR GLOBAL CAMPAIGN 51 political leaders to visit 33 world capitals

MI News Service, New Delhi: Fifty-one political leaders, parliamentarians and former ministers cutting across party lines will be part of the seven delegations travelling to world capitals to put across India's resolve to tackle terrorism against the backdrop of Operation Sindoor. The delegations led by Bai-jayant Panda, Ravi Shankar Prasad (both BJP), Sanjay Kumar Jha (JDU), Shrikant Shinde (Shiv Sena), Shashi Tharoor (Congress), Kani-mozhi (DMK) and Supriya Sule (NCP-SP) will visit a total of 32 countries and the EU headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. Each delegation comprises seven or eight political leaders and is assisted by former diplomats. Of the 51 political leaders, 31 are part of the ruling NDA, while the remaining 20 are from the non-NDA parties. All seven delegations have at least one Muslim representation, either among politicians or diplomats. Only one name suggested by the Congress Anand Sharma made it to the list of delegates. The remaining three, Gaurav Gogoi, Syed Naseer Hussain, and Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, did not figure. Besides Tharoor, Congress leaders Manish Tewari, Amar Singh and Salman



Khurshid are part of the delegations. With only one of the four leaders being accommodated, Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh, in a statement, said it proves the complete insincerity of the Narendra Modi government and shows the "cheap political games" it plays on serious national issues. The opposition party, however, said the four eminent Congress MPs/leaders who have been included at the instance of the Modi government will, of course, go with the delegations and make their contributions. "One mission. One message. One Bharat. Seven All-Party Delegations will

soon engage key nations under #OperationSindoor, reflecting our collective resolve against terrorism." Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said in a post on X. The delegations include former Union Ministers Ghulam Nabi Azad, M J Akbar, Anand Sharma, V Muralaeddharan, Khurshid, and S S Ahluwalia, who are not members of parliament at present. The delegation led by Panda, comprising Nishikant Dubey, Phangnon Konyak, Rekha Sharma (all BJP), Asaduddin Owaisi (AIMIM), Satnam Sandhu (nominated), former minister Ghulam Nabi Azad and former foreign secretary Harsh Shringla,

will travel to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and Algeria. The delegation led by Prasad, comprising Dag-gubatti Purandharswari (BJP), Priyanka Chaturvedi (SS-UBT), Ghulam Nabi Khatana (nominated), Amar Singh (Congress), Samik Bhattacharya (BJP), former Union minister M J Akbar and former diplomat Pankaj Saran, will travel to the United Kingdom, France, Germany, the EU, Italy and Denmark. JD(U) leader Jha will lead the delegation comprising Aparajita Sarangi (BJP), Yusuf Pathan (Trinamool), Brij Lal (BJP), John Brittas (CPI-M), Pradan Barua (BJP), Hemang Joshi (BJP), former minister Khurshid and former diplomat Mohan Kumar to Indonesia, Malaysia, South Korea, Japan and Singapore. Shinde, a three-term Shiv Sena MP, will lead the group comprising Bansuri Swaraj (BJP), E T Mohammed Basheer (IUML), Atul Garg (BJP), Sasmit Patra (BJD), Manan Kumar Mishra (BJP), former minister S S Ahluwalia and former diplomat Sujana Chinoi. This group will

travel to the UAE, Liberia, Congo and Sierra Leone.

The delegation led by Tharoor comprises Shambhavi (LJP-RV), Sarfaraz Ahmed (JMM), G M Harish Balayogi (TDP), Shashank Mani Tri-pathi (BJP), Bhuvaneshwar Kalita (BJP), Milind Deora (Shiv Sena), Tejasvi Surya (BJP) and former diplomat Taranjit Sandhu. It will travel to the US, Panama, Guyana, Colombia and Brazil. The delegation led by Kanimozhi, comprising Rajeev Rai (SP), Mian Altaf Ahmad (NC), Brijesh Chowta (BJP), Prem Chand Gupta (RJD), Ashok Kumar Mittal (AAP) and former diplomats Manjeev Puri and Jawed Ashraf will travel to Spain, Greece, Slovenia, Latvia and Russia. Sule will lead the group comprising Rajeev Pratap Rudy (BJP), Vikramjit Sahney (AAP), Manish Tewari (Congress), Anurag Thakur (BJP), Lavu SriK-rishna Devarayalu (TDP), former ministers Muralaeddharan and Anand Sharma, and former diplomat Syed Akbaruddin to Egypt, Qatar, Ethiopia and South Africa.



Tharoor thorn pinches Cong as Shashi puts nation over party

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Narendra Modi government's expanding diplomatic drive against terrorism has a political arrowhead: Congress MP Shashi Tharoor. The Centre, spurred on by front ranks of the BJP, twisted the Shashi Tharoor taunt into the Congress on Saturday, appointing him leader of one of seven all-party delegations that will take India's "zero tolerance to terrorism" message across world capitals. Tharoor, a four-time Thiruvananthapuram MP, defiantly went along, calling the government's decision an honour and vowing he would not disappoint with his given task. Later, at a news conference in Thiruvananthapuram, an undeterred Tharoor asserted: "It was the central government who sought my permission to head the delegation. I proudly replied, 'Yes'. I also head the parliamentary committee on external affairs. The controversy is between the BJP government and the Congress." He added: "It was the parliamentary affairs minister who called me up. I've informed my party about their invitation." Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh likened the BJP's selection of Tharoor to "bodyline" — the English fast bowlers' controversial targeting of Australian batters' bodies during the 1932-33 Ashes tour. He, however, sidestepped a question about possible disciplinary action against Tharoor. Tharoor has angered his party by lauding Prime Minister Modi's handling of Operation Sindoor and the subsequent understanding with Pakistan to hold fire. When parliamentary af-

fairs minister Kiren Rijiju announced the heads of the seven delegations in the morning, Tharoor's name figured at the top. Two of the six others — all MPs — too were from the Opposition. The six were Ravi Shankar Prasad (BJP), Bai-jayant Panda (BJP), Sanjay Kumar Jha (JDU), Kanimozhi Karunanidhi (DMK), Supriya Sule (NCP-SP) and Shrikant Eknath Shinde (Shiv Sena). The government has not yet named the other delegation members but said MPs from various parties, prominent political personalities and distinguished diplomats would be part of each delegation. Tharoor's appointment came despite the Congress not nominating him. The government had on Friday requested the Congress to nominate four of its MPs to be part of the delegations. The Congress had named former cabinet minister Anand Sharma, deputy leader in the Lok Sabha Gaurav Gogoi, and MPs Syed Naseer Hussain and Raja Brar. Of the four suggested by the Congress, only Sharma has been included. Tharoor will head the team going to the US, Brazil, Panama, Guyana and Colombia. As part of this effort to enlist people with experience in foreign policy, the government had approached former external affairs minister and Congress veteran Salman Khurshid. He has left the decision to his party. The Congress made its displeasure known over Tharoor's public acceptance of the government's offer without consulting the party leadership. "There is a world of

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IMF imposes 11 new conditions on Pakistan

MI News Service, Washington: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has slapped 11 new conditions on Pakistan for the release of the next tranche of its bailout programme and warned that tensions with India could heighten risks to the scheme's fiscal, external, and reform goals, according to a media report on Sunday. The new conditions imposed on Pakistan include the parliamentary approval of a new Rs 17.6 trillion budget, an increase in the debt servicing surcharge on electricity bills and lifting restrictions on import of more than three-year-old used cars. Sources said the Staff Level report, which the IMF released also said that "rising tensions between India and Pakistan, if sustained or deteriorate further, could heighten risks to the fiscal, external and reform goals of the programme". The report further stated that tensions between Pakistan and India have risen significantly over the past two weeks, but so far, the market reaction has been modest, with the stock market retaining most of its recent gains and spreads widening moderately. The IMF report has shown the defence budget for the next fiscal year at Rs 2.414 tril-

lion, which is higher by Rs 252 billion or 12%. Compared to the IMF's projection, the government has indicated allocating over Rs 2.5 trillion or an 18% higher budget, after confrontation with India early this month. India carried out precision strikes under 'Operation Sindoor' on terror infrastructure early on May 7 in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people. Following the Indian action,



Pakistan attempted to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9 and 10. India and Pakistan reached an understanding on May 10 to end the conflict after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes. The Express Tribune report said that the IMF slapped 11 more conditions on Pakistan, taking the total conditions to 50. It has imposed the new condition of securing "parliamentary approval of the fiscal year 2026 budget in line with the IMF staff agreement to meet pro-

gramme targets by end-June 2025". The IMF report has shown the total size of the federal budget at Rs 17.6 trillion, including Rs 1.07 trillion for development spending. A new condition has also been imposed on the provinces where the four federating units will implement the new Agriculture Income Tax laws through a comprehensive plan, including the establishment of an operational platform for processing returns, taxpayer identification and registration, a communication campaign, and a compliance improvement plan. The deadline for the provinces is June this year. According to the third new condition, the government will publish a governance action plan based on the recommendations of the Governance Diagnostic Assessment by the IMF. The purpose of the report is to publicly identify reform measures to address critical governance vulnerabilities. Another new condition states that the government will prepare and publish a plan outlining the government's post-2027 financial sector strategy, outlining the institutional and regulatory environment from 2028 onwards. In the energy

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Indian Musium illuminated with tricolour effect on International Museum Day in Kolkata on Sunday.

Pak Spy ring: Police to grill 'Pak Spy' Jyoti Malhotra for further links

MI News Service, New Delhi/Chandigarh/ Puri: The Odisha Police have started an investigation into the alleged links between a Puri-based YouTuber and Jyoti Malhotra, who was arrested on the charge of passing on sensitive information to Pakistani intelligence operatives, an officer said on Sunday. The police found that Malhotra, who runs a YouTube channel, Travel with JO, and hails from Haryana, had visited Puri in September 2024 and came in contact with a woman in the coastal town, who is also a YouTuber, Puri SP Vinit Agrawal said. Jyoti, whose YouTube channel and Instagram account have 3.77 lakh subscribers and 1.33 lakh followers respectively, allegedly was in contact with a Pakistani staffer working at the Pakistan High Commission in Delhi. On May 13, India had expelled that

Pakistani official for allegedly indulging in espionage. The woman in Puri had also travelled to Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara in Pakistan recently, the SP said. "We found that Jyoti Malhotra had visited Puri last year, and we are verifying the fact. Anything more can be shared after the verification," Agrawal said. Asked whether the woman from Puri had shared intelligence inputs with Malhotra, Agrawal said, "The Haryana Police are investigating the matter and we are providing them the required assistance." The police are also "examining the objective" of Malhotra's visit to Puri, and trying to find out "where she stayed, whom she contacted and any possible suspicious activities", the Puri SP said. "We are in touch with various central agencies and the Haryana Police. We will share details



with the media after field verification," he said while responding to queries from reporters. The Odisha Police did not disclose the identity of the Puri YouTuber for its investigation into the matter. Puri YouTuber's father said the police had quizzed her daughter on Saturday and sought some

information. A team of police personnel visited the woman's residence in Puri for an investigation into the matter. "My daughter came in contact with Jyoti Malhotra as both are YouTubers. As a friendship developed between them, Malhotra visited Puri. As it is a matter of the nation's security,

a proper investigation should be carried out. We will cooperate with the police," he said. "My daughter visited Kartarpur in Pakistan with another friend, not Malhotra, three or four months ago for a pilgrimage. My daughter has no involvement in anti-national activities and was unaware of Malhotra's alleged espionage," the Puri YouTuber's father said. In a social media post, the woman from Puri said, "Jyoti was just a friend of mine, and I came in contact with her through YouTube. I was unaware of anything which she is accused of. I would not have been in touch with her if I knew she was spying for enemy Pakistan." "If any investigative agency wishes to cross-question, I would provide full cooperation. Nation is above all. Jai Hind," she wrote on an Instagram post.

ISRO's 101st satellite launch fails



MI News Service, Bengaluru: ISRO's 101st mission from here, an earth observation satellite onboard the agency's trusted PSLV rocket, could not be accomplished on Sunday following a pressure issue in the third stage of the launch vehicle, the space agency said. Although the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) made a textbook lift-off at the prefixed time of 5.59 am, the mission objectives, however could not be achieved. "Today we targeted the 101st launch from Sriharikota, the PSLV-C61 EOS-09 mission. The PSLV is a four-stage vehicle and up to the second stage, the performance was normal. The third stage motor started perfectly but during the functioning of the third stage we are seeing an observation and the mission could not be accomplished," Narayanan said. The third stage is a solid motor system. "...and the motor pressure--there was a fall in the chamber pressure of the motor case and the mission could not be accomplished. We are studying the entire performance, we shall come back at the earliest," Narayanan said post the unsuccessful launch. EOS-09 is a repeat satellite similar to EOS-04 launched in 2022 that 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 mission's payload, a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) which is inside the satellite is capable of providing images for various earth observation applications under all-weather conditions, day and night. This all-weather, round-the-clock imaging is vital for applications ranging from agriculture and forestry monitoring to disaster management, urban planning and national security. The mission was aimed to be a debris-free one. According to scientists, a sufficient amount of the fuel had 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.

Police show integrity
of Character



Nurul Islam Khan

On Saturday night, Civic Volunteer Hiranmoy Mandal was returning home after duty at around 10:30 pm. He saw a bag lying near the parking lot of Birshivpur, which contained a laptop, a mobile phone and several important things. He informed the Traffic OC and Inspector of the concerned police station. The owner of the bag was immediately contacted and it was returned safely. Howrah (Rural) District Superintendent of Police Shri Subimal Pal, (IPS) awarded the Civic Volunteer Hiranmoy Mandal for this honesty and sense of responsibility. The Superintendent said that such act proves that our force is always striving to set an example not only in upholding the law, but also in fulfilling the moral responsibilities of the society and in terms of humanity.

Judge's scan on circuit
bench infrastructure
in Jalpaiguri

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: Justice T S Sivagnanam, the Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court, visited the permanent building of the circuit bench in Jalpaiguri on Friday. This was his second visit to the town in the current month. On May 8, Justice Sivagnanam was in Jalpaiguri when the district administration handed over the documents of the permanent building of the circuit bench that has come up in the town. On Friday, the Chief Justice, along with two judges of Calcutta High Court and others, checked the service road that will connect the permanent building and allied infrastructure from NH27.

The service road will connect Gosala More with Paharpur More of the town, the stretch where the infrastructure has come up. He was accompanied by officials of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). During his visit, the Chief Justice also checked out the progress of the ongoing works at the residences of the judges and the court building. "I was here on May 8. Today, I found that there had been some progress in the pending work. I also spoke with NHAI authorities about the service road and drainage system, and they have assured that work should be finished soon," said Justice Sivagnanam. "However, the progress of work will depend on the weather conditions and rainfall. We will try to open the new building (of the circuit bench) at the earliest," he added.

Kolkata hosts
'Education Interface 2025'

MI News Service, Kolkata: The 'Education Interface 2025', a career and education fair, was inaugurated today at the Netaji Indoor Stadium in Kolkata, marking two decades of its journey. The event organised by Career Planner Edufair will run from 17 to 19 May. It is a one-stop destination for students, parents, and academic professionals seeking guidance across a diverse spectrum of educational disciplines. The fair hosts over 150-plus universities and institutions from across the country, offering a comprehensive roadmap for aspirants in fields ranging from engineering, medical sciences, data science, hospitality, architecture, design, polytechnic, media, and pharmaceutical.



A blood donation camp was organized jointly by the North Baranagar City Trinamool Chhatra Parishad and Alambazar Mahabharat Balak Sangha. Naihati MP and North 24 Parganas District President Partha Bhowmik, Baranagar MLA Sayantika Banerjee, Baranagar Municipality Mayor Aparna Maulik, Ward No. 7. Mayor Nilu Gupta and other distinguished guests were present at the event. Alambazar Mahabharat Balak Sangha Secretary and distinguished social worker Ajay Gupta said that about 400 blood donors donated blood at the occasion. He also said that they are associated with various types of social service work throughout the year. He also expressed o organize a camp on thalassemia in the coming days.

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.

Election Commission suspends official for voter list 'fraud' in Kakdwip

MI News Service, Kakdwip: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has suspended an assistant system manager posted in the Kakdwip subdivision office after he allegedly disposed of applications for the inclusion and deletion of names in and from electoral rolls by using the login credentials of an assistant election registration officer (AERO). Sources said the poll panel sent a clear signal by suspending the official that it adopted a zero tolerance policy in making the electoral roll error-free after complaints came up over irregularities in the voters' list. The sources aware of the development said Arun Gorain, an assistant system manager posted in the Kakdwip subdivision, had inserted his mobile number in the log in credential of the AERO of the Kakdwip Assembly constituency and disposed of applications submitted for the inclusion and exclusion of names in and from the voters' list. The sources said that it was considered to be gross misconduct by Gorain as the AERO, who was usually a BDO, had the sole authority to dispose of the applications. Since the assistant system manager has disposed of the applications using the credentials of the AERO, he violated all rules and was held responsible for "gross misconduct in the discharge of his assigned official duties". "Now therefore, Sri Arun Gorain, ASM Kakdwip Sub Division is hereby placed under suspension as per provisions laid down under rules 7(1) (a) of part IV of the West Bengal Services (Classification, control and Appeal

Rules, 1971 with immediate effect pending completion of the major penalty proceedings to be initiated against him....," reads an order issued by the chief electoral officer of Bengal, Manoj Kumar Agarwal.

According to sources, as an assistant system manager, Gorain is well-versed in computers and could easily fudge the electoral roll. Sources in the state administration said the order from Manoj Kumar Agarwal sent a clear message to the officials who would be engaged for summary roll revision scheduled to start in October. "For the first time in recent memory, the poll panel used the West Bengal Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) rules, 1971, to suspect an official for his misconduct that could affect the revision of electoral rolls. In the past few years, the ECI often recommended to the state government to transfer an official to a non-election post in case complaints had come up," said an official. "All government officers — from block development officers (BDOs) to district magistrates (DMs) — would be on deputation to the ECI as soon as the summary roll revision starts in October. It is clear that if any irregularity is found during the roll revision, the ECI would come down heavily on the officials this time," he added. The poll panel's effort to make an error-free electoral roll was visible after the names of nearly 9,000 dead and shifted voters were deleted from the voters' list of the Kaliganj Assembly segment in Nadia district during a special summary roll revision carried out in April.

Anubrata Mondal loses post of
TMC's Birbhum district president
after changes in unit

MI News Service, Birbhum: Anubrata Mondal was removed as the Birbhum district president of the Trinamool Congress as the party effected major changes in several of its district units on Friday. A nine-member core committee was constituted to run the TMC in Birbhum. The committee comprises Mondal and Kajal Sheikh, the head of Birbhum zilla parishad, who are known to be heading two lobbies of the party. Followers of Mondal expressed dissent as his name was number two on the list with Abhijit Sinha aka Rana, the TMC MLA of Lahpur, being No 1. "We wanted him to be reinstated as the district party president. The list hints that somehow, his role has been undermined," said a TMC leader who backs Mondal. Mondal, who had been behind bars since 2022, is now out on bail in the cattle smuggling case. "I cannot say why the party didn't announce a district president for Birbhum. The core committee was there earlier, and today, the number of members has been increased from seven to nine," Mondal said.

After Mondal was arrested, the state TMC leadership formed the core committee to run the Birbhum party. However, after he was released on bail, his followers expected him to take control but that did not happen. While they sounded disappointed, another section of the party came up with a clarification. "They have got it wrong. The list has been prepared alphabetically," said a party functionary. Sinha, the MLA, whose name tops the list, was earlier close to Mondal. But in recent times, there has been some distance between them, said TMC insiders. A similar arrangement — another nine-member committee — was announced for the Calcutta north organisational district of the party. As the list was announced today, TMC sources said that though party supremo Mamata Banerjee has endorsed the list, most of the names were recommended by the party's national general

secretary Abhishek Banerjee. "The list shows that he (Abhishek) is dealing with organisational issues," said a source. In south Bengal, changes have been made in district-level posts in the organisational districts of Bankura, Purulia, and East Midnapore. In the north, changes have affected Darjeeling (plains), Malda and North Dinajpur. In Darjeeling (plains), Sanjay Tibrewal has got the chairperson's post, while his predecessor Alok Chakraborty has been made a state secretary. Interestingly, the party has not named the new district president. Papia Pal was the president of this organisational district that functions in the Siliguri subdivision. "I will work together with the senior leaders and workers according to the directions of the party," said Tibrewal. In Malda, Chaitali Sarkar, a TMC councillor and the wife of Dulal Sarkar, also a councillor who was gunned down in January, has been made the new chairperson.



Devotees throng at Jagannath Temple in Digha to watch Special Aarti on Sunday.

500 shifted from erosion-hit Teesta
villages to new site near Siliguri

MI News Service, Siliguri: The Bengal government has shifted around 500 residents of two villages — forest hamlets situated on the right bank of the Teesta river and around 25km from here — to a new location near Siliguri. The decision to relocate the people of Lalton and Chamakdangi was made following the Teesta's acute erosion in the past couple of years. Manisha Roy, a member of the Trinamool Congress-run Jalpaiguri zilla parishad (the villages are in Jalpaiguri district), said the villagers were relocated to Majhua, around 10km from Siliguri. "All 132 families of both the villages have been shifted to Majhua, a forest village in Dabgram 1 panchayat of Rajganj block in Jalpaiguri district," she said. In recent years, this is the first time in Jalpaiguri district that villagers have been

relocated because of river erosion. Lalton and Chamakdangi are on the fringes of the Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary. During the monsoon months, the villagers had to spend sleepless nights because of the floods and erosion caused by the Teesta that descends to the plains at Selveke, which is near the villages. The situation had worsened after the Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF) that had occurred in the river in October 2023, when it devastated many areas in the hills and flooded the downstream. "We had appealed to the Jalpaiguri district administration and Gautam Deb, the mayor of the Siliguri Municipal Corporation (SMC), to take necessary initiative for our relocation. We are relieved that it has finally been done," said Champey

Mukhia, one of the villagers. Sources said the mayor took the initiative and apprised chief minister Mamata Banerjee of the hardship of the villagers. This made the chief minister instruct the Jalpaiguri zilla parishad and the district administration relocate the 500-odd residents of both the villages. "We identified seven acres of land where the families have been relocated. The district administration has inspected the area, and geo-tagging has also been done. The process of providing land rights to each family is in progress," added Roy, the zilla parishad member. Abhiram Saibo, the deputy chief of Dabgram 1, who is monitoring the rehabilitation process, said each family would be provided with funds under the Bangla Awas Yojna for the construction of houses.

A Unique Gesture by 'Apanjon': Cancer
detection, Blood Donation Camp &
Felicitation of 26 Ordinary Volunteers



MI News Service, Kalyani : Felicitation is generally reserved for the eminent personalities. But on Sunday, Kalyani witnessed a remarkable exception. In a unique gesture, 'Apanjon', a well known social service organization in Kalyani and surroundings, honored 26 of its ordinary members during a blood donation and health check-up camps. The individuals always remain ready to serve whenever the community calls. Apanjan services people round the clock in emergency like ambulance, ICU ambulance etc. Even during COVID 19, while the family members of a victim did not agree to touch the body for cremation, the members, especially Tinku Mukherjee took those to burning ghat. However, the event was held at Lalon Mancha, adjacent to the Ghoshpara Satima temple in Kalyani on Sunday. However, the proposal of felicitation to the members was given by Dr. Atin Mandal,

the Asst. Super of Kalyani JNM Hospital. He handed over the mementos to the good Samaritan. 68 people donated their blood and 70 women of above 40 year underwent cancer detection tests, informed the organization's secretary, Tinku alias Arup Mukherjee. He also stated that keeping the Pahalgaon happening before, they conveyed salute to the Indian army through the camps. The event was graced by local dignitaries and community members. 'Apanjon's initiative not only promoted public health and voluntary blood donation but also set a new precedent by recognizing the relentless contributions of ordinary citizens. Some political personalities like Shankar Singh, Balaram Maji, a few well known physicians, SDO Kalyani Abhijit Samanta, The Times of India Reporter Ashis Poddar and many more attended the program.



Minister of State for Education Dr. Sukanta Mazumdar along with others during Tiranga Yatra rally at Kestopur in Kolkata on Sunday.

Death for youth who
killed 4 of his family

MI News Service, Malda: The district and sessions court in Malda awarded death penalty to Md Asif, 23, for killing four members of his family in 2021 over property, a case that had created a sensation in the state. A resident of Gurutola village under Kaliachak police station, Asif, then 19, murdered his parents, his sister and his grandmother on February 28, 2021. His brother, who escaped getting killed, informed the police. On June 19, 2021, the police arrested him and recovered the decomposed bodies from the house. Bibhas Chatterjee, a public prosecutor from Calcutta, said Asif was found guilty on Friday after the trial ended. In all, 19 witnesses deposed in court. "Asif was convicted under three sections of the IPC. He was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for seven and 10 years under two sections, while under section 302 was given the death sentence," he said. Md Naser Ali, Asif's

lawyer, said they would appeal in Calcutta High Court within a month. Asif dragged his father Jawad Ali, 53, his mother Ira Bibi, 39, his sister Rima Khatun, 15, his septuagenarian grandmother Aleknoor Bewa, and his brother Md Arif, who was 21 then, by offering them mango juice. As they fell unconscious, Asif carried them from his home to a building that his father had built on the same campus through a tunnel that connected both. He put them in coffins and dragged the coffins under a water tap. His parents, sister and grandmother died as the coffins filled with water. Arif regained his senses, fought with Asif and managed to flee to Calcutta. Asif went on intimidating him over the phone. After three months, Arif lodged a complaint with Kaliachak police, helped by one of his uncles. The police recovered the bodies and arrested Asif. A police officer said Asif wanted his parents to bequeath their property to him alone.



Kolkata recently hosted the launch of eminent writer Ruchir Joshi's much acclaimed novel 'Great Eastern Hotel' in the presence celebrated intellectuals of the city.

TMC Complaint: ECI scraps over 7K 'fake voter cards' in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: In response to serious concerns from the Trinamool Congress (TMC) regarding duplicate voter cards, the Election Commission of India (ECI), after a thorough examination, has annulled approximately 7,800 fraudulent voter cards in Bengal. About 95 per cent of these cards were found to be identical to those of voters with different names from Haryana. Additionally, many fake voter cards from Bengal had the same numbers as the EPIC cards of voters in Gujarat and Assam. A senior official of the CEO office stated that questions were raised with 2.5 lakh EPIC cards from the state. After a thorough examination, the commission ordered to verify 32,000 voter cards which remained suspicious. Out of this around 7,800 voter cards were found to be fake. Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee first raised concerns about "fake voters". The ECI has taken a significant step. Following TMC's complaint, the ECI had decided to introduce a new feature in its software to help Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) identify if multiple names are registered under a single Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) number. The ECI has also informed all Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs) of the states regarding this new measure. The issue came to the forefront after the Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of registering fake voters in the voter lists with the help of the Election Commission. She claimed that the BJP had used this strategy to win elections in Delhi and Maharashtra, manipulating the electoral rolls.

Youth's body with throat slit found in Nalban area

MI News Service, Kolkata: The body of a youth with slit throat was recovered from an estuarine wetland in Nalban area under Kolkata Leather Complex Police Station area. A pair of shoes, a handkerchief, a water bottle and a packet of beedi, probably belonging to the deceased, were recovered from beside the body. A seller dealing with coconuts who had gone to collect the coconuts from the trees in the area was the first to spot the body. According to police sources, the victim Raja Mondal (30) was a resident of South 24-Parganas and was living at a rented house in the Kantatala Market area beside Basanti Highway all alone. His in-laws live in the Malancha area. A police official informed that a few days ago, there was a theft at a rice hotel in the Kantatala Market area owned by one Satyajit Mondal, after which the latter had filed a complaint accusing Raja of the theft.



Salute to Indian Soldiers: TMC Tiranga Rally at Bidhan Sarani in Kolkata on Sunday.

'Talk to Mayor' gives couple Swasthya Sathi card in 24 hrs

MI News Service, Kolkata: In less than 24 hours after call at the Talk to Mayor programme, a family from Narkeldanga area received their Swasthya Sathi card. One Rajarshi Sikder, a resident of Ward 29, called into the "Talk to Mayor" programme on Friday to share his difficulty in accessing healthcare for his wife, Nandini Banerjee, due to the absence of a Swasthya Sathi card. The Mayor assured prompt action. The following morning, the couple received a call asking them to visit the Mayor's office at the KMC headquarters. Later that afternoon, the Mayor personally handed over the Swasthya Sathi card to them.



"When I called at the Talk to Mayor programme yesterday (Friday), I had never thought that I would get Swasthya Sathi card so soon. In less than five minutes we reached the KMC and received the card," said

Rajarshi. His wife Nandini, in whose name the card has been issued said that they have been trying for the last three-four years get the card but failed. "It's like a dream that we have got the card in less than 24 hours after we talked with the Mayor," she remarked. Mayor Firhad Hakim attributed communication gap behind the delay in getting the card. "Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has made such a transparent process of possession of the card with the aim to provide healthcare to the people of the state. However, some people face problem as they do are not aware of the proper procedure," the Mayor said.

State-run centralised UG admission portal coming soon

MI News Service, Kolkata: The state-run centralised undergraduate admission portal will open by the end of May or early June, an official of the higher education department said. Minority, autonomous and private colleges have already begun their admission season from early May. An official of the education department said they were taking time to open the admission portal covering state-run colleges and universities because they were taking legal opinion on the issue of OBC reservations from the state's advocate-general because of a case pending in the Supreme Court. Souli Sarkar, the principal of Lady Brabourne College, wondered why the department did not seek legal opinion on the OBC quota much earlier, considering that it has been under legal scrutiny for some time. While challenging a Calcutta High Court order of on May 21, 2024, on scrapping OBC reservations in education and jobs, the state government told the Supreme Court in March this year that it had undertaken a fresh exercise to determine who would be the beneficiaries as part of the reservation. Completing the exercise will take three months. The apex court is scheduled to hear the case in July. "Why did the department not start the process of seeking legal opinion much earlier? The results of all the boards have been published. The autonomous and private colleges and universities have started their admissions in early May. A delayed admission means we are missing out on the brighter students," said Lady Brabourne principal Sarkar. Sharmila Mitra, the principal of Behala College, which secured an A++ in the NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) rating in March 2023, said it was unfortunate that a state-aided college with the best grade was unable to start its admission process.

W. Bengal Ministers bat for skill-based learning, entrepreneurship

MI News Service, Kolkata: State ministers Firhad Hakim and Sovande Chatterjee highlighted the urgent need for skill-oriented education and entrepreneurship among students at Education Interface 2025. The 20th edition of the fair is organised by Career Planner Edufair. Parliamentary Affairs and Agriculture minister Sobhan Chatterjee called for a shift from conventional academic degrees to industry-relevant skills. "Too many students pursue degrees like M.A. without understanding vocational demand. Skilled professionals in trades like hospitality or electricals often secure jobs faster and earn more," he remarked. Echoing this sentiment, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs Minister and Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim stated, "The days of relying on B.Com or M.Com for job security are over. Today's market seeks professionally trained individuals. Bengal's universities offer abundant opportunities in MBA and similar programmes." Hakim further urged institutions to foster entrepreneurship. "Why always work under someone else? Why not build our own start-ups? Other states have frameworks to support new businesses, Bengal must not lag behind," he said, urging universities to mentor students as future entrepreneurs. Highlighting educational growth under the Mamata Banerjee-led government, Hakim said, "Bengal now has 42 universities, up from just 11 before the Mamata Banerjee-led government came to power. Quality higher education is now accessible and affordable within the state." Satyam Roy Chowdhury, Chancellor of Sister Nivedita University and Founder of Techno India Group, stressed the importance of adaptability in education. "In a world of constant change, the ability to learn, unlearn and relearn is the key. This fair is an opportunity to explore paths aligned with one's ambitions," he said.

Centre awards Kolkata for major drop in air pollution

MI News Service, Kolkata: Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, announced that Kolkata has been recognised by the Centre as one of three major cities that have significantly reduced Particulate Matter (PM10) levels and improved the overall Air Quality Index (AQI). Banerjee wrote on X: "Kolkata again shows the way! Govt. of India has awarded majorly three cities including Kolkata for significant reduction in Particulate Matter₁₀ levels and overall Air Quality Index improvement. Grateful to the people of Kolkata for their support. Let's all — citizens and agencies alike — keep up the effort for a cleaner, greener city!" It was learnt that the Centre issued a grant of Rs 21.02 crore to West Bengal in May for two cities, including Kolkata and Asansol, for significantly reducing air pollution. Kolkata received Rs 15.78 crore



while Asansol received Rs 5.24 crore. The highest grant allocation was received by Uttar Pradesh which is Rs 91.44 crore while Punjab received lowest allocation of Rs 1.54 crore. Twenty-one best-performing metropolitan cities/urban areas

were identified across the states, with Uttar Pradesh having the highest number of cities (7), followed by Madhya Pradesh (3). The remaining states supported 1-2 cities each. The funds are intended to further enhance air quality initiatives in these urban

areas. The grant is part of the Fifteenth Finance Commission's recommendations to support Million Plus Cities/Urban Agglomerations in improving air quality. The funds are to be utilized for initiatives that address ambient air quality issues, ensuring sustainable urban development and better living conditions for residents. It was learnt that in 2019, Kolkata was identified as one of the top 10 most polluted cities by the National Clean Air Program (NCAP). There were targets given to each of the cities for air pollution reduction. The Mayor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC), Firhad Hakim, had last year stated that KMC has been able to achieve 75 per cent of the target given to Kolkata. Many other polluted metro cities have failed to achieve even 25 per cent of the target that KMC has accomplished.

KMC to serve notices to 3 rooftop establishments



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Kolkata Municipal Corporation will serve notices to three rooftop establishments in the city by Monday, asking them to attend hearings into alleged fire safety lapses and other violations recorded during inspections by the civic body, a senior KMC official said. Hearings for other cafes, bars and restaurants named in a list prepared by Kolkata Police will start once their owners appeal to the civic body to allow them to reopen.

The KMC has served "stop operation" notices to all 83 establishments named in the police's list. The three who will be given hearings first are the ones that went to court "The three rooftop establishments will be served with notices for hearings by Monday. Calcutta High Court has given us two weeks to conduct the hearings. These are the three establishments that went to court," the official said.

In the first week of May, the KMC issued notices to 83 rooftop establishments across the city demanding they "stop operations and demolish unauthorised structures immediately" or face demolition under Section 400(8) of the KMC Act. Three popular city establishments with rooftop sections challenged the notices in the high court, with support from the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI).

On May 6, the court kept in "abeyance" for two weeks the demolition order, directing the KMC to "reverify" documents of the establishments before taking further action. The court directed the KMC to reverify all documentation and reach a fresh decision on whether Section 400 (8) should be invoked. Only if the KMC determines that a "grave emergency" exists may they proceed with demolition. Otherwise, affected establishments must be given a hearing opportunity first, the judge said.

The official said that multiple agencies, like the fire services and excise, would be part of the hearings. "As for the other establishments named in the police's list, hearings will be held once they appeal before us. We have served stop operation notices," said the official. To reopen, these establishments need a nod from the KMC. That can happen only after they take part in the hearings. The establishments will be told about the violations in the hearings.

A couple of days ago, the KMC had said that multiple agencies would be part of preparing a set of standard operating procedures (SOPs) for rooftop establishments. But the hearings would be conducted by the KMC alone, the civic body had said. The KMC had sent a draft SOP to the chief secretary last week, Calcutta mayor Firhad Hakim had said earlier. Nabanna's stamp on the draft is still pending. There was still no clarity on the SOP. On Saturday, KMC sources said the hearings would include fire safety and other officials. A representative of one of the three restaurants said it had yet to receive any formal communication from the KMC on the hearing. The owners of the two others did not respond to calls and messages. Sources in the industry said rooftop establishments were almost certain that a minimum of 50 per cent open space on the terrace would be a non-negotiable condition for continuing operations. "There is no clarity on anything else. We are waiting for at least one hearing," said a restaurateur.



A spell of rain brings bit of relief in Kolkata on Sunday.

Tharoor thorn pinches Cong as Shashi puts nation over party

From PG 1 difference between being in the Congress and of the Congress," Ramesh said. Tharoor, however, invoked "national interest". "I am honoured by the invitation of the government of India to lead an all-party delegation to five key capitals, to present our nation's point of view on recent events," he posted on X. "When national interest is involved, and my services are required, I will not be found wanting." Asked to comment on his selection despite the Congress not nominating him, Tharoor said the government had selected "who they felt was appropriate". He stressed that it was a government delegation. "My party leadership is entitled to its opinion of my abilities or the lack thereof, and I think it is really for them to explain. I have absolutely no comment to make on that," he told reporters. Ramesh spoke of how the government had sought four names and the Congress had obliged, only to be rebuffed. "What will happen next, I can't say. Names are different," he said.

"We did our duty. We were hoping that the government is asking for names with honest intentions. We didn't know that they are doing it with a mischievous mentality." The government's list left room for allegations of another sort of "mischief" — it printed "NCP" beside Sule's name. Sule officially belongs to the NCP (Sharad Pawar) while the rival faction led by her cousin Ajit Pawar — a BJP ally — is recognised as the NCP. Rijiju sought to project the all-party delegations as a "powerful reflection of national unity above politics, beyond differences". In a post on X, he said: "In moments that matter most, Bharat stands united. Seven All-Party Delegations will soon visit key partner nations, carrying our shared message of zero-tolerance to terrorism." The statement said

the delegations would visit various countries, including members of the UN Security Council, later this month. The government's all-party diplomatic outreach comes amid repeated demands by the Congress for an all-party meeting, chaired by Modi, and a special session of Parliament to discuss Operation Sindoor and US President Donald Trump's claims of mediation. The government has so far not accepted these demands. Instead, it has come out with the idea of all-party delegations, mooted by Rajya Sabha member Kapil Sibal, which the Opposition would find difficult to oppose. Similar all-party delegations had been sent out after terror attacks in 1994 and 2008. The government did not respond to the Congress's barbs but BJP social media head Amit Malviya jumped in to take swipes at Rahul Gandhi. He extolled Tharoor's "eloquence" and asked why his party had not named him. "No one can deny Shashi Tharoor's eloquence, his long experience as a United Nations official, and his deep insights on matters of foreign policy," Malviya said on X. "So why has the Congress Party — and Rahul Gandhi in particular — chosen not to nominate him for the multi-party delegations... Is it insecurity? Jealousy? Or simply intolerance of anyone who outshines the 'high command'?" Malviya went on to question the credentials of two of Congress's picks — Rajya Sabha MP Hussain and Lok Sabha MP Gogoi — asking "can they be trusted to represent India" on "matters involving Pakistan". He claimed that Hussain's supporters had chanted "Pakistan zindabad" inside the Karnataka legislature while celebrating his Rajya Sabha election. He also referred to an allegation by Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma that Gogoi had spent 15 days in Pakistan with his wife. Sarma too weighed in, urging Rahul to drop Gogoi's name from the list.

IMF imposes 11 new conditions on Pakistan

From PG 1 sector, four new conditions have been introduced. The government will issue notifications of the annual electricity tariff rebasing by July 1st of this year to maintain energy tariffs at cost recovery levels. It will also issue a notification of the semi-annual gas tariff adjustment to maintain energy tariffs at cost recovery levels by February 15, 2026, according to the report. Parliament will also adopt legislation to make the captive power levy ordinance permanent by the end of this month, according to the IMF. The government has increased the cost for the industries to force them to shift to the national electricity grid. Parliament will also adopt legislation to remove the maximum Rs3.21 per unit cap on the debt service surcharge, which is tantamount to punishing honest electricity consumers to pay for the inefficiency of the power sector. The IMF

and the World Bank dictated that wrong energy policies are causing the accumulation of the circular debt in addition to the government's bad governance. The deadline to remove the cap is the end of June, according to the report. The IMF has also imposed a condition that Pakistan will prepare a plan based on the assessment conducted to fully phase out all incentives in relation to Special Technology Zones and other industrial parks and zones by 2035. The report has to be prepared by the end of this year. Finally, in a consumer-friendly condition, the IMF has asked Pakistan to submit to the Parliament all required legislation for lifting all quantitative restrictions on the commercial importation of used motor vehicles (initially only for vehicles less than five years old by the end of July. Currently, only cars up to three years old can be imported.

NAME CHANGE
I,Kausad Parveen (old name) W/o Md Anwar Hussain residing at Sosthi Nagarismile P.O.-Asansol, P.S.-Hirapur,Dist.-Paschim Bardhaman (W.B.) Pin-713301.shall henceforth be known as Kousar Parveen (New name) declared before the LD 1st class Judicial Magistrate at Asansol date 19/05/2025.Kausad Parveen (old name) and Kousar Parveen (New name) is the name of same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sekh Altab Hossain (old name) S/o. Sk Nasir, R/o. Bhatua, Rajhat, Polba, Hooghly-712123, W.B. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Altab (new name) vide an affidavit no. 3488 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 06/05/2025, Sekh Altab Hossain & Sk Altab S/o. Sk Nasir both are the same & one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Devinder Makkar S/o Late Kashmiri Lal Makkar Residing at 27/1A, C.I.T Road, Po&P.s - Entally, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700014 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Devindra Makkar. I declare that Devinder Makkar and Devindra Makkar is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 16-05-2025.

Change of Name
I, Mst Ahmida Khatun W/o Hasibur Rahman Mondal Residing at Ramchandrapur, Ps - Usthi, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743513 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Ahmida Bibi. I declare that Mst Ahmida Khatun and Ahmida Bibi is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 16-05-2025.

Change of Name
I, Mosarob Hossain Halder S/o Welwar Hossain Halder Residing at Vill+P.O - Malia, Ps - Haripal, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712405 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Mosaraf Hossain Halder. I declare that Mosarob Hossain Halder and Mosaraf Hossain Halder is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 16-05-2025.

Change of Name
I, Mondira Sarkar D/o Rabi Sarkar Residing at Vill - Mirdanga, Po - Guptaipara, P.s - Balagarh, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712512 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Mandira Sarkar. I declare that Mondira Sarkar and Mandira Sarkar is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 16-05-2025.

Change of Name
I, Robi Sarkar S/o Late Nitai Sarkar Residing at Vill - Mirdanga, Po - Guptaipara, Ps - Balagarh, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712512 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Rabi Sarkar. I declare that Robi Sarkar and Rabi Sarkar is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 16-05-2025.

NAME CHANGE
I,Jahangir Alam (Old Name) S/O Ajjior Rahman Mistry,Residing At S-8/A,Murry Road,Po-Bartala,Ps-Metiabruz,Kolkata-700018,West Bengal,India.have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jahangir Alam Mistry (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025.Jahangir Alam (Old Name) And Jahangir Alam Mistry(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I,Rita Bhattacharjee,Rita Chakraborty & Rita Bhattacharyya (Old Names)/D/O Sukhomoy Bhattacharjee, Residing At Flat-15B,Block-A,Rohra Heights,Street Number-72, Po-New Town, Dist-North 24 Parganas,Pin-700156,West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rita Bhattacharyya Chakraborty(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At New Alipore On 03/05/2025.Rita Bhattacharjee,Rita Chakraborty And Rita Bhattacharyya(Old Names) And Rita Bhattacharyya Chakraborty (New Name) Both Are Same And Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I,Saheb Ali Shaikh (Old Name) S/O Amchurat Sekh,Residing At Hridaypur Uttarpara, Ps-Chapra, Dist-Nadia, Pin-741123, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Saheb Shaikh(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/05/2025.Saheb Ali Shaikh(Old Name) And Saheb Shaikh(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sitangsu Thakur(Old Name)Son Of Gobinda Thakur, Residing At 6, Subhash Palpy, Po-Regent Estate, Kolkata-700092, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sitanshu Thakur(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/05/2025. That Sitangsu Thakur And Sitanshu Thakur Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Maidul Islam Sk (old name) S/O Sk Abdul Rouf, residing at Vill-Paschim Bainan Dakshin Aabal, P.O.- Bainan, Howrah- 711303, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Moydul Islam (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/05/2025. Sk Moydul Islam (new name) and Maidul Islam Sk (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Noor Mohammad Mallick, Nur Mohammad Mallick (old names) S/O Moslem Ali Mallick, residing at Vill & P.O.- Khajutty, P.S.- Bagnan, Howrah- 711303, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nur Mohammad Mallick (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/05/2025. Nur Mohammad Mallick (new name) and Noor Mohammad Mallick, Nur Mohammad Mallick (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Regulation of trains for rolling block programme over South Eastern Railway
MI News Service, Kolkata: Combined Rolling Block programme has been planned in Adra Division over South Eastern Railway from 19.05.2025 to 25.05.2025. Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been made as under:

*Cancellation of trains: *
•68046/68045 Asansol – Adra – Asansol MEMU passenger (journey commencing on & from 19.05.2025 to 25.05.2025)
•63594/63593 Asansol- Purulia – Asansol MEMU passenger (journey commencing on & from 19.05.2025 to 25.05.2025)
*Short termination/Short origination of trains: *
•68056/68060 Tatanagar – Asansol – Barabhum MEMU passenger (journey commencing on & from 19.05.2025 to 25.05.2025) will be short terminated at / short originated from Adra (service between Adra & Asansol will remain cancelled).
Moreover, 18184 Buxar – Tatanagar Express (journey commencing on & from 19.05.2025 to 25.05.2025) will be controlled enroute about 60 minutes.

Lost mobile recovered and returned to a commuter

MI News Service, Kolkata: On 15.05.2025 at about 18.35 hrs. an on-duty RPF staff posted at Mahanayak Uttam Kumar Metro station found one unclaimed mobile phone during a routine check and it was deposited to the Station Superintendent office of the station.

Thereafter, the Station Superintendent made repeated announcements with a request to the owner to collect the mobile phone from the Station Superintendent Office of this station and a control message was also communicated to all the stations.

At about 20.20 hrs. a lady passenger came to the Station Superintendent office of Mahanayak Uttam Kumar Metro station and claimed the ownership of the mobile phone. After proper verification and fulfilling all official formalities, the phone was handed over to her.

She expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Metro Railway authorities for helping her to get back her lost phone.

NAME CHANGE
I, Nur Hosen Mallick (Old Name), son of Hanif Mallick, residing at Vill & P.O.-Khanakul, P.S.-Khanakul, Dist.-Hooghly, Pin-712406, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Noor Hasan Mallick (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Noor Hasan Mallick (new name) and Nur Hosen Mallick (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Renuka Devi Giri (old name) D/O Ramnarayan Giri, residing at 192 Girish Ghosh Road, Belurmat, Bally, Howrah-711202, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Renuka Giri (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/05/2025. Renuka Giri (new name) and Renuka Devi Giri (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Somenath Saha S/o Late Sujit Kumar Saha, declare that my father said name Sujit Saha (Old Name), residing at Nangi Jejeepara, Batanagar, Maheshitala(M), South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700140, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my father name and he shall henceforth be known as Sujit Kumar Saha (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 16/05/2025. Sujit Kumar Saha (new name) and Sujit Saha (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Rehena Begam (old name) C/O Late Sk Jalal Uddin, residing at Mondal Para, Santoshpur, Maheshitala, Kolkata-700142, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rehana Begam (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/05/2025. Rehana Begam (new name) and Rehena Begam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Masuma Bibi,Wife Of Md Hasinul Hoque, Residing At,Sekhpara, Po - Mathurapur,Ps -Manikchak, Malda-732203, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Masuma Khatun Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 02/05/2025.That Masuma Bibi And Masuma Khatun Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Nasir Uddin Mondal S/O Abdul Sattar, residing at Laximpul, P.S.-Habra, Dist-North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743234, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kached Molla (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/05/2025. Kached Molla (new name) and Kashed Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I,Kashed Ali Molla & Kased Molla and Kached Molla(olad name) S/O Morsed Moilya, residing at Kulsini, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743425, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kached Molla (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/05/2025. Kached Molla (new name) and Kashed Ali Molla & Kased Molla and Kached Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NI work completion at Santragachi

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Construction Dept./SER & The Kharagpur Division has successfully completed the non-Interlocking in connection with the yard re-modelling and commissioning of Electronic Interlocking with 533 Routes at Santragachi Junction on 18.05.2025.

The railways had undertaken the work of yard modelling in phased manner. 13 days Pre to Pre NI was carried out from 30th April 2025 to 12th May 2025. 5 days Pre NI from 13th May 2025 to 17th May 2025 and on 18th May 2025, i.e. the final day, the Final work of Non Interlocking & commissioning was taken up during a complete traffic block of 7 hours.

The rigorous development work involved hundreds of man-hours of installation and testing. Generally, work of this nature and magnitude, involving major yard remodeling, is commissioned by resorting to non-interlocked working for several days, resulting in severe disruption of railway traffic and public inconvenience from cancellation and

late running of trains. To avoid such situations, innovative planning was done for commissioning the work by taking well planned traffic blocks during the 18 days of the development work, thereby ensuring bare minimum traffic disruptions and passenger inconvenience. It speaks volumes of the planning and preparation by the South Eastern Railway.

The commissioning of the new Electronic Interlocking has integrated

(i) Two (02) additional platforms at Santragachi
(ii) Platform Extension of the existing platforms so as to accommodate full length coaching trains and elimination of Diamond crossings.

(iii) Elimination of the surface crossing of the line from the railway bridge at Sankrail towards Santragachi, resulting in easing out the traffic movement in the down line in SANTRAGACHI - ANDUL section.

To ensure highest level of availability and flexibility, this EI has been provided in a distributed manner with the

interlocking distributed over 6 zones interconnected with highly reliable Optical Fibre Cables (OFC). Facility has been provided for the setting of routes and clearing of signals from electronic Video Display Unit (VDU) using "Mouse & Key Board".

With the commissioning of EI system at Santragachi Junction the movement of trains over South Eastern Railway will get eased up considerably and result in improved punctuality of Mail/Express trains and increase in average speed of the trains. Also, with the increase of platforms and extension of the existing platforms, Mail/Express trains can be more easily admitted to the platforms which were earlier accommodating only suburban trains due to length constraint.

Today, on the final day of the NI work, Shri Rajeev Shrivastava, CAO(Construction)/GRC and Shri K.R. Chaudhary, DRM Kharagpur along with the divisional and HQ officers were present at Santragachi Station for commissioning of the new Electronic Interlocking.

100 Years of Howrah Division: Barddhaman Junction – A Beacon of Heritage and Connectivity



Old Barddhaman Station



Modern Era Barddhaman Station

MI News Service, Kolkata: As the Howrah Railway Division celebrates its 100th anniversary, Barddhaman Junction Railway Station stands as a powerful symbol of India's railway heritage, weaving together the threads of historical significance, cultural richness, and modern connectivity. Situated in the ancient city of Barddhaman, West Bengal, this key station within the Eastern Railway zone has played a pivotal role in shaping the region's identity as a hub of culture, spirituality, and revolutionary history. As the Howrah Division marks a century of service, Barddhaman Junction exemplifies its enduring legacy of progress and connection.

Barddhaman's Ancient Roots and Cultural Significance
Barddhaman's history stretches back to approximately 5000 BC, making it one of India's oldest regions. The name "Barddhaman," an anglicized form of the Sanskrit term, first appeared in a 6th-century copper plate discovered in Mallasarul, within the Galsi Police Station area. This ancient city has long been a center of cultural and religious life, home to revered landmarks such as the BarddhamanRajbari, the 108 Lord Shiva Temple, Sarabangala Temple, Kalyaneshwari Temple, Christ Church Barddhaman, and Ghagar-BurChandi Temple. These sites continue to attract tourists and devotees, underscoring the city's spiritual and historical allure.

The Curzon Gate, erected in 1903 to honor Lord Curzon, the then Viceroy of India, further highlights Barddhaman's prominence during the colonial era.
A Cradle of Revolutionary History
Barddhaman holds a significant place in India's freedom struggle, notably as the site where freedom fighter BatukeshwarDutt was tried alongside Bhagat Singh for their audacious bombing of the National Legislative Assembly in Delhi on April 8, 1929. Born in a village in Barddhaman district, Dutt became a key figure in the revolutionary movement after completing high school. While Bhagat Singh was sentenced to death, Dutt received a life sentence, cementing Barddhaman's role in India's fight for independence and its legacy of courage and sacrifice.

Barddhaman Junction: A Vital Railway Hub
Barddhaman Junction is a cornerstone of the Eastern Railway zone, serving as a critical hub for both passenger and freight transport. Equipped with eight platforms, the station efficiently handles heavy rail traffic, connecting major destinations such as Howrah, Sealdah, Kolkata, Pt. Deen Dayalu Padyay, Gaya, and beyond. The journey of rail transport in Barddhaman began on August 15, 1855, with the first passenger train from Howrah to Barddhaman, a milestone that transformed the region's connectivity. The Howrah-Barddhaman chord, completed in 1917, provided a shorter and more direct route, significantly reducing travel time and enhancing accessibility.

Modernization and Infrastructure Upgrades
In recent years, Barddhaman's railway infrastructure has undergone significant modernization to meet growing demands. The Barddhaman-Katwa line, originally a narrow gauge, was converted to broad gauge up to Balghona in 2014 and extended to Kat-



wa by 2018. These upgrades have strengthened the station's capacity and efficiency, ensuring its continued relevance in the Eastern Railway network. Today, Barddhaman Junction facilitates the seamless movement of passengers and goods, serving as a vital link between West Bengal's cultural heritage and the broader Indian railway system.

A Legacy of Cultural and Economic Impact

The Howrah Division's century-long journey has been defined by its commitment to fostering connectivity while preserving India's cultural and historical legacies. Barddhaman Junction embodies this mission, acting as a gateway to the city's sacred temples, historic monuments, and revolutionary landmarks. By enabling access to these sites, the station sustains Barddhaman's identity as a cultural and spiritual hub. Simultaneously, its robust infrastructure supports economic growth by facilitating trade and travel, connecting rural and urban centers across the region.

Conclusion
Barddhaman Junction is more than a railway station; it is a testament to the Howrah Division's 100 years of service, connecting people, preserving heritage, and driving progress. As a hub that links Barddhaman's ancient history, revolutionary legacy, and cultural richness with the rest of India, the station embodies the division's enduring mission. As the Howrah Division steps into its next century, Barddhaman Junction will remain a beacon of connectivity, heritage, and hope, carrying forward its proud legacy for generations to come.

Howrah Station Hosts Prabhat Pheri, Awareness Campaign & Cleanliness Drive to Mark 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing celebration of 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division, a series of impactful activities including a Prabhat Pheri, Leaflet Distribution, and a Cleanliness Drive were conducted at the Old Complex



of Howrah Station on 18th May 2025 under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Sri Sanjeev Kumar. The event was marked by enthusiastic participation from railway staff, officers, and volunteers, aiming to honor the division's historic legacy while promoting community awareness and cleanliness.

The celebrations began with a spirited Prabhat Pheri, as participants marched through the Old Complex premises, carrying placards and chanting slogans highlighting the significant milestones of Howrah Division's century-long journey. The atmosphere was filled with a sense of pride and unity, reflecting the collective achievements of generations of railway personnel.

Eastern Railway's Malda division achieves major infrastructural milestone

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway's Malda Division accomplished a major infrastructural milestone on 17th May 2025 with the successful launching of one Limited Height Subway (LHS) in the Bhagalpur-Jamalpur (BGP-JMP) section, reinforcing its commitment to enhancing rail infrastructure and ensuring safety by eliminating level crossings. The newly launched LHS replaces Level Crossing No. 16T within the Ratanpur (RPUR) station limits on both UP and DOWN lines. The structure consists of 10 box segments and 5 slabs, with dimensions of 6 meters by 4.65 meters. This major undertaking was accompanied by the optimal utilization of traffic blocks.

In addition to the primary LHS work, multiple critical maintenance and renewal tasks were executed under the shadow of the above blocks to enhancing operational reliability and infrastructure robustness. These include:

Three major switch renewal tasks were successfully completed at Bariarpur and Jamalpur stations, along with



the renewal of glued joints. In the Kahalgaon-Abhaipur DN line section, Ballast Cleaning Machine (BCM), Duomatic Machine (DUO), and Dynamic Track Stabilizer (DGS) were deployed, achieving a cumulative progress of 320 track meters (TM).

Further, At Nathnagar station, MFI machine a type of track maintenance was deployed, resulting in the completion of four points and 635

TM. Additionally, 4,000 TM of machine tamping using a Ballast Regulating Machine (BRM) was completed at Uren and Dharhara stations, significantly improving track quality in this key section.

Moreover, Seventeen welds of rail joints were performed at Jamalpur and Abhaipur stations. At Ratanpur Halt (RPUR), three glued rail changes and six additional weld joints were successfully executed.

Track stabilization efforts also included distressing of tracks between Kahalgaon (KJH) and Abhaipur station in the DN line, covering 1600 TM. Lastly, Through Fitting Renewal (TFR) was also undertaken at Jamalpur Junction (JMP) over a stretch of 400 TM.

These engineering accomplishments, completed within a single operational window, stand as a testament to the precision, planning, and execution capabilities of the Malda Division. The successful completion of these works significantly strengthens the track infrastructure, enhances operational safety, and contributes to the uninterrupted movement of railway services.

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 proj-

ect 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.

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.

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Sealdah Division Engages Youth and school children in Various Locations Across the Division with Amrit Bharat Station Scheme Competitions on 'Mera Amrit Station' and 'Operation Sindoor- Veerta ka Mishal'

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a vibrant initiative under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division recently organized engaging Painting and Essay competitions across various locations, focusing on the themes of 'Mera Amrit Station' and 'Operation Sindoor- Veerta ka Mishal'. These events witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, fostering creativity and awareness about railway development and operations.

Specifically, at Ichapur, Abacus Central School hosted a compelling Poster Making competition on 'Mera Amrit Station' and 'Operation Sindoor- Veerta ka Mishal' theme, drawing the participation of 94 talented students. Simultaneously, in Kanchrapara, Eastern Railway High School – Kanchrapara or-



ganized both Poster Making and Essay competitions on the topics of 'Mera Amrit Station' and 'Operation Sindoor- Veerta ka Mishal', with a total of 137 students actively showcasing their artistic and literary abilities.

These competitions, held under the aegis of the Am-

rit Bharat Station Scheme, aimed to connect young minds with the vision of modernizing railway stations and also to educate them about important railway endeavours. The significant participation from students in Ichapur and Kanchrapara highlights the community's strong

engagement with these crucial initiatives.

A total of six awardees, three from each event (across all competition themes and locations within Sealdah Division), will be selected for their exceptional contributions. These deserving students will be felicitated by esteemed dignitaries during the Amrit Bharat Station Program, recognizing their efforts and inspiring their future engagement.

DRM Sealdah Sri Rajeev Saxena said that, this commendable initiative by Eastern Railway, Sealdah Division, underscores its commitment to reaching out to communities across its various locations, fostering awareness about key railway projects and operations among the younger generation, and nurturing their creative talents.

Asansol division organizes a series of competitions on the themes "Mera Amrit Station" and "Operation Sindoor – Veerta Ki Misaaal"

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of Indian Railways' initiative to engage young minds in nation-building themes and promote awareness about the transformational journey of Indian Railway stations, a series of competitions amongst school students are being organized across the country on the themes "Mera Amrit Station" and "Operation Sindoor – Veerta Ki Misaaal."

In alignment with this initiative, the Asansol Division of Eastern Railway organized a series of competitions in three categories—Drawing, Essay Writing, and Elocution—among students of four schools around Shankarpur and Panagarh. The aim was to encourage



creativity and patriotic expression among students, highlighting the development of railway infrastructure and the bravery of the armed forces.

A good number of students of Sunrise Academy & Modern Public School at Shankarpur and the stu-

dents of P M Kendra Vidyalaya & Sharada Vidyapith at Panagarh enthusiastically participated in the competitions, showcasing their talents and deep understanding of the themes through impressive drawings, insightful essays, and powerful speeches. The

school children participated in different competitions through their creative, also revealed the spirit of patriotism among themselves.

A total of 36 winners have been selected across the competition categories from the four schools. These outstanding participants will be felicitated by Hon'ble dignitaries during the inaugural functions of Shankarpur and Panagarh stations, both of which have been recently upgraded under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

This initiative not only fosters a sense of pride and awareness among students but also celebrates the spirit of transformation and valor that these themes represent.

Synergy in action: Tri-services deliver calibrated blow to Pakistani terror camps in Operation SINDOOR

MI News Service, New Delhi: In an age of multi-domain warfare, where threats evolve faster than borders shift, India's national security architecture has demonstrated the strength of jointness and strategic foresight, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting said.

Operation SINDOOR, initiated on May 7 in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed the lives of 26 innocent civilians, showcased a calibrated, tri-services response that embodied precision, professionalism, and purpose. Operation SINDOOR was conceived as a punitive and targeted campaign to dismantle the terror infrastructure across the Line of Control and deeper inside Pakistan.

According to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Multi-agency intelligence provided confirmation of nine major camps that were eventually targeted in the operation. India's retaliatory action was based on meticulous planning and an intelligence-led approach, which ensured that the operations were conducted with minimal collateral damage.

Operational ethics were central to the mission, and restraint was exercised to avoid civilian harm.

In the aftermath of Operation SINDOOR, Pakistan initiated a series of retaliatory drone and Unmanned combat aerial vehicle (UCAV) attacks targeting key Indian airbases and logistics infrastructure.

These attempts, however, were effectively neutralised by India's comprehensive and multilayered air defence architecture.

Central to this success was the Integrated Command and Control Strategy (ICCS), which facilitated real-time threat identification, assessment, and interception across multiple domains, as per Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

In every single domain of Operation Sindoor there was operational synergy between the forces and fully supported by the Government, agencies and departments.

The operation unfolded across land, air, and sea—a seamless demonstration of synergy between the Indian Army, Air Force, and Navy. The Indian Air Force (IAF) played a crucial role in delivering precision strikes against terror infrastructure across Pakistan.

It conducted high-impact air operations on targets such as the Nur Khan Air Base and the Rahimyar Khan Air Base, with visual evidence of damage presented during official briefings. The Air Force's robust air defence environment proved pivotal in protecting Indian airspace during retaliatory drone and UAV attacks from across the border.

The indigenously developed Akash surface-to-air missile system and legacy platforms like the Pechora and OSA-AK were deployed effectively in a layered defence grid.

The IAF's Integrated Air Command and Control System enabled real-time coordination of air assets, allowing Indian forces to neutralise aerial threats efficiently and maintain net-centric operations throughout the conflict.

Simultaneously, the Indian Army demonstrated its preparedness and effec-

tiveness in both defensive and offensive roles.

The Army's air defence units worked in tandem with the Air Force, deploying a wide array of systems ranging from shoulder-fired MANPADS and LLAD guns to long-range SAMs.

These units were instrumental in countering waves of drones and loitering munitions launched by Pakistan. Despite Pakistan's unrelenting efforts to inflict damage, Indian forces succeeded in ensuring the security of both military and civilian infrastructure.

The Indian Navy played a critical role in asserting maritime dominance during Operation SINDOOR. Operating as a composite networked force, the Navy deployed its Carrier Battle Group (CBG) equipped with MiG-29K fighter jets and airborne early warning helicopters.

This ensured persistent surveillance and real-time identification of threats across the maritime domain. The CBG maintained a powerful air defence shield that prevented hostile aerial incursions, especially from the Makran coast.

The Navy's presence created a strong deterrent and effectively bottled up Pakistani air elements along their western seaboard, denying them any operational space. Naval pilots conducted round-the-clock sorties, further demonstrating India's readiness and strategic reach in the region.

The Navy's ability to establish uncontested control over the seas also validated its anti-missile and anti-aircraft defence capabilities in a complex threat environment.

During Operation Sin-

door, the Border Security Force (BSF) also played a critical role in thwarting a major infiltration attempt along the International Border in the Samba district of Jammu and Kashmir.

BSF troops noticed suspicious movement in the early hours and swiftly responded, leading to a heavy exchange of fire. In the ensuing encounter, the BSF successfully neutralised at least two infiltrators and recovered arms, ammunition, and other war-like stores.

The operation underscored the BSF's vigilance, operational preparedness, and its crucial role in maintaining border security during heightened tensions.

Operation SINDOOR was thus not just a tactical success but a strategic statement. It demonstrated India's capacity for high-precision, coordinated military action across land, air, and sea. The operation was made possible by years of investment in defence preparedness, unwavering policy, and budgetary support from the government of India.

The message was clear: when appeals to reason and diplomacy are met with continued aggression, a decisive response is both justified and necessary. In sum, Operation SINDOOR will be remembered as a defining moment in India's defence history—a symbol of military precision, inter-service cooperation, and national resolve.

It successfully eliminated terror threats, reaffirmed India's regional dominance, and sent a strong message that cross-border terrorism would be met with a calibrated yet firm response.

Amit Shah inaugurates newly constructed building of KK Patel, Madhuben K Patel Nursing College

MI News Service, Mehsana : Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah on Sunday inaugurated the newly constructed building of KK Patel and Madhuben K Patel Nursing College in Mehsana district of Gujarat.

Addressing the inauguration program, Union Minister Amit Shah said that this nursing college has been playing an important role in nursing education for the last 65 years. He said that this building equipped with facilities like lecture room, laboratory, library and office, will provide easy and accessible medical education to the youth of the region.

The Union Minister stated, "With the aim of strengthening the previously weak healthcare system of the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi introduced the Ayushman Bharat scheme. Since the implementation of this scheme, every poor citizen in the country now has an Ayushman card, through which they can receive free treatment up to five lakh rupees. He added that now every hospital is being upgraded to meet the standards of the Ayushman Bharat scheme."

Shah appealed to the state hospitals to align their facilities with the standards of the Ayushman Bharat scheme so that both the general public and hospital management can benefit. He said that the government's effort is to ensure that every poor person has access to proper healthcare services near their home.

Amit Shah said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the country has brought about a radical transformation in the healthcare sector from 2014 to 2025. He stated that today, 6 million people possess the Ayushman card. Provision has been made for free treatment up to five lakh rupees for every citizen in India over the age of 70, with no fixed income limit for beneficiaries.

Shah added that PM Modi has further strengthened the country's healthcare sector through initiatives like the Swachh Bharat Mission, Fit India Movement, Har Ghar Jal (water to every household), toilets in every home, Mission Indradhanush for vaccinating every child, nutrition campaigns, apart from the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

The Union Minister said that before 2014, the health budget of the country was Rs 37 thousand crore, but PM Modi increased it to Rs 1 lakh 37 thousand crore in the year 2025-26. He said that by increasing the budget of the health sector, PM Modi set up the National Digital Health ecosystem, started the Ayushman Bharat scheme and built Ayushman Arogya Mandir.



Kids swim in a swimming pool on a hot summer day, in Patna on Sunday.

Jairam Ramesh accuses Centre of 'cheap politics' after suggested Congress MPs excluded in delegation

MI News Service, New Delhi: Congress General Secretary in charge of Communications Jairam Ramesh on Sunday accused the Central government of playing "cheap politics" and indulging in "politicisation" by not including all the names recommended by the Opposition for the all-party parliamentary delegation which is set to visit key partner countries to highlight India's ongoing fight against cross-border terrorism and Operation Sindoor.

Jairam Ramesh alleged that despite formally submitting four names on request, the government ignored most of them, undermining parliamentary conventions and trust between the Opposition and the ruling party.

Speaking to ANI, Jairam Ramesh said, "On May 16, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju reached out on behalf of the Central government to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and requested four names from the party to join the multi-party parliamentary group."

"Responding promptly, Rahul Gandhi submitted a list comprising senior leaders Anand Sharma, Gaurav Gogoi, Nasir Hussain, and Raja Barar, before noon the same day," he said.

Ramesh said the government picked only one name from the list—Anand Sharma—and arbitrarily replaced the others with names not suggested by Congress.

"We gave the names they asked for, yet only one was included. This shows that the government's intention was already a mischievous one and this game was being played so that the formality of asking us ends," he alleged.

Ramesh claimed that the whole exercise appeared to be a formality to claim that talks were held, but in reality, it was mere damage control.

"I believe this was politicisation, which should not have been done. They should have sincerely done this. There should be trust between the Opposition and the ruling party. There is a parliamentary system, there is a tradition that when you want to choose

MPs of a party, you have to speak to the concerned leaders of the party," he said.

"Why did Kiren Rijiju come and ask for names from Rahul Gandhi and Kharge ji. Well, this narrative has been lost. This is just damage control. The way they have behaved with Congress is cheap politics, mischief. When you asked us for names, why did you not include them? We sat and deliberated for two hours, then gave the names," said Ramesh.

Adding further, he said, "The names suggested by the Congress were good MPs, influential. They were not just seasoned lawmakers but also influential voices in Parliament with significant contributions. When you request names from the Opposition, there is a parliamentary convention to respect that."

"Everyone can see that Operation Sindoor is being politicised. US President Donald Trump's repeated claims—made at least seven times—that the conflict was de-escalated due to US mediation. Yet, PM Modi has not responded. The EAM is silent," Ramesh said.

Ramesh also condemned recent statements made by two ministers from Madhya Pradesh, which he described as "deeply insulting" to armed forces personnel and to Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, who led troops during Operation Sindoor.

He reiterated that the Congress party has always prioritised national interest over politics, and called for the government to do the same.

"The Centre has done as per their wish, included only one name from the list given by us, the four other names were chosen by them. They aren't representatives of the party. Let the MPs go, even those from the Congress, we will not stop them, we will not boycott this delegation. We do not politicise it. We should end the discussion here. There are other important issues too," he added.

"The real issue is terrorism. The mastermind of terrorism is Pakistan. The way Pakistan's deep state is behind terrorism is the issue. Kashmir is not the issue, it

will be discussed only in the Parliament," said Ramesh.

The all-party delegations will project India's national consensus and resolute approach to combating terrorism in all forms and manifestations. They would carry forth to the world the country's strong message of zero tolerance against terrorism.

According to Congress, the party had submitted four names to the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs by May 16, but the final list released late on May 17 included only one of the suggested names.

The list includes MPs from multiple parties, divided into seven groups of 8-9 members. A leader has been assigned for each group, who will lead the delegation at a global level.

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, while posting the list on Saturday, also highlighted how the Members of Parliament have shown a united stance of "One mission. One message. One Bharat."

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The Members of Parliament from different parties, prominent political personalities, and distinguished diplomats will be part of each delegation.

This came after India's decisive military response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. Operation Sindoor, launched on May 7, targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, leading to the death of over 100 terrorists affiliated with terror outfits like the Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Taiba and Hizbul Mujahideen.

After the attack, Pakistan retaliated with cross-border shelling across the Line of Control and Jammu and Kashmir as well as attempted drone attacks along the border regions, following which India launched a coordinated attack and damaged radar infrastructure, communication centres and airfields across 11 airbases in Pakistan.

Stage-I GRAP measures revoked across NCR following subsequent decrease in air pollution levels

MI News Service, New Delhi: Following the subsequent decrease in the air pollution levels, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) revoked the Stage-I measures of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) across the entire National Capital Region (NCR) on Sunday.

This comes two days after the CAQM had enforced Stage-I measures of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) across the entire National Capital Region in response to the sudden spike in air pollution levels.

The decision to revoke the Stage-I measures of the GRAP was taken by the CAQM Sub-Committee unanimously.

According to an official release from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, on Sunday, Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) of the day clocked 179 as per the daily AQI Bulletin provided by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

In view of significant improvement in the daily average AQI of Delhi and also

considering the meteorological forecasts by India Meteorological Department, the Sub-Committee on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) met today to review the current air quality scenario in the region and accordingly took an appropriate decision on the actions under Stage-I of the extant schedule of GRAP in place in the entire National Capital Region (NCR) since May 16.

While comprehensively reviewing the overall air quality parameters of Delhi-NCR and other aspects, the Sub-Committee observed that AQI of Delhi has shown significant improvement due to strong surface winds and thunderstorms followed by light rains.

The AQI of Delhi has been recorded as 179 for May 18 (in 'Moderate' category). Further, the forecast by IMD also predicts AQI to mainly remain in 'Moderate' category in coming days.

Therefore, keeping in view this trend of improve-

ment in the AQI of Delhi and also the forecasts by IMD, indicating the average air quality of Delhi to stay in 'Moderate' category in the coming days, the CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP unanimously decided to revoke Stage-I of the extant schedule of GRAP in the entire NCR, with immediate effect, the release stated.

All the agencies of the concerned state governments in the NCR need to ensure that all statutory directions, advisories, orders etc. issued by the Commission are followed and implemented in right earnest, including the rules, regulations and guidelines issued by MoEFCC and the Central Pollution Control Board and related instructions issued by the respective state governments and Pollution Control Boards/DPCC, across all contributing sectors.

In this context, all the agencies concerned are also required to take note of various actions and the targeted timelines as envisaged in the comprehensive policy issued by the Commission

to curb air pollution in the NCR and take appropriate actions accordingly in the field, particularly the dust mitigation measures, the release said.

The Sub-Committee, shall be keeping a close watch on the air quality scenario and review the situation from time to time for further appropriate decision depending upon the air quality in Delhi and forecast made available by IMD/IITM, the release added.

On May 16, in response to a sudden spike in air pollution levels, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) enforced Stage-I measures of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) across the entire National Capital Region (NCR).

The decision was a comprehensive review by the CAQM Sub-Committee, which convened on May 16 at 4:00 PM. The committee assessed the persistent poor air quality conditions in Delhi, due to long-range dust transport triggered by strong winds which has been considered episodic in nature.

India's land port restrictions aim to "restore equality in relationship" with Bangladesh

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Indian government has imposed land port restrictions on certain Bangladeshi exports to the northeastern states, a move that sources say is aimed at restoring "equality in the relationship".

On late Saturday evening, India imposed immediate port restrictions on the import of several categories of

goods from Bangladesh, following a directive issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).

The sources told ANI that while India had hitherto allowed all exports from Bangladesh without restrictions, the transit and market access to India's northeast region had been restricted by Bangladesh.

"This measure by India,"

referring to the Saturday move, sources said, "restores equal market access for both countries."

"Bangladesh has been seeking equality in engagement with India," the sources added.

In this context, the sources further said that the relationship with Bangladesh will now be on "reciprocal terms".

India limiting readymade garment imports from Bangladesh to only two seaports—Kolkata and Nhava Sheva (Mumbai)—is, according to the sources, a reciprocal measure to Bangladesh -- which had imposed similar trade restrictions on Indian yarn and rice, besides selectively enhancing inspection on all Indian goods exported to Bangladesh.

Tumour cell growth is impacted by mineralization of bone matrix: Study

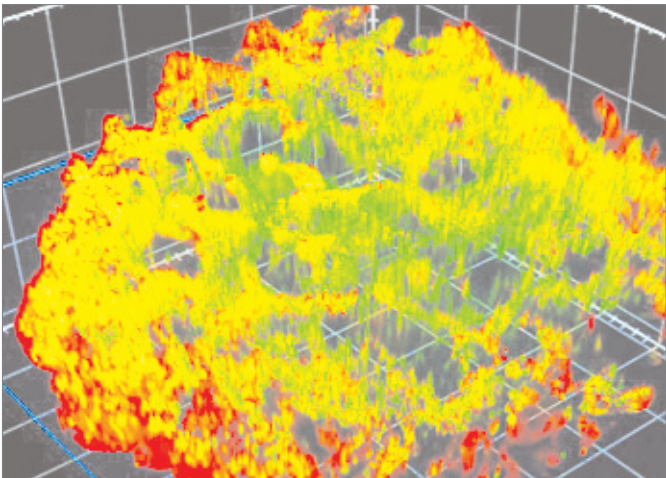
WASHINGTON : The mineralization of the bone matrix, a fibrous mesh of organic and inorganic components that determines the distinct biochemical and biomechanical properties of our skeleton, has now been discovered by an interdisciplinary Cornell team as a new mechanism controlling tumour growth in the skeleton, the primary site of breast cancer metastasis.

In their article, "Bone-Matrix Mineralization Dampens Integrin-Mediated Mechanosignalling and Metastatic Progression in Breast Cancer," which appeared in Nature Biomedical Engineering, Siyoung Choi, a research associate, and Matthew Whitman, a doctoral student, are the co-lead authors.

The project is the result of a recent partnership between co-senior authors Lara Estroff, the Herbert Fisk Johnson Professor of Industrial Chemistry, and Claudia Fischbach, the Stanley Bryer 1946 Professor of Biomedical Engineering, both at Cornell Engineering. The two have been researching the metastatic spread of breast cancer to the bone for more than ten years.

To understand how the tissue microenvironment controls cancer in various contexts, Fischbach's lab uses biomaterials in conjunction with cellular and tissue engineering techniques, while Estroff's team focuses on biomineralization, or how living things regulate the growth of crystals in their tissues.

"We know that cancer cells behave like seeds that need the right soil to grow, and we're very



"This study basically shows for the first time that physiological interactions between mineral particles and collagen may be able to inhibit the activation of tumour cells that have spread to the bone,"

interested in how the extracellular matrix, which is basically the material in between cells that holds everything together, affects tumour growth," Fischbach said.

During physiological mineralization, bone mineral particles are deposited in and around collagen type I fibres.

This process occurs naturally and is necessary for bone health but decreases with age - for example, due to hormonal changes as seen in women undergoing menopause. It can also result from dietary changes or chemotherapy.

A connection between reduced bone health and the behaviour of tumour cells is well-established. For example, decreased bone

mineral density has been correlated with an increased risk for metastasis, and incomplete fracture healing has been shown to enhance bone metastasis.

However, no one had been able to isolate which specific role bone-matrix mineralization plays in this process.

"You can't study some these connections unless you have model systems in which you can control bone matrix properties in a defined way," Fischbach said.

The researchers were able to create such systems by combining organic and inorganic matrix components, including collagen and the bone mineral hydroxyapatite, in a manner that mimicked physiological and pathologic min-

eralization. Estroff led the necessary materials synthesis and characterization techniques of the different bone matrix models, which the team then used to investigate tumour cell behaviour, first in vitro and then in vivo through mouse models. The presence of bone minerals reduced the growth of tumour cells in both settings. The presence of minerals also caused tumour cells to promote genes that were associated with better patient prognosis. These findings suggest that a healthy bone matrix can reduce the risk of breast cancer skeletal metastasis.

Co-authors Matthew Paszek, associate professor in the Smith School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, and Olivier Elemento, director of the Englander Institute for Precision Medicine and a professor of physiology and biophysics and of computational biomedicine at Weill Cornell Medicine, helped elucidate how bone matrix regulates cellular mechanosignaling, and connect the potential molecular mechanisms to patient data.

"This study basically shows for the first time that physiological interactions between mineral particles and collagen may be able to inhibit the activation of tumour cells that have spread to the bone," Fischbach said.

"Now we're broadly interested in how other cell types are influenced by varied bone-matrix mineralization. And how do mineral-dependent changes of their behaviour regulate tumour cells?"

Cardiovascular disease risk factors are prevalent in young people: Study

CHICAGO [US] : A child with risk factors for heart disease has to wait nearly a year to see a cardiologist in the United States today due to high demand and constrained resources.

They could use this valuable time to manage their illnesses and avoid having a heart attack or stroke.

The Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago and Northwestern University recently published the first comprehensive study on the practise of paediatric preventive cardiology in 30 years. It was found that children with cardiovascular disease risk factors were very common, but there was a severe lack of staff and resources to provide the prompt, preventive care these children needed. In the journal Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes, the study's findings were released. The study, according to the researchers, should be taken as a call to action for policymakers and healthcare systems to allocate more funds, such as increased investment in paediatric preventive cardiology, more research to guide clinical care, and more collaboration between programmes to develop best practices. "We're not talking about primordial prevention - they've already got risk factors and are at risk for having an early heart attack or stroke," said corresponding study author Dr. Amanda Marma Perak, assistant professor of pediatric cardiology and preventive medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and a pediatric preventive cardiologist at Lurie Children's Hospital. "It's the difference between treating and controlling their risk over time versus letting that risk factor damage their vessels over many years to the point you've lost ground." These risk factors can and should be screened for at pediatric primary care appointments so children can be referred to a cardiologist if necessary, but therein lies the problem of limited resources, Perak said. "It's unfortunate because paediatrics is such a great opportunity to address these risk factors before they often disappear from clinical care for a while as young adults when maybe they'll be more at risk because they haven't been looked at for so long," Perak said. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for adult men, women and people of most racial and ethnic groups in the U.S., with one person dying every 33 seconds from cardiovascular disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Parents with children on a long wait list might be panicking, but they might also get the message 'this isn't that important,'" Perak said.



"They've been referred by their primary care provider, but the longer they're on this waitlist, the more likely they are to not go to the appointment because months later, life has changed, more things are going on, who knows where the cholesterol levels are," Perak said she fears the paediatricians might also be getting the same message.

"If primary care paediatricians don't have anywhere to send these children, their hands are tied, and they may be less likely to refer a patient to a specialist," Perak said. Perak said parents can work with their paediatrician to identify local programs to manage their child's cardiovascular risk factors. The American Heart Association (AHA) is working to coordinate efforts to help address these gaps and challenges and to raise awareness with other stakeholders, such as policymakers, who need to take action, she said. Lurie Children's Hospital has been working to improve its waitlists, with new preventive cardiology patients in Chicago or the suburbs waiting between just one week to one month to be seen by a specialist in person or via telemedicine.

Additionally, Perak said Lurie Children's Hospital has hired additional advanced practice nurses to hold preventive cardiology clinics and is currently working to start a "mobile" clinic that will travel to underserved neighbourhoods to offer care on-site.

One outcome Perak and the AHA hope will come of these findings is to find ways to make kids' heart disease management more efficient for everyone - not just the patients and their cardiologists, but also physicians in other specialties, such as endocrinologists, nephrologists and weight-management specialists, Perak said.

Depression symptoms are lessened by social media interventions: Study

ENGLAND [UK] : According to a recent study by UCL researchers, receiving therapy for problematic social media use can be effective in improving the mental well-being of people with depression.

The research, published in the Journal of Medical Internet Research, found that social media use interventions could help adults for whom social media use has become problematic or interferes with their mental health.

Problematic use occurs when a person's preoccupation with social media diverts them from important duties and causes them to overlook obligations in other areas of their life.

According to prior research, social media use can become problematic when it begins to negatively impact a person's everyday life and results in mental health problems like sadness, anxiety, tension, and loneliness.

To address these issues, and improve users' mental health, social media use interventions have been developed and evaluated by researchers. Such techniques include abstaining from or limiting the use of social media, alongside therapy-based techniques such as Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT).

The researchers analysed 23 studies which featured participants from across the globe, between 2004 and 2022. They found that in more than a third of studies (39 per cent), social media use interventions improved mental well-being.

Improvements were particularly notable in depression (low mood), as 70 per cent of studies saw a significant improvement in depression following the intervention. Therapy-based interventions were most effective - improving mental wellbeing in 83 per cent of studies, compared to 20 per cent of studies finding an improvement where social media use was limited and 25 per cent where

social media was given up entirely.

Lead author, Dr Ruth Plackett (UCL Institute of Epidemiology & Health), said, "Mental health issues are on the rise, as is the number of people who use social media.

"Health and care professionals should be aware that reducing time spent on social media is unlikely to benefit mental wellbeing on its own.

"Instead, taking a more therapy-based approach and reflecting on how and why we are interacting with social media and managing those behaviours could help improve mental health."

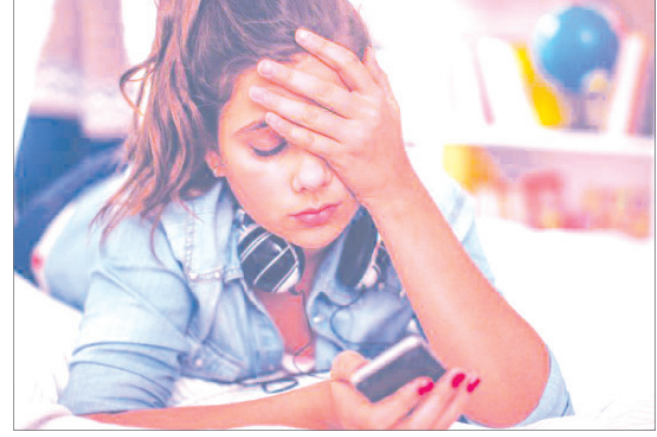
Study author and GP Dr Patricia Schartau (UCL Institute of Epidemiology & Health), added, "As primary care physicians, we should proactively explore social media use and its effects on mental health in patients who present with anxiety and/or low mood in order to give those patients the opportunity to benefit from treatment including some of the more effective interventions outlined in our review."

In 2022 it was estimated that 4.59 billion people globally used at least one form of social media and the sites have dramatically changed how people communicate, form relationships and perceive each other.

While some studies report that social media can be beneficial to users and provide them with increased social support, other evidence links social media with depression, anxiety and other psychological problems - particularly in young people.

The researchers hope that their findings will help to develop guidance and recommendations for policymakers and clinicians on how best to manage problematic social media use.

However, further research is needed in order to investigate who may benefit most from social media use interventions.



New blood pressure related technique predicts health outcomes in patients: Study

BOSTON [US] : Critically ill patients who are in circulatory shock, which happens when the heart is unable to pump enough blood and oxygen to the rest of the body, frequently as a result of heart failure, sepsis, or haemorrhage, require close monitoring and treatment, especially to maintain adequate blood pressure to prevent damage to vital organs.

Recently, a system for monitoring these patients was created by a group of scientists from MIT and Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), which may help doctors manage their blood pressure and cardiac function to lower the risk of mortality and other adverse health effects.

The study's results were released in Nature Medicine. The work entailed developing a method for measuring a circulation feature known as critical closure pressure, which is the blood pressure at which small blood capillaries collapse and blood flow ceases. Although critical closing pressure can provide an indicator of blood vessel tone in response to disease and therapy, it has not been frequently measured in clinical care.

Development of the new approach utilized high reso-



"When treating patients with circulatory shock, it is essential to maintain adequate blood pressure targets, yet standard goals are not personalized to individual patients. We have developed a new metric that can identify individuals with inadequate tissue perfusion who are at risk for adverse outcomes."

Study finds how body's invisible scalpel removes brain cancer

LA JOLLA (CALIFORNIA) : Glioblastoma, the most prevalent and lethal type of brain cancer, spreads quickly, invading and destroying healthy brain tissue. The tumour shoots malignant tendrils into the brain, making surgical removal of the tumour extremely difficult or impossible.

Salk researchers have discovered that the immunotherapy drug anti-CTLA-4 significantly improves survival in mice with glioblastoma. Furthermore, they observed that this therapy was dependent on immune cells known as CD4+ T cells invading the brain and activating the tumor-destructive actions of other immune cells known as microglia, which live in the brain permanently.

The findings, which were published in Immunity, demonstrate the benefit of using the body's own immune cells to attack brain cancer and could lead to more successful immunotherapies for treating brain cancer in humans.

"There are currently no effective treatments for glioblastoma-a diagnosis today is basically a death sentence," says Professor Susan Kaech, senior center and director of the NOMIS Center for Immunobiology and Microbial Pathogenesis. "We're extremely excited to find an immunotherapy regimen that uses the mouse's own immune cells to fight the brain cancer and leads to considerable shrinkage, and in some cases elimination, of the tumor."

When standard cancer treatments like surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation cease to be effective, doctors increasingly turn to

immunotherapy. Immunotherapy encourages the body's own immune cells to seek and destroy cancer cells. Though not universal, immunotherapy works on many tumors and has provided many patients with strong, long-lasting anti-cancer responses. Kaech wanted to find new ways of

drug designed to stimulate our immune system to fight cancer, but it was quickly followed by another, anti-PD-1, that was less toxic and became more widely used. Whether anti-CTLA-4 is an effective treatment for glioblastoma remains unknown since anti-PD-1 took precedence in clin-

the researchers compared the life spans of mice with glioblastoma when treated with anti-CTLA-4 versus anti-PD-1. After discovering that blocking CTLA-4 prolonged their life spans considerably, but blocking PD-1 did not, the team moved on to figure out what made that outcome possible.

lines a novel process where CD4+ T cells and other brain-resident immune cells team up to kill cancerous cells," says co-first author Dan Chen, a postdoctoral researcher in Kaech's lab.

To understand the role of microglia in this cycle, the researchers collaborated with co-author and Salk Professor Greg Lemke, holder of the Françoise Gilot-Salk Chair. For decades, Lemke has investigated critical molecules, called TAM receptors, used by microglia to send and receive crucial messages. The researchers found that TAM receptors told microglia to gobble up cancer cells in this novel cycle.

"We were stunned by this novel codependency between microglia and CD4+ T cells," says co-first author Siva Karthik Varanasi, a postdoctoral researcher in Kaech's lab. "We are already excited about so many new biological questions and therapeutic solutions that could radically change treatment for deadly cancers like glioblastoma."

Connecting the pieces of this cancer-killing puzzle brings researchers closer than ever to understanding and treating glioblastoma.

"We can now reimagine glioblastoma treatment by trying to turn the local microglia that surround brain tumors into tumor killers," says Kaech, holder of the NOMIS Chair. "Developing a partnership between CD4+ T cells and microglia is creating a new type of productive immune response that we have not previously known about."



harnessing the immune system to develop more safe and durable treatments for brain cancer.

Her team found three cancer-fighting tools that have been somewhat overlooked in brain cancer research that may cooperate and effectively attack glioblastoma: an immunotherapy drug called anti-CTLA-4 and specialized immune cells called CD4+ T cells and microglia.

Anti-CTLA-4 immunotherapy works by blocking cells from making the CTLA-4 protein, which, if not blocked, inhibits T cell activity. It was the first immunotherapy



They found that after anti-CTLA-4 treatment, CD4+ T cells secreted a protein called interferon gamma that caused the tumor to throw up "stress flags" while simultaneously alerting microglia to start eating up those stressed tumor cells. As they gobbled up the tumor cells, the microglia would present scraps of tumor on their surface to keep the CD4+ T cells attentive and producing more interferon gamma-creating a cycle that repeats until the tumor is destroyed.

"Our study demonstrates the promise of anti-CTLA-4 and out-

BJP Minister's son arrested in Rs 71 crore MGNREGA scam

MI News Sevice, Gujarat: Balvant Khabad, the son of Gujarat minister state for panchayat and agriculture Bachubhai Khabad, was arrested on Saturday, May 17, for his alleged involvement in a Rs 71 crore MGNREGA scam where some contracted agencies received payments from the government without finishing work or supplying goods, police said.

Police also arrested the then Taluka Development Officer (TDO) Darshan Patel in Dahod district, taking the number of persons held so far to seven, an officer said.

The alleged scam involved owners of 35 agencies in connivance with government officials siphoning off Rs 71 crore between 2021 and 2024 by producing bogus work completion certificates and other evidence to get the payment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme.

A police officer said Balvant Khabad owns one of these agencies, accused of committing fraud in MGNREGA works in areas under Devgadhi Baria and Dhanpur talukas of tribal-dominated Dahod district.

"Dahod Police have arrested Bachubhai Khabad's son Balvant Khabad and the then TDO Darshan Patel in connection with the MGNREGA scam in the district. We had arrested five persons earlier," said Deputy Superintendent of Police and Investigation Officer Jagdishsinh Bhandari.

Police last month registered an FIR on charges of cheating, forgery, and breach of trust against unidentified persons, including government employees, after the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) unearthed the scam amounting to Rs 71 crore.

During field visits, RDA officials found that payments were made to the contractors for those roads not laid but shown as completed on the paper to receive the payment, the FIR said.

The assigned work includes constructing roads, check walls, and stone bunds in two talukas of Dahod between January 2021 and December 2024.

Police said payments were also made to agencies ineligible for supplying material or those who had not participated in the tendering process.

Ashoka professor Ali Khan arrested after BJP leader's complaint over Op Sindoor remarks

MI News Sevice, Haryana: Ali Khan Mahmudabad, an Associate Professor of Political Science at Ashoka University, has been arrested following a complaint filed by Yogesh Jathari, the general secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Yuva Mocha in Haryana. The arrest, which has triggered widespread criticism, is linked to remarks Mahmudabad made in a May 8 social media post regarding Operation Sindoor.

Mahmudabad's comments highlighted what he saw as the irony of Hindutva supporters praising Colonel Sofia Qureshi, a woman Muslim officer in the Indian Army, while remaining silent on the injustices faced by victims of mob lynching and state-backed bulldozing. He questioned whether the same voices would equally advocate for the rights of Indian Muslims and other marginalized groups.

The Haryana State Women's Commission responded by accusing Mahmudabad of disparaging women officers and promoting communal disharmony. Mahmudabad countered that his remarks were misinterpreted and did not violate any laws concerning women's rights or dignity.

Following the complaint, the Haryana Police arrested Mahmudabad under

provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita related to promoting enmity between communities, inciting rebellion, and insulting religious beliefs. He was reportedly taken from his residence in Delhi without a transit remand early the next morning, sparking further outrage. Critics have called the arrest a violation of due process.

Delhi University professor Apoorvanand strongly condemned the arrest, calling it illegal and urging intervention from the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court. He referenced the Supreme Court's Pravar Purkayastha judgment, which emphasizes the need for strict safeguards during arrests.

A day earlier, an open letter signed by more than 1,200 individuals—including academics, civil servants, and politicians—was released in support of Mahmudabad. The letter called the actions of the Women's Commission "malicious" and "preposterous," asserting that even a nuanced critique of war and politics now risks being silenced.

The arrest of Mahmudabad has sparked concerns over academic freedom, freedom of speech, and increasing political intimidation of dissenting voices in India.

Muslim youngster arrested after pulling down Israeli flag hoisted for Miss World Pageant

MI News Sevice, Hyderabad: A Muslim youngster was booked after he pulled an Israeli flag hoisted for the Miss World 2025 pageant at the Secretariat building in Hyderabad.

On May 12, the youngster, Zakir went live on Instagram and showed himself removing the hoisted Israeli flag. The video went viral and police booked him soon after. Later, authorities re-hoisted the flag.

On Friday, the youth did the act again. Following this, an eyewitness wrote on X, tagging Hyderabad Commissioner of police CV Anand, "respected Sir CV

Anand IPS and Hyderabad Police, Given the 72nd Miss World 20-25 competition which is to be held in Hyderabad many countries and their bureaucrats will be joining this event the government has installed all the country flags at tankbund. For a couple of days, some Instagram handles have been posting to remove the Israeli flag because of the war between Israel and Palestine."

While several users applauded the act amidst Israel's genocide on Palestinians, the police registered two cases were registered and arrested the youth.

Iran's leaders slam Trump for 'disgraceful' remarks during Middle East tour

MI News Sevice, Iran: Iran's political and military leaders are pointing the finger back at Donald Trump after the United States president sharpened his rhetoric during his first major tour of the Middle East.

In a speech to a group of teachers gathered for a state ceremony in Tehran on Saturday, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said some of Trump's comments were not even worth responding to.

"The level of those remarks is so low that they are a disgrace for the one who uttered them and a disgrace to the American nation," he said, to chants of "Death to America" and others from the crowd.

Khamenei added that Trump "lied" when he said he wants to use power towards peace, as Washington has backed "massacring" Palestinians and others across the region. He called Israel a "dangerous cancerous tumour" that must be "uprooted."

Meanwhile, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian also told a gathering of navy officers on Saturday that Trump is extending a message of peace while threatening destruction at the same time as backing

Israel's "genocide" in the Gaza Strip.

"Which one of this president's words should we believe? His message of peace, or his message of massacre of human beings?" the Iranian president said, pointing out that Trump sanctioned the International Criminal Court (ICC) in a move that was internationally criticised.

The statements came after Trump used his Middle East tour – during which he signed huge deals with Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates – to heap praise on Arab leaders neighbouring Iran and blasting the leadership in Tehran.

The US president told Arab leaders they were developing their infrastructure while Iran's "landmarks are collapsing into rubble" after its theocratic establishment replaced a monarchy in a 1979 revolution.

He said Iran's leaders have "managed to turn green farmland into dry deserts" as a result of corruption and mismanagement, and pointed out that Iranians are experiencing power outages several hours a day.

The blackouts, a result



of a years-long energy crisis that is hurting Iran's already strained economy, are expected to linger for the rest of this year as well, according to Iranian authorities.

The largest associations of the mining, steel and cement industries in Iran on Saturday wrote a joint letter to Pezeshkian, urgently requesting him to review a 90 percent electricity use restriction imposed on the critical sectors.

Trump, who hailed Syria's interim President Ahmed al-Sharaa and lifting sanctions on Damascus, also took aim at Iran's regional policy.

He described Tehran's support for the fallen establishment of President

Bashar al-Assad as a cause of "misery and death" and regional destabilisation.

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi described the US president's remarks as "deceptive", telling state media on Friday it was the US that hampered Iran through sanctions and military threats while backing Israel and attacking Syria.

Parliament chief Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, who was addressing an Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) conference in Indonesia, said Trump's remarks showed he was "living in a delusion".

Hossein Salami, the commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), addressed Trump directly on Friday and said

even though Iran has beautiful landmarks, "we take pride in the elevation of character, identity, culture, and Islam".

The sharp rhetoric in response to Trump's latest controversial comments come days after he teased that he may start calling the "Persian Gulf" the "Arabian Gulf" soon.

This angered Iranians across the board, prompting criticism of any attempt to rename the key waterway from average citizens online, authorities, local media, and even some pro-Trump Iranians outside the country who have been advocating for US sanctions and regime change.

But after four rounds of negotiations mediated by Oman, any prospective deal – which would lift sanctions in exchange for making sure Iran would not have a nuclear bomb – still appears to face significant hurdles.

Trump said Tehran has been handed a proposal to rapidly advance towards a deal, but Iran's Araghchi on Friday said no written proposal was produced yet amid "confusing and contradictory" rhetoric from Washington.

"Mark my words: there is

no scenario in which Iran abandons its hard-earned right to enrichment for peaceful purposes: a right afforded to all other NPT signatories, too," he wrote in a post on X, in reference to the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Kazem Gharibabadi, a senior nuclear negotiator, on Friday rejected reports by Western media outlets that Iran may agree to fully halt its enrichment of uranium for the remainder of the Trump presidency to build trust.

"The right to enrich is our absolute red line! No halt to enrichment is acceptable."

Trump in 2018 unilaterally withdrew from a landmark nuclear accord signed between Iran and world powers three years earlier, imposing the harshest sanctions yet by the US that have only intensified during the latest negotiations.

The nuclear deal set a 3.67 percent enrichment rate with first-generation centrifuges for civilian use in Iran, in exchange for lifting United Nations sanctions. Iran is now enriching up to 60 percent and has enough fissile material for multiple bombs, but has made no effort to build one yet.

Indian workers stranded in Saudi Arabia without salaries for 8 months

MI News Sevice, Riyadh: Hundreds of Indian workers employed by Sendan International Company Limited have been stranded in Saudi Arabia for the past eight months, without salaries, basic necessities, or a means to return home.

The workers, based at the company's Camp-17 on King Faisal West Road in Jubail, say they have not been paid for several months and are living in dire conditions without adequate food, clean water, or medical support. Many had been with the company for more than two years.

The situation came to light after independent journalist Ashraf Hussain shared a video on X (formerly Twitter), showing

the workers appealing to the Indian government to intervene and facilitate their safe repatriation.

"A request to Shri @DrS-Jaishankar ji to take cognizance of this matter," he wrote in a post.

In the video, the workers allege that the company has failed to pay their wages and is preventing them from returning to India. They describe their worsening condition, with some unable to afford medicine for their chronic illnesses.

"We don't have any money. Some of the workers are heart patients and are unable to afford medicine," said one of the stranded workers.

Telangana Waqf Board seizes Dargah land for non-payment of dues

MI News Sevice, Hyderabad: Telangana Waqf Board officials on May 17 took over the possession of a property belonging to the Baba Sharfuddin Dargah at Pahadi Shareef due to non-payment of dues amounting to Rs 59.25 lakh.

The tenant, according to the Telangana Waqf Board, failed to "fulfil the purpose of tenancy" and his lease period had already expired, with 50 percent of the accumulated arrears pending as on date.

"The tenant or lessee failed to establish the educational society for the benefit of the Muslim community, as envisaged in his orders. He failed to fulfil the purpose of the tenancy after his lease expired. As

a result, 50 percent of the accumulated arrears stand due as of the current date. The board has taken over the land," said a press release.

According to Waqf Board officials, the said property at Pahadi Shareef, Balapur (Rangareddy district), had been leased to Charminar Educational Society, represented by its president Adeeb Qureshi, since 2000.

It was extended for years with effect from September 1, 2021, which had also expired, after which action was taken. Telangana has over 77000 acres of Waqf land, of which more than half is estimated to be in the hands of private players who have encroached the properties over the years.

U.S. launches "endless war" to plunder others' resources: Iranian president

MI News Sevice, Tehran: Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said here Sunday that the United States has begun an "endless war" across the world to plunder other countries' resources and even human workforce, the official news agency IRNA reported.

The West seeks to provoke conflicts in the Middle East

to own the regional countries' resources at any price it wants, Pezeshkian said at the opening ceremony of the Tehran Dialogue Forum, a two-day event that has drawn 200 foreign delegations, including senior government officials and representatives of international organizations, to discuss regional and global challenges.

Nazi Tech & Area 51: Chilling stories of classical connection

Siddhartha Albertt Majumder
Think Area 51, vivid images of tall green weird-looking creatures with bulging eyes, crashed UFOs, and multiple theories of government conspiracies, Nazi UFO technology and alien life come to one's mind. At the same time, declassified documents, wartime intelligence, and underground whispers indicate something more chilling than what it seems.

Beyond the barbed wire and motion sensors, lie the signs of Nazi Germany's most secretive technology programmes.

Is there a possibility that Nazi UFO files—documents about disk-shaped aircraft, anti-gravity engines, and "Die Glocke"—are what the U.S. government is truly hiding in Nevada's most secretive facility?

MYSTERIOUS UFO SIGHTINGS BEFORE ROSWELL

Before the infamous Roswell incident in 1947 became public, people

recounted their chance encounters with UFOs over Europe during World War II. "Foo Fighters"—as Allied pilots would call them, bright and fast-moving objects challenged the theory of conventional physics.

It was rumoured that German scientists under Adolf Hitler got themselves engaged in experimental aviation, creating prototypes far ahead of their time.

Die Glocke, a bell-shaped object that emitted 'strong radiation' would function as a time or gravity manipulation device.

THE MYSTERY OF 'DIE GLOCKE'

The concept of Die Glocke was brought to the surface by Polish journalist Igor Witkowski. His published accounts based on alleged SS transcripts became a subject of curiosity.

According to him, the device was an intangible part of Nazi Germany's secret wonder weapons programme, the 'Wunderwaffe'.

The 'metallic, bell-shaped machine' was filled with a liquid known only as "Xerum 525". Die Glocke was allegedly capable of anti-gravity flying and probably inter-dimensional travel. A lethal aspect linked to the tests of the machine was that it resulted in severe biological effects on humans and animals. Many experts hinted at technology far beyond 1940s science.

'OPERATION PAPERCLIP' – A SILENT INFILTRATION

After the war ended, a secret mission called 'Operation Paperclip' was orchestrated that quietly brought over 1,600 Nazi scientists to work for the US government. The group comprised rocket experts, physicists and engineers with backgrounds in unexplained aircraft designs.

Wernher von Braun was one of the foremost imports. He later led NASA's rocket mission.

Area 51, according to many experts, became the testing ground

for experimentation of this secretive technology. The remoteness of the area, and heavy secrecy made it a perfect laboratory for 'reverse-engineering Nazi craft' under the guise of UFO study, according to several researchers.

Despite researchers' denial, whistleblower testimonies have added fuel to the theory that Area 51 holds not just the secret of alien tech—but Nazi-derived machines.

In 2001, declassified CIA files revealed Nazi aircraft images were eerily similar to 1950s UFO sightings.

In 2014, files from the National Archives mentioned "displaced advanced German aerial designs" being stored in U.S. Air Force facilities.

If the U.S. recovered Die Glocke or other Nazi UFOs, they would have logically been brought to the heart of Area 51, Groom Lake, for testing and weaponisation.

ROSWELL REFRAMED – WAS IT A NAZI CRAFT?

According to several UFO researchers, the 'Roswell crash' may not have involved aliens at all, but rather a re-engineered Nazi flying disc.

Those who vouched for the theory said about the similarity between Nazi flying saucers and Roswell debris accounts.

Many described strange symbols on the wreckage—some resembled Runic or Germanic script.

Is there a possibility that USA has been testing a Nazi prototype near Roswell and covered it up as an alien encounter?

UNDERGROUND BASES AND NAZI TECH POWERHOUSE

Area 51 is only the tip of the iceberg, mentioned multiple insider reports and leaked maps. These reports suggest that below the desert floor may lie vast reservoir of underground chambers which are filled with not just alien wreckage, but entire Nazi archives.

According to Bob Lazar, the controversial figure who claimed to work at S-4, mentioned disk-shaped craft stored underground.

In the words of Paul Hellyer, former Canadian defense minister, "Nazi scientists working on alien tech made it into U.S. black projects."

If Nazi UFO files survived, it would make sense to store them in an ultra-secure, remote site like Area 51, which was protected public scrutiny for decades.

IS USA STILL USING NAZI SCIENCE? Many experimental military aircraft—like the TR-3B Black Manta, a triangular anti-gravity aircraft rumored to operate under deep black budgets—are believed to trace their origin to Nazi engineering concepts.

Even NASA propulsion studies from the 1970s included anti-gravity engines, technology that suspiciously aligns.

