

Operation Sindoor proves ‘BrahMos’ capability of destroying PAK air bases

MI News Service, Ahmedabad : Union Home Minister Amit Shah has claimed that Pakistan had no answer to indigenously developed BrahMos missiles, which had caused substantial damage to several Pakistani air bases because its air defence system, borrowed from China, could not function during Operation Sindoor. Stating this while participating in a programme here on Sunday evening, the Home minister also said while surgical strikes and the airstrike in the past were limited to the Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK), India penetrated 100 km inside Pakistan's border under Operation

Sindoor and eliminated terrorists and their hubs. "As our indigenously developed BrahMos, a supersonic cruise missile system, worked to destroy Pakistan's air bases, its own air defence system, borrowed from China, remained unused and failed to deter Indian attack. "Our Air Force carried out precise attacks and inflicted heavy damage on many places in Pakistan which were considered impregnable. Operation Sindoor will be written in golden letters when the history is written on the border safety," he said. Operation Sindoor was launched by the Indian armed

forces ten days after April 22 Pahalgam terrorist attack in which 25 Indians and one Nepali citizen were killed. The operations destroyed terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, from where terrorist attacks against India were planned and directed, the Union Home minister said . "Pakistan used to tell the whole world that no terrorist activity happens there and accuse India of making false and baseless complaints. But, terrorists were finished with missiles under 'Operation Sindoor' and Pakistan was exposed to the world," Shah said.



He said the next day, a number of senior officers from the Pakistani army attended the funeral of terrorist leaders and offered prayers, "which exposed the nexus of the Pakistani Army, Pakistan, and terrorism, and the whole world came to know that Pakistan runs bases for terrorists". Recalling PM Narendra Modi's speech after the Pahalgam terror strike, Shah said, "Within a few days, Narendrabhai's strong political will, the valour of the army, the accurate information of the intelligence agencies and the firepower of the Army destroyed the terrorist camps in

nine places in Pakistan and razed them to the ground". He said the Modi government has given a befitting reply to terrorists who wiped off the vermilion from the forehead of women and created a new kind of history in the security of India and the protection of the borders. "PM Modi made it clear in his address to the nation after Operation Sindoor that the Indus River and blood will not flow together. If terrorism is not eradicated, then not even a drop of water from the Indus river will be available," Shah recalled. He said

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addressing the media at NSCB Airport while en route to North Bengal, in Kolkata on Monday.

Mamata Banerjee responds to Supreme Court’s DA Order, Vows Legal Course of Action

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has issued a measured response regarding the Supreme Court's directive on the long-pending issue of due dearness allowance (DA) for state government employees. In her response Mamata Banerjee stated here on Monday that the matter will be handled purely through legal channels. Speaking to reporters this afternoon before departing for a three-day trip to North Bengal, Mamata Banerjee said, "I do not comment on sub judice matters. Whatever I do, I do as per the law." Her remarks come in the wake of the Supreme Court's order last Friday, directing the West Bengal government to clear 25 percent of the DA arrears owed to state government employees within six weeks. The bench, comprising Justices Sanjay Karol and Manoj Misra, also in-

structed all parties involved to submit written statements within four weeks. The matter will be heard again on August 4. The legal battle over DA began after a segment of state employees filed a case in the Calcutta High Court demanding DA at Central government rates. On May 20, 2022, the High Court ordered the state to pay 31 percent DA in parity with the Centre. The state government challenged this ruling in the Supreme Court on November 28, 2022. After multiple adjournments, the apex court on Friday upheld the High Court's decision and directed the state to pay at least 25 percent of the dues for now. Despite the landmark ruling, CM Banerjee refrained from disclosing her government's next move. A senior TMC source indicated that any decision in this matter would rest solely with the Chief Minister.

Mamata Banerjee ends row over Yusuf Pathan’s withdrawal, reiterates support for National security

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress (TMC) supremo Mamata Banerjee on Monday dismissed the controversy surrounding the exclusion of party MP Yusuf Pathan from the Centre's all-party delegation as "unnecessary." Speaking to the media at Dum Dum Airport before departing for her North Bengal tour, the Chief Minister made it unequivocally clear that the party's decision not to send a representative does not equate to a boycott of the Centre's national security agenda. "The central government never consulted us before announcing the delegation. Is it not customary to inform the party before deciding who will represent it? Had they done so, we would have sent a name ourselves. It is our prerogative to decide who represents the Trinamool Congress, not theirs," said Banerjee, who is also the chairperson of the party in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. She clarified, "Just because our representative is not participating does not

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Security beefed up in parts of Manipur ahead of Shirui Lily festival

MI News Service, Imphal : Elaborate security arrangements have been made in the 80-km stretch between Manipur's capital Imphal and Ukhrul town to ensure a smooth conduct of the five-day Shirui Lily festival from May 20, police said on Monday. Vehicles are being checked and police patrolling are being conducted along the stretch to prevent any untoward incident before and during the festival , a senior officer said. The security has been beefed up after threats by a few Kuki organisations were given to the Meitei community people who were planning to attend the state-level 5th Shirui Lily festival, he said. The 5-day programme will be held in honour of the state flower Shirui Lily, which is found only in the hills of the

Tangkhum Naga -majority Ukhrul district.Several officials from Tourism and other departments have reached the festival venues in the district, he said. Adequate security arrangements have also been made between the stretch from Yaingangkopi to Litan via Mahadev, where there are a few Kuki villages, the police officer said. Both central and state forces are in place to ensure security in Ukhrul district, he said, adding that additional deployment would be made during the festival period from tomorrow till May 24.There was however, no report of any fresh violence from anywhere so far. Tests have also been conducted to determine the range of wireless communication

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Entire nation in shame': SC orders SIT probe against MP minister

MI News Service, New Delhi : The Supreme Court has once again pulled up Madhya Pradesh minister Vijay Shah for his remarks on Colonel Sofiya Qureshi and constituted a three-member special investigation team to probe the FIR lodged against him. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh told the minister that it had seen his videos where he made the remarks and his apology and wondered if "they were crocodile tears or an attempt to wriggle out of the legal proceedings". "The entire nation was in shame due to the comments... We saw your videos , you were on the verge of using very filthy language but somehow better sense prevailed or you did not find suitable words. You should be shameful. Entire country is proud of our Army and you made this statement," Justice Surya Kant said. The Supreme Court Monday rejected the apology by Madhya Pradesh Minister Vijay Shah, ordering the setting up of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the matter. The top court stayed his arrest till the team submits a status report on May 28."Entire nation in shame due to your statement," SC Bench said, chiding him over his remarks last week. The top court added that he should be sensitive before making crass comments.Ques-

tioning his apology, the court also asked if it was "crocodile tears" to wriggle out of legal proceedings. . Speaking at an event in Mahu last week, Shah said that those who had widowed India's daughters were taught a lesson by Prime Minister Narendra Modi using their own sister "(unki samaaj ki behen ke zariye)". He repeated this statement thrice.The MP DGP is expected to form the SIT headed by IG rank officer by 10 am Tuesday, as per SC orders. The SIT team should comprise three senior IPS officers of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, including one woman, the court said. None of the officers should be from the state, it added.The SC is expected to hear the case on May 28. Earlier on Thursday, the Supreme Court also pulled up the Madhya Pradesh minister for calling Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, one of the two women officers who held briefings on Operation Sindoor, a "sister of terrorists". "What sort of statements are you making?" asked a bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Bhushan R Gavai and Justice AG Masih. "When the country is undergoing such a situation, you, being a minister and a constitutional position holder, should exercise a degree of restraint." Shah approached the Supreme Court for a stay on the case filed

against him over the remarks and the proceedings listed against him in the MP high court on Thursday. The case was filed on the high court's suo motu directions on Wednesday. The Supreme Court agreed to hear Shah's plea against the high court order on Friday. Shah argued the order was passed without hearing him. Senior advocate Vibha Dutta Makhija, who appeared for Shah along with advocate Shantanu Krishna, said the high court exceeded its jurisdiction by directing the case registration without hearing his client. The court asked Makhija why his client did not approach the high court. "Merely because someone is a minister, you come here." Makhija said Shah had apologised and urged the court to consider staying the case registered under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita's sections 152 (endangering sovereignty, integrity and unity of India), 196 (promoting enmity), and 197 (imputations prejudicial to national integration). The high court called Shah's remarks "disparaging, dangerous, and language of the gutters," which targeted an officer based on her religious identity and denigrated the armed forces. Makhija claimed Shah's statement was taken out of context and sought urgent orders

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ISRO forms panel to probe PSLV mission failure

MI News Service, Sriharikota (AP): The sudden technical failure of the PSLV rocket to place an Earth observation satellite (EOS-09) into its intended orbit in Space on Sunday, will be thoroughly investigated by a technical committee which has already been formed by ISRO. Informing this on Monday ISRO Chairman V Narayanan said the committee has already held preliminary discussions to identify the cause of the failure. Earlier on Sunday morning, ISRO failed to place its Earth observation satellite in orbit after the trusted PSLV rocket developed a technical snag in the third stage after launch of the rocket from the Dhawan Space Centre here. Elaborating the path of the sudden failure of the system, the ISRO Chairman said "we had the 101st mission from Sriharikota. The rocket was a four-stage vehicle. The first stage comprises a 134-tonne solid propulsion system and has six strap-on motors, each holding 12 tonne of propellant. The second stage has a 40-tonne liquid propulsion system, the third stage an 8-tonne solid propulsion system, and the fourth stage again uses liquid propulsion. These four stages must work in tandem to place a satellite into orbit." Narayanan explained after a 22-hour countdown, the rocket lifted off as planned at 5.59 am on Sunday, and all systems were functioning normally until a point.



Trinamool Congress National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee interacting with the media at Kolkata Airport on Monday.

Centre should not decide on party representations on multi-party diplomatic mission, feels TMC's Abhishek Banerjee

MI News Service, Kolkata : Trinamool Congress National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Monday said the only the top leadership of every party should decide the names of its own representatives for the Centre's multi-party diplomatic mission abroad to counter Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. Speaking about the Central government's ensuing diplomatic outreach programme, Banerjee, however, affirmed the party's support for the Centre in its anti-terrorism efforts. "I believe that whatever decision the Union government takes — if it aims at combating and curbing terrorism, safe-

guarding the sovereignty of the nation and protecting the national interest — we, as a party, will stand with the Centre shoulder to shoulder. But if there is a multi-party delegation going, it will be the individual party to decide its representatives." Banerjee told reporters at the city airport before leaving for Delhi.

PM Modi wishes speedy recovery from cancer to former US President Biden

MI News Service, New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi wished a quick and full recovery to former US President Joe Biden, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer on Monday. Modi said on X, "Deeply concerned to hear about JoeBiden's health. Extend our best wishes to him for a quick and full recovery. Our thoughts are with Dr. Jill Biden and the family." Biden has been diagnosed with prostate cancer, his office said Sunday. The finding came after the 82-year-old reported urinary symptoms, which led doctors to discover a nodule on his prostate. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer , with the cancer cells having spread to the bone. "Former US President Joe Biden has been diagnosed with prostate cancer", a

statement from his office said on Sunday. The 82-year-old was diagnosed on Friday after he visited the doctor for urinary symptoms. On hearing this news, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has wished Biden a speedy recovery. He took to his X handle to express his concern and extended support to the family. The statement revealed that his cancer is aggressive and has spread to his bones. "On Saturday , he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, characterised by a Gleason score of 9 (Grade Group 5) with metastasis to the bone. While this represents a more aggressive form of the disease, the cancer appears to be hormone-sensitive which allows for effective management," the statement

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CM Mamata Holds Northern Bengal Trade Summit, Announces Major Development Initiatives

MI News Service, Siliguri: In a landmark event today, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee convened the Northern Bengal Trade Summit, marking a significant boost to the region's industrial and tourism prospects. During the summit, held in Siliguri, the Chief Minister inaugurated the much-anticipated Skywalk at the historic Jalpaiguri temple, enhancing connectivity and tourist accessibility.

Adding momentum to regional development, Mamata Banerjee also unveiled four new industrial parks aimed at fostering economic growth and employment generation in Northern Bengal. Following this, she announced plans to establish a state-of-the-art convention center in Siliguri, positioned as a potential counterbalance to the renowned Uttarayan festival, thereby reinforcing Siliguri's stature as a major business and cultural hub.

Harsh Neotia disclosed an investment commitment of Rs 15,000 crore, underscoring growing business confidence in the region's potential. To facilitate easier pilgrimage for the people of Northern Bengal, the Chief Minister announced the launch of six Volvo buses operating from six districts directly to the Digha Jagannath temple starting tomorrow, Tuesday. This initiative promises seamless connectivity and enhanced travel comfort for devotees.

The trade summit, following the success of the World Bengal Trade Conference, witnessed Mamata Banerjee engaging with entrepreneurs from various sectors, including small-scale and cottage industries, tourism, food processing, and tea cultivation. A particular emphasis was placed on developing an industrial park in Cooch Behar, a move expected to invigorate the local economy.

Addressing challenges faced by industries, the

Chief Minister directed Chief Secretary Manoj Pant to form a core committee comprising leading industrialists to streamline industrial growth and tackle obstacles efficiently.

The business summit, attended by entrepreneurs from eight districts, focused on strategies to accelerate industrial development in Northern Bengal. Mamata Banerjee highlighted the availability of a dedicated land bank and a skilled workforce, stressing the importance of both heavy and small-scale industries in creating employment opportunities.

At the Dinabandhu auditorium in Siliguri, the Chief Minister reiterated her commitment to strengthening small and medium enterprises. The Volvo bus initiative, she said, would minimize the need for residents to travel to Kolkata for judicial matters, with the Circuit Bench inauguration expected by July 12, subject to High Court approval.

TMC Leader (and Former Maoist) Fires at Own Security Guard Amid Dispute; Arrested with Illegal Firearms in Nadia

MI News Service, Thana Para (Nadia): A TMC leader (and allegedly former Maoist) was arrested on Monday morning for firing his security personnel amid drunken state. The security man got a narrow escape. The leader was produced in Tehatta Court in Nadia on Monday and court ordered for 5 days' police remand, a police officer said.

An altercation took a dramatic and dangerous turn in West Bengal's Nadia district as allegedly former Maoist and current Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Seajul Haque Shah Mithu allegedly opened fire at his own security guard. The incident occurred early on Monday

morning in the Thana Para area, triggering a police raid that led to the recovery of multiple illegal firearms and the arrest of the said politician.

According to police sources, Mithu, (allegedly once a 'squadron leader' in the Maoist ranks and now) serving as the assistant president of Karimpur 2 Panchayat Samiti, had been provided with a government security guard due to threats against his life. The guard, constable Jahangir Alam of the West Bengal Police, narrowly escaped the gunfire unharmed.

Reports indicate that the dispute arose late Sunday night over Mithu's reluctance to go to bed. Allegedly under the influence of alcohol following a memorial service for late TMC MLA Tapas Saha—under whom Mithu had worked closely—the leader engaged in a heated argument with the guard. Witnesses say that during the altercation, Mithu drew a single-barrel country-made pistol and fired at the constable. However, a police officer said, "While the unrest due to intoxication took place on



dead night, it repeatedly started on early morning on Monday and then the incident of firing took place."

Mithu's wife, the current head of Narayanpur Gram Panchayat, intervened quickly and sheltered the guard in a separate room before informing the police. Upon arrival, the police cordoned off the premises and launched an extensive search operation. The raid yielded one single-barrel pistol, two semi-automatic pistols (7 mm and 9 mm), eight rounds of ammunition.

Mithu was immediately arrested and charged under multiple sections, including attempt to murder and violations of the Arms Act. He

was presented before the Tehatta sub-divisional court on Monday and got the order of police remand of 5 days'.

The incident has sparked political uproar, with opposition parties questioning how a ruling party leader came to possess such an arsenal of illegal weapons. The case has also raised concerns over the efficacy of law enforcement in monitoring politically affiliated individuals with a history of militancy.

Police have assured that a thorough investigation is underway to determine the source of the firearms and whether further accomplices or networks are involved.

TMC worker hacked to death after power cut

MI News Service, Malda: A Trinamool Congress worker, Subal Ghosh, was brutally hacked to death in Malda's Baroduari area on Sunday night after a power cut, sparking political tension. The victim's family alleged he was targeted for actively campaigning for TMC, blaming BJP-affiliated miscreants. One person has been arrested, while other remain absconding. The incident occurred just ahead of Chief Minister Bengal, intensifying the political heat in the region.

Tension gripped the Baroduari area of Mehandipur Gram Panchayat under English Bazar police station after a TMC worker, Subal Ghosh was allegedly hacked to death on Sunday night.

The incident occurred just ahead of Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee's scheduled visit to the case. According to the victim's family, Subal Ghosh was returning from a relative's house after attending an "Annaprashan" ceremony when miscreants allegedly cut power in the area and attacked him with sharp weapons. He was found in a critical condition and rushed to Malda Medical College and Hospital, where he was declared dead. The family claimed Subal Ghosh was an active TMC campaigner, and his political involvement had angered local BJP supporters. They have named several individuals in their complaint, including BJP-affiliated sus-

pects Lalchan Subal Ghosh and Bapi Ghosh. Police have arrested a woman from the accused's family, while other are reportedly absconding. Reacting to the incident, TMC district spokesperson Ashish Kundu alleged, "Subal Ghosh was brutally murdered by BJP-backed goons. We demand immediate action and arrests". However, BJP's South Malda President Ajay Gangopadhyay dismissed the political angle, calling it a "family dispute" and noted that tension in Mehandipur have risen as the assembly elections draw closer. This is the second high-profile political killing in Malda this year, following the earlier murder of TMC leader Dulal Sarkar, who was shot dead inside a shop.

6 days Education Training Camp in Kolkata by Ananda Marga Pracarak Samgha



MI News Service, Kolkata: Ananda Marga Pracarak Samgha has organised a six day Education Training Camp in Kolkata from 16th to 20th May 2025. On this occasion, Dr.Sunandita Bhaoimik, Assistant Professor, Department of Education, Coochbehar Panchanan Barma University, Coochbehar and Dr Shyashrii Sur, Assistant Professor, Siddhinath Mahavidyalaya, S.S.Patna, East Medinipur, Vidyasagar University were the Chief and Guest of Honour respectively. Dr. Sunandita Bhaoimik said that ETC was conducted with the teachers of Ananda Marga Schools. Dr. Sunandita Bhowmik has delivered a lecture on the topic Neo Teachers: The Architect of a New Society. She focused on the role of Neo humanist teachers. Ananda marga schools follow the curriculum based on Neo-humanism propounded by the Sheer philosopher Shri P R Sarkar. According to this philosophy, teachers should possess a high professional standard. Personal integrity, strength of character, unselfishness, and selfless service are some of the notable qualities of a teacher.

She emphasised that education is the liberation from physical, mental, and spiritual bondages. Dr. Shyashrii spoke on Pedagogical Innovations in Primary Education

Pedagogy is a method of transacting a theme or conducting an activity to make every learner learn in stress free environment.

The pioneering ways of teaching along with an exploration of how the process of teaching is impacted is innovation.

Innovative Pedagogy is the process of proactively introducing new teaching strategies into the classroom to improve academic outcomes and address real problems to promote equitable learning.

Classrooms are filled with the students who have different needs, come from different educational background, have different attention span and interests, have different language abilities, have different* cultural backgrounds.

Teachers duty is textbook oriented, emphasis on completion of syllabus, chalk and talk, also

teachers direct the classroom processes.

On the other side, students emphasis on rote learning and they focus on testing and marks.

Teaching Learning Process are Learner, Teacher, Pedagogy, Learning Environments, Resources and Organisational Aspect.

The innovation that is focused on learners are Learners as active knowledge seeker, Peer Learning, Small and Large groups, Differentiated Instruction, Self Regulated Learning.

Innovative Pedagogies clusters are Embedded Learning, Multiliteracies and Discussion Based Teaching, Flipped Classroom, Blended Learning, Gamification, Computational Thinking, Experiential Learning.

As per NEP 2020, Innovation in Pedagogy are Experiential Learning, Hands-on learning, Digital Learning, Inquiry based learning, Real world projects, Information Technology, Story telling based pedagogy, Shift towards Competency based pedagogy.

Learning Environments should be Learner centred, Structured and Well designed, Highly personalised, Inclusive and Social.

Today resource person made the learning environment very attractive with her creativity and innovativeness. In the first half she delivers her lecture on the above matter and in the second half she has taken her class in workshop mode. She divided the student-teachers into 16 groups with 15 members in each group. Among 16 groups, 12 groups were instructed to draw a picture on Environmental Pollution and writing lesson plan on it, rest of 4 groups listed a Bengali song for children and they were asked to analyse the song fully. All the groups submitted their output and the group leaders were asked to come on the dias one by one and read loudly what they have written. Finally the resource person summarised both the themes of drawing and song. At last, it was declared that, price will be given to both the groups for the first, second, third rank holders. The workshop based teaching was ended in a grand success.

Utkarshe Arohan and Santoshpur Adi Sarbojanin Stand Beside the Underprivileged People of Sundarbans

MI News Service, Sunderbans: Many men fall prey to tigers while collecting honey in the forest or catching crabs in the river. The wives of these tiger victims are left widowed and live in extreme poverty and hardship. To support these families, a voluntary organization named Utkarshe Arohan and members of the Santoshpur Adi Sarbojanin Durga Puja Committee from Kolkata stepped forward.

Representatives from both organizations distributed clothing, educational materials, and other essential items to the widowed women and their children. More than two hundred nursery students and an equal number of widowed women from the local area received the aid, which villagers believe will open new doors of hope in their lives.



Anupam Majumdar, a key member of Utkarshe Arohan, said they have provided various forms of support to the poor and underprivileged people in the region. He remarked that the condition of the village's only school is very poor, and he hadn't realized how bad it was until he visited in person. He expressed satisfaction at being able to provide

even a small amount of help.

Sudip Majumdar, an organizer of the Santoshpur Adi Sarbojanin Puja, stated that upon returning to Kolkata, they will consider reducing their Durga Puja budget this year in order to invest in improving the school's infrastructure.

This small act of kindness brought great joy to the children, their families, and the local residents.

Observing Barak's Language Movement

Nurul Islam Khan

On the occasion of the Language Movement on May 19, meetings were held by the Bengali faction in various places including New Garia and Anasol. The heart of the organization was Garg Chatterjee. Fellow fighters of the party were present. On May 19, 1961, 11 people were killed in police firing in Silchar, a town in the Bengali-dominated Barak Valley, protesting the compulsory use of the Assamese language in the Indian state of Assam. This Language Martyr's Day was celebrated with great dignity in various parts of the state centering on that day.

Other women who played a significant role in the movement were Sufia Ibrahim and Shafia Khatun. They gave their lives as language soldiers.



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The Bengali language movement in Assam and North-East India took place in the Barak Valley.

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protesting the compulsory use of the Assamese language in the Indian state of Assam.

Bengalis in Assam and northeastern India observe May 19 as Language Movement Day in memory of the 11 people killed at Silchar Railway Station.



Recently, Food Processing and Horticulture Minister and Trinamool Congress Howrah District Headquarters President Arup Roy organized a rally to pay tribute to the country's brave soldiers. PIC:Nurul Islam Khan

RABINDRA SMARANE by Rupa Bharati



MI News Service, Kolkata: Rupa Bharati, was established on May 2nd, 1976 at North Kolkata Chorbagan Chatterjee Bari. On May 17, 2025, Rupa Bharati celebrating its pre golden jubilee at Calcutta University institute hall. The theme of the Event was RABINDRA SMARANE, commemorating 164th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore.

To grace the occasion delegates were present:

1. Guru Smt Polly Guha: Eminent dancer and Uday Sankar Smriti Awardee
2. Dr. Srikumar Chatter-

jee: Eminent Singer
3. Sri. Arindam Ganguly, Eminent Actor and singer
4. Dr. G. P. Sarkar: Chairman Allen Group of Industries and President, Rupa Bharati
5. Nrityashree Keka Chottopadhyay: Principal, Rupa Bharati

The cultural event was divided into 3 parts.

CHARAR DESHE RABINDRANATH: based on poems and songs written by Tagore describing the simple thoughts of children.

Though they may sound gibberish yet carry lots of significance. The script

was written by Sri. Arindam Ganguly. This section was very attractive

Kalyani: based on Tagore's dance drama Chandali. In this section Guru Smt Polly Guha enacted as Maa and Dr. Surjani Chatterjee as Prakriti. The drama was enacted beautifully

The last part was Andhokarer Utso Hote: based on Women Empowerment. According to Tagore the true freedom of women lies in their spirit. They have to fight for their independence and liberate themselves from the shackles

Postnatal Care of the Mother and Newborn, Emotional Care, Complications During Pregnancy, Labour, Delivery, and the Postpartum Period Support. Providing Support to Women with Post-Delivery Depression – Observation Workshop

MI News Service, Kolkata: "The International Mission for Social Welfare and Charity (I.M.S.W.C) is organized its 45th Anniversary of National and International Convention on post-natal care to mother including counseling for contraction in tribal areas and vulnerable population including SC, ST, migrants, rural poor, urban poor and adolescents with their needs are met. Postnatal Care of the mother and newborn, Emotional Care. IMSWC ensure emotional support to women who are suffering from depression after birth. Early detection and management of illnesses in mother and newborn and free treatment, immunization for diarrhoeas, pneumonia and malaria. On 10th May, 2025, at. Ashanagar, Bilimora and Kadoli village of Navsari

district within the State of Gujarat. The 836 pregnancy mother's and women Participated of this Programme.

11th May, 2025, IMSWC also organized integrated management legal framework on comprehensive abortion care. Pre-pregnancy free health check-ups can be offered as a component of maternity care. Free medical treatment for postpartum danger signs in the women and newborn of difficulty in breathing or in drawing, fits, fever, feels cold, bleeding, not feeding, yellow palms and soles of feet, diarrhea, IMSWC ensure adolescent nutrition, iron and folic acid supplementation, and improves maternal anemia and treats in pregnancy. at. Gonasagi, Kanamadi and Ratnapura village of Bijapur district within the

State of Karnataka. The 775 pregnancy mother's and women Participated of this Programme.

12th May, 2025, IMSWC organized access to integrated development workshop on Complications during pregnancy, labour and delivery and in the post partum period, providing information on postnatal care and danger signs in the new mother and baby. IMSWC ensure women for breastfeeding mothers, proper latch and milk expression are crucial for preventing engorgement. Prevention Sex during pregnancy and Prevention of Parent-to-Child transmission, Delivery of antenatal care workshop and tracking of high-risk pregnancies. IMSWC promoting use of folic acid in pregnancies during the peri-conception period. at. Barkhatsari, Khanapa-



ra and Patgaon village of Ribhoi district within the State of Meghalaya. The 578 pregnancy mother's and women Participated of this Programme.

13th May, 2025, IMSWC organized Decentralization, prevention and Vigorous Campaign to Create Public Heightened for Labor and delivery, postpartum care, Communicate key information on postnatal care including complications for the mother

and baby. Provide support to women with depression After delivery, mothers need a period of rest and focused care to recover physically and emotionally. This includes proper nutrition, hygiene, wound care, and emotional support. It's also crucial to monitor for potential complications like infection, hemorrhage, or postpartum depression. Physical Care. at. Phubala, Saiton and Sunusiphai village of

Bishnupur district within the State of Manipur The 667 pregnancy mother's and women Participated of this Programme.

14th May, 2025, IMSWC also organized Preventive intervention for the general community and evaluation of the workshop on fight against the practice of maternal morbidity and mortality. Postpartum care for mother and newborn. IMSWC provides free health care for postpartum danger signs in the women of swollen, red or tender breasts or nipples, problems urinating, or leaking, increased pain or infection in the perineum, infection in the area of the wound (redness, swelling, pain, or pus in wound site), smelly vaginal discharge, severe depression or suicidal behavior (ideas, plan or attempt). Universal access to full antenatal work-

shop that including counselling and preparation for newborn care, infant and young child feeding, exclusive breast feeding and complementary feeding, birth and emergency preparedness should be the focus of service delivery both at community outreach. at. Rajnagar, Arjunpur and Nalagola Hiralal Balika Vidyalaya (Higher Secondary) of Malda District within the State of West Bengal. The 938 pregnancy mother's and women Participated of this Programme. Renowned and respected personalities Mr. Debasish Ghosh- Secretary General of IMSWC and Chief Secretary of Indian Detective and Investigation Organization, Miss. Mali Bagchi- President, IMSWC, Honorable Smt. Anupriya Singh Patel -Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Family welfare Affairs, Government

of India, Honorable Smt. Roli Singh-IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family welfare Affairs, Government of India, Honorable Shri. Nitin Singhania- IAS, District Magistrate and Collector, District: Malda, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Shri. Piyush Salunkhe-IAS, Additional District Magistrate (General), District: Malda, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Smt. Alpna Das-District Social Welfare Officer, District: Malda, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Dr. Sudipto Bhaduri-Chief Medical Officer of Health, District: Malda, Government of West Bengal, Srmoth Swami. Bishudhatmananda Moharaj, Srmoth Swami. Shivapradananda Moharaj, Srmoth Swami. Jnanavratnanda Moharaj were present at this workshop.

Operation Sindoor proves...

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Modi conveyed to Pakistan that trade and terrorism will not go together, and if Pakistan shelters terrorism, the entire trade will end.

"Modi ji said he is ready to hold talks with Pakistan, but the talks will be centred only on taking back PoK and eliminating terrorism. Today, 140 crore people of India salute the valour of our armed forces, the accuracy of the intelligence agencies, and the strong political will of Narendra Modi," he said. He further said that Modi has undertaken a task to place India at the forefront by 2047 and has laid a strong foundation

for the country's development in the last 11 years.

Shah laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various developmental projects of the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation after leading a Tiranga Yatra and inaugurating a nursing college building in Mehsana.

Earlier in the day, Shah inaugurated the state-of-the-art, fully automated frozen potato products manufacturing facility of Falcon Agrifriz Foods in Mehsana.

The group has invested approximately Rs 1,050 crore in Gujarat, intending to transform the state into a global hub for frozen potato-based products, a release stated.

Entire nation in shame': SC..

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to protect his client as the high court was expected to hear the matter. The Supreme Court said nothing will happen in 24 hours, knowing who Shah is. "By now, it would be known everywhere that this court is going to hear the matter."

Shah's comments triggered a political row. Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge described them as "shameful and vulgar". Kharge said the mentality of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its ideological fount, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), has "always been anti-women".

"A minister of the BJP government of Madhya

Pradesh has made extremely insulting, shameful and vulgar remarks about our brave daughter Colonel Sofia Qureshi," he said in a post on X. Kharge asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to dismiss Shah. "First they trolled the wife of the naval officer martyred in Pahalgam on social media, then harassed the daughter of Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and now BJP ministers are making such indecent comments about our braveheart Sofia Qureshi."

People aware of the matter said BJP state organisational secretary Hitanand Sharma reprimanded Shah on Tuesday. Shah apologised after a closed-door meeting.

Mamata Banerjee ends row...

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the Centre reaches out to us, we will think about it. But we are not boycotting the delegation," Banerjee said before leaving for a three-day trip to North Bengal.

"No request to send a representative's name for the outreach programme came to us. If it had, then of course we could have considered it. We are totally in favour of the country on matters of external affairs. Naming representatives for diplomatic multi-party delegations to counter Pak-backed terrorism is the choice of parties, not of the Centre," she added. "They (Centre) cannot decide the name. If they request the mother party, the party will decide the name. This is the custom; this is the system. We are with the Central government regarding external affairs policy, and we

are fully supporting them," said Mamata Banerjee.

The controversy arose after the Centre formed an all-party delegation to visit various countries and present evidence of Pakistan's involvement in terrorism, following the recent terror attack in Pahalgam. The delegation included MPs and spokespersons from different political parties. The Centre had selected Yusuf Pathan, MP from Baharampur and former Indian cricketer, as TMC's representative, with Union Minister Kiren Rijiju personally calling him. However, TMC later withdrew his name, sparking speculation. Earlier the Union minister requested TMC Lok Sabha leader Sufi Bandopadhyay to represent the party in the diplomatic tour to the US. But he declined the offer citing his ill health .

Security beefed up in parts...

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in the hilly areas to help despatch immediate reinforcements in case of any emergency, another official said. Volunteers from the Tangkhul Naga community have also been assisting the security forces to ensure the safety of tourists from Imphal.

The Manipur Police said Monday that threats to the Meitei community people, who are planning to attend the festival, are being taken seriously and prompt steps are being taken. The police, in a statement, said that pre-

cautionary measures are in place to ensure the security of the movement of people attending the Shirui festival. More than 260 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and Kuki-Zo groups, who are the majority in the hill areas, since May 2023.

The Centre imposed President's rule in Manipur on February 13 after N Biren Singh resigned as Chief minister. The assembly, which has tenure till 2027, has been put under suspended animation.

PM Modi wishes speedy...



cessful recovery," he wrote.

Kamala Harris, who served as Vice President during Biden's presidency, also extended support. She said, "Joe is a fighter—and I know he will face this challenge with the same strength, resilience, and optimism that have always defined his life and leadership."

Prostate cancer is one of the most common cancers in men. The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that 13 out of every 100 men will develop prostate cancer at some point in their lives.



Under the call of AIDS0, students across Bengal participated in a strike protesting against violence on the movement for qualified teachers. The protest was held at College Street crossing, Kolkata, on Monday.

Mamata cautions protesting teachers: 'Respect the lakshman rekha of agitation'

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday strongly criticised the recent protests by agitating job aspirants near BikashBhavan, asserting that while she sympathises with their plight, lawlessness cannot be tolerated under the guise of democratic protest. Referring to the chaos that unfolded last Thursday, Banerjee said hundreds of government employees, including pregnant women and those with elderly dependents at home, were trapped inside the state education department headquarters due to the blockade.

Speaking from Dum Dum airport ahead of her three-day tour of North Bengal, the Chief Minister remarked, "There must be decorum even in protests. I had expressed my sympathy earlier. I had promised a review. The court has certain bindings, and we filed a review petition. We cannot disregard the judiciary's order. Still, not a single salary has been

stopped. Even Group C and D employees are being paid under a scheme."

Banerjee alleged that those instigating the protests are the same ones who filed legal petitions, accusing them of attempting to destabilise the system. "Those encouraging the protest are now acting like stakeholders in justice. That is dangerous. Trust should have been placed in the state government," she said. "Please don't ask me to say anything more about this," she said firmly. "I have always had and will continue to have deep sympathy for them. I have already held a meeting where it was decided that we will file a review petition. However, matters of the court must be followed with legal obligations. Everyone needs to understand that," she added.

Reassuring the protesting workers, she affirmed that the state has taken proactive legal steps. "Our lawyers will try their best to ensure that their jobs remain intact. But let me be clear—we cannot ig-

nore or violate the court's orders. We are compelled to abide by them." She also stressed that no salaries have been withheld thus far. For those workers facing non-payment, the government has initiated a special allowance scheme to provide interim financial relief.

However, Mamata Banerjee did not hide her displeasure at those allegedly instigating the movement. "The ones who filed the case are now provoking others. The job losses didn't occur because of us. Those responsible should reflect on their actions," she stated pointedly.

While acknowledging the right to protest, the Chief Minister appealed for basic civility. "I met them personally. We expect at least minimum courtesy and dignity from our teachers. Many are still working and we have no complaints against them—even those engaged in the Andolan. But protests must not harm others," she said.

The Chief Minister further stated that 50 departments operate from BikashBhavan, with over 500 government employees working there daily. She condemned the act of blocking their exit, adding, "One pregnant woman was among those trapped. A job aspirant tried to escape, jumped, and fractured her leg. This is not how lawful protest works."

Reiterating her stand, Banerjee said, "I am not against andolan. But there is a LakshmanRekha. Do not cross it. If you believe in your cause, pursue it legally. We are not your enemies."

"I would suggest they fight the issue legally. We will help them—we are already doing so. We are not against them," Banerjee said.

Trinamool Congress national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee also urged protesting candidates to maintain peace, stating from Delhi that the party stands with them, but within the limits of law and order.

State Govt introduces 'Banglar Bhumi' portal to curb illegal land transactions

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant move to combat illegal transfer and encroachment of government khas land, the West Bengal government has introduced the 'Banglar Bhumi' online portal. This innovative digital platform aims to provide transparent and easy access to detailed information about any government land across the state. Buyers and citizens can now access vital data such as land size, location, and the concerned department's ownership through this portal—information that was previously difficult to obtain.

The initiative comes amid repeated allegations of illegal occupation and unlawful transfer of government land. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee herself has raised concerns about entrenched corruption within the land and revenue departments, often referring to it as a "nest of vultures." She has stressed the importance of dismantling these corrupt practices, making this portal a key step toward that goal. Through 'Banglar Bhumi', applications related to mutation, land use changes, and inheritance can be submitted online. The por-

tal's integration with the government land database will ensure that prospective buyers can verify if a piece of land is government-owned or if its status has been illegally altered, thereby reducing fraud and illegal sales.

Previously, the public faced immense difficulty in obtaining clear land records, leaving many vulnerable to exploitation. With the government land records now digitized and made publicly accessible, transparency is expected to increase substantially. This move will also help prevent illegal encroachment by

making ownership and land status clear and verifiable.

'Banglar Bhumi' is designed as the official land and property information portal for West Bengal, offering comprehensive land records, including mouza maps, ownership details, online khatian, and plot information. This digital transformation represents a crucial step in tackling corruption, safeguarding government property, and empowering citizens with reliable land data, thereby enhancing trust and governance in land administration.

Task force mobilized to stabilize veg prices

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a welcome development for consumers, vegetable prices across both wholesale and retail markets have dropped by Rs 4 to Rs 5 per kilogram in recent days, alleviating the price volatility that had gripped the market. This decline has brought much-needed relief to middle- and lower-income households, particularly those struggling with rising costs of essential commodities. The market correction follows Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's recent directive from Nabanna, where she urged the state's task force to inspect the vegetable market dynamics closely. Her concern stemmed from fears that some traders might exploit global geopolitical tensions, such as the threat of war, to artificially inflate prices. Wholesale vendors attribute the price drop to improved supply and stock availability. An increase in vegetable arrivals has boosted market inventory, directly influencing prices. While some vegetables still remain slightly expensive,

traders believe further reductions are imminent, provided the supply chain continues uninterrupted.

Currently, good-quality brinjal is being sold at Rs 50–60 per kg, while okra and pointed gourd are priced at Rs 40 per kg —down from Rs 50 a week ago. Prices of ridge gourd, bitter melon, long beans, pumpkin, papaya, tomato, and raw jackfruit have also decreased modestly. Though the reductions aren't dramatic, they are significant enough to bring relief to daily buyers.

However, potato prices have edged up slightly, with a per kilogram cost of Rs 22 —up from Rs 20. Meanwhile, vegetable prices at state-run Sufal Bangla outlets are even lower, prompting the Chief Minister to announce the expansion of these stalls to reach more people. Other kitchen staples such as onions, ginger, garlic, green chilies, and capsicum remain on the higher end of the pricing spectrum, though traders anticipate a decline by the end of May.

Explosion rips through flat in Titagarh, sparks panic

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a shocking incident on Monday morning, a powerful explosion tore through a residential flat in Titagarh, near Kolkata, damaging property and triggering widespread panic in the densely populated locality. The blast occurred in Ward 4 of the Titagarh Municipality, located in the North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal. According to initial reports from the police, the flat in question had been rented by Arman Mondal, a local councillor of the Trinamool Congress (TMC). The explosion, which occurred around daybreak, was intense enough to blow off the flat's walls, scattering concrete debris and damaging adjacent structures. "There was no one present inside the flat at the time of the explosion," a senior police officer confirmed. "While no injuries have been reported, the sheer intensity of the blast destroyed parts of the flat and caused debris to crash onto a nearby shanty." The

shanty sustained structural damage, although its occupants were reported safe. Preliminary investigations suggest that the explosion was likely triggered by explosives stored inside the flat. The exact nature and source of the explosives remain under scrutiny. Law enforcement authorities have cordoned off the area and launched a detailed probe into the incident, with forensic experts expected to visit the site for further examination. The incident has raised serious security concerns, particularly given the flat's association with a public representative. Local residents, rattled by the sudden blast, are demanding swift action and greater transparency regarding the contents stored within the premises. The police have assured that all angles, including possible political or criminal links, will be thoroughly investigated. Further developments are expected as the investigation progresses.

TMC's org reshuffle based on merit and performance, says Abhishek Banerjee

MI News Service, Kolkata: Following the recent organisational reshuffle within the Trinamool Congress (TMC), party leaders have experienced both ascension and demotion, as dictated by their performance and engagement with party activities. On Monday, speaking from Dum Dum Airport, TMC National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee elaborated on the rationale behind the changes, asserting that each decision was made in consultation with party supremo Mamata Banerjee and guided by meritocracy.

"Those who were deserving and have worked hard have been rewarded," Abhishek stated. "In some cases, despite significant effort, results weren't favourable, yet their dedication couldn't be ignored. Hence, the party has tried its best to recognise and elevate such individuals — some have been moved from district to state-level roles, others entrusted with new responsibilities." The reshuffle's most notable changes occurred in Birbhum and North Kolkata. In Birbhum, the party has entrusted organisational control entirely to a seven-member core committee, including controversial leader Anubrata Mondal. The committee will oversee all programmes and decisions, as per the lead-

ership's directive. Their first meeting, following the new mandate, was held on Sunday.

A similar core committee has been formed in North Kolkata, led by veteran leader SudipBandyopadhyay as chairman. The nine-member body now includes trade union leaders SwapanSamaddar and JibonSaha, expanding the committee's reach and influence.

"All of these decisions align with the roadmap discussed during our mega convention at Netaji Indoor Stadium a few months ago," said Abhishek. "Nothing has been done arbitrarily — everything followed thorough discussions and Mamata Banerjee's guidance."

Responding to murmurs of dissent from leaders who lost posts or influence, Abhishek was firm. "Those who have neglected party responsibilities will naturally see a decline in importance. But this is not the time to focus on who was excluded or included. The goal is unity, especially with the 2026 Assembly elections approaching. Everyone must work together for the party's victory — not chase personal positions."

His message underlines the party's strategic shift towards disciplined, performance-oriented leadership ahead of its next major electoral test.

Axis Bank inks MoU with Indian Army, CSC to support Veterans via Project NAMAN



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a landmark initiative aimed at empowering India's defence veterans, Axis Bank has signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army and CSC e-Governance Services India Limited to support Project NAMAN—a mission dedicated to the welfare of Army veterans, war widows, and next of kin (NOK).

The MoU was formalised in the presence of Lieutenant General Ranjeet Singh, DG DC&W; Brigadier Mandeep Singh, SM, Brig DIAV; Mohit Jain, Executive Vice President—Bharat Banking, Axis Bank; and Harish Oberoi, Vice President, CSC e-Governance.

Under the agreement, Axis Bank will facilitate the establishment of CSC-run centres at 25 locations of the Directorate of Indian Army Veterans (DIAV) across 13 states, including West Bengal, Punjab,

Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Jammu & Kashmir. These centres will deliver comprehensive support services under the SPARSH digital pension system launched by the Ministry of Defence.

Each centre will be operated by Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) selected from among Army veterans or their NOKs, ensuring relatable and trusted assistance. The centres will act as single-window platforms for pension services, welfare schemes, and both G2C and B2C offerings.

Axis Bank's Executive Director, MunishSharda, noted the partnership as "a tribute to those who served the nation selflessly," reaffirming the bank's role in inclusive nation-building. Brigadier Mandeep Singh emphasised the initiative's role in creating a dignified service network for ex-service-men. CSC e-Governance's MD & CEO, Sanjay Rakesh, hailed it as a step toward digital empowerment of veterans in remote areas.

The collaboration marks a significant stride in honouring and uplifting India's retired soldiers, ensuring they continue to receive the respect and services they deserve.

Kunal Ghosh denies involvement in protest, slams political conspiracy in contempt case

MI News Service, Kolkata: In response to the Calcutta High Court's directive to issue a rule in the contempt of court case involving a protest by SLS (Sports and Life Science) teacher candidates, Trinamool Congress spokesperson Kunal Ghosh strongly denied any involvement and accused opposition parties of political conspiracy. The High Court has scheduled the next hearing of the matter for June 16 before a specially constituted three-judge bench. Kunal Ghosh, who was named among others in the case, appeared personally in court on Monday. Although he requested a few minutes to present his own statement, the bench led by Justice Bandopadhyay advised him to rely on his legal counsel for submissions. His lawyers, Bishwaroop Bhat-tacharya and Ayon Chakraborty, informed the court that Ghosh's affidavit was ready but could not be filed on that day as they had

just received the police report on Sunday night. They sought additional time to incorporate relevant references. Outside the courtroom, Ghosh firmly distanced himself from the incident. "I was not present during the protest, nor do I support any unruly behaviour within the court premises," he told the media. "The candidates know the anguish that drove them to such conduct, but I do not endorse it. My name has been included deliberately by the BJP, CPI(M), and Congress with clear political intent. I have full faith in the three-judge bench and believe they will recognise that my involvement is unjustified and politically motivated." Ghosh also addressed the larger issue surrounding the teacher candidates' movement. "Many of these aspirants once saw support from lawyers affiliated with the Left and BJP at their protest platforms.

Name Change
I, Anju Majumder,W/O Biraj Majumder, R/O Rabindranata Colony, Kalyani, Nadia-741235,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Anjana Majumder,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/05/ 2025,That Anju Majumder And Anjana Majumder All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Dharmendra Kumar Ray (Old Name) S/o Madan Roy Residing at L/9, 87/1, A.K. Mukherjee Road, Nya Para Police Quarter, Barnagar, Vtc - Noapara S.O, District- Kolkata, Pin- 700090 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dharmendra Roy (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 19-05-2025. Dharmendra Kumar Ray (Old Name) and Dharmendra Roy (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sabyasachi Gorai S/o. Haradhan Garai R/o. Kendrabona, Gangajghati, Bankura-722133, W.B. declared that my father's correct name is Haradhan Garai which will be amendments in my (Sabyasachi Gorai Army no. 22055224f Rank Sep.) service records in place of Haradhan Gorai vide an affidavit no. 3414 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 19/05/2025.

Name Change
I, Pawan Kr. Tiwari, s/o. Late Dharma Tewari, residing at Loco Chartala Colony, P.O.& P.S.- Burdwan, Dist.-Burdwan, pin-713101. My son's date of birth 20.11.2009 in his birthday certificate. Due to inadvertently my son's date of birth has wrongly recorded in his CISCE certificate as 20.11.2011 in place 20.11.2009 video affidavit no 16,799, dated 19.05.25 in the Court of the Executive Magistrate, Purba Burdwan.

Name Change
I, Madhabi Biswas, w/o Gopal Chandra Biswas. Residing at- vill-Purnagadga, P.O.- Majdia, P.S.- Krishnaganj (Dist- Nadia. W.B-741507. That I have changed my name from Madhabi Biswas to Madhabi Biswas (New name). vide an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at krishnaganj on 16.5.25. That I Madhabi Biswas and Madhabi Biswas am the Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Soumi Ray Chowdhury, d/o Shikha Ray Chowdhury, residing at 51/E, Vivekananda Road, Near Deshapriya Club, Barasat (m), District North 24 Parganas, Pin 700124, West Bengal, do hereby solemnly affirm and declared that my daughter's name has been charged Dyutiparna De d/o Arindam De (Father) and d/o Soumi Ray Chowdhury (Mother) to Dyutiparna Ray Chowdhury d/o Arindam De (Father) and d/o Soumi Ray Chowdhury (Mother) . That my daughter's Dyutiparna Ray Chowdhury and Dyutiparna De are the same and one identical person, Vide an affidavit sworn before in the court of Ld Judicial Magistrate, 1st class at Barasat, District North 24 Parganas, dated on 16/05/2025

Name Change
I, Sikha Dosad, daughter of Late Panna Lal Dosad, residing at 11, Muchi Mahal, Sadar Bazar, P.O + P.S- Barrackpore, District- North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700120, do hereby solemnly affirm and declared that I, have changed my name Sikha Ray to Sikha Dosad. That I, Sikha Dosad and Sikha Ray are the same and one identical person, Vide an affidavit sworn before in the court of Ld Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Barrackpore, dated 12/02/2025

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

Name Change
I, Mr. Swapan Roy, S/o Rasik Lal Roy residing at 228, Asvini Pally School Road, P.O & P.S- Barasat, Kolkata - 700124 declares that my mother's name and my name have been inadvertently recorded as SUMATI RANI ROY and SWAPAN KR. ROY in her "Identity Slip for members of the minority community in East Pakistan desiring to stay in India," issued on 25/07/1964 by Govt of West Bengal in stead of our actual Name SUMATI ROY and SWAPAN ROY respectively. My mother's name also inadvertently recorded as SUMOTI ROY in her death Certificate bearing it's Regd No. 1479 on 05.02.2007 issued by the Health Department of The Kolkata Municipal Corporation instead of her actual Name SUMATI ROY as mentioned in her Voter Card. That SUMATI RANI ROY & SUMOTI ROY and SUMATI ROY all are same and one identical person i.e, my mother and SWAPAN KR. ROY and SWAPAN ROY both are same and one identical person i.e., myself vide affidavit No. 2786 dated 24.04.25 before the Ld. Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Barasat.

NAME CHANGE
I, Keshav Agarwal S/o Krishna Kumar Agarwal residing at 249E, G. T. Road, Howrah, Pin-711204 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my Actual & Correct name is Keshav Agarwal and my Father's Actual & Correct name is Krishna Kumar Agarwal. In my some official documents my father's name recorded as Krishna Agarwal incorrectly. That Krishna Kumar Agarwal & Krishna Agarwal is the same and one identical person vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 16-05-2025.

NAME CHANGE
I, Jahanara Begum, W/o Asmat Ali, D/o Ajet Ali Molla, R/o Mirrde Para Raigachi, Rajarhat, North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700135, West Bengal, shall be known as Jahanara Begam as declared before the Notary Public vide affidavit (No.58), CJMS Court on 15.05.2025. Jahanara Begum & Jahanara Begam is the same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Rajib Tulla (Old Name), son of Sekh Rabiul, residing at Vill- Hin-chageria, P.O.- Narayandari, P.S.- Bhagwanpur, Purba Medinipur, Pin- 721655, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Rajib (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 19/ 05/2025. Sekh Rajib (new name) and Sk Rajib Tulla (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, MUMTAJ ALI ANSARI & MUM-TAJ ALI ANSARI (old name) son of MD SALARU ANSARI, residing at NEW BASTI LICHUBAGAN,P.O.- D SK LANE, P.S.- SAKRAIL, HOWRAH- 711109, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD MUMTAZ ANSARI (new Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata, dated 14/05/2025. MD MUMTAZ ANSARI (New Name) and MUMTAJ ALI ANSARI & MUM-TAJ ALI ANSARI (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Yasmin Khatoon (Old Name), wife of Mohammad Ibrahim, residing at 45/H/16, Karl Marx Sarani, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Yasmin Jahan (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 19/05/2025. Yasmin Jahan (new name) and Yasmin Khatoon (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sudhanshu Sekhar Naskar,S/O Anil Naskar, R/O Purba Gaberia, South 24 Parganas,743337,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sudhanshu Naskar, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/05/2025, That Sudhanshu Sekhar Naskar And Sudhanshu Naskar All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SIJAMMEL HAQUE S/o- ALAUDDIN SEIKH, Residing at, Vill- Hatpara, Post- Hazarpara Nabagram, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SIJAMMEL HAQUE TO SIJAM SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SIJAM SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 07 May 2025. SIJAM SK and SIJAMMEL HAQUE both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SARIOT KHAN S/o-YEAR BAKS KHAN, Residing at, Vill-Sarkarpura, Post- Barupara, Ps- Murutia, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741158, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SARIOT KHAN TO SARIYAT KHAN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SARIYAT KHAN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 07 May 2025. SARIYAT KHAN and SARIOT KHAN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MORIA BIBI W/o-SEDER ALI SK, Residing at, Vill-Bhogairpur, Post- Bansberia, Ps- Murutia, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741122, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MORIA BIBI TO MABIA BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MABIA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 07 May 2025. MABIA BIBI and MORIA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SUBHASH SARKAR S/o- SRISHTIDHAN SARKAR, Residing at, Vill- Kagajipara, Post-Tarakganj, Ps- Murutia, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741165, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SUBHASH SARKAR TO SUBHASH SARKAR (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SUBHASH SARKAR in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 07 May 2025. SUBHASH SARKAR and SUBHASH SARKAR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Salma Kumari Malik, W/o Maruf Hossain Mullick residing at Vill+PO - Banharishpur, P.S. Panchla, Dist - Howrah Pin- 711322, declare that my name has been inadvertently wrongly recorded in my Husband Passport being no M 883763 as Salma Kumari Malik. I, henceforth shall be known as Salma Kumari Mozommal as declare before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Howrah Court vide affidavit No. J/1750 dated 17.05.2025. Salma Kumari Malik and Malik Salma Kumari Mozommal both are same and one identical person, i.e., myself.

Name Change
I, Atul Sultania S/o Gopal Prasad Sultana Residing at Urbana Tower 7/1704, Chowbagha Road, 783 Anandapur, P.o - E.K.T, Ps - Anandapur, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700107 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Atul Sultania, I declare that Atul Sultania and Atul Kumar Sultania is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 19-05-2025.

Name Change
I, Seikh Nebiyar Rahaman (Old Name) S/o Golam Seikh Residing at Vill - Purba Jaykrishnapur, P.o - Nalikul, Ps - Haripal, District- Hooghly, Pin- 712407 West Bengal have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Nebiyar Rahaman (New Name) as declared before the Ld.Judicial Magistrate Sadar (1st Class) atHooghly vide affidavit no 1798 Dated 13-05-2025. Seikh Nebiyar Rahaman (Old Name) and Sk Nebiyar Rahaman (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Susmita Mondal, residing at 27B, Swarup Khalika Place, Naskarhat, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, INDIA my Driving Licence No. WB0520250001000, I have changed my father name Subrat-tanath Mondal (Old Name) to Sub-rata Nath Mondal (new name) and he shall henceforth be known as Subrata Nath Mondal (new name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Alipore, dated 19/05/2025. Subrata Nath Mondal (new name) and Subrat-tanath Mondal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Huzur Mondal (Old Name), son of Alid Mondal, residing at Vill- Mand-abghata, P.O.- Kumarkhola, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743270, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Hujur Mondal (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 19/05/ 2025. Hujur Mondal (new name) and Huzur Mondal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ali Hamjer Mondal (Old Name), son of Hujur Mondal,residing at Vill-Mandabghata, P.O.- Kumarkhola, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743270, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ali Hamjar Mondal (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 19/05/2025. Ali Hamjar Mondal (new name) and Ali Hamjer Mondal (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Meenakshi Consul (agarwal) (Old Name), daughter of Late Baidya nath Agarwala, residing at 391, Dundum Park, Flat-3A, Park Mans-ion, Kolkata- 700055, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Meenakshi Agarwal (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 19/05/ 2025. Meenakshi Agarwal and Meenakshi Consul (agarwal) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I Mustakin Mondal,S/O Matiyar Rahaman Mandal R/O Dakshin Muslimpara Sanchitara Belun, Pandua, Hooghlyrural-712149, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mostakin Mandal,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/05/ 2025,That Mustakin Mondal And Mostakin Mandal All Are The Same And One Identical Person

Name Change
I, Ratan Chandra Das (Old Name), son of Late Dhiren Das, residing at Madhya Khalia, Khalia Ct, Howrah- 711114, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ratan Das (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 19/05/2025. Ratan Das (new name) and Ratan Chandra Das (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Monu Bag (Old Name), son of Madan Mohan Bag, residing at Bakshibagan Arabinda Road, Santragachi, Howrah- 711104, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manu Bag (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 19/05/2025. Manu Bag (new name) and Monu Bag (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Maidul Islam,S/O Sekh Nur Islam,R/O Vill-Bhuta, Po-Bhuta, West Medinipur, 721211, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sekh Maidul Islam,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/05/2025, That Sk Maidul Islam And Sekh Maidul Islam All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ummatun Nessa wife of Nasir Ahmed, on behalf of my minor daughter, Naba Ahmed (Given Name), residing at 2/2 Bhukailash Road, P.S.- Ekbalpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, INDIA, I have splitted my daughter name and she shall henceforth be known as Naba (given Name) Ahmed (surname) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 19/05/2025. Naba (given name) Ahmed (surname) and Naba Ahmed (given name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ashtama Sarkar (old Name) S/O Late Sibupda Sarkar, residing at Vill-Hudapara, P.O.- Kumarkhola, P.S.- Bagdah, Dist-North 24 P.S., Pin-743270, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Aastam Sarkar (new name) as declared before the Ld.Executive Magistrate(1st Class) at Bongaon , North 24 Pgs, dated 20/03/2025. Aastam Sarkar (new name) and Ashtama Sarkar (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Shawkat Khan (old name) S/O Mohammed Sakoor Khan , residing at 9/V Topsis 2nd Lane, Kolkata- 700039, P.S.- Tiljala, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Shaukat Khan (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/05/2025. Md Shaukat Khan (new name) and Md Shawkat Khan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mina Devi Singh & Meena Devi (old names) V/O Jay Prakash Singh, residing at 16A Khanpur Road, P.O.- Naktala, P.S.- Netaji Nagar, Kolkata- 700047, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mina Debi Singh (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/05/2025. Mina Debi Singh (new name) and Mina Devi Singh & Meena Devi (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md. Shamim S/o. Md. Nasim & Khairun Nisha R/o. 12, Dr. Noorie Lane No. 2, Champdani, Baidyabati, Bhadreswar, Hooghly-712222 declared that my father Md. Nasim & Md. Nashim & also my mother Khairun Nisha & Shabnam Begam all are the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 2608 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Chandernagore, Hooghly Court on 13/05/2025.

Name Change
I, Kapildeo Choudhary (Old Name), Son Of Jaleshwar Chowdhary,Residing At Ward No - 11, Durasan, Po - Dumari, Buxar - 802120, Bihar,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kapildeo Chowdhury (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/05/20 25,That Kapildeo Choudhary And Kapildeo Chowdhury Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Lata Gurung (Old Name), wife of Late Dawa Tamang, residing at WARD NO. 6 KAWLAY GAON MIRIK 734214, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lata Gurung Tamang (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 19/05/2025. Lata Gurung Tamang (new name) and Lata Gurung (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Gaffar S/O Late Abdul Sakur,Residing At 42/27/25,Umar Sardar Road,Halisahar,Hazinagar,Dist-24 Parganas North,Pin-743135,West Bengal,India.Have Changed My Father's Name Late Sakur Mohammad To Abdul Sakur And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abdul Sakur (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/03/2025.Sakur Mohammad (Old Name) And Abdul Sakur (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Payel Sinha Dutta (Old Name), wife of Loknath Dutta, residing at 35A/2B, South Sinthee Road, Sinthee, Kolkata- 700050, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Payel Sinha (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 19/05/ 2025. Payel Sinha (new name) and Payel Sinha Dutta (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Imteyaz Ahmed (Old Name), son of Sheikh Quayumuddin, residing at 88,WORD-03,MİYAPUR DUBAULI,BETTIAH,PS-BAIRIYA,PASCHIM CHAMPARAN,BIHAR-845438, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Imteyaz Ahmad (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 19/05/2025. Md Imteyaz Ahmad (new name) and Md Imteyaz Ahmed (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Rukhsana Ahmed (Old Name), wife of Md Imteyaz Ahmad, residing at 14/1h/6,M.M. ALI ROAD, KHIDI-DIROPUR,KOLKATA-700023, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rukhsana Ahmad (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 19/05/2025. Rukhsana Ahmad (new name) and Rukhsana Ahmed (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Murari Mohon Sahoo (Old Name), son of Late Trilokiah Sahoo, residing at ISWARDARA JALPAI,PS-BHABANIPUR,EAST MEDINIPUR-721654, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Murari Mohan Sahoo (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 19/05/2025. Murari Mohan Sahoo (new name) and Murari Mohon Sahoo (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Niyaz (Old Name), son of Late Mohammed Shah, residing at 18/1/4, Moulana Md Ali Road, P.O. & P.S.- Khiddirpore, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Niyaz (new name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore (SL No. 30267), dated 17/05/2025. Md Niyaz (new name) and Mohammed Niyaz (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Shalini (Old Name) As Per Di No. Wb012000420777, Son Of Sk Dulu, Residing At 19 Kustia Masjid Bari Lane, Kolkata - 700039,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Saha Alam(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 19/05/2025, That Sk Shalini And Sk Saha Alam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Pravas Roy (Old Name), son of Kedar Nath Rai, residing at Shanpur Makarda Road, Bantra, Howrah- 711101, West Bengal, INDIA my Driving Licence No. WB1120040125194, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Prabhash Kumar (new name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Alipore, dated 19/05/2025. Prabhash Kumar (new name) and Pravas Roy (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, MD AQUIB * (old name) son of MOHAMMED ISHTEYAQUE * residing at AKTER MANZIL,1ST FLOOR SOUTH, 104/P,KARAYA ROAD, KOLKATA-700017, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MOHAMMED AQUIB (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata, dated 19/05/2025. MOHAMMED AQUIB (New Name) and MD AQUIB (old name) both are same and identical person.

Prime Minister to inaugurate 103 Amrit Bharat Stations including Joychandi Pahar Station



Redeveloped Joychandi Pahar Station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate 103 Amrit Bharat Stations (through video conference) including Joychandi Pahar Station of West Bengal on 22.05.2025. Panagarh and Kalyani Ghoshpara Railway stations of West Bengal will also be inaugurated by Hon'ble PM on the same day. Altogether total 100 Stations of West Bengal are being developed under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. The redevelopment of railway stations under the Amrit Bhart Station Scheme is a significant step towards modernizing the region's railway infrastructure. With a focus on enhancing passenger amenities, improving accessibility and incorporating sustainable design, these upgradation will not only elevate the travel experience but also contribute to the economic growth of the region. Joychandi Pahar station in Purulia District of West Bengal serves as a vital point for passenger and freight transportation. The redevelopment of Joychandi Pahar Station of Adra Division has been completed in record time to

provide improved passenger amenities. The integrations of modern facilities like lifts, renovated & improved Station Concourse, Retiring Room, Dormitory, 1st and 2nd Class Waiting Halls, Developed Platform Surface with Granite etc. have been executed at Joychandi Pahar. The work of Ramps, Water Booth and Toilet for Divyangjan, Parking Area development with moorum surface, Booking Counter for Divyangjan, Local Art Painting (Madhubani Painting) in concourse & station Area, Circulating Area Development, Tactile tile fixing, Road Repairs towards main entry and Road widening towards Parking have also been undertaken. A Media tour has been also organized at Joychandi Pahar Station to showcase the infrastructure development works. The representative from Print & Electronic Media , Rail Fans, Social Media influencers visited the newly developed station. During the visit, media representatives were provided with a comprehensive brief about the amenities provided at Joychandi Pahar Station.

Howrah Division Conducts Prabhath Pheri and Cleanliness Drive at Colvin Court Colony as Part of 100 Glorious Years Celebration



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing celebration of 100 Glorious Years of Howrah Division, a Prabhat Pheri, and Cleanliness Drive

were organized at Colvin Court Railway Colony, Howrah on 19th May 2025 under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Sri Sanjeev Kumar. These community-centric activities aimed to honor the division's rich legacy while promoting public awareness and hygiene. The event commenced with a vibrant Prabhat Pheri, where railway employees, officers, and residents of the colony enthusiastically participated. Marching through the colony with banners, placards, and slogans, participants showcased the pride and unity associated with Howrah Division's century-long journey of excellence in service. A Cleanliness Drive followed the procession, during which staff and volunteers undertook cleaning activities in and around Colvin Court Colony. This effort reinforced the values of hygiene and environmental consciousness, aligning with the goals of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The event was a meaningful step in connecting the legacy of Howrah Division with community well-being and sustainability, underlining the division's continued dedication to excellence, service, and social responsibility.

Name Change
I, Hasibur Rahaman Mondal,S/O Mostakin Mandal,R/O Dakshin Muslimpara Sanchitara Belun, Pandua, Hooghlyrural-712149, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hasibur Rahaman Mandal Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/05/2025, That Hasibur Rahaman Mondal And Hasibur Rahaman Mandal All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sk Siraj Ali(Old Name) S/O Saker Ali,Residing At Vill-Muradpur,Po-Chakmahima,Ps-Belda,Dist-West Medinipur,West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shaikh Siraj Ali(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/05/2025.Sk Siraj Ali (Old Name) And Shaikh Siraj Ali (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

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

Celebrating 100 Years of Howrah Division: Bandel Station's Rich Heritage



Bandel station



Bandel Church

MI News Service, Kolkata: As the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway celebrates its centennial milestone, Bandel Station stands as a proud emblem of West Bengal's historical, cultural, and railway legacy. Located in the Hooghly district, Bandel is more than a bustling railway junction; it is a portal to centuries-old heritage, colonial architecture, and religious diversity. With its strategic connectivity and proximity to iconic landmarks, Bandel Station remains a cherished chapter in the 100-year history of the Howrah Division.

ing tall towers, stained glass windows depicting biblical scenes, and a historic ship mast offered by a Portuguese captain, makes it an architectural marvel and a major pilgrimage site for Christians in Bengal. Similarly, the Bandellmambara, constructed in the 19th century by the Shia Muslim community, showcases intricate Mughal and Islamic designs, with towering minarets, a serene courtyard, and a clock tower. As a center for Islamic learning and festivals, it highlights Bandel's religious diversity and cultural depth.

Bandel: A Historic Town with a Colonial Past: The name "Bandel," derived from the Bengali word for "port," reflects its origins as a Portuguese settlement near the thriving port of Satgaon, north of Hooghly. Established in the 16th century, Bandel was one of the earliest European settlements in Bengal, flourishing as a hub of trade and religious activity. The town's multicultural heritage is evident in its historic Christian and Islamic architectural landmarks, which continue to draw visitors and underscore Bandel's role as a cultural crossroads in Bengal.

Bandel's Industrial Growth: Bandel Thermal Power Station: Beyond its railway and cultural prominence, Bandel has significantly contributed to West Bengal's industrial landscape. The Bandel Thermal Power Station (BTPS), commissioned in 1965 with an initial capacity of 82.5 MW, has been a major source of electricity for Kolkata and surrounding areas. Through ongoing modernization, BTPS continues to play a vital role in Bengal's energy sector, reinforcing Bandel's economic importance in Eastern India. Bandel Station's Role in the Howrah Division's Centennial Legacy As the Howrah Division marks 100 years from 1925 to 2025, Bandel Station remains a cornerstone of its railway network. The station has preserved its colonial-era architecture while embracing modern advancements, serving as a key transit point for suburban and long-distance trains. By connecting people and cultures, Bandel Station has played an integral role in the division's mission to foster unity and progress across Bengal and beyond.

Conclusion: The centennial celebration of the Howrah Division is a tribute to a century of excellence in railway operations, and Bandel Station stands as a shining example of its impact. With its rich history, architectural treasures, industrial contributions, and vital role in connectivity, Bandel remains a vital hub in Eastern India's railway network. As the Howrah Division looks to the future, Bandel Station will continue to bridge communities, preserve heritage, and drive progress, carrying forward its proud legacy for generations to come.

Metro Staff rescue an indisposed Lady Passenger

MI News Service, Kolkata: On 18.05.2025 at 15:00 hrs, a female passenger aged about 51 years had a bad fall and sustained a minor injury at Rabindra Sadan Metro station. Seeing her condition, RPF and station staff immediately rushed to her help.Considering the seriousness of the situation, she was brought to the Station Master's Office and administered the first-aid. In the meantime, station staff contacted one of her family members over the mobile number given by her and he was apprised of her condition. She was later sent to Shambhu Nath Pandit Hospital for further treatment under the escort of lady RPF staff and station staff. She thanked Metro Railway authorities for the co-operation and timely help.

Study reveals impact of oft-overlooked cell in brain function

Washington DC [US] : An often-ignored type of cell in the brain plays a dynamic and surprisingly complex role in our ability to process information, according to new research from Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU).

The study, published today in the journal Science, provides direct evidence for the real-time action of a star-shaped type of glial cell, known as astrocytes, in the live brains of fruit flies.

The abundant cell type -- roughly 35% of all cells in the human brain -- appears to be a key part of orchestrating a complex network governing brain function.

"We hope this begins to fundamentally change how the field thinks about astrocytes and their role in mediating neurophysiology and behaviour," said senior author Marc Freeman, Ph.D., director of the OHSU Vollum Institute. "

Over the long run, it should change how people think about developing therapies for regulation of attention, anxiety and mood," he added. The discovery was replicated in the astrocytes of rodents, suggesting it's an ancient feature of evolution likely to be conserved in other mammals



including people. "I think it's evolutionarily relevant to survival," said lead author Kevin Guttenplan, Ph.D., a postdoctoral scientist in Freeman's lab.

"If a tiger's behind you, you need to rapidly change how whole brain regions are thinking -- it's time to shut out everything else on your mind and entirely focus the brain on escaping. It's not the time to think about anything else," Kevin added. At one time, astrocytes were thought to serve only a supporting role by providing food and removing waste for neurons, the cells that form the brain's "hardwiring" by transmitting signals enabling us

to think, act and feel sensations. In 2016, Freeman and collaborators documented for the first time that astrocytes also transmit signals between neurons. Building on that discovery, researchers show some of the specific mechanisms revealing how those cells transmit signals. It turns out to be a highly complex interplay in which astrocytes can turn on and off their ability to respond to chemical neurotransmitters in the brain, such as dopamine and glutamate.

"Astrocytes are really big, and a single cell can have 100,000 synapses capable of sending signals to other cells," Guttenplan

said. "This mechanism allows them to choose which neurons to listen to. Being able to turn off some of those circuits allows astrocytes to make sense of the cacophony of activity occurring in the brain from moment to moment," added Guttenplan.

Researchers found that by manipulating this gating pathway within astrocytes, they were able to disrupt the behavior of the fruit flies -- highlighting the fact that these small changes can have a potent impact.

The new research reveals that astrocytes can directly respond to messages from all types of neurons. In this way, they play a role in the complex network of neuronal signalling that drives cognition and controls physical behaviour. In addition, they found these responses change dynamically with brain state, allowing astrocytes to orchestrate the complex network of neurons, enabling the brain to attend to the tasks at hand.

"These cells do actively control neuronal activity, really powerfully," Guttenplan said.

However, scientists caution that the discovery complicates scientific understanding of how the brain functions.

Experts call for urgent action on men's mental health issues

New Delhi : Men accounted for 72 per cent of suicides committed in India in 2022. This data from the National Crime Records Bureau has experts raising concerns about the rising mental health issues in men, which they say are largely overlooked.

Men are often conditioned to suppress vulnerability, leading to silent suffering and in many cases devastating consequences, said Jyoti Kapoor, founder-director and senior psychiatrist at Manasthali.

"Understanding and supporting men's mental health has never been more critical. We must normalise mental health conversations, provide accessible therapy resources and foster environments that encourage emotional expression without judgment, "both at home and workplace," DrKapoor said.

The incidents of atrocities against men -- ranging from false accusations and emotional abuse to domestic violence and legal harassment -- not only cause significant psychological trauma but also reflect a deeper, systemic neglect of male emotional well-being.

A study conducted in rural Haryana further revealed that 52.4 per cent of married men reported experiencing gender-based violence, often without access to legal recourse or psychological support.

Societal narratives continue to overlook the pain of men and the need of the hour is urgent reforms, including gender-inclusive mental health policies, safe spaces for emotional expression, and the dismantling of harmful stereotypes that discourage vulnerability in men.

DrShweta Sharma, General Secretary of the Indian Association of Clinical Psychologists and Founder of Mansa Global Foundation for Mental Health, said, "Men who experience violence or are wrongfully accused often suffer in silence, fearing



ridicule or disbelief. These experiences not only impact their mental health but also distort their sense of identity, purpose and safety. In therapy, we frequently see how unacknowledged trauma in men can manifest as withdrawal, aggression, substance use or suicidal ideation."

The issue is further compounded by a lack of legal safeguards, said DrPreeti Singh, Senior Consultant Clinical Psychologist, Seamless Minds Clinic and Paras Health. A 2013-14 study found that 53.2 per cent of rape charges filed during that period were false, sparking concern among psychologists and legal experts alike about the psychological toll on the falsely accused, she said.

The fallout often includes clinical depression, anxiety, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and long-term emotional trauma.

"These are the silent stories that rarely make it out -- 'men suffering alone, carrying a burden that is becoming unbearable. The system must become gender-neutral, fair and emotionally intelligent. Let's stop numbing men's pain with silence or stereotypes -- 'check in, talk to them and remind them that strength can look like vulnerability," said DrPreeti Singh.

Urban environments significantly increase risk of developing asthma - new research



Stockholm (Sweden) : The Conversation Asthma is one of the most prevalent chronic diseases worldwide, affecting around 260 million people.

Researchers have long know that environmental factors, such as air pollution and lack of green spaces, are linked to respiratory diseases such as asthma. But the joint impact of these various environmental factors on a person's risk of developing asthma has, until now, remained unclear.

Our study is the first to reveal the joint impact of multiple environmental factors in urban areas, known as the urban exposome, on the risk of developing asthma. We found that air pollution, lack of green space and areas built primarily from concrete and asphalt are linked with significantly greater risk of developing the condition.

To conduct our study, we analysed data from 349,037 participants from across 14 cohorts in Europe. Participants ranged in age from birth to 70 years old.

We also linked three major external environmental factors - air pollution, the built-up environment (such as the amount of green space a person had access to or the amount of artificial light they were exposed to at night) and ambient temperature - to participants' home addresses at the beginning of the study.

Participants were then grouped based on their exposure levels to the three major environmental factors. This allowed us to examine how exposure was linked to the onset of asthma and also calculate what a person's risk of developing asthma would be if exposed to these environmental conditions.

We also accounted for factors that might have affected the results, such as a person's age, sex, ethnic background, weight, socioeconomic status and whether they smoked (or were exposed to smoke).

We found that adults living in areas with high levels of air pollution had a 13% higher risk of developing asthma compared to people living in low pollution areas. Children living in high pollution areas had an 18% greater risk of developing asthma.

Adults living in areas that lacked green space had a 15% greater risk of developing asthma, while children had a 38% greater risk.

But one of the most significant findings of our study was just how much joint exposure to these environmental factors contributed to new asthma cases in both children and adults.

We found that the most hazardous urban environments were those characterised by high levels of air pollution, limited access to green spaces and those that were built primarily from concrete and asphalt. This increased an adult's risk of asthma by 27% and a child's risk of asthma by 35%.

Even areas without high levels of air pollution, but which were built primarily from concrete and asphalt and lacked green spaces, increased asthma risk by as much as 36%.

Urban planning and asthma risk

Our findings are generally consistent with what previous studies have found on the effects of urban environments, air pollution and green space on asthma risk. However, our study is the first to look at asthma incidence in both adults and children.

It's also the first study to cover the entire life-course and illustrate how multiple aspects of the urban exposome affect asthma incidence in all age groups.

It underscores the critical role that urban environments play in shaping respiratory health. We calculated that a significant proportion of asthma cases - almost 12% - could be directly attributed to urban environments.

Exposure to a combination of air pollution, poor urban planning and extreme temperatures are a significant driver of asthma risk across a person's lifespan.

With more people moving to cities every year, it's essential that we rethink how we design and manage urban spaces to prioritise health and wellbeing. Cities can help prevent asthma and improve quality of life by introducing policies that aim to reduce air pollution, expand green spaces and design infrastructure that is more resilient to extreme temperatures.

Women make for 35 pc STEM graduates globally maths gender stereotypes major reasons UNESCO

New Delhi : Women make for only 35 per cent of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) graduates globally with no significant progress made in last decade, according to UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring (GEM) team which has flagged low confidence in mathematics and negative gender stereotypes as major reasons behind the trend.

The team which analyses the development and trends in education sector across the globe pointed out that the digital transformation is led by men and women constitute only 26 per cent of workforce in data and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

"Critical data from 2018-23 shows that women made up only 35 per cent of STEM graduates globally, with no progress over the past 10 years. Part of this can be explained by the fact that girls' confidence in mathematics appears to be knocked early, even when they perform well. Part of it can be explained by negative gender stereotypes that also prevent women from pursuing STEM careers," a member of GEM team told PTI.

"Only one in four women with an information technology degree took up digital occupations in the European Union, compared with over one in two men. The digital transformation is led by men. Women constitute only 26 per cent of employ-



ees in data and artificial intelligence, 15 per cent in engineering, and 12 per cent in cloud computing across the world's leading economies. This is a loss to society," the official added. The team has noted that while 68 per cent of countries globally have policies to support STEM education, only half of these policies specifically target girls and women.

The GEM has launched an advocacy brief that proposes actions countries should take to redress the balance.

"Countries need to include gender-responsive school counselling and career orientation to nurture girls' talents and interests in STEM and Technical and Vocational Education and

Training (TVET). A key element of this kind of gender-sensitive orientation is professional training in gender-responsive guidance for teachers and counsellors. Career guidance programmes should aim to raise awareness among parents to enable them to play supportive roles free of biased notions of gender-appropriate careers," the brief read.

The advocacy brief has noted that girls need to see women succeeding in STEM fields in order to believe that they can do it too and counselling and guidance can help girls see STEM pathways they would not have considered, while role models and mentorship activities can challenge stereotypes about 'gender-suitable' subjects. "Schools

can create STEM clubs and organisations that are led by female students and teachers. They can also partner with local businesses and organisations to provide girls with opportunities to meet and learn from female STEM professionals and enable them to see that their skills are valuable in technical occupation. Female mentors can also improve the culture of STEM workplaces, which can be male-dominated and hostile to women," it said.

Training teachers and school leaders to start early in overcoming STEM gender bias, enhancing girls' digital literacy to close the skills gender gap and reviewing teaching and learning materials for negative gender bias on "appropriate" study choices, are among the recommendations made by GEM.

"A framework of digital competences should be prepared to provides guidance for the skills all learners should acquire, no matter their gender. Teachers should work towards overturning girls' mathematics anxiety, helping make STEM relevant to girls' interests as well as addressing their own bias and stereotypes.

"In primary school, teachers can use gender-neutral language when teaching STEM concepts and provide opportunities for girls to explore STEM activities. They can also invite female STEM professionals to speak to the class," the brief said.

Centre allows National Recruitment Agency to perform Aadhaar-based authentication

New Delhi : The Centre has allowed the National Recruitment Agency, mandated to conduct online examinations to screen government job aspirants, to perform Aadhaar-based authentication on a voluntary basis for different stakeholders, including applicants and public exam functionaries.

The NRA, a multi-agency body approved by the Union Cabinet in August 2020, is entrusted with the task of conducting a computer-based online Common Eligibility Test (CET) to shortlist candidates for Group B and Group C posts.

In a notification, the personnel ministry said the National Recruitment Agency (NRA) has been allowed to perform Aadhaar authentication "on voluntary basis for establishing the identity of applicants, public examination functionaries and other stakeholders involved in public examinations during various stages of the exams, including registration on the NRA portal, using Yes/No or/and e-KYC authentication facilities".

The agency shall adhere to all the relevant provisions of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, (as amended) read with Rule 5 of the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020, and directions issued by the



The UPSC conducts different recruitment exams annually, including the prestigious civil services examination to select officers for the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Police Service (IPS), among others. The SSC is one of the largest recruitment agencies of the government with its main mandate to conduct selections for non-gazetted posts in various Central ministries and departments.

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), the notification dated May 15 said.

Aadhaar is a 12-digit number issued by the UIDAI to all eligible citizens on the basis of biometric and demographic data.

In a written reply to RajyaSabha last year, Union Minister of State for Personnel, Jitendra Singh, said the NRA was conducting a detailed study of the prevalent recruitment sys-

tems in Central and state governments to conduct free and fair examination. The minister was responding to a query whether the NRA conducted any recruitment tests since its inception.

"The NRA is conducting a detailed study of the prevalent recruitment systems in Central and state governments and the procedure followed by various public examination authorities (PEAs) for the conduct of exami-

nation. "It is also examining the issues which are likely to arise in the new examination system and address them ab initio so as to conduct a free and fair examination," Singh said in the reply dated July 25, 2024.

The minister said the NRA was also in the process of developing protocols and policy frameworks to address various issues associated with the conduct of the new examination system as well as evolving effective means for ensuring compliance of normative standards and guidelines by all concerned.

The Centre earlier allowed the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) to perform Aadhaar-based authentication to verify candidates' identity on a voluntary basis, both at the time of registration and during various stages of examinations and recruitment. The UPSC conducts different recruitment exams annually, including the prestigious civil services examination to select officers for the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and Indian Police Service (IPS), among others. The SSC is one of the largest recruitment agencies of the government with its main mandate to conduct selections for non-gazetted posts in various Central ministries and departments.

US FDA clears first blood test to diagnose Alzheimer's disease

In a breakthrough, the United States Food and Drug Administration gave clearance to the first blood test that can help in diagnosing Alzheimer's disease.

Alzheimer's disease, a brain disorder, has plagued nearly 7 million Americans, and experts have projected the number to rise to nearly 13 million in the country. The condition makes it difficult for the individual to carry out their daily chores as it slowly destroys the memory and thinking skills.

As per the FDA, the test called Lumipulse G pTau217/B-Amyloid 1-42 Plasma Ratio is for the early detection of amyloid plaques associated with Alzheimer's disease in adult patients, aged 55 years and older, exhibiting signs and symptoms of the disease.

Amyloid plaques in an individual's brain are a sign of the condition. While these plaques can appear in other diseases, the identification of the plaques along with other evaluations helps doctors in the understanding of the condition.

The usual process of diagnosing Alzheimer's disease involves the patient going through a positron emission tomography (PET) brain scan to identify the plaques. However, these scans are costly, time-consuming, and harmful to the patients as they are exposed to radiation.

About the blood test
The newly cleared blood test measures two proteins, pTau217 and ?-amyloid 1-42, found in human plasma and calculates the numerical ratio of the levels of the two proteins.

This ratio is then correlated to the presence or absence of amyloid plaques in the patient's brain, reducing the need for a PET scan.

In the clinical study, 91.7% of individuals who tested positive with the blood test had the presence of amyloid plaques by PET scan or CSF test result, and 97.3 % of individuals with negative results had a negative amyloid PET scan or CSF test result.

"These findings indicate that the new blood test can reliably predict the presence or absence of amyloid pathology associated with Alzheimer's disease at the time of the test in patients who are cognitively impaired. The test is intended for patients presenting at a specialized care setting with signs and symptoms of cognitive decline. The results must be interpreted in conjunction with other patient clinical information," informed FDA.

Allahabad HC re-jects Sambhal Jama Masjid committee plea against survey

MI News Service, New Delhi:

The Allahabad High Court, on Monday, May 19, rejected the Sambhal Jama Masjid Management Committee's plea against the survey ordered by a civil court in the Shahi Jama Masjid and Harihar Temple dispute. The court said the order to appoint a court commissioner and the suit were maintainable. Justice Rohit Ranjan Agarwal had previously reserved its order on the matter after hearing counsel for the Masjid committee and plaintiff Hari Shanker Jain in the suit and the counsel for Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The case centres around a civil revision petition filed by the Sambhal Jama Masjid Management Committee, challenging the maintainability of a suit that led to a survey order by the civil court. The committee is contesting the lower court's decision dated November 19, 2024, which directed the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), along with an Advocate Commissioner, to conduct a survey of the mosque premises.

Following the civil court's order, a preliminary survey was initiated on the same day, November 19, and continued on November 24. However, the situation escalated during the second round of the survey, resulting in violence that left four people dead. Subsequently, the civil court had ordered the submission of the survey report by November 29. In response, the mosque committee approached the Allahabad High Court, which held its first hearing on January 8, 2025. On the same day, the court issued an interim stay on the civil court's survey directive and also stayed proceedings in the original suit pending before the lower court. The case has since seen around 15 hearings, with final arguments concluding on May 13.

50 per cent of mosques in Pakistan serve as terror fronts: PoJK activist Sajjad Raja

MI News Service, London:

Professor Sajjad Raja, Chairman of the National Equality Party for Jammu Kashmir Gilgit Baltistan and Ladakh (NEP JKGBL), revealed the harsh realities of life in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) and highlighted Pakistan's ongoing support for terrorism. While speaking to ANI on Operation Sindoor, Professor Sajjad Raja stated that while the operation has made terrorist groups and the Pakistan Army more careful, it hasn't instilled fear. "The army itself doesn't die. It sends out puppets to die, so they are not scared but will certainly be more cautious now that they've been exposed," he said. On the existence of terror camps, Professor added, "Yes, there are many terror camps still operating in PoJK and across Pakistan. In fact, around 50% of mosques in Pakistan have become fronts for terrorism." He pointed out how these camps have evolved to avoid detection, becoming more discreet but still training people for attacks.

Explaining Pakistan's obsession with terrorism over development, Professor Raja said the country functions as a "garrison state" where the military dominates policy, economy, and society. "The Pakistan Army runs 54 commercial companies and thrives on the narrative that India is an existential threat," he stated. He added that the army manipulates public perception, creating conflict with India whenever its internal credibility wanes, as seen after the recent fallout with Imran Khan. Commenting on the Pahalgam terror attack and India's response with Operation Sindoor, Professor Raja acknowledged that the action sent a strong signal globally but warned that China's backing of Pakistan remains a significant obstacle.

Panagarh Railway Station transformed into World-Class facility under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme

MI News Service, Kolkata: Panagarh Railway Station, a vital hub under the Asansol Division of Eastern Railway, has undergone a remarkable transformation, emerging as a world-class station under the ambitious Amrit Station Scheme. This visionary initiative, launched to modernize and upgrade railway infrastructure across the nation, has redefined the travel experience for passengers at Panagarh. From seamless connectivity to passenger-centric infrastructure, Panagarh Railway Station in West Bengal has been meticulously revamped to cater to the growing needs of commuters while upholding the rich heritage of Indian Railways. The upgrades include modernized platforms, energy-efficient lighting, advanced ticketing systems, expanded waiting areas, and improved accessibility features for differently-abled passengers. The station's transformation is a testament to the Union Government's commitment to creating a world-class railway network, fulfilling a dream cherished by millions of Indians.

With this significant milestone, Panagarh has not only elevated the travel experience for its passengers but also reinforced its role as a key node in the region's economic and social development.



The comprehensive redevelopment of Panagarh Station includes several state-of-the-art facilities: • New Station Building: A modern building on the second entry side houses ticket counters, spacious waiting areas, and toilets, including facilities for differently-abled

passengers. • Enhanced Accessibility: Installation of two lifts and ramps ensures easier access for all passengers, particularly the elderly and those with disabilities. • Platform Improvements: Platforms have been refurbished with new sheds, providing shelter and

comfort to waiting passengers. • Circulating Area Development: Optimized space and infrastructure facilitate seamless movement of passengers and vehicles within the station vicinity. • Green Initiatives: The introduction of gardens and landscaping elements creates a serene and inviting ambiance, promoting environmental sustainability. • Modern Amenities: Upgrades include energy-efficient lighting, advanced ticketing systems, and improved toilet facilities emphasizing cleanliness and user comfort. • Security Enhancements: Strategically installed CCTV cameras bolster security measures, ensuring the safety of passengers and station personnel around the clock. • Information Systems: The station now features Multiline Display Boards, Train Information Boards, and Coach Information Boards, providing real-time updates to passengers. • Panagarh's transformation is not only a boost for daily commuters but also holds strategic significance due to its proximity to the Asansol-Durgapur industrial belt and its role as a hub for the Indian Army's Mountain Strike Corps. The station's modernization is expected to support regional economic growth and enhance connectivity.



A tractor being used to rescue people from a waterlogged area after heavy rains, at Sai Layout in Bengaluru.

Prime Minister to inaugurate 103 Amrit Bharat Stations including Govindpur Road Station of Jharkhand



Redeveloped Govindpur Road Station under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.

MI News Service, Ranchi: Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate 103 Amrit Bharat Stations (through video conference) including Govindpur Road Station of Jharkhand on 22.05.2025. Rajmahal and Shankarpur Railway stations of Jharkhand will also be inaugurated by Hon'ble PM on the same day. Altogether 57 Stations of Jharkhand are being developed under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. The redevelopment of railway stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is a significant step towards modernizing the region's railway infrastructure. With a focus on enhancing passenger amenities, improving accessibility and incorporating sustainable design, these upgradation will not only elevate the travel experience but also contribute to the economic growth of the region. Govindpur Railway station is important station in Hatia-Bondamunda section for passenger and freight transportation. The redevelopment of Govindpur Station of Ranchi Division has been completed in record time to provide improved passenger amenities. The integrations of modern facilities like lifts, Newly Built Station Building, Developed Circulating Area with Green Garden, Additional Waiting Hall facility & Reserve Lounge, Developed Platform Surface and Platform Shelter have been executed at Govindpur Road Station. The work of Ramps, Water Booth and Toilet for Divyangjan, Parking Area development, Local Art Painting in concourse and station Area, Circulating Area Development, Tactile tile for Specially abled person, provision of Stainless Steel Benches, construction of Road side drain and pedestrian pathway, construction of Boundary Wall and entry gate facility have also been undertaken.

Operation Sindoor: Rahul targets Jaishankar, says his silence is 'damning'

MI News Service, New Delhi:

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday launched a fresh attack on External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, saying his silence on the number of aircraft India "lost" after Pakistan was "informed" about the military action under Operation Sindoor is "damning". The Congress leader had earlier also targeted the government on the issue, suggesting that the Indian side informed Pakistan ahead of the military strikes on terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) "EAM Jaishankar's silence isn't just telling, it's damning. So I'll ask again: How many Indian aircraft did we lose because Pakistan knew?" he asked in a post on X. "This wasn't a lapse. It was a crime. And the nation deserves the truth," Gandhi

also said. Gandhi had earlier shared an undated video clip of Jaishankar and wrote, "Informing Pakistan at the start of our attack was a crime. EAM has publicly admitted that GOI (government of India) did it." "Who authorised it? How many aircraft did our air force lose as a result," the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha had asked. The Ministry of External Affairs had described as "utter misrepresentation" claims that Jaishankar acknowledged that India alerted Pakistan before the launch of Operation Sindoor on May 7. "The external affairs minister had stated that we had warned Pakistan at the start, which is clearly the early phase after Operation Sindoor's commencement," the external publicity (XP) division of the ministry said.

Netanyahu acknowledges pressure from allies in decision to resume Gaza aid

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday that his decision to resume aid to Gaza after a weeklong blockade came after pressure from allies. In a video statement posted to social media, Netanyahu said that Israel's allies had voiced concern about "images of hunger". Israel's "greatest friends in the world", he said without mentioning specific nationalities, had said there is "one thing we cannot stand. We cannot accept images of hunger, mass hunger. We cannot stand that. We will not be able to support you".

"Therefore to achieve victory, we need to somehow solve the problem," Netanyahu said. The aid that would be let in would be "minimal", he said without specifying precisely when it would resume. Israel on Sunday said it would resume aid deliveries into the war-battered territory after

a complete halt on imports since early March. Israel has maintained that the blockade on goods — including fuel, food and medicine — was meant to ramp up pressure on the militant Hamas group in Gaza. The weeklong halt on aid deepened and already dire humanitarian crisis and prompted warnings of famine from food experts. That change in approach came as Israel launched a new offensive during which it plans to seize Gaza, displace hundreds of thousands of Palestinians and secure aid distribution inside the territory.

Israel says these are all ways to push Hamas toward agreeing to a ceasefire deal on Israel's terms. And while the sides continue to negotiate a potential truce, it is not clear how much progress has been made in bridging the remaining sticking points between the sides.

Malda Division Achieves Major Infrastructure Milestone with Successful Launch of Two Limited Height Subways



MI News Service, Kolkata:

Malda Division of Eastern Railway continues its steadfast efforts toward infrastructure enhancement and safety upgradation. On 18.05.2025, the Engineering Department of Malda Division successfully executed the launching of two (02) Limited Height Subways (LHS) in the Malda Town-Gumani section. These subways have replaced existing level crossings, thereby significantly reducing safety risks and enabling a smoother interface between rail and road traffic.

The first LHS was launched in lieu of Level Crossing No. 61 between Tildanga and Bonidanga stations. The structure consists of 10 box segments, each measuring 6m x 4.65m. The second LHS was launched in place of Level Crossing No. 63 between Tildanga and Bonidanga stations, involving the same segment dimensions. A traffic block of 7 hours was granted on both UP and DN lines on 18.05.2025 to facilitate the execution of these critical works, and both were completed successfully within the targeted time. In addition to the major LHS works, the Engineering Department effectively utilized the block periods to carry out several crucial track and infrastructure maintenance activities. At Malda Town station, two (02) turnout switches were renewed, along with 17

welding joints completed at Chamagram. Two (02) points worked by Point and Crossing Tamping Machine (PCTM) at Malda Town station on the UP line resulted in 200 track meters of progress, significantly improving the track gradient.

A major portion of plain track tamping was accomplished by CSM Machine between New Farakka and Tildanga section, achieving 5800 track meters of progress. Additionally, 09 welding joints were completed at Bonidanga station and 10 welds along the DN line within New Farakka station limits. Furthermore, structural enhancement works saw the completion of top chord painting on Bridge No. 383 D between Tildanga and Bonidanga stations on the UP line, covering spans of 3x76.2 meters. All the blocks were successfully cleared on time, reflecting the meticulous planning, execution, and coordination of the Engineering Department of Malda Division. The LHS construction was not only a major infrastructural achievement but also a fine demonstration of teamwork and technical skill. The successful insertion of the LHS structures and closure of the level crossings will significantly enhance safety for road users and reduce rail-road interface risks in the section, setting a positive precedent for future infrastructure upgrades.

Malda Division organizes a series of competitions on the themes "Mera Amrit Station" and "Operation Sindoor - Veerta Ki Misaal"



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 Misaal." In alignment with this initiative, the Malda Division of Eastern Railway organized a series of competitions in three categories— Painting, Speech, and Elocution — among students of eight schools around Pirpainti and Rajmahal. 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 total of 1125 students from 08 schools like DPS, Shermari High School, Champa Devi Girls High School & Happy Valley School at Pirpainti and J.K. High School, Project Girls High School, St. Teresa Public School & Indian Public School at Rajmahal enthusiastically participated in the competitions, showcasing their talents and deep understanding of the themes through impressive paintings, elocutions and powerful speeches. The school children participated in different competitions through their creatives, also revealed the spirit of patriotism among themselves. A total of 09 winners have been selected across the competition categories from the participants. These outstanding participants will be felicitated by Hon'ble dignitaries during the inaugural functions of Pirpainti and Rajmahal 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.

Hyderabad blast plot: Arrested men confess to ISIS links

MI News Service, Hyderabad: The Hyderabad city police revealed the two individuals who were arrested the previous day on suspicion of plotting blasts in the city were in touch with an ISIS handler from Saudi Arabia. In a press release on Monday, May 19, police informed that several meetings were conducted on the orders of an ISIS handler. The two arrested, Siraj Ur Rehman, 29, and Syed Sameer, 28, were part of a six-member Instagram group which had members hailing from neighbouring Karnataka and Maharashtra.

RCB ropes in Blessing Muzarabani as replacement for Lungi Ngidi

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) have named Zimbabwe seamer Blessing Muzarabani as a replacement for South African speedster Lungisani Ngidi, who will depart the franchise to link up with the South Africa national team for the World Test Championship Final. The change will come into effect from May 26, 2025, as per the IPL Media Advisory.

Muzarabani brings a wealth of international experience to the RCB camp. The tall right-arm fast bowler has featured in 70 T20 Internationals for Zimbabwe, claiming 78 wickets with his consistent pace and bounce. In addition to his T20 exploits, Muzarabani has also played 12 Test matches and 55 One Day Internationals for his country, making him a seasoned campaigner across formats.

The 28-year-old will join the RCB setup for a fee of Rs 75 lakh, bolstering the team's fast-bowling resources as they look to strengthen their push in the business end of the tournament.

RCB have already qualified for the playoffs with 17 points, and still have two matches to play. They are currently sitting in the second spot with eight wins, three losses and one no result.

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) have also signed Shivam Shukla as a replacement for Rovman Powell for the remainder of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025.

The West Indian all-rounder needs a surgical intervention of his tonsils. Shukla - a leg-spinner - plays for Madhya Pradesh in Domestic Cricket and will join KKR for Rs 30 Lakh.

Shukla, a leg-spinner, has featured in eight T20 matches and

has picked up eight wickets. His inclusion adds a fresh spin option to the KKR setup as the franchise looks to end their campaign on a strong note.

KKR's title defence came to a premature end following a washout in Bengaluru, a game that marked the league's return after a 10-day break. The defending champions, who clinched the title in 2024, have only one fixture left this season, a face-off against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in Delhi next Sunday.

With playoff hopes dashed, the match against SRH will be an opportunity for KKR to test new talent and finish the season with pride.

KKR are now placed sixth in the points table with five wins and six defeats, and their two games were washed out; they ended with 12 points.



Hockey India opens player registration for Hero Hockey India League 2026

RANCHI : Hockey India today announced that player registrations for the eagerly awaited Hero Hockey India League (Hero HIL) 2026 will open at 1700 hrs on 19 May 2025 and close at 1700 hrs on 20 August 2025.

Building on the resounding success of the 2024-25 revival season, which featured eight men's and four women's franchises, the upcoming edition promises to be even bigger. Registrations are open to all eligible Indian and international players, with invitations extended to athletes from the world's leading hockey nations.

Men: India, Netherlands, Belgium, United Kingdom, Germany, France, Australia, Spain, Argentina, Ireland, South Africa, New Zealand, Malaysia, South Korea

Women: India, Netherlands, Argentina, Belgium, China, Australia, Germany, Spain, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Ireland, Chile, Japan, USA, Scotland

HIL 2026 Player Registration Details: Registration Link (for both Indian and international players): <https://forms.gle/3rVoZdRXoozF9SHS6>. Opening Date: 19 May 2025, 1700 hrs. Closing Date: 20 August 2025, 1700 hrs.

Last season, more than 1,000 players signed up, underscoring the league's global appeal and its role as a launchpad for emerging talent.

The Odisha Warriors captured the inaugural Women's Hero HIL crown, while Shrachi Rath Bengal Tigers lifted the Men's title-achievements that epitomise the league's renewed energy and professionalism.

Commenting on the development, Hockey India President and Chairperson of the Hero Hockey India League Governing Committee Dr. Dilip Tirkey said, "The Hero Hockey India League has been a game changer for Indian hockey, and we are thrilled to continue its resurgence with the 2026 season.

Last season's response from players and fans was phenomenal, and we are confident that the upcoming edition will further elevate the standard of hockey in India while strengthening our international collaborations."

Hockey India Secretary General and Hero Hockey India League Governing Committee Member Shri Bhola Nath Singh added, "With the success of both the men's and women's leagues last season, we are seeing a renewed interest and enthusiasm in the sport.

We invite all aspiring and professional players, both from India and abroad, to seize this opportunity and register for what promises to be another landmark season."

New JSCA leadership garners statewide praise

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RANCHI : The newly elected leadership of the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA), led by President Ajay Nath Shahdev, has been widely lauded across the state for ushering in a new era of enthusiasm and reform in Jharkhand cricket.

Extending congratulations on behalf of the State Congress, Party President Keshav Mahato Kamlesh commended the dynamic new team comprising Vice President Sanjay Pandey, Secretary Saurabh Tiwari, Treasurer Amitabh Ghosh, and Joint Secretary Shabbaz Nadeem.

Kamlesh remarked, "This vibrant and youthful team is poised to give a fresh direction to cricket in Jharkhand. We trust that they will fulfill the expectations outlined in their manifesto and elevate the standard of the game, enabling players from the state to represent India on the global stage."

Former JPC President Rajesh Thakur also extended heartfelt congratulations to the entire newly elected team. "The experience and leadership acumen of Ajay Nath Shahdev and Sanjay Pandey will greatly benefit all aspiring cricketers. Their stewardship will ensure that budding talents get recognition and support at both national and international levels," he stated.

Former Deputy Chief Minister Sudesh Mahto lauded the elections of Shahdev and Tiwari, expressing optimism about their vision and leadership. "Jharkhand enjoys a unique position in Indian cricket. It is our collective duty to uphold and enrich this legacy," he emphasized.

Praveen Prabhakar, senior AJSU Party leader and a prominent figure in the Jharkhand movement, conveyed his best wishes to the team. He highlighted the importance of their role in redefining the objectives and impact of the JSCA in nurturing cricketing talent across the state.

Adding to the wave of support, Parikshit Tiwari, General Secretary of the Jharkhand Judo Association, expressed confidence in the new leadership. "The youth of Jharkhand look up to this team with great expectations. I am certain they will ensure that every talented player receives ample opportunities to grow and shine," he affirmed.

With widespread support and high expectations, Team Shahdev now shoulders the responsibility of steering Jharkhand cricket toward unprecedented growth and glory.

Joining the chorus of praise, several senior Congress leaders including Bandhu Tirkey, Rakesh Sinha, Satish Paul Mujni, Sonal Shanti, Ravindra Singh, Gajendra Singh, Abhilash Sahu, Rajan Verma, Dr. Taushif, Amarendra Singh, and Surya Kant Shukla extended their warm wishes and expressed faith in the team's ability to transform the cricketing landscape of Jharkhand.



BENGALURU (KARNATAKA) : India's undefeated pro-boxer Faizan Anwar secured a dominant victory over Ghana's Kpakpo Allotey in the 10-round Welterweight international professional boxing clash in the main event of the Super Fighter Series 3 at the Sunburn Union here.

The Dubai-based star Anwar, originally from Kolkata, sent the crowd into applause after every round as Bengaluru witnessed a world-class fight card featuring ten intense matchups hosted by Grassroot Boxing and Crown Boxing.

Fighters from across India and different countries, including Ghana, Ukraine, and Belarus, lit up the ring, according to a press release from WBA.

The co-main event for the WBA Asia Middle-East Super Lightweight title saw Danylo Honcharuk of Ukraine defeat Ruslan Kamilov of Dagestan.

After his opponent retired in Round 3, Danylo took the victory and the title, and a Technical Knockout was awarded to him.

In other supporting contests, F. Zoramchhana of Mizoram beat Bengaluru-based Harsh Saroha through a Unanimous Decision. At the same time, another Bangalore-based pro-boxer, Kamla Roka, took a unanimous decision win over Mehakpreet of Punjab.

Three others who made Bangalore their home to advance their pro-boxing careers, Rohit Choudhary of Punjab, Aman Bahadur of West Bengal and Ritesh Singh Bisht of Uttarakhand, also won their bouts.

In the fan-favourite women's fight, Rani Devi of Haryana defeated Aleksandra Sitnikova of Belarus by unanimous decision.

"My vision is clear -- to build a world-class platform for Indian pro-

fessional boxing and its fans. It's time we hosted global-level fights on home soil, rather than always looking abroad," Mujtaba Kamal, Founder of Grassroot Boxing, said as quoted from a press release by WBA.

At the same time, Rani Kamal, Co-founder, echoed the sentiment, saying: "We're here to raise the bar -- to bring international-calibre boxing events to India and redefine the standard."

Undercard Results: 1. F. Zoramchhana (Mizoram) bt Harsh Saroha (Unanimous Decision - UD); 2. Kamla Roka bt Mehakpreet (UD); 3. Rohit Choudhary bt Poken Siga (UD); 4. Aman Bahadur bt. Ramanthan Mpagi (Split Decision); 5. Vanlalawmpuia bt Diyo Rimo Matam (UD); 6. Kavinder Singh Bisht bt Bharany Velmurugan (UD); 7. Rani Devi bt Aleksandra Sitnikova (UD); 8. Ritesh Singh Bisht bt Kunal Kaushal (TKO).

India's Faizan Anwar beats Ghana's Kpakpo in main event; Danylo wins WBA Asia Middle-East title

Moody believes Gill, Sudharsan can weather any storm as they "learnt to move through gears"

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Former Australian cricketer and veteran coach Tom Moody believes Gujarat Titans opening pair Sai Sudharsan and skipper Shubman Gill have learned the art of shifting through gears with a technique that allows them to weather any storm.

Shubman (93*) and Sudharsan (108*) continued their searing form under Delhi's scorching heat on an action-packed Sunday in the 18th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL). After Delhi blazed its way through the obstacles to set up a daunting 200-run target for Gujarat, the young Titans duo broke DC's backbone with a sublime batting display.

The young sensations are the players across the ten franchises to score 600-plus runs in the current season. They figured out a blueprint



for victory and executed it flawlessly to steer the Titans to the top of the table and a playoff spot by staging a 10-wicket triumph.

"I think the way they dovetail

together as an opening pair, they seem to really understand each other's game. One seems to fall in behind the other if one's got off to a flier. So they cover each other, and

there seems to be a pattern in that throughout the season. And just their traditional strokeplay," Moody said on ESPNcricinfo Time Out.

Shubman's and Sudharsan's opening pair look easy on the eye, but their sublime performances are laced with power-hitting. GT captain has racked up 54 fours and 23 sixes this season, while Sudharsan boasts 68 boundaries and 20 maximums.

Sudharsan has the most fours struck by a player this season, while Rajasthan Royals' Yashasvi Jaiswal is the only player to hit more fours than the GT skipper. "What it shows you is the class of that batting pair. They are proper batters that have the technique that can weather any storm, but also... they have both developed this over time, they have learnt how to move through the gears. They may have only had three gears in previous

years, but both of them have five gears they can shift to," he added.

The 205 runs the duo combined to add against the Delhi Capitals were the best they have executed this season. Their success resonates in the 839 runs they have tallied together handsomely at 76.27.

"How do you build the pressure? By bowling dot balls. Those two are so good, not just in this game; if you see the other games also, where the pitches were a little tricky, they are so good [at] running between the wickets, that really makes their life easier," former India spinner Piyush Chawla said.

"When you are bowling a good ball as a bowler, you look for a dot ball or a wicket. They turn that into a single. And when there is a ball to hit for a boundary, they are never missing those chances as well," he added.

"100 TEST WICKETS WOULD BE REALLY SPECIAL...": ZIMBABWE PACER BLESSING MUZARABANI

LONDON [UK] : Ahead of his side's one-off Test match against England, Zimbabwe pacer Blessing Muzarabani admitted that taking 100 Test wickets "would be really special."

England will host Zimbabwe for a one-off Test from May 22 at Nottingham in a bid to prepare for the home series against India starting from June 20.

Speaking about getting to the milestone ahead of the game, Muzarabani said as quoted by ESPNcricinfo, "Yes, that is a great thing. Because I feel like Test wickets are really hard to get, actually, so getting 100 wickets is a big achievement for any fast bowler. That would be really special. I am working through my processes, and everything that happens, of course, we work hard to make sure those things happen. But, as well, I am not really looking at wickets."

Muzarabani, a six-foot-eighth-inch pacer, said that "his greatest weapon is height"

Zimbabwe does not have a great pace line-up. He had to travel worldwide for his trade, from Harare, to Northampton, to Bulawayo, Belfast, Abu Dhabi and Sylhet to prove himself as a great fast bowler.

In 12 Tests, he has taken 51 wickets at an average of 21.84, with best figures of 7/58. In 2025 itself, he has taken 26 wickets at an average of 18.61. In first three matches, he secured figures of 6 for 95 (against Afghanistan in Bulawayo), 7 for 58 (against Ireland in Bulawayo) and 6 for 73 (against Bangladesh in Sylhet), making him the first pacer since West Indies legend Malcolm Marshall in 1988 to take six-plus wicket hauls in three successive Tests.

Australia's batting puzzle deepens ahead of WTC Final

MELBOURNE [AUSTRALIA] : The battle for a spot in Australia's top six for next month's ICC World Test Championship Final has grown even more competitive, as several key contenders delivered mixed performances in England's County Championship, as per the official website of ICC.

Australia named their 15-player squad for the World Test Championship Final against South Africa at Lord's last week and a host of their important batters are already in England preparing themselves for the one-off Test from June 11.

Key batter Cameron Green boosted his chances of selection in Australia's XI with a superb century for Gloucestershire in their four-day contest against Kent in Bristol to further strengthen his claims of a return to the Test arena for the first time in more than 15 months.

Green has only just returned from back surgery, but looked in



excellent touch for Gloucestershire as he scored his second century since arriving on English shores when amassing 128 from just 184 deliveries in his side's first innings.

The powerful right-hander hit 17 fours and one massive six during his knock, boosting Gloucestershire's chances of claiming maximum points and winning the approval of the home

fans in a tight Division 2 contest at the County Ground.

"It was amazing. I definitely wanted a good score in front of the fans," Green said, as quoted from the official website of the ICC.

"I'd never really experienced chanting of my name before so that was awesome to experience," he added. "We played a couple of shots, the crowd got up, and you felt like you were really on top of

them," he noted.

If Green does get selected for Australia in the World Test Championship Final it will be just as a batter, meaning fellow all-rounder Beau Webster may win the nod given he can contribute with the ball as a seamer or off-spinner.

Webster did his chances of selection no harm during Warwickshire's loss to Hampshire in Birmingham, with the 31-year-old collecting six wickets across the two innings along with scores of 41 and 18 with the bat.

The news wasn't as good for former No.1 ranked Test batter Marnus Labuschagne, who failed to make much of an impact in his first hitout for Glamorgan in their easy victory over Northamptonshire in Cardiff.

Labuschagne has batted at No.3 for Australia for the majority of his Test career and made a solid contribution in that spot during their 209-run over India in he

most recent World Test Championship Final at The Oval in 2023.

There have been reports that Labuschagne may be pushed up to partner veteran opener Usman Khawaja at the top of Australia's batting order for the match with the Proteas, to allow the likes of Green and Webster to slot into the top six.

Labuschagne only arrived in the UK earlier this month and managed scores of zero and four in his first match for Glamorgan, with the right-hander edging the new-ball into the slip cordon in both of his innings in Wales.

Australia squad: Pat Cummins (c), Scott Boland, Alex Carey, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Usman Khawaja, Sam Konstas, Matt Kuhnemann, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Steve Smith (vc), Mitchell Starc, Beau Webster. Travelling reserve: Brendan Doggett.