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Mamata Banerjee urges officials in North Bengal to remain alert for cross-border threats and misinformation campaign

MI News Service, Siliguri : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Wednesday directed the administrative and police officials across the state, particularly in North Bengal, to remain alert and vigilant for cross-border threats in the strategically sensitive border districts. She also asked the offi-

cials to stay alert in view of potential flooding due to heavy rain in the coming monsoon season.

Chairing a high-level administrative meeting at Uttarkanya, the state headquarters in North Bengal, at the last leg of her ongoing three-day visit to North Bengal, she said the region, which shares international borders with Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh, is "highly sen-sitive", and directed the sitive", and directed the police and administration to intensify patrolling to prevent any infiltration bid, especially of anti-na-tional elements. "Even though the BSF is de-ployed state administra ployed, state administrative officials must also remain vigilant," she asserted.

She also cautioned officials against the spread of misinformation and fake news, stating that updates should only be disseminated through the government during any crisis. The chief minister also raised concerns over alleged irregularities in the



West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee is presiding over an administrative meeting with ministers and top government officials at Uttarkanya in Jalpaiguri on Wednesday.

voter list and asked offihas requested the Centre cials to ensure proper scrutiny.

Referring to the impending danger of flash floods during the coming monsoon season, Mamata Banerjee said that heavy rainfall in neighbouring Sikkim and Bhutan often leads to flooding in all dis-tricts in North Bengal. She said the state government the rest of the state needs to be strengthened," the to coordinate with Bhutan Chief minister said, while instructing officials to form for a joint water management mechanism to tackle dedicated disaster response teams in each disthe situation better. "We mustnow begin disaster trict. management preparations

Underlining the strategic importance of the 'Chicken's neck' corridor that connects the seven states in Northeast India

with the rest of the country. She also spoke about development activities and expediting pending projects in north Bengal.

Earlier addressing another administrative meeting at Phulbari, the Chief Minister announced a major boost to the staterun housing initiative, 'Banglar Bari (Gramin)',

with plans to construct 16 lakh more houses in the upcoming phase.

The Chief Minister said her government stood firmly with tea garden workers. "A lot of people claim they will give a lot of things but why didn't they do so all these years? They are nowhere to be seen during any leopard attacks

yet make tall claims," she remarked.

Ms. Banerjee accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of reneging on its promise to reopen tea gardens. "Ahead of elections, I remember a BJP leader saying that they would reopen all tea gardens. But they couldn't even reopen one. I want to thank Moloy

Ghatak, Gautam, Prakash Chik Baraik, Ganga Prasad Sharma, and others for reopening eight tea gardens in Alipurduar and seven tea gardens in Jalpaiguri. Before this, 59 tea gardens were reopened by us," the Trinamool Congress chairperson added.

Tea garden workers are getting pattas. Financial assistance is being given under the Chaa Sundari Extension Scheme. Over 8,000 and 13,000 families in Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar respectively are getting benefits under this scheme," she said.

Addressing thousands of beneficiaries, Banerjee said 12 lakh families have already received funds under the Banglar Bari scheme in two phases, amounting to Rs 1.2 lakh per family, for building their homes. "We are proud that our state gov-ernment, entirely from its own finder is supporting own funds, is supporting this initiative. No one will be left behind-those who are yet to receive assistance will be included in next phases," she stated.

In the next phase 16 lakh more beneficiaries are expected to receive their first installment in December 2025, and the second in May 2026. Under the same initiative, 131 displaced families from Laltang Basti

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SC granted bail to professor Mahmudabad

MI News Service, Chandigarh : After the Supreme Court has granted interim bail to professor Ali Khan Mahmudabad, the Haryana based Ashoka University stated on Wednesday that it was "relieved" and "heartened"

Mahmudabad was arrested on Sunday by Haryana police for his social media posts related to



without further delay and

immediately. Communica-

tion between northern parts of West Bengal and

At least 27 Naxalites gunned down in Chhattisgarh

MI News Service, Raipur : dravati national park area In yet another anti-Maoist operation, at least 27 Nax-trict Reserve Guard (DRG) alites were killed in an encounter with security forces in the forests along the border of Narayanpur-Bijapur districts in Chhat-

tisgarh on Wednesday. Accorfing to official sources, a police informer was also killed during the encounter and a police jawan suffred injuries.

district.

Though initial reports said 26 heavily armed Maoist guerrillas were of police from four districts killed in the fierce gun eration, said deputy Chief battle between District Reserve Guard (DRG) jawans and the extremists since operation by the District early Wednesday morning Reserve Guard (DRG) from inside the dense forest areas of Abujhmad . But four districts of Narayanpur, Dantewada, Bijapur the last reports confirmed the death of 27 Naxalites and Kondagaon was undertaken based on inforwith the intensive comb-

carried out the joint oper-

ation. During and after the encounter, security forces seized multiple modern weapons, including several AK-47 and Insus rifles with hunfreds of rounds of live ammunition and explosives. which the Maoists have used to terrorize the region. Officials called the recovery a major setback to the operational network of the Naxalites in the area. Chhattisgarh, especially the Abujhmad region in the Bastar division, has long been a center of Naxal violence. The state government's intensified anti-Naxal measures aim to restore peace, and

Operation Sindoor.

"We are relieved and heartened by prof Ali Khan Mahmudabad being granted interim bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. It has provided great comfort to his family and all of us at Ashoka University," the university where he works, said in a statement.

The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted interim bail to Mahmudabad but refused to stay the investigation against him.A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotisar Singh directed the Haryana DGP to constitute a three-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by an IG rank officer and including an SP rank woman officer within 24 hours for investigating the case.

The bench restrained the professor from writing any further online posts on the recent India-Pakistan conflict and asked him to cooperate with the SIT investigation.On Tuesday, a court in Sonipat sent Mahmudabad to

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A Royal Bengal tiger takes rest into the water at alipore zoo, tries to rilief himself from heat.

Drone-like objects spotted over Kolkata sky, police probe begins

MI News Service, Kolkata : In the midst of the nationwide heightened security situation, several dronelike objects were recently spotted hovering over the night sky in Kolkata, prompting the police to investigate the matter from all angles, including the possibility of espionage,

officials said on Wednesday. At least 8-10 such objects were found flying over the Hastings area, the Vidyasagar Setu and Maidan on Monday night, they said.

A senior bureaucrat in the state administration said the Centre has also sought a report from the West Bengal government over the incident.

Incidentally, despite the present ceasefire between India and Pakistan, police has remained vigi-

merous drone sightings across the city and in other parts of the country in recent days.

Getting scared about this new development several residents contacted the police control room to report that unknwon aerial objects were spotted in various locations of the city and other areas. However, police were unable to locate any drones or suspi-

cious objects at the reported locations during investigation. In the early hours of Tuesday, a security guard at a showroom in South Kolkata informed

the police control room that he noticed a dronelike flying object in the sky. On receiving this information, the night DSP and the police rushed to the spot. The caller also provided

the police a video recorded using his mobile phone as lant amid reports of nuproof. It showed a blinking

confirm that it was a drone. Last Saturday night, police also received calls about drones being located in the sky above some other locations. Responding promptly, police teams reached the said spots but did not find any suspicious flying object or drones there. Similar calls were also

received from other parts of the city over the past few days. However, police did not find any drone over the city's sky. Police said sometimes people see blinking lights of towers in the nearby areas and call the police control room in panic amid the present volatile situation, reporting that they noticed drones in the sky. However, no drones have been found flying in the city so far.

India is wellpositioned to deal with red light in the sky and negative nothing else. However, police said the video does not effects of

US tariffs MI News Service, New **Delhi** : Despite the current volatility in the global economy rocking almost every nation around the globe, India is well-positioned to deal with the negative effects of US tariffs and global trade disruptions as its domestic growth drivers and low dependence on exports have firmly anchor the country's econ-

omy, This view was expressed in the world's leading economic rating agency Moody's report on Wednesday.

In a note on India, the US based agency said the government of India's initiatives to boost private consumption, expand manufacturing capacity and increase infrastructure spending will help offset the weakening outlook for the global demand. Easing inflation offers the potential for interest rate cuts to further support the economy, even as the banking sector's liquidity facilitates lending, the report stated. Accordingly, the report said, India is well-positioned to deal with the negative effects of US

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tariffs and global

The encounter took mation that a senior place in dense forests be-Maoist leader was hiding tween Abhujmad and Inin a specific area in Abujhmad.

was out on anti-Naxal op-

The sources said the

Minister Vijay Sharma.

The Abujhmad is an unsurveyed land larger than the state of Goa. While a large part of it is in Narayanpur, it also extends to Bijapur, Dante-Kanker wada, and Maharashtra's Gadchiroli

ing operation in the entire areas still continuing

The offensive was launched following precise intelligence inputs about the presence of a large group of heavily armed Naxalites in the forested region, notorious for leftwing extremism. The DRG, supported by local police and paramilitary forces,

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Abishek Banerjee joins Parliamentary delegation to highlight India's anti-terror efforts

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee MP will embark on a five-nation tour across Asia as part of a multi-party parliamentary liamentary delegation aimed at highlighting India's fight against terrorism through 'Operation Sindoor'. The tour, which begins with Japan, will also include visits to South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, and Malaysia.

The delegation has been tasked with presenting India's firm response to the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam and the subsequent strikes on nine terror camps in Pakistan

avoiding any damage to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on May 7. The In-Pakistani military installadian government has emtions or harm to civilians. that the The delegation, led operation strictly targeted

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Reimagine Kolkata's Future at Sandbox CCU Project Open house

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MI News Service, Kolkata : The energy was electric at Techno India University as over a hundred students came together to present bold, imaginative and practical ideas for reimagining Kolkata at the grand finale of Sandbox CCU Project Showcase and Openhouse- a one-week urban design sprint. Organised by Elseplay and the rebalance institute, presented by Techno India University, and powered by Make Calcutta Relevant Again, the event celebrated the creative leadership of the city's youth in solving Kolkata's most pressing urban challenges. The presence of several experts and luminaties in the event added

immense value and encouragement to the budding urban changemakers. The Showcase and Open House featured compelling keynote addresses, a lively panel discussion and final presentations by the top teams from School of the Future, Techno India University, Techno Main Salt Lake and Bengal Institute of Technology. The week-long challenge brought together undergraduate students from STEM, business, design and humanities backgrounds to collaborate using Human-Centered Design, Systems Thinking and emerging STEM tools. "This event has proved

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Biden's prostate cancer treatment may not be the best choice for all men, says cancer researcher

MI News Service, Washington (DC) : "Me encontraron cancer en la prostata," my father told me. "They found cancer in my prostate."

As a cancer researcher who knows very well about the high incidence and decreased survival rates of prostate cancer in the Caribbean, I anguished over these words. Even though I study cancer in my day job, I struggled to take in this news. At the time, all I could muster in response was, "What did the doctor say?

"The urologist wants me to see

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the radiation oncologist to discuss 'semillas' (seeds)," he said. "They are recommending treatment." Many men, including former President Joe Biden, whose case is advanced, do choose with their doctors to treat prostate cancer. However, I understood from my work that not undergoing treatment was also an option. In some cases, that is the better choice. So I took it upon myself to educate my father on his disease and assist him with the life-changing

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Cross border crime: BSF, police hold talks with villagers

MI News Service, South Dinajpur: Police and the Border Security Force (BSF) in South Dinajpur, a district which has a 285km stretch of border with Bangladesh, are holding meetings regularly with elected representatives of villages which are near the frontier and local residents to prevent cross-border crimes.

"We are having meetings with members of panchayats and other rural bodies. They have been asked to be on alert and inform the police in case they find anything suspicious. They have been told to call up the police control room to share any information that can help uphold law and order along the international border," said Chinmay Mittal, the superintendent of police, South Dinajpur.

Around 30km of the border is unfenced in the district. In these locations, the BSF is using drones and CCTV cameras for round-the-clock monitoring and to prevent illegal activities like infiltration and other crimes. Also, additional personnel have been deployed in

these areas," said a source. The BSF intercepted a woman and her minor child as she tried to infiltrate into Bangladesh through the border in Madhabpur that is under the jurisdiction of Patiram police

station. BSF and police officials held meetings in Amritakhanda and Chingispur panchayats of Balurghat block. Both the panchayats share borders with

Bangladesh. Sources in the state intelligence agencies said there are instances of smuggling and infiltration through the India-Bangladesh border in

South Dinajpur. As the Centre launched Operation Sindoor against the Pakistan-sponsored terrorism, a crackdown on Pakistani and Bangladeshi infiltrators has started in the Indian states. This has made the Bangladeshis, who had illegally enpreparedness along the intertered India and were staying here, hurriedly return to their country.

A senior official of the BSF had visited north Bengal and had been to some of the fronsaid the meeting with elected representatives and villagers

Techno India Group World School MI News Service, Siliguri: is an important exercise in the

present situation. West Bengal Chief Minister "They can be our eyes and Mamata Banerjee inauguratears and can help us to preed the Techno India Group vent illegal activities at the World School at Siliguri makborders. Our personnel have ing the beginning of world been asked to maintain regclass education for every girl ular contact with residents of child for North Bengal and the bordering areas to gather entire North East part of the information," he said. nation. This inauguration That the BSF is strongly fohappen virtually during the cusing on the Indo-Bangla bor-Siliguri Business Meet 2025. der is evident as senior officials

reached Assam and reviewed

the current security scenario

at the border. He met senior of-

ficers of the Guwahati frontier

of BSF which also covers a por-

tion of the Cooch Behar district

in Bengal, and was apprised

about the current security ar-

rangements and operational

A few days ago, Aggarwal

Best Picture category. The film

Putul explores the daily

made it to the Reminder List.

hardships of street children. The film received a standing

ovation at the 77th annual

Cannes Film Festival's Marché

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Mumtaz Sorcar, Sujan Mukher-

The film's cast includes

du Film in 2024.

national boundary.

Mamata Banerjee congratuof the central security force late Techno India Group and Satyam Roychowdhury in particular for this contribuare visiting bordering areas of states like Bengal and Assam. Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal, tion to education of the girl the additional director generchild in this region. al of BSF's eastern command,

State provides land rights to 132 shifted families

WB CM Mamata

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: Chief minister Mamata Banerjee launched the process of handing over land rights to all 132 families of Chamakdangi and Laltong, who used to live in two forest villages on the left bank of the Teesta river, on the outskirts of Jalpaiguri.

The families have been shifted to another location because of the acute erosion of the Teesta's banks.

At the public service distribution programme held near Uttarkanya here on Tuesday, Mamata handed over the land document to Laxmi Lepcha, one of the villagers.

The rest of the families also got their documents from the Dabgram 1 gram panchayat office in Salugara near Siliguri. The villages and Majhua, the new location, are in the Rajganj block of Jalpaiguri district

"Let the new location be named as Teesta Pally," Ma-

had been facing erosion and flooding by the Teesta during the past few years.

the land rights of our plots. Now, each of us will have our own houses," Champey Mukhia, who used to stay in Chamakdangi, said.

Deb, in turn, apprised Mamata of the issue. The chief minister then decided to relocate the villagers.

gram 1, and Abhiram Saibo, the deputy chief, were prescontinue our movement and ent in the rural body's office will submit a memorandum to



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee , accompanied by state Chief Secretary Manoj Pant and Director General Of Police Rajiv Kumar, at the start of the Administrative meeting at Uttarkanya in Jalpaiguri on Wednesday.

OBC fiasco: WBJEE results likely to be delayed

MI News Service, Kolkata: The ongoing impasse over the Other Backward Classes (OBC) reservation in the state may delay the publication of the West Bengal Joint Entrance Examination (WB-JEE) results, officials from the state Joint Entrance Examination Board (WBJEEB)

have indicated. facilitates admissions to en-The WBJEE not only asgineering & technology, pharsigns overall ranks to sucmacy, and architecture courscessful candidates but also is-

challenged the verdict in the Supreme Court, where the matter remains sub judice. A hearing is expected in July. As a result, admissions to undergraduate courses in government and state-aided pearing for the exam.

institutions have already been held up. The WBJEE, which affect other entrance tests conducted by the WBJEEB. The Presidency University Bachelor Degree Entrance Test (PUBDET-2025) is sched

exams and the admission

processes following them,

could be affected if the res-

ervation issue remains unre-

solved

The state government has the results, we will not be able to proceed with publishing them until the reservation policy is clarified." This year's WBJEE was conducted on April 27 across 303 centres, with 1,01,679 candidates ap-

The uncertainty could also

Bengal State envisages

uninterrupted power supply at Ghoramara Island

MI News Service, Sunderbans: Uninterrupted power supply at the remote Ghoramara Island in Sunderbans may soon be a reality with the district administration working to ensure adequate supply of solar power to end the woes of the residents.

The district administration will take up the matter with the Non-Conventional Energy Sources (NES) department. District Magistrate, South 24-Parganas, Sumit Gupta on Monday paid his maiden visit to the island along with senior officials and local Panchayat. He interacted with the residents and took stock of whether they are getting benefits of the various social security schemes of the state government.

Ghoramara is an isolated island in the South 24-Par-ganas inhabited by 4,700 odd people. Most have to depend on candles or kerosene lanterns for light. A 170 KWH solar and wind power plant that has started functioning in the island in November 2024 can provide electricity for only 2-3 hours a day. There are some families in the islands who use personal solar lights since uninterrupted power supply remains a far cry.

The solar plant has been set up by experts from IIT Kharagpur and CMERI Durgapur under the guidance of solar power expert Santi Pada Gon Chowdhuri, funded by the Union Ministry of Science and Technology. Also Read - CM announces 16L new homes under 'Banglar Bari'; unveils 365 projects worth Rs 250.54 cr "Power supply was one of the major demands of the residents. We will take it up with all stakeholders so that the villagers reap the benefits of electricity round-the-clock.

There is no jetty in the is-land and people have to wade through ankle or knee- deep water across the river to travel to and from the island which can be reached by motor boats from Lot 8. The Transport department has already assured us of putting up a jetty," said a district administration official.

The island with hamlets under Sagar block of South 24-Parganas has become a symbol of climate vulnerability and community resilience. However, instead of surrendering to the encroaching sea, the residents, with support from the state government, have launched a bold campaign focused on comprehensive waste management that includes solid. plastic and liquid waste and ecosystem restoration. The Panchavat "has banned sin uled for June 21 and 22, gle-use plastics" while the JENPAS(UG)-2025, Gupta also took stock of the common entrance test for the waste management and nursing and other paramedithe 'Banglar Bari' project in cal undergraduate courses, is the island directly interacting set to take place on Sunday, with the beneficiaries. May 25. The results of these

Kolkata filmmaker Indira Dhar at Cannes to launch film News Service, 97th Academy Awards in the

Kolkata: Kolkata filmmaker Indira Dhar, whose Oscar-acclaimed film Putul was screened at Cannes Film Festival in 2014, has returned to the international festival this year to launch her next film, Echoes of Valour, based on the parents of an Indian army soldier.

"This is my second year at the festival. Last year, I was here with my Oscar-acclaimed film Putul. This year I am here to launch my next film," said Dhar.

"This is a very important film as it is based on the lives of an Indian soldier's parents," she added.

Dhar also drew attention to the importance of Cannes Film Festival as a platform for discourse on cinema.

"We see a lot of red carpet appearances at Cannes. It's



lead roles.

he said.



Dhar's debut feature film,



Putul, was shortlisted for the

festival," she added. Echoes of Valour stars Divya Dutta and Neeraj Kabi in the



Service, MI News Kolkata: Representatives of youths and students of the tribal community have raised strong objections to a notification issued by the West Bengal rublic Service Commission (WBPSC), which mandates Bengali or Nepali as the only compulsory language papers for candidates appearing in the West Bengal Civil Service (WBCS) exams. Michelle Tirkey, a representative of the Dooars Terai Adivasi Students' Forum (DTASF), pointed out that the notification was issued in July last year, saying Bengali or Nepali was mandatory for the candidates. "It mandates Bengali or Nepali as the only compulsory language papers for candidates appearing in the upcoming state public service and police service examinations. This has led to discontentment among the tribal students and youths, especially those who



jee and Koneenica Banerjee. Putul is based on street children, but it's not just another film on the same subject. You need to watch it to understand," Dhar said. Dhar is also known for the

short films Stars and Soch and the mid-length film The Green Window. The 78th edition of the

Cannes Film Festival opened in southern France on May 14 and will conclude on May 25.

Altogether, around 500 people lived in the two villag-

es. Because of the erosion and floods, they had approached the Jalpaiguri district administration and Siliguri mayor Gautam Deb.

have pursued their education Lakra, the convenor of DTASF. According to them, no corrective action has been taken

Arati Roy, the chief of Dab-

mata said in her speech. On May 17, the rehabil-itation of the villagers who

"We are happy that we got

the tribal candidates are denied equal opportunity solely because of linguistic con-

straints," Tirkey added. The tribal youths said a 300mark compulsory language paper (Bengali or Nepali) with a qualifying threshold of 30 per cent effectively disqualifies many students from the Terai and the Dooars.

in Hindi or Santali medium,

"As the preliminary and

main examinations are sched-

uled for July 2025, we believe

"Around 65 per cent of the population in both these areas is tribal people. We are not against Bengali or Nepali being part of the system, but excluding Hindi and Santali is a direct attack on the aspirations of tribal youths in this region. How can the state claim

draw the state's attention, he added.

so far. "We have decided to

Roshan Ekka, president of the North Bengal Tribal Youth Association, and Jeraldina Muchwar, a DTASF member and representative of the Adivasi Students Association at North Bengal University, have also supported the demand.

'This is not just a language issue. It is about equal access to opportunity, dignity, and representation in state services. The state government and PSC should decide on it," said Ekka.

"Despite preparing hard and having the required qualifications, the tribal youths will be inclusivity while shutting the sidelined for not being able to door on a major portion of its write Bengali or Nepali. This is population?" asked Joy Prafful unacceptable," Muchwar said.

Mamata had earlier ex-

pressed her dissatisfaction

with the situation in these

industrial zones, following

reports of extortion and the

high-handed behaviour of

party members, particularly

trade union leaders. Industri-

alists were reportedly pres-

sured to hire workers even

'The slogan of our chief

when there was no demand.

minister is to ensure an in-

dustry-friendly and work-

er-friendly environment in

the state. The duty of trade

unions is to protect the in-

terests and security of la-

bourers, not to interfere in

recruitment. Anyone who

interferes in the recruitment

processes of industrial units

will have no place in our

trade union," said Ritabrata

me with this responsibility,

and I will do my best to en-

sure round-the-clock moni-

toring of these two industri-

al zones. I plan to visit both

units three times a month,"

Banerjee added.

"The party has entrusted

Banerjee.

State INTTUC President **Ritabrata given surplus duties**

Tamluk: The Trinamool Congress has removed the posts of the party's trade union presidents in two industrial zones - Tamluk in East Midnapore and Durgapur in West Burdwan. State INTTUC president Ritabrata Banerjee has been assigned to head local-level core committees to control these areas directly under the state unit's monitoring.

A source said the decision to remove the district INTTUC presidents in these areas was a result of chief minister Mamata Banerjee's displeasure over the local leaders' high-handedness in dealing with multiple industries in Haldia and Durgapur. Haldia falls under the Tamluk unit.

"There were numerous complaints against the INT-TUC's Tamluk unit, then headed by Chandan Dey. Several industries, including private players in Haldia known as the industrial hub of the state - had submit-

ted written complaints about the high-handedness of local trade union leaders. Monday's announcement of forming a core committee led by Ritabrata Banerjee aims to bring this key industrial zone under state-level control," said a senior Trinamool Congress leader. The TMC announced new

core committees for the Tamluk and Durgapur units, removing the existing pres-Chandan Dey and idents Abhijit Ghatak, the brother of minister Malay Ghatak. A source said while Ghatak has been retained as president, his jurisdiction has been confined to the Asansol region, keeping Durgapur — another major industrial hub — outside his control.

A TMC source said that centralising control of trade unions in these two regions became essential for the party, especially ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections, as Mamata Banerjee seeks to project Bengal as an industry-friendly state.

to hand over the land documents to the families.

"Each family will now become eligible to get assistance under the Bangla Awas Yojna (the state's housing scheme). They will get ₹1.20 lakh each to construct their houses," said Saibo.

Malda Migrant worker missing in Kashmir

MI News Service, Malda: A migrant worker from Malda is missing in Kashmir amidst the unrest between India and Pakistan. The migrant worker named Ashfaq Haque has been missing for almost twelve days. He is a resident of Dation village of Sultan Nagar gram panchayat under Harishchandrapur police station in Malda district.

Ashfaq is the eldest son of the family. Ashfaq's family claims that he is 17 years old. The last phone conversation was with his mother during the India-Pakistan conflict. The last conversation with his family was twelve days ago. At that time, there was practically a war situation. He had told his family that there was a food problem. He would return home even in this situation. Since then, there has been no further news. The family is in great anxiety.

His mother broke down in tears after not finding her son. She made a desperate plea to the administration to return her son. Meanwhile, political pressure has started after the disappearance of the migrant worker. The BJP MP claims that so many boys are having to go abroad because there is no employment in the state. At the same time, the family has been assured of help in finding the migrant. The local MLA and state minister have also assured to look into the matter.

es across the state, has now sues category-wise rankings. been drawn into the issue.

These category-specific ranks "We have already written are crucial as they determine to the state Higher Éducation admissions under reserved department seeking clarity on quotas in colleges and unithe OBC reservation norms versities across the state. for admissions to courses un-However, uncertainty over der our purview," a WBJEEB

the reservation policy has emerged after the Calcutofficial said. "We are awaiting a response from them, as we ta High Court, in May 2024, need to publish results catestruck down the OBC status of gory-wise. Although there is 77 communities in the state. no problem with preparing

Vijaya Diagnostic Centre Opens an **Advanced Facility in Krishnanagar**

News Service, Krishnanagar : In a significant boost to healthcare services in Nadia district, (Vijaya Diagnostic) a Centre inaugurated a new, state-of-the-art diagnostic facility near Govt College in Krishnanagar on Wednesday. This marks the 172nd centre for the trusted diagnostic brand and introduces the region's first 3 Tesla (3T) MRI scanner.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed the presence of several dignitaries including Smt. Tarannum Sultana Mir, Zila Savadhipati of Krishnanagar;

Speaking at the event, Smt. Barnali De, Vice President of (Vijaya Diagnostic) Centre, said, "To provide better medical facilities to patients, we have opened our 172nd centre in Krishnanagar, featuring advanced services such as the first 3 Tesla MRI scanner and an 80-Slice CT. This is a

MI Kalyani: In a significant step towards community engagement and public service, the Ranaghat Police District has successfully returned 100 missing mobile phones to their rightful owners. These phones were handed over after being recovered through diligent efforts by the police in the past

efficiency and commitment, the district police have managed to recover more than 350 missing mobile phones within just two weeks, showcasing the success of their focused operations. The program took place in

Kalyani. Officials from Ranaghat Police District nological advancement but

tiatives will continue in the future. With the aid of modern technology and swift investigative procedures, the police are determined to carry out more operations to locate and return lost or stolen mobile phones. The initiative not only

the

ed with the common people and to build a safer, more responsive policing environment. This proactive move by the Ranaghat Police has

been widely appreciated by the community and serves highlights the force's techas a shining example of public-oriented policing.

Riverbank erosion: Thousands of families from Malda appeal to PM

MI News Service, Malda: Thousands of families from the Ratua-I block of Malda district have made an emotional and urgent appeal to the Prime Minister of India, seeking immediate intervention to stop the devastating riverbank erosion caused by the Ganga, Fulhar and Kosi rivers.

The erosion has already displaced nearly 80,000 people and now threatens over 100,000 residents, along with vital public infrastructure including 28 primary schools, health centres, religious sites, banks and roads. A mass petition signed by the residents of Mahanandatola and Bilaimari and endorsed by local Panchayat heads — has been sent directly to the Prime Minister.

The letter highlights the 250-year-old history of this once-thriving settlement, now at the brink of destruction due to uncontrolled erosion. Despite repeated inspections by government officials, no substantial protective measures have been implemented so far.



major leap in diagnostic capability for the region."

Maharashtra, (PFT), ECG, and comprehenreaffirming its commitment to providing quality diagnossive laboratory testing. All services will be handled by tic services across India.

Ranaghat Police District Recovers and Returns 100 Missing Mobile Phones to Citizens MI News Service, weeks. Demonstrating their have affirmed that such ini-also underlines their resolve



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Our initial inclination

was to undergo active sur-

veillance. That meant we

would monitor his PSA

every six months instead of

immediately starting treat-

ment. That is appropriate

for patients with early-stage and less aggressive

with prostate cancer don't

immediately start treatment, because many of the

tumours found through

PSA testing grow so slowly

that they are unlikely to be

Research suggests that

treatments, which are

often associated with sig-

nificant harms, like uri-

incontinence, sexual impo-

tence and, in some cases,

US have shown that pa-

tients with early-stage

prostate cancer generally

have a good prognosis, and

the cancer rarely pro-

gresses further. With care-

ful observation, most will

never need treatment and

can be spared the burdens

of unnecessary therapy

until there are clear signs

overtreatment of prostate

cancer led the US Preven-

tive Services Task Force to

recommend against PSA-

based screening in 2012,

with caveats for high-risk

groups including African

American men and those

with a family history of

prostate cancer. The rec-

ommendation was updated

in 2018 to make screening

a personal choice after dis-

tions have resulted in re-

duced screening and

increased prostate cancer

diagnoses. Given that

Black men are more likely

to see the cancer progress

to aggressive forms of the

disease after initial diag-

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Mamata Banerjee urges...

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and Chamakdangi in Jalpaiguri, whose homes were washed away in flood, have been rehabilitated in a newly constructed colony which the Chief Minister named

'Teesta Pally'. Highlighting the state's continued support for farmers, the Chief Minister announced that financial assistance of Rs 158 crore is being transferred directly to the bank accounts of over 1 lakh potato farmers across Bengal. These farmers faced crop losses due to adverse weather condition during the current Rabi season. Since its launch in 2019, the Bangla Shasya Bima crop insurance scheme has dis-bursed over Rs 3,720 crore to affected farmers. Notably, the state government bears the full premium cost, making the insurance scheme completely free for all cultivators in Bengal.

Alongside these announcements, Mamata Banerjee inaugurated a total of 365 projects at a cost of Rs 250.54 crore and laid foundation stones for 134 projects with a budget of Rs 189.43 crore for Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar districts. In Jalpaiguri district, 447 houses have been built, including 162 in Malbazar and 285 in Nagrakata, with a combined cost of Rs 31.8 crore under 'Cha Sundari' project, Gas Insulation Substation at Berubari at Rs 10 crore, RCC bridge over Matura River at Banarhat at Rs 8 crore, Road renovation from Sahudangi to Belakoba at Rs. 23.13 crore. Foundation stones have been laid for 30-bedded village hospital at Banarhat at Rs 30.33 crore, 100-bedded Ma-

hakuma Hospital at Dhupguri with a budget of

Rs 28.76 crore, 10-bedded Primary Health Center at Thakurnagar at Rs 4.31 crore, nine gray water management projects at Rs 8.32 crore. In Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad area. a total of 20 projects were inaugurated, costing Rs 86.68 crore. These include

KV substation at Matigara block at Rs 7.41 crore, 14 health centers constructed across Matigara, Phansidewa and Naxalbari at Rs 6.1 crore, Rs 4 crore has been sanctioned for renovation of Bidhannagar market. Foundation stone laid for the Bio-Mining project under Siliguri Municipal Corporation at Rs 47.15 crore, Rs 9.88 crore has been spent for the road renovation and extension of Burdwan road. In Alipurduar District, 298 houses inaugurated under Cha Sundari scheme with Rs. 20 crore, foundation stones laid for 50-bedded State General Hospital at Birpara at Rs 9 crore, Renovation of Buxa Feeder Road and culverts at Rs crore. Falakata-9.31 Kadambini drinking water project at Rs 7.17 crore, Road improvements at Rs.

7 crore Additionally, the Chief minister flagged off 10 new Sufal Bangla mobile units and 6 Volvo buses to Digha from the programme venue, enhancing both market access for farmers and public transportation options for residents. Reaffirming her government's commitment to inclusive development, Mamata Banerjee stated: "Our mission is to ensure that the benefits of growth and progress reach every corner of Bengal, from our farmers to our poorest families.

"Women leading the Changes, MCCI launches inspiring leadership series

Padma Shri Arundhati Bhattacharya, President and Chief Executive Officer, Salesforce -South Asia and Former Chairperson, State Bank of India

MI News Service, Kolkata: MCCI ladies Forum (MLF) launched a new initiative very recent on "Women in leadership Series." It was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Padma Shri Arundhati Battacharya, president and chief excutive officer, Chairperson, State Bank of India. Dr. Shubhada M. Rao, Founder, QuantEco Research and Former Senior Group President & Chief Economist, Yes Bank was the Guest of Honour. The Ses-

3 - Day bus strike called off after assurance MI News Service, Kolkata: bus owner's associations and Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Verma.

conversations for a more inclusive future," Dr. Shubhada M. Rao emphasized that achieving 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047 is impossible without greater women's participation, targeting 70% workforce involvement. She noted that many women hold

Dr. Shubhada M. Rao, Founder, QuantEco Re-search and Former Senior Group President & Chief Economist, Yes Bank

sion was held virtually on Zoom. In this Session Arundhati Battacharva share her view on this particular topic, she said 'Women are driving change across sectors, especially as more enter fields like STEM. To harness this momentum, we must create environments that value empathy, balance, and collaboration. When supported, women don't just contribute-they transform. Initiatives like MCCI's Women in Leader-

Samrat' Purna Chandra Das

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ries.



Purna Chandra Das receiving award from Revenue Officials Women's Association (ROWĂ) in Kolkata on Wednesday.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Baul legend Shri Purna Chandra Das was recently honored by the Revenue Officials Women's Association (ROWA) at a special event held at the Income Tax Office in Kolkata. At 91, the Padma Shri awardee and globally acclaimed folk artist mesmerized the audience with his soulful Baul performance. The event

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raids

was graced by ROWA Archana Chairperson Kumar, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax Esther Lal Ruatkimi, IRS, and other dignitaries. Speaking at the ceremony, Purna Chandra Das emphasized the importance of preserving folk music, urging artists and music lovers alike to support this rich tradition both in India and abroad.

India is wellpositioned to... From PG 1

trade disruptions as its domestic growth drivers and low dependence on exports anchor the country's econ-

omy., It said "India is now better positioned than many other emerging markets to deal with US tariffs and global trade disruptions, helped by robust internal growth drivers, a sizable domestic economy and a low dependence on goods trade,"

Moody's said besides, the Pakistan-India tensions, including the flare-up ear-lier in May, would weigh on Pakistan's growth more than on India's.

"In a scenario of sustained escalation in localised tensions, we do not expect major disruptions to India's economic activity because it has minimal economic relations with Pakistan. Moreover, the parts of India that produce most of its agricultural and industrial output are geographically distant from the conflict zones,' Moody's said.

However, higher defence spending of over Rs 5,0,000 crores would potentially weigh on India's fiscal strength and slow its fiscal consolidation. The central government's infrastructure spending supports GDP growth, while personal in-come tax cuts bolster con-

India's limited reliance on the trade of goods and its robust service sector are mitigants to US tariffs. Nonetheless, sectors such as autos, which have some exports to the US, face global trade challenges despite their diversified operations.

Moody's had earlier this month lowered India's economic growth projections for the 2025 calendar year to 6.3 per cent, from 6.7 per cent, but its growth rate will be the highest among G-20 economies. In early April, the US administration anfor 90 days the implementation of sweeping, countrybase tariff of 10 per cent, with exemptions for some sectors and higher tariffs aluminium.

Biden's prostate cancer...

From PG 1 decisions he would need to make. Our journey can give you a preview of what a cancer diagnosis can be

like. Prostate cancer was not a new topic for my father and me. His battle with his prostate health started over 10 years ago with an initial diagnosis of benign prostate hyperpla-sia, or BPH. The prostate gets bigger with age for a number of reasons, including changing hormone levinfection or els. inflammation. Two of the

life-threatening. Detecting these slowmost frequent symptoms of growing tumours is consid-BPH are difficulty urinating and a sudden, urgent ered because the cancer ultineed to urinate, both of which my father experimately will not harm the enced. Although research patient during their lifesuggests that the factors time. Nearly half of all pathat contribute to BPH tients with prostate cancer similarly contribute to are overdiagnosed, often prostate cancer, there is no leading to overtreatment. evidence that an enlarged prostate will necessarily many prostate cancer patients undergo unneces-

develop into cancer. Upon my father's initial BPH diagnosis, I asked about his PSA levels, the amount of prostate-specific antigens in his blood. PSA is a protein that both normal and cancerous prostate cells produce, and elevated amounts are considered red flags for prostate cancer.

When combined with a digital rectal exam, a PSA test can allow doctors to more accurately predict a person's risk of having prostate cancer.

My father said his PSA levels were elevated but that the doctors would begin active surveillance, what he called "watchful waiting," and monitor his PSA every six months to see if it rose.

After several years of monitoring his PSA, doctors found my father's PSA level had doubled. He then got a biopsy that indicated he had intermediate-risk prostate cancer.

After his diagnosis, my father was faced with the decision of how to proceed with treatment. I explained that categorising how aggressive the cancer is and how far it has spread can help determine the best course of treat-

ment. Prostate cancer can be grouped into four stages. Stages 1 and 2, when the tumour is still confined to the prostate, are considered early-stage or intermediate risk. Stages 3 and 4, when the tumour has spread beyond the borders

in classroom, on sports fields, and on frontlines. They are pushing through ceiling made of glass and walls built of bias. **ROWA honours ' Baul** sumption.

nounced and then paused specific tariffs on trading partners. It maintained a imposed previously for other sectors, including steel and

At least 27 Naxalites gunned.. **From PG 1**

this latest encounter is a significant development in that ongoing effort. Details on casualties among the security personnel or any arrests are yet to be fully disclosed. Authorities continue area searches while staying alert for possible retaliatory attacks from the Naxals. Earlier, on March 20 in one of the deadliest anti-Maoist operations this year, security forces gunned down at least 30 alleged Maoists in

border in North Bastar. This operation was con-ducted jointly by the DRG and the Border Security

Force (BSF). Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai hailed the encounters as a "major success' in the ongoing efforts to eliminate Left-Wing Extremism.

"Today our soldiers have achieved another big success in the direction of 'Naxal Mukt Bharat Ab-

The associations have confirmed that no strike will be held until at least September 1. This decision marks a significant shift, as the bus owners had remained firm on their decision to strike until just 24 hours earlier. The turning point

from CP

The proposed three day bus

strike in Kolkata, which

was scheduled to being to-

morrow, has been called by

came after a one-hour meeting with the Police Commissioner on Wednesday, during which key grievances were ad-dressed. "We had placed several demands, including concerns about police harassment, losses incurred

during the COVID-19 period, and high toll taxes," a representative of the bus owners' association said. "The Commissioner gave us assurances on all fronts. MI News Service, Kolkata: For now, we are deferring The Enforcement Directorate the strike." One of the (ED) carried out coordinated major concerns revolved raids at three locations in around the government's Kolkata early Wednesday new 'Connection Portal'. morning as part of an ongoset to launch in June. The ing investigation into a digital bus owners had feared that arrest scam that has reportold traffic cases would be

Enforcement Directorate Conducts Raids at Three Kolkata Locations in Digital Arrest Scam Probe

mindset shift. Women must recognize their self-worth, leadership poten-tial, and the power of networking. She encour-aged the MCCI Ladies Forum to support women entrepreneurs and Self-Help Groups in smaller cities through mentoring and awareness initiatives. The session ended with a hearty Vote of thanks proposed by by by Jhajharia, Co-Chairperson, MLF. She said that across the world women are raising. In

ship Series spark vital

leadership roles due to

mandates, not merit-

based promotion, high-

lighting the need for a

mindset shift. Women

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two separate encounters in the Bastar region of Chhattisgarh .

According to senior police officials, of them 26 Maoists were killed along the Bijapur-Dantewada boundary in South Bastar during a combing operation carried out by a joint team of security personnel in the Gangaloor police station area. The operation began early in the morning and continued into the afternoon. Following the encounter, the bodies of 26 Maoists were recovered along with a significant cache of arms and ammunition. A jawan of the Bijapur District Reserve Guard (DRG) lost his life during the operation.

In a separate incident, four Maoists were killed in another encounter along the Kanker-Narayanpur

by Janata Dal (United) MP

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hivan'. The Modi government is moving forward with a ruthless approach and a zero-tolerance policy against Maoists who refuse to surrender," Mr. Shah

> pressed condolences over the death of the DRG jawan and reaffirmed the State's commitment to eradicating Naxalism. "Operations will continue until Chhattisgarh is completely free from this menace," he said. The twin encounters have pushed the total number of Maoists killed in Chhattisgarh this year past 100, signaling an intensification of the anti-Maoist campaign. Incidentally the Union Home minister has repeatedly stated that the country would be freed from the menace of Naxal-

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ism by March 2026.

edly victimized numerous inreopened through this platdividuals. commenced around 7 AM, form. However, the Police with one key location being Commissioner assured them that old cases would the residence of Kamal Singh on Kali Krishna Tagore not be revisited and that the rules under the portal Street. would be relaxed. These According to officials, the scam involves the use of fake assurances echoed similar digital arrest threats to intimcommitments made earlier by the state's Transport idate and extort victims. The Secretary. Notably, this is ED's operation focused on the first time the Police gathering evidence and iden-Commissioner has engaged tifying individuals connected to the elaborate fraudulent network. At Kamal Singh's residence, four women were present during the search and were subsequently questioned by the investigating team. During the searches,

ED raids at 13 Kali Krishna Tagore Street in Kolkata on Wednesday.

to aid in tracing the scam's organizers and modus operandi. Authorities are analyzing the seized materials to unravel the full extent of the racket and to identify other possible accomplices. So far, no arrests have been made, but the investigation is ongoing with authorities emphasizing that further action will be taken based on the findings. The ED has reiterated its commitment to cracking down on cybercrime and financial fraud,

and this latest probe underscores the growing challenges posed by digital scams in urban centers like Kolkata. Officials urge the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious digital communications, especially those involving threats of arrest or demands for money under false pretenses. The Enforcement Directorate continues to collaborate with other law enforcement agencies to safeguard citizens from such fraudulent activities.

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Some patients with early-stage or intermediate-risk prostate cancer undergo additional treatment, including surgery, radiation or radioactive seed implants called brachytherapy. Patients with late-stage prostate cancer typically undergo hormone therapy along with surgery or radiation, or chemotherapy with or

without radiation. I struggled with our conversations about what "curing" his cancer meant and how to explain his treatment options to him. I wanted to ensure he would have the best outcome and could still live his best life.

appropriate for them. For underserved and marginalised communities, community outreach can help improve health literacy and enhance awareness and screening. The test predicted that my father's risk of dying from the disease in the

next five years was less than 5 per cent. Based on these results, we both understood that he had adequate time to make a decision and seek additional guidance.

My father ultimately decided to continue active surveillance and forgo immediate treatment.

SC granted bail to professor...

From PG 1 judicial custody till May 27. Haryana police had arrested Mahmudabad on Sunday after two FIRs were registered against him, alleging his social media posts on Operation Sindoor endangered the sovereignty and integrity of the country.

The FIRs were lodged at the Rai police station in Sonipat district -- one based on a complaint by chairperson the of Haryana State Commission for Women, Renu Bhatia,

village a Several political parties

and the other on a complaint by sarpanch.

and academicians had condemned the arrest.

sought her suggestion. Speaking briefly before his departure from Kolkata Airport , Abhishek Banerjee confirmed his travel

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Abishek Banerjee joins...

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concerns

once again that our students are not just learners - they can be visionaries if encouraged to think differently. Sandbox CCU Project Showcase and Openhouse gave them the platform to think beyond classrooms and engage directly with real-world challenges. Their energy, creativity and commitment to the city's future has been truly inspiring," said s Pauline Laravoire, Co-Founder and CEO, the rebalance institute and Sustainability Director, Techno India Group. "We are building the coolest, most relevant learning experience in

Naushad Siddique Alleges Irregularities in Appointment of Hajj Inspectors in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bhangar MLA Nausad Siddique has raised serious allegations of corruption in the appointment process of Hajj inspectors in West Bengal. Speaking to the media outside the state assembly on Wednesday, Siddique claimed that the state's Hajj administration process mirrors the irregularities seen in the recent teachers' recruitment scam. According to the established procedure, the government invites applications from interested government employees for the role of Hajj inspectors.

Applicants are required to clear a written examination, after which selected candidates undergo a two-day training program in Mumbai. Only upon successful completion of the training are they appointed as Hajj inspectors to assist pilgrims-at a ratio of one inspector per 150 pilgrims. However, Siddique alleged that several individuals have been appointed as inspectors without appearing for the exam or

trained candidates have been unjustly excluded.

completing the mandatory training, while eligible and

Reimagine Kolkata's Future at...

the country. And it was inspiring to see how the students brought a sense of ingenuity to their ideas. This programme was designed to take inspiration from Kolkata's rich cultural heritage of the past to re-imagine its future. The participants used the city's sights, sounds and stories to create truly sustainable, inclusive and even quirky projects that solve actual problems through a bit of play" said Rohaan Goswami, Founder and CEO, Elseplay.

The event opened with an opening address followed by insightful keynote speeches from leaders in innovation and civic design. A panel discussion, "Kolkata, Flip the Script", explored the role of youth-led innovation in shaping sustainable cities. The top student teams unveiled their urban solutions on 4 opportunity domains learning and employment, public and heritage spaces, healthcare and wellbeing, and transportation. The event concluded with felicitations and an Open House, where the top teams engaged in meaningful interactions with attendees at their exhibition booths

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directly with the bus owners' associations, signaling the seriousness with which the government is addressing the issue. The associations have stated they will wait until September to review progress on the assurthe ED officials seized several ances before taking any digital devices and important further action. documents that are expected

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Name Change

I, Marymaggie Ho Daughter Of Marcar Catchatoor Resident Of A T Road, P.O. Makum Tinsukia, Pin: 786170, Assam, India Declare That Marymaggie Ho And Mary Maggie Marcar Nongkynrih Are Same Identical Person As De-clared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/05/2025

Name Change

Saleha Khatun W/O Abdul Odud R/O 72, Tiljala Road, Block 7, Flat 1d, Ps Beniapukur, Kolkata 700046,Wb Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mosammat Saleha Khatun Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public Kolkata On 19th May 2025 At Kolkata. That Saleha Khatun And Mosammat Saleha Khatun Both Are Same And One Identical Person Not Two Different Person.

Name Change

I, NAJIR ALI MOLLA (Old Name /O BADSHA ALI Residing at T-50/1, Panch Para Road, P.O - Bartala, P.S - Nadial, District - Kolkata Pin - 700018 West Bengal, have changed my name and shall hence forth be known as NAJIR ALI (New Name) as declared before the Notary public govt of India at Kolkata vide affidavit dated 21-05-2025. NAJIR ALI MOLLA (Old Name) and NAJIR ALI (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Mukul Bala alias Mukulchandra Bala (Old Name) S/o Late Manohar Bala Residing at Vill - Paschim Harindanga, P.o - Haritala, P.s -Hanskhali, District- Nadia, Pin-741502 West Bengal have Changed my name and shall henceforth be haroum as Mukul Chandra Bala known as Mukul Chandra Bala (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Ranaghat, Nadia vide affidavit no 8838 Dated 14-05-2025. Mukul Bala, Mukulchandra Bala (Old Name) and Mukul Chandra Bala (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

, Usha Devi Sharma (old name) d/o of Late Murari Lal Sharma & w/o Pawan Kumar Sharma, residing at 30/A/98, Dr. P. T. Laha Street, Rishra, Hooghly – 712248, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Usha Sharma (new name) as de-clared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 20/05/2025. Usha Devi Sharma (old name) and Usha Sharma (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

, Pawan Sharma (old name) son of Late Hari Prasad Sharma, residing at 30/A/98, Dr. P. T. Laha Street, Rishra, Hooghly – 712248, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pawan Kumar Sharma (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 20/05/2025. Pawan Sharma (old name) and Pawan Kumar Sharma (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Md Arif Ansari S⁄o Md Mustafa residing at 1/7, R.B.S Road, Khan-pukur, P.O- Angus, P.S- Bhadreswar, Dist – Hooghly have changed my name from Arif Ali S/o Mustafa Ali to Md Arif Ansari S/o Md Mustafa and henceforth shall be known as Md Arif Ansari S/o Md Mustafa in all purpose as declare before the court of Judicial Magistrate , 1st Class at Chandernagore vide affidavit dated 21.05.25. Arif Ali S/o Mustafa Ali and Md Arif Ansari S/o Md Mustafa both

Name Change Mali Saha (Old Name), wife of Achintya Saha, residing at Pranta Pally, P.O.- Malda, P.S.- English Bazar, Dist.- Malda, Pin- 732101, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mali Bhattacharya Saha (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 21/05/2025. Mali Bhattacharya Saha (new name) and Mali Saha (old name) both

are same and identical person. Name Change

British Council Library in Subhankar Ojha (Old Name), Kolkata. Commencing from son of Haren Ojha, residing at Boinchipota, P.O.- Anandanagar, May 24 to June 7, each Sat-Dist.- Hooghly, Pin- 712409, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my urday promises a realm of imagination, discovery, and name and shall henceforth be joy, tailored exclusively for known as Suvankar Ojha (new children aged 5 to 12 name) as declared before the No-

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Name Change

PARGANAS 743456, West Ben-gal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SAMIR MONDAL (New Ajay Pandey (Old Name), son of shok Kumar Pandey, residing at 53/54 Hazra Road, P.O.- Bally-gunge, P.S.- Gariahat, Kolkata-700019, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajay Kumar Pandey (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 21/05/2025. Ajay Kumar Pandey (new name) and Ajay Pandey (old name) both are

same and identical person.

Name Change Mahabuba molla (old name) wife

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Mahabuba molla (old name) both are same and identical person.

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hammed Ishaq (old name) both are same and identical person.

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Name Change

Monika Devi Agarwala (Old son of Late Rampratap Varma, re-siding at 59, Bartala Street, P.O.-Burrabazar, P.S.- Posta, Kolkata-Name), wife of Anand Kumar Agar-wal, residing at 16, CHOWRINGHEE TERRACE, L.R. SARANLPS-BHAWA 00007, West Bengal, INDIA, have NIPUR, KOLKATA-700020, West changed my name and shall hence Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be orth be known as Nand Kishor Varma (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 21/05/2025. Nand Kishore known as Monika Devi Agarwal (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated Varma (New Name) and Nand . Monika Devi Agarwa ishor Varma (old name) both ar

British Council's creative endeavour in Kolkata MI News Service, years. As part of this initia-

Kolkata/London: British tive, Creative Saturdays Council, the UK's internawill encourage children to explore their ideas, extional organisation for culpress themselves freely, and educational opportunities, and think outside the box contemplates 'Creative Satthrough art, storytelling, or urdays', an engaging, joycraft activities. From weavpacked programme at the ing stories to creating character bookmarks, poetry slams, vocabulary puzzles and Pictionary, children will embark on hands-on adventures, making the library a fun and welcoming place.

Airtel inks deal SAMIR BEHERA (old name) so of RUHUL AMIN MONDAL residin with Google at KHORDA GARAKUPI HASNA BAD, P.O.- GARAKUPI, NORTH 24

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bharti Airtel and Google announced a partnership that brings a compelling Google One cloud storage subscription service for Airtel customers, helping address the mounting

challenge of limited device storage. All postpaid and Wi-Fi customers will get access to six months of 100 GB Google One cloud storage at no extra cost. They will also be able to share this storage with up to five additional people. The partnership aims

to address the issue of growing data storage constraints faced by users by

ensuring that customers have ample space to store their cherished photos, videos, documents and other digital content without the need to frequently delete files or resort to expensive physical storage expansions. Additionally, WhatsApp chats on Android are backed up to

Google Account storage which will make device switching easier for customers. The cloud storage Bakul Bagan Road, P.O.- Bhawan provision is compatible oore, P.S.- Bhawanipore, Kolkatawith both Android and iOS 00025, West Bengal, INDIA, hav platforms, making it changed my name and shall hence orth be known as Praful Nime widely accessible to Airhand Doshi (New Name) as tel's diverse customer declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 21/05/2025. Prabase. Siddharth Sharma (Airtel) said, "We are pleased to collaborate with ul Nimchand Doshi (New Name and Praful Chandra Nimchand Doshi (old name) both are same Google to address this issue by providing our customers with dependable,

Name Change secure and user-friendly Nand Kishor Varma (old name storage solutions." Karen Teo (Google) said, "We are excited to partner with Airtel to bring Google One to millions in India." As an introductory offer, the 100 GB cloud storage will be available at no extra cost for the first six months **Howrah Division Organizes Prabhat** Pheri and Cleanliness Drive at Bamangachi Railway Colony as Part of 100 Glorious Years Celebration



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

were conducted at Bamangachi Railway Colony, Howrah on 20th May 2025 under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Sri Sanjeev Kumar. The initiative was enthusiastically supported by railway staff, officers, and residents of the colony, reflecting a shared commitment to heritage, community involvement, and hygiene. The celebration commenced with a spirited Prabhat Pheri that passed through the colony, with participants carrying banners and raising slogans commemorating the century-long service and legacy of the Howrah Division. The march aimed to engage the local community and spread

awareness about the importance of the division's contributions to the Indian Railways.

Following the Prabhat Pheri, a Cleanliness Drive was carried out in various parts of the colony. Railway personnel and volunteers worked together to clean public spaces, pathways, and surroundings, reinforcing the values of cleanliness, health, and environmental responsibility. This initiative aligned with the broader goals of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. The event not only celebrated the historical significance of Howrah Division but also promoted community participation in building a cleaner and more responsible society. Such activities form a vital part of the centenary celebrations, honoring the past while fostering a sustainable future.

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staff was conducted under

the supervision of senior

officers on 20.05.2025 at

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Railway. Metro staff were

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Staff from Electrical De-

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ing will sharpen the skill

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Firefighting Training Organised at Noapara Carshed

MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway takes all possible measures and care for ensuring com-muters safety. Shri P Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway regularly monitors and reviews safety measures adopted in the 'Lifeline of Kolkata' to avoid any unto-ward incident like fire. In order to check the preparedness of Metro staff of different departments to tackle any fire emergency inside the tunnels or on the viaduct, regular training is conducted in Metro Railway, Kolkata.

and restore normalcy at A firefighting training the earliest.

Regulation of trains for Bridge Mainte-

Miscellaneous

100 Years of Howrah Division: The Legacy of Chandannagar in Railways and History



MI News Service, Kolkata: As the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway celebrates its centennial milestone in 2025, it reflects a century of remarkable advancements in rail connectivity interwoven with the rich historical tapestry of Bengal. Among its significant stations, Chandannagar stands out as a unique blend of French colonial heritage and modern railway infrastructure. Connected to the Howrah-Hooghly railway line since 1854, Chandannagar has played a pivotal role in the early expansion of Eastern India's railway network, making it a cherished part of the Howrah

Division's legacy. Chandannagar: Α French Legacy in Bengal: Chandannagar, once known as Chandernagore,

formed was through the unification of vilthree lages—Boro, Khalisani, and Gondalpara. GLORIOUS YEARS OF SERVICE Spanning 19 square kilometers, this

former French colony remained under French control until 1950, despite being surrounded by British India. Its French architectural charm, preserved in colonial buildings and historical landmarks, continpartment attended this ues to narrate the town's storied past. The French East India Company established a trading post along the Hooghly River in 1673, marking the beginning of Chandannagar's colonial journey. It became a permanent settlement in 1688, saw strengthened French influence under Governor Joseph Dupleix in 1730,

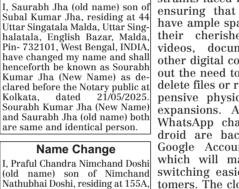
Howrah Division, serving numerous EMU local trains and express services that link Howrah, Barddhaman, and other major destinations. Its role in supporting daily commuters and longdistance travelers underscores its enduring importance to the Eastern Railway network.

Modernization under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme: Chandannagar Railway Station is undergoing significant upgrades as part of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (Phase-I) This initiative focuses on enhancing passenger amenities, improving safety measures, and optimizing crowd management, particularly during the vibrant Jagatdhatri Puja, Chandannagar's most celebrated festival. These moderniza tion efforts ensure that the

station meets contemporary travel demands while preserving its historical significance, align-ing with the Howrah Divicommitment to

sion's progress and passenger comfort.

Celebrating 100 Years of the Howrah Division: The Howrah Division's centennial is a celebration of not only its railway achievements but also the cultural and historical heritage of the regions it serves. Chandannagar, with its French colonial legacy, early railway connections, and continued role as a bustling transit hub, embodies the division's ability to bridge the past and present. From its colonial-era architecture to its modernized railway facilities, Chandannagar reflects the resilience, diversity, and progress that define the Howrah Division's 100-year journey. Conclusion: The 100th anniversary of the Howrah Division is a testament to its transformative impact on Bengal's economic, cultural, and social landscape Chandannagar, with its French colonial charm, pivotal role in early railway history, and modern railway contributions, stands as a shining example of this legacy. As we celebrate a century of connectivity and progress, Chandannagar and the Howrah Division look to the future, ready to carry forward their shared heritage into a new era of railway excellence.



Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata, dated 21/05/2025. SAMIR MONDAL (New Name) and SAMIR BEHERA (old name) both are same and identical person. Name Change

Panchu Lal Das (old name) son o Sudarshan Das, residing a 69/H/54, Debendra Chandra Dey Road, Tangra, Kolkata- 700015 West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pachulal Das (New Name) as declared before the No tary public at Kolkata, dated 21/05/ 2025. Pachulal Das (New Name)

are same and one identical person. Name Change

I, S. M. Qadir Gaus, S/o. Syed Shamshad Ahmed, 73B,Topsia Road, P.O.-Tiljala, Kolkata-700039, West Bengal, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that in Aadhaar Card & No. 9837 9679 6701 my name has recorded as S.M. Qadir Gaus. So I have change my name shall henceforth be known as Syed Mohammad Qadir Gaus (New Name), by affidavit made before the LD 1st Class, Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, vide affidavit no. 25 Dt. 07.05.2025. S.M. Oadir Gaus (Old Name) and Syed Mohammad Qadir Gaus (New Name) both are sam and one identical person.

Name Change

Subhamita Dutta D/o Santosh Ranjan Chanda W/o Kunal Kanti Dutta R/A 2886, Nayabad, P.O. & Panchasayar, Kolkata 700094, (WB) have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as declared before the Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court at Alipore Court (South 24 Pgs) vide Affidavit No. 29991 dt. 16.05.2025. Subhamita Chanda & Subhamita Dutta is same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Ratan Bagaria, on behalf my minor son Aaditya Bagaria presently residing at BL-D1, 8th Floor, Flat- 801, P.S. Dum Dum 2 No. Jessore Road, Kol-700028. Now I have changed his name & he shall henceforth be known a Aaditya Ratan Bagaria as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 2008 dated 09/04/2025 Aaditya Bagaria & Aaditya Ratan Bagaria both are same & identical person.

Name Change

I, PRODIPTA SARKAR Daughter of Tapan Kumar Sarkar, presently residing at, 1s Floor, Flat- F2, 303/1, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Police Station-Haridevpur, Kolkata-700 082, do hereby solemnly affirm an state as follows :

That my original, Correct & Accurate nam is PRODIPTA SARKAR, but in all my documents i.e. in my Pan Card vide no. BXPPD0349L and in my AADHAR Car vide no. 2743 4316 2837 it was recorded as a PRODIPTA SARKAR DATTA and in my Voter Identity Card vide no. TFE 2053791 it was recorded as PRODIPTA DATTA which is recorded in Votar Identity Card, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PRODIPT/ SARKAR, I hereby declare that PRODIPTA SARKAR, PRODIPTA SARKAR DATTA and PRODIPTA DATTA all are same and one Identical Person by virtue of a Affidavit Sworn before 1st Class Magistrate at Alipore on 19.05.2025.

(new name) and Monika Devi Agarsame and identical person wala (old name) both are same and identical person. Name Change

Name Change Hemanta Dalui (Old Name), S/O Bablu Dalui, R/O Bhadua Dakshinpara, Bhagabatipur, Chanditala, Hooghly -712701, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hemanta Dollui (New Name), Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/05/2025, That Hemamta Dollui (New Name) & Hemanta Dalui (Old Name) All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Shankar Rao (new name) both are

same and one identical person.

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I. Oachila Bibi (old name) daughter f Late Abdus Sattar Molla, residing

at Vill- & P.O.- Panitar, P.S.- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743292, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Oachila Khatun Bibi (New Name) as declared before the No tary public at Kolkata, dated 21/05/ 2025. Oachila Khatun Bibi (New Name) and Oachila Bibi (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Prasanta Das (old name) son of Niranjan Kumar Das, residing at 605, Ostad Amir Khan sarani, Haride-, M Sankar Rao (old name) Son of Late Mutki Tavatia Rao, residing mur kolkata- 700082, West Bengal at S 28/B/1. Bhiku Lane Baratala NDIA, have changed my name and s-Metiabruz, Kolkata-700018 shall henceforth be known as Pras-anta Kumar Das (New Name) as de-West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be clared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 20/05/2025. Prasanta known as M Shankar Bao (new name), as declared before the no Kumar Das (New Name) and Prasary public at Kolkata, vide an af anta Das (old name) both are same fidavit dated 20/05/2025. M Sankar Rao (old name) and M and identical person.

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Prem Raj Mittal, residing at BB-262, Salt Lake City, Sector 1, Bidhanna-Name Change Dudh Ali Sk (old name) son of kbar Sekh, residing at Vill- Ma-INDIA, have changed my name and P.O.- Aryapara, P.S. shall henceforth be known as Surendra Kumar Mittal (New Name) Vodakhali, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin-743377, West Bengal, INDIA, have s declared before the Notary public hanged my name and shall henceat Kolkata, dated 21/05/2025. forth be known as Dudhali Sekh Surendra Kumar Mittal (New Name) and Surender Mittal (old name) both New Name) as declared before the lotary public at Kolkata, dated are same and identical person. 21/05/2025. Dudhali Sekh (New Name) and Dudh Ali Sk (old name)

both are same and identical person. Name Change

Hosen Sk (old name) son of Dudhali Sekh, residing at Vill- Majherat P.O.- Aryapara, P.S.- Nodakhali Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743377 West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Hosen Sekh (New Name) as declared before the Notary pubic at Kolkata, dated 21/05/2025. Hosen Sekh (New Name) and Hosen Sk (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

, Ashok Sharma (Old Name), son of ajrang Lal Sharma, residing at 311. Lake Town, Block-A. P.S.- Lake own, Kolkata- 700089, West Bengal, INDIA, I have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ashok Kumar Sharma (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 20/05/2025. Ashok Kumar Sharma (new name) and Ashok Sharma (old name) both are same and identical person.

from the date of activation, enabling customers to back up their data and ex-

perience the convenience of cloud storage. To avail of this offer, customers will have to simply log on to the Airtel Thanks App and claim the benefit.

Gems, jewellery exports in Apr dip by 4.62 %: GJEPC

MI News Service, Mumbai:

India's overall gems and jewellery exports dipped by 4.62 per cent to USD 2,037.06 million in April, as compared to the same month of the previous financial year, according to the Gem and Jewellery Export

Promotion Council (GJEPC) Surender Mittal (old name) son of data. The country's total gems and jewellery exports stood at USD 2,135.7 million Pin- 700064, West Bengal in the same month of the previous year, GJEPC data released said. The overall export of 'Cut and Polished' diamonds declined by 6.12 per cent to USD 1,108.74 million in April, compared to

USD 1.180.99 million in the

Jupiter's strong financial performance

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata based giant. Jupiter Wagons Ltd registered a very strong financial performance.

Commenting on the results, Vivek Lohia, MD of Jupiter said "FY 2024-25 has been Debtosh Bhowmik (old name on of Raghunath Bhowmik, resida defining year for Jupiter ng at Uttar Narikelda, PO-Dakshin Wagons, not only in terms Narikelda, East Medinipur, Pin-721648, West Bengal, INDIA, have of strong financial perchanged my name and shall nenceforth be known as Debatosh formance—with Income of over ₹4,000 Crore and PAT Bhowmik (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 21/05/2025. Deof ₹380 Crore rising by 15% YoY but also through patosh Bhowmik (New Name) and strategic milestones that Debtosh Bhowmik (old name) both are shaping the future of are same and identical person. Indian mobility.

nance Work over Northern Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: 15.06.2025, 17.06.2025, Due to Traffic Block in con-20.06.2025, 24.06.2025 nection with maintenance and 29.06.2025) will be work of Bridge No. 205 between Jafarganj & Akcontrolled by 135 minutes barpur over Lucknow enroute Division of Northern Railway on every Saturday, Nagari Rishikesh Doon Ex-Monday press (journey commencing Sunday, between on 23.05.2025, 24.05.2025, Wednesday 24.05.2025 & 30.06.2025. 25.05.2025, Consequently following 30.05.2025, trains will be controlled as 01.06.2025, 06.06.2025. under:

Controlling of trains: 08.06.2025. • 15743 Balurghat -13.06.2025, Bhatinda Express (journey 15.06.2025, commencing 20.06.2025, on 25.05.2025, 23.05.2025, 22.06.2025, 30.05.2025, 27.05.2025. 27.06.2025, 03.06.2025, 01.06.2025, and 29.06.2025) will be controlled by 120 minutes 06.06.2025, 08.06.2025, 10.06.2025, 13.06.2025, enroute.

Sony rides to profit via music, movies & games

MI News Service, Tokyo/New Delhi: Japanese technology and entertainment company Sony logged an 18% rise in profit for the fiscal year through March on healthy results at its music and video-game operations. Tokyo-based Sony Corp. said that its annual profit totaled 1.14 trillion yen (USD 7.8 billion), up from 970.6 billion yen in the previous fiscal year. Annual sales were virtually unchanged, inching down to 12.957 trillion yen (USD 88 billion) from 13.020 trillion yen. One area that lagged among Sony's sprawling businesses was the financial segment, where revenue stalled. But its film division and its imaging and sensor solutions segment did well. Among the movies that fared positively at the box office for the fiscal year through March "Venom: The Last Dance," featuring the Marvel were Comics superhero, and "Bad Boys: Ride or Die," an action comedy, in which Will Smith and Martin Lawrence come back in their popular cop roles, the fourth installment in the series. Sony, which makes the PlayStation console and game software played on that machine, also marked healthy results in the gaming business. Its music operations, which also held up, include recordings, streaming services and music for games. The top-selling recorded music projects for the latest fiscal year globally was SZA's "SOS Deluxe: LANA," followed by Beyonce, Future & Metro Boomin and Travis Scott. For the Japan music business, the top-seller was Kenshi Yonezu's "Lost Corner" album, followed by offerings from Stray Kids and Six Tones.

1757 after the Battle of Plassey. Regained by the French in 1763 via the Treaty of Paris, Chandannagar voted to merge with India in a 1949 referendum, officially joining West Bengal by 1954

and faced British capture in

Chandannagar's Contribution to the Howrah Division: Chandannagar's integration into the railway network began with the Howrah-Hooghly line in 1854, one of the earliest railway initiatives in Eastern India. As a key stop, Chandannagar Railway Station facilitated connectivity between Howrah, Hooghly, and beyond, fostering trade and travel. Today, the station remains a vital hub within the

Regulation of trains for Construction of Subway in Malda Division

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MI News Service, Kolkata: For construction of Subway in lieu of Level Crossing Gate No. 29 between Barahat & Mandar Hill stations, 07 hours (from 09:15 hrs. to 16:15 hrs.) Traffic & Power Block have been planned in Bhagalpur -Hansdiha section on 23.05.2025. Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been made as under:

Cancellation of trains on 23.05.2025: • 73441 Hansdiha - Bhagalpur passenger • 73444 Bhagalpur Hansdiha passenger • 73443 Hansdiha - Bhagalpur passenger

Moreover, 18604 Godda - Ranchi Express (journey commencing on 23.05.2025) will be controlled by 30 minutes enroute.

Cancellation of one pair Lakshmikantapur – Namkhana local for Track Maintenance Work

diha.

MI News Service, Kolkata: In connection with Track maintenance work between Lakshmikantapur Namkhana section, 34935/34914 Lakshmikantapur -Namkhana - Lakshmikantapur local will remain cancelled on 23.05.2025 (Saturday/Sunday).

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lst Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata, dated 14/05/2025. RL GUHA (New Name) and RIA GUHA KHAN (old name) both are same



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Nation



88th founding anniversary of the 'Eastern India Motion Pictures Association' at IMPA House on Wednesday, Minister Aroop Biswas, IMPA President Priya Das and other IMPA office bearers attended.

Centre committed to ending Naxalism by March 31, 2026: Chhattisgarh CM after security forces killed top Maoist leader Basavaraju

News Service, Chhattisgarh Balrampur: Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Wednesday reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to ending Naxalism by March 31, 2026, as pledged by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Speaking to reporters, Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai said, "Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have pledged to bring an end to naxalism by 31 March 2026... An operation is currently underway in the Narayanpur-Abujmarh area. 27 naxals have been killed. Many of those killed have a bounty on them. One big name, a General Secretary, Basava Raju Rao, has also been killed by our jawans."

His comments follow the killing of 27 Naxals, including top CPI-Maoist leader and General Secretary Basavaraju, in an operation in the Narayanpur-Abujmarh region.

Earlier in the day, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that security forces have neutralised 27 dreaded Maoists, including Nambala Keshav Rao, alias Basavaraju, general secretary of CPI-Maoist, in an operation in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district and laud-

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER E-Tender Notice No. : E-E70BRAKE PANEL-25-26 Date 20.05.2025. For an on behalf of President of India, the Dy Chief Electrical Engineer/ERS-POH/Kharagpur Workshop, S.E. Railway invites e-tender for the following works before 15:00 hrs. on the date mentioned against items and will be opened at 15:30 hrs.**Description of work :** Repair, Rehabilitation of E70 brake panel of 3-phase electric locomotives. Approx. Cost of work : DV ₹ 1 22 41 438 68 including GST @ 18%. Quantity : 06 Loco Set EMD: ₹ 2.11.200/- Date & time of closing of e-tender : 11.06.2025 upto 15.00 hrs Website particulars : www.ireps.gov.in nterested Tenderers may visit website

ed the breakthrough In a post on X, he said this

is the first time in three decades of India's battle against Naxalism that a general secretary-ranked leader has been neutralised by the security forces.

Noting that Basavaraju was the backbone of the Naxal movement, Amit Shah said 54 Naxalites have been arrested and 84 Naxalites have surrendered in Chhattisgarh, after the completion of Operation Black Forest.

Amit Shah said the Modi government is resolved to eliminate Naxalism before March 31 next year. "A landmark achievement

in the battle to eliminate Naxalism. Today, in an operation in Narayanpur, Chhattisgarh, our security forces have neutralised 27 dreaded Maoists, including Nambala Keshav Rao, alias Basavaraju, the general secretary of CPI-Maoist, topmost leader, and the backbone of the Naxal movement," he said in a post on X.

"This is the first time in three decades of Bharat's battle against Naxalism that general secretary-ranked leader has been neutralised by our forces. I applaud our brave security forces and agencies for this major breakthrough. Also glad to share na border.

that after the completion of Operation Black Forest, 54 Naxalites have been arrested and 84 Naxalites have surrendered in Chhattisgarh, Telangana, and Maharashtra. The Modi government is resolved

to eliminate Naxalism before the March 31. 2026," he added.

Earlier today, an encounter broke out between security forces and Naxals in the forest area of Abujhmad in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district. Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief

Minister Arun Sao has asserted that security forces are working "diligently" to make Bastar Naxal-free by March 2026.

"After the formation of our government in the state, a programme is running to make Bastar Naxal-free. In Narayanpur, more than two dozen Naxalites have been killed in an encounter. Our security forces are working diligently so that by March 2026, Bastar becomes Naxal-free," Arun Sao told ANI. Deputy CM confirmed that

one soldier was injured during the encounter.

Security forces conducted 'Operation Black Forest' to break the backbone of Naxals near Karreguttalu Hill (KGH) at the Chhattisgarh-Telanga-

BSF crushed infiltration bid of 50 terrorists facilitated by Pakistan during Op Sindoor in J-K's Samba: DIG Mand

taliated with heavy fire from MI News Service, Samtheir posts... We opened up ba : The Border Security Force (BSF) foiled a major with heavy and accurate fire infiltration bid by 45-50 on them. That was a major terrorists in Jammu and factor. They were seen run-Kashmir's Samba district on ning away from their posts. May 8, using heavy mortar We sorted them out in 1.5 hours..." DIG Mand told fire to destroy enemy posts after Pakistan attempted ANI. to facilitate the infiltration Mand added that BSF officers were present alongside along the International Borsoldiers at forward posts, der (IB) under the cover of

Sent a global message that terrorism will not go unpunished: VP Dhankhar on Operation Sindoor

by the military forces of that coun-

try, by their political forces, and by

the terrorists themselves," Dhan-

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kar added

News Mormugao: Vice President Jag-deep Dhankhar on Wednesday said that Operation Sindoor, which targeted terror bases in Muridke and Bahawalpur in Pakistan, had sent a clear message to the world that terrorism will not go unpunished. He said the strikes, carried out deep inside enemy territory, were precise and in line with India's principle of targeting only terror-

"When India responded to Pakistan's terrorist misadventure at Pahalgam on April 22, you were on high alert, alongside our Navy and other services. The precise strikes on terror bases in Muridke and Bahawalpur sent a global message: Terrorism will no longer go unpunished," Dhankhar said while addressing the Coast Guard personnel at Mormugao port in Goa.

The Vice President made these remarks while inaugurating three infrastructure projects at the port - a solar power plant, a covered dome for coal handling, and two harbour mobile cranes.

He added that the operation brought pride and satisfaction to

"Attempt to hoodwink world doomed to fail": Memari-II Panchayat India rejects Pakistan's allegations MI News Service, New ernment official in Khuzdar,

Delhi: Following the attack in Balochistan's Khuzdar region, India firmly rejected Pakistan's "baseless allegations" of Indian involvement.

Responding to the claims, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal expressed condolences for the loss of lives but criticised Pakistan's "second nature" to blame India for its internal problems

He stated that Pakistan, in an attempt to divert global attention from its reputation as the "global epicentre of terrorism," blames India, a tactic he described as an 'attempt to hoodwink the world," one that is "doomed to fail."

In a statement, Jaiswal said, "India rejects the baseless allegations made by Pakistan regarding Indian involvement with the incident in Khuzdar earlier today. India condoles the loss of lives in all such incidents."

He added, "However, in order to divert attention from its reputation as the global epicenter of terrorism and to hide its own gross failings, it has become second nature for Pakistan to blame India for all its internal issues. This attempt to hoodwink the world is

doomed to fail." Notably, a devastating



the country "The punishment was exemplary. The strike was deep in enemy territory, beyond the international border, and yet it remained aligned with our ethos: to target only terrorists. What a moment of satisfaction and pride for everyone -- the high achievement of Operation Sindoor," he said.

"No one is asking for proof because the terrorists targeted became the proof for the global fraternity. Their coffins were escorted

Broadcasting. **Samity** Paharhati, Purba Bardhaman

said the attack occurred in the Khuzdar district, where the bus was picking up students for the Army Public School. Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti said that

the explosion was caused by a vehicle-borne Improvised Explosive Device (IED). The bus driver and his assistant were among the victims, while 46 students were on the bus. Authorities have airlifted critically injured children to Quetta for medical treatment, as per Al Ja-

zeera. "We have been air-lifting the critically injured children to Quetta from Khuzdar," Bugti said.

Further, he said it was premature to confirm the nature of the attack" and that further investigations were ongoing. There was no claim of responsibility for

the attack. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif offered his "sympathies" to the families of those who were killed by the "brutality."

Earlier in December 2014, the armed group Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) hit the Army Public School in Peshawar, in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, killing more than 140 children.

Balochistan province, which is rich in minerals and

also in Balochistan.

The BLA has a history of

violent attacks, including a

deadly assault on a train in

March that killed 33 people,

mostly soldiers. Earlier this

week, the group promised

more attacks on the Paki-

stani army and its collab-

orators, stating its goal is

to "lay the foundation for a

peaceful, prosperous and in-

Precision strikes were carried out on nine identified terrorist camps across Pakistan. The targeted sites included head-

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Executive Officer Kulpi Panchayat Samity

NOTICE District & Session Judge, Hooghly at Chinsurah. Ref: no. Matrimonial Suit No.

WHEREAS, the Petitioner Smt. Operation Sindoor was India's response to the Pahalgam terror Dola Biswas @ Kar D/O Dula Chandra Biswas; resident of: Debanandapur, P.O Debanandapur, attack, which killed 26 people, and also as a punitive and targeted P.S Chinsurah, District- Hooghly Pin no. 712123 do hereby affirm campaign to dismantle the terror infrastructure across the Line of and declare that the above named Control and deeper inside Paki-Petitioner i.e. your wife filed the stan, as per an earlier statement above mentioned matrimonial Suit under section 13(1), (ia) and (iia) of Hindu Marriage Act.1956 against by the Ministry of Information & You Viz Sri. Sabhyasachi Kar S/O Sambhunath Kar, resident of Ichapur, Debitala besiden Gr, Party Office, P.S. Noapara, Pin No.743144 District- 24 Parganas and WHEREAS, do hereby published this advertisement according to Ld. Court's order as e-Tender is invited vide NIT No.: 94/2024-25 & Memo No.: 635, Date: you the respondent of this Suit to

21.05.2025, for 05 nos. scheme under Memari-II Panchayat Samity. put or filed any written statement of objection against the Plaint/Petition Documents download/sell end date of the Petitioner if any, within 30 Online) for Bid Submission up to days from the date of publication of **05.06.2025** for detail information of the second s this advertisement through you as well as your agent or council ffice notice board/SAE Section and otherwise, the case will be heard or o through e-Tender site proceed ex-party against you. Suman Bhattacharya (Advocate) (for an on behalf of the Petitioner)

ww.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-Executive Officer, Memari-II Panchayat Samity

NANDIGRAM-II DEVELOPMENT BLOCK **Reapara: Purba Medinipur**

Executive Officer, Nandigram-II Panchayat Samity, Purba Medinipur nvites online Tender Notice against Tender Memo no-303, Dated-22.05.2025 for -20(Twenty) Nos Scheme. Last Date of application for above Tender is 28.05.2025 upto 03:00 P.M. Block Development Officer, Nandigram-II Dev. Block, Purba

Medinipur invites online Tender Notice against Tender Memo no-1221, Dated-22.05.2025 for 2(Two) Nos Scheme. Last date of application for above Tender is 28.05.2025 up to 03:00 P.M. Details of render are available in WB Govt.tender site. Sd/-

Block Development Officer Nandigram-II Dev. Block

।। বিজ্ঞপ্তি ।। আমমোক্তার নামা

এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাইতেছে যে, শ্রী বিমল ক্লুমার শ্রীরাম বাজোরিয়া পিতা ৺শ্রীরাম চেতন বাজোরিয়া সাকিম সি/০২০৪, কনকিয়া লেভেল্স, অপ. পাসপোর্ট অফিস, কাঠিয়াবাড়ি চকু, মুস্থাই দুবারবান, রানী সতী মার্গ, দীনদোশী (মালাড ইস্ট), মুম্বাই-৪০০০৯৭, মহারাষ্ট্র, মহাশয় বিগত ইং ১১/০৬/২০২৪ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-I, সদর, হগলী অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-5322/2024 নং য়া মামমোক্তারনামা দলিলমুলে আমার মঞ্চেল শ্রী রাসবিহারী হারভজনকা পিতা সানোয়ারম হারভজনকা সাকিম ১০৩, ফার্স্ট ফ্লোর, পুজা গ্যাঞ্জেস, ১,শিবতলা ঘাট লেন, ভদ্রকালী, উত্তরপারা, হগলী-৭১২২৩২, মহাশয়কে ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন এবং উক্ত ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত মামমোক্তারনামা বলে আমার মক্কেল নিম্নোক্ত তপশীল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি বিগত ইং ১১/০৩/২০২৫ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., সদর, হুগলী অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত দুইটি পৃথক কোবালা দলিল মূলে যথা ১) I-3198/2025 ও ২)I-3199/2025 নং বিক্রয় কোবালা দলিল মূলে শিবাঙ্ক ইন্ডাস্ট্রিয়াল পার্ক এর শক্ষে অংশীদার **শ্রী প্রদীপ বনসালি** পিতা রামানন্দ বনসালি সাকিম ৬৩/এ, দ্বারিক জঙ্গল রোড ভদ্রকালী, উত্তরপাড়া, হুগলী-৭১২২৩২ মহাশয়কে সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিয়াছেন

তপশীল – ১)জেলা হুগলী, থানা পোলবা, মৌজা খেই, ৩৭ নং জে, এল, ভক্ত, হাল এল আৱ ২১৮ ২৫৬, ২৫৯, ২৬২, ৩০৬, ৩৬৫, ৩৮৮, ৫১৮, ৬১৭, ৬৩২, ৬৭২ ও ৭৫৩ নং খতিয়ানে, চারটি পৃথক পৃথক দাগে যথা ক)সাবেক তথা হাল এল.আঁর. ৭ নং দাগে শালি জমি ৪৩ শতকের মধ্যে ৭.৩৮

quarters and training facilities Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and Hizbul Mujahideen and eliminated over 100

terrorists NOTICE

This is to inform that, my client 1) Nani Gopal Mahata S/o Krishna Chandra Mahata, residing at Balia, P.O- Salua, P.S - KGP (L), Dist-Paschim Medinipur, WB-721145, executed General Power of Attorney ir respect of 66 Dec. property, vide Deec No IV-12 at Kharagpur A.D.S.R or 24/01/2017 in favour of **Tapas Bose** S/o Late Subhas Bose, R/o- Arambati P.O -Nimpura, P.S- KGP (T), Dist Paschim Medinipur, WB-721 304, ii respect of 66 Dec. property, R.S. & L.R Plot No. 336/382, Khatian No. R.S. 10, LR- 70, J.L. No. 184, Mouza Khayrachati, P.S.-KGP (L), Dist. Paschim Medinipur. Thén said attorney are sold out approx 20.50

Dec. area of the said property to Full Kumari Devi Sharma W/o Rajendra Prasad Sharma, R/o- Bhawganpur P.O-KGP, P.S-KGP (T), Dist-Paschin Medinipur, WB-721301, through the Deed No. I-2338/17 of Kharagpur A.D. S.R. on 10/04/2017. That, if an person have any objection, then he she may communicate with me within 30 days after publication otherwise his /her claim shall not be entitled as pe law.

BRAJADULAL ADHIKARI Advocate, Enro : F/683/1144/2014 KGP SDO Court, Paschim Medinipur

NOTICE This is to inform that, my client 1) Raiesh Kumar Gunta 2), Jitesh Kuma Gunta S/o Late Hiralal Gupta residing a 81K Bechu Chatteriee Street, Amhers Street, Kol-700009 executed Genera Power of Attorney in respect of 00.61 Dec. property, vide Deed No IV-229 o 20/09/2018 at Paschim Medinipu D.S.R-I in favour of Manjay Kumar Avijit Banerjee (Serestadar) District Judge's Court Hooghly Singh S/o Jag Narayan Singh in respec of 00.61 Dec. property, R.S. Plot No 163 & L.R. Plot No. 176, Khatian No. 241 RS, 824 & 846 L.R., J.L. No. 193, Mouza- Nimgeria Patna, P.S. KGP (T) Dist-Paschim Medinipur.

Then said attorney are sold out approx 00.61 Dec. area of the said property to Paramjit Singh S/o Manjit Singh R/o Kharida Nimgeria patna, P.O.- KGP P.S.- KGP (T), Dist- Paschim Medinipur WB-721301 through the Deed No. I 2593/2025 on 04/04/2025 a

Kharagpur A.D.S.R. That, if any person have any objection then he/ she may communicate with me within 30 days after publication otherwise his/her claim shall not b entitled as per law.

BRAJADULAL ADHIKARI Advocate, Enro : F/683/1144/2014 KGP SDO Court. Paschim Medinipu

Pantihal Gram Panchayat Vill & P.O.-Nizbalia, P.S.- Jagatballavour, Dist- Howrah e-Tender Notice

adhan, Pantihal Gram Panchayat und lagatballavpur Dev. Block, Howrah invite Tender vide NIT No. Pant/NIT/152/2025 ant/NIT/153/2025. Pant/NIT/154/2025 ant/NIT/155/2025, dated 22.05.2025 Last date of submission of this bid throug online 29.05.2025 upto 11 am. For mor nformation visit https://www.wbtenders gov.in Anjusree Mullick

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www.ireps.gov.in for full details, specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tende for this work will be accepted. (PR-183)

EASTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No.: KPA/EG/OT-03 25-26. Dated: 14.05.2025. Dv. Chie Electrical Engineer (G), Eastern Railway Workshop, Kanchrapara, Carriage / Loco Complex, North 24 Parganas, P.O Kanchrapara, Pin. 743145, West Benga invites e-tender from the Reputed Established and Experienced Govt Licensed Electrical Contractors with sound financial capabilities for the following work, Tender No.: KPA/EG/OT 03-25-26, Name of the work: Construction of new Toilet blocks a various locations inside Loco and C&W complex for electrical (G) works. Tender assessed cost: Rs. 7,47,470.46 including GST and all other taxes charges. Earnest Money: Rs. 15,000/ Cost of Tender Form (Rs.): Nil. Time of work completion: 6 months. Tender Closing date and time: 05.06.2025 at 15.00 hrs. The Complete details of the tender & document and other details car be seen and obtained from the website www.ireps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through e tendering on above website withi 05.06.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer if submitted shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected. MISC-71/2025-26 Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.ir

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Open GEM Tender \odot COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date 14/05/2025. The following e-Tenders can accessed under the link www.gem.gov Offers for such e-Tender can be sub only electronically by accessing the above ntioned website \rightarrow login. Vendors ma lso contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender o related information if any, Dy.CMM/HG CLW/Chittaranjan, Mobile no. 9163340711 Office Address: Office of the PCMM CLW/Chittaranjan. SI. No.: [1].Tender No./GEM BID No.:GEM/2025/B/6223526. Brief Description of Item: Entry and Mic Level Desktop Computer (Q2), High End Desktop Computer (Q2), Multifunction Machine MFM (V2) (Q2).As per GeM Bid GEM/2025/B/6223526 Dated 13-05 2025. (i) Entry And Mid Level Desktop Computer (9 pieces), (ii) Entry And Mic Level Desktop Computer (252 pieces), (iii) High End Desktop Computer (3 pieces), (iv) Multifunction Machin MFM (V2) (47 pieces). Quantity :311 Nos. Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees):

0 ₹361890.00.Tender Closing Date & Time (IST):07-06-2025 at 19:30:00.

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ceasefire violations, BSF officials confirmed to ANI. According to Deputy In-

spector General (DIG) SS Mand, the BSF effectively responded to the shelling, destroyed enemy posts, and prevented the terrorists from entering Indian territory. The BSF official also added that the forces were well prepared and responded with heavy bombardment to stop the infiltration

facilitated by Pakistan. "Our brave soldiers have inflicted great losses on them. We got intelligence that a large group is trying to infiltrate. We were ready for them and we detected them on 8 May. They were a group of 45-50 men... They were advancing to our location... We assessed the situation and since our scenario was war-gamed, we inflicted heavy bombardment on cuted all orders and duties

which played a key role in boosting troop morale. He also praised the role of women soldiers, saying, "Our women troops stood shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts, carrying out all duties effectively. We are truly proud of

them. He further added, "Our officers were present with the soldiers on the forward posts. This was a major factor in the morale of our troops being very high ...

We decimated their bunkers and degraded their fire capacity... Our jawans are still very energised and if the enemy takes any action again, we will retaliate with ten times more force... BSF has these clear orders... Our women soldiers stood shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts and exethem... As expected, they re- effectively...

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E-auction programme for the month of June, 2025 is invited by Chief Materials Manager/Admin, Eastern Railway, 2nd Floor, Fairlie Place, 17, Netaj Subhash Road Kolkata - 700 001

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No. S.4/S/DAP/2025-26				Date: 20.05.2025			
:	SL	Depot/ Division	Jurisdiction	Date			
	1	Belur Scrap Yard Depot	Belur Scrap Yard Depot, Howrah & Asansol Division	04.06.2025	17.06.2025	26.06.2025	
	2	Halisahar Depot	Halisahar Depot & Sealdah Division	05.06.2025	18.06.2025	27.06.2025	
	3	Jamalpur Depot	Jamalpur Depot & Malda Town Division	06.06.2025	13.06.2025	24.06.2025	
IL	4	Howrah Division	Howrah Division	11.06.2025	18.06.2025	30.06.2025	
IГ	5	Asansol Division	Asansol Division	03.06.2025	17.06.2025	26.06.2025	
IL	6	Sealdah Division	Sealdah Division	12.06.2025	25.06.2025	_	
	7	Malda Town Division	Malda Town Division	06.06.2025	23.06.2025	—	
STORES-12/2025-26 Chief Materials Manag					ager/Admin		

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Metro Railway, Kolkata

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Noapara, Metro Railway Kolkata for & on behalf of The President of India invites e-Tender Notice against Open Tender as follows : **Name of work:** Calibration of Arious Gauges and Instruments of MAJOR REPAIR SHOP for years; Advertised Value : ₹ 7,04,814.00; Bid Security : 14,100.00; Date and Time of Closing : 15.00 hours (IST) of 10.06.2025; Notice Board Address: Office of the Chief Electrical Engineer / RS, Dum Dum Car Depot Complex, Metro Railway, Kolkata - 700090; Website particulars : https://www.ireps.gov.in Tender No.: MR-POH-74-167 Follow us at: //metrorailwaykol () //metrorailkolkata

blast targeted a school bus in Pakistan's southwest Balochistan province, killing at least six people, including four children, and injuring 38 others, Al Jazeera reported, citing an official statement.

In a statement, Pakistan's military condemned the violence and accused "Indian terror proxies" of involvement in the attack. However, the military did not share evidence to support the claim.

Without providing any evidence, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also accused "terrorists working under Indian patronage" of the attack

dependent Balochistan.' Yasir Iqbal Dashti, a gov-



ASOS Rainbow Athletic Club (AC) recently launched its senior team for season 2025-26 in Kolkata

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Raijamna, Pandua, Hooghly					
Not	ice Invitin	a e-Tender			

NeT No.: 002/JGP/2025-26 (2nd Call) Date: 23.04.2025 e-Tender is hereby invited from the experienced and resourceful bidders for execution of the vork(s) under 5th SFC (Untied) fund & details mentioned below:

ork(s) under 5 SPC (officed) fund & details mentioned below						
I.	Name of Work	Estimated Amount	Earnest Money			
	Construction of Retaining wall at Mohanala canal from Sitala tala to Rebadi doba at Jamna.	516678.00	2% of the Tender Amount			
id Submission Start Date (Online): 19.05.2025 at 05:00 PM . Bid Submission Closing ate (Online): 03.06.2025 up to 12:00 PM . Bid Opening Date for Technical Proposal (Online): 5.06.2025 at 12:00 PM . For details visit <u>www.wbtenders.gov.in</u> & undersigned GP Office. Sd/- Pradhan Jamna Gram Panchayat						
Pratapadityanagar Gram Panchayat Nayapara, Kakdwip, South 24 Parganas e-Tender is invited by the undersigned for						
2	1. NIT No-101/NIT/PNGP/INTEGRATED SETTLER/2025-2026 Date: 21/05/2025 2. NIT No-102/NIT/ PNGP/INTEGRATED SETTLER/2025-2026 Date: 21/05/2025 3. NIT No-103/NIT/PNGP/INTEGRATED SETTLER/2025-2026 Date: 21/05/2025 4. NIT No-104/NIT/PNGP/INTEGRATED SETTLER/2025-2026 Date: 21/05/2025					
	Last Date of Dropping: 03/06/2025 up to 5.00PM Details available at the office of the undersigned in the Website: <u>https://pratapadityanagargp.com</u>					

natural resources, has been াতক, খ)সাবেক তথা হাল এল.আর. ১০ নং দাগে শালি জাম ২৬ শতকের মধ্যে ২৫.৫৫ শতক গ)সাবেক তথা হাল এল.আর. ১১ নং দাগে শালি জমি ৩৬ শতকের মধ্যে ৫.০৫ শতক, ঘ)সাবেক home to a decades-long conflict between the gov-চথা হাল এল.আর. ২২ নং দাগে শালি জমি ৫৭ শতকের মধ্যে ২৮.৭০ শতক এবং হাল এল.আর ১৩৫. ১৪২. ১৫২. ৪৩০. ৬০৪ ও ৬৩১ নং খতিয়ানে, সাবেক তথা হাল এল.আর. ১৩ নং দার্গে ernment and ethnic Baloch ণালি জমি ৭৭ শতকের মধ্যে ২৬.৩২ শতক, এবং অপর <u>তপশীলে</u> ২)জেলা হুগলী, থানা পোলবা separatists, who demand se-মৌজা খেই, ৩৭ নং জে. এল. ভুক্ত, হাল এল.আর ১৪৩৭ নং খতিয়ানে, সাবেক তথা হাল এল.আর cession from Pakistan. ১৪ নং দাগে শালি জমি ২৩৫ শতকের মধ্যে ৩৩ শতক, সম্পত্তি অত্র দইটি পথক ১) I-3198/2025 Wednesday's attack came ৪ ২)I-3199/2025 নং কোবালা দলিল মূলে আমর্মোক্তারনামা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে days after a car bombing killed four people near a market in Qillah Abdullah,

এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে, বর্তমান ক্রেতা **শিবাঙ্ক ইন্ডাস্ট্রিয়াল পার্ক** এর পক্ষে অংশীদার **শ্রী প্রদীপ বনসালি** পিতা রামানন্দ বনসালি উক্ত খরিদা সম্পত্তি নাম পত্তন করিবার জন্য বি.এল এ্যান্ড এল.আর.ও পোলবা-দাদপুর ব্লক অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন/করিতেছেন, ইহাতে চাহারও কোন আইনানুগ আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হইবার ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ঠ অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যথায় নিয়ম অনুসারে কার্য্য হইবে।

ইতি- সনৎ কুমার শীল (উকিলবাবু), জেলা জজ আদালত, চুঁচুড়া, হুগলী

Regulation of trains for Provision of Subway between Barahat & Mandar Hill stations over Malda Division

In connection with launching of RCC boxes & slab for provision of subway to eliminate Level Crossing Gate No. 29 (Km. 41/14-15) between Barahat & Mandar Hill stations, Traffic & Power block for 07 hours (from 09.15 hrs. to 16.15 hrs.) will be required in Bhagalpur-Hansdiha Section over Malda Division on 23.05.2025 (Friday) Consequently, following arrangements have been made in train running: • CANCELLATION OF TRAINS: (1) 73441 Hansdiha-Bhagalpur DEMU Passenger (JCO 23.05.2025). (2) 73444 Bhagalpur-Hansdiha DEMU Passenger (JCO 23.05.2025) and 73443 Hansdiha-Bhagalpur DEMU Passenger (JCO 23.05.2025). • SHORT TERMINATION/SHORT-ORIGINATION OF TRAINS: (1) 13334/ 13333 Patna-Dumka-Patna Express (JCO 23.05.2025) will be shore terminated at/short originated from Bhagalpur. (2) 73402 Bhagalpur-Godda DEMU Passenger (JCO 23.05.2025) will be short originated from **Hansdiha** and cancelling service between Bhagalpur & Hansdiha • CONTROLLING: 18604 Godda-Ranchi Express (JCO 23.05.2025) will be controlled enroute for 30 minutes. Passengers are requested to follow the Public Address System of stations. nconvenience is regretted. Divisional Railway Manager, Malda

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'This isn't true in the future: in

The study also shows that in

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culation will have less influence

on carbon uptake than they had in

the past, because of the changing

distribution of carbon between the

The team used an Earth sys-

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three sets of ozone conditions for

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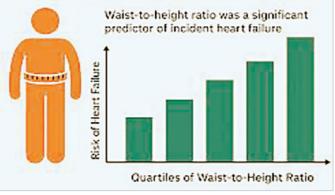
Waist-to-height ratio predicts heart failure incidence: Study

Sophia Antipolis [France]: The waist-to-height ratio predicts the incidence of heart failure, according to data presented today at Heart Failure 2025, a scientific congress of the European Society of Cardiology. Obesity affects a substantial

proportion of patients with heart failure (HF) and it has been reported that the risk of HF increases as body mass index (BMI) increases.2

Study presenter, Dr. Amra Jujic from Lund University, Malmo, Sweden, explained why the current analysis was carried out, "BMI is the most common measure of obesity, but it is influenced by factors such as sex and ethnicity, and does not take into account the distribution of body fat. Waistto-height ratio (WtHR) is considered a more robust measure of central adiposity, the harmful deposition of fat around visceral organs. In addition, whereas BMI is associated with paradoxically good HF outcomes with high BMI, this is not seen with WtHR.3 We conducted this analysis to investi-





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The study population had a mean age of 67 years and 29 per The study population consisted of 1,792 participants from the cent were women. The median WtHR was 0.57 (interguartile Preventive Project. Participants were aged 45-73 range, 0.52-0.61). years at baseline and were select-

During the median follow-up of 12.6 years, 132 HF events occurred. Higher WtHR was associated with a significantly increased risk of incident HF (hazard ratio [HR] per one standard

deviation increase 1.34; 95% confidence interval [CI] 1.12-1.61; p=0.001), independent of confounders. When WtHR was categorised into quartiles, individuals with the highest values of WtHR (median of 0.65) had a significantly higher risk of HF compared with individuals in the other three quartiles (HR 2.71; 95% CI 1.64-4.48; p<0.001).

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Study co-author, Dr. John Molvin from Lund University and Malmo University Hospital, Sweden, noted, "The median WtHR in our analysis was considerably higher than 0.5, the cut-off for increased cardiometabolic risk. Having a waist measurement that is less than half your height is ideal." He concluded: "We found that WtHR was a significant predictor of incident HF and our results suggest that WtHR may be a better metric than BMI to identify patients with HF who could benefit from therapies for obesity. Our next step is to investigate whether WtHR predicts incident HF and also other cardiometabol-

Study reveals healing ozone hole helps Southern Ocean take up carbon

England [UK] : A new study suggests that the ozone hole's negative effects on the Southern Ocean's carbon uptake are reversible, but only if greenhouse gas emissions rapidly decrease.

The study, led by the University of East Anglia (UEÅ), finds that as the ozone hole heals, its influence on the ocean carbon sink of the Southern Ocean will diminish, while the influence of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions will rise.

Relative to its area, the Southern Ocean takes up a disproportionate amount of carbon, which reduces the radiative effects of carbon in the atmosphere and strongly mitigates human-caused climate change. Therefore, knowing how much carbon it will absorb, and what controls this carbon uptake, is important.

Scientists from the UEA and National Centre for the Atmospheric Science (NCAS), in the UK, looked at the relative role of ozone and GHG emissions in controlling the circulation of the Southern Ocean around Antarctica, focusing on how it would impact the carbon uptake.

They were interested in how the amount of atmospheric carbon taken up by the Southern Ocean has changed in the 20th century, and how it will change over the 21st century. Their findings are published today in the journal Science Advances.

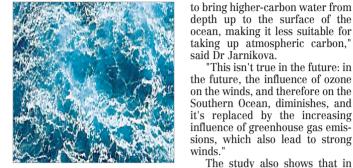
Lead author Dr Tereza Jarnikova, of the Tyndall Cente for Climate Change Research at UEA, a tendency of the stronger winds

JEE-Advanced lengthy moderate-to-difficult: Kota coaching institutes

Kota : The question papers in JEE Advanced-2025 exam, held in two shifts on Sunday, were moderateto-difficult, with the second shift paper particularly lengthy, aspi-

India's premier engineering entrance test, JEE Advanced 2025 exam, organised by IIT-Kanpur, was held in two shifts at five centres in Kota. It was a record with more than 1.90 lakh students registering for the exam. In the first shift alone, 1,87,223 candidates appeared, comprising 1,43,810 boys and 43,413 girls, the experts in Kota claimed. Nitin Vijay, Founder and CEO of Motion Education, explained why girls' chances of making it to the final list were higher.

'The chances for girls to get into IITs are significantly higher in 2025 due to the increase in seats and the 20 per cent female super-



said: "An interesting, and hopeful, highlight of this work is that the effects of human-caused ozone hole damage on the winds, circulation, and carbon uptake of the Southern Ocean are reversible, but only under a lower scenario of greenhouse gas emissions.

The Southern Ocean takes up lots of atmospheric carbon because of its unique circulation and properties. Winds have intensified in past decades due to the loss of stratospheric ozone, acting to reduce the uptake of carbon.

However, the study shows that this phenomenon could reverse as the ozone hole recovers. At the same time, increasing GHG emissions could also lead to stronger winds, so how the Southern Ocean circulation will behave in the future, and therefore how much carbon this ocean will take up, is uncertain.

"We found that in the past decades, the depletion of ozone led to a relative reduction of the changes.

banned ozone depleting substances; and a world where the ozone hole persisted at its 1987 size throughout the 21st century. They also simulated two future greenhouse gas scenarios: a low emissions scenario and a high emissions scenario, and then calculated how the main physical features of the ocean change over the 150 simulated years, as well as how the amount of carbon taken up by the ocean changes in response to these physical

rants and experts here said.



Female admissions in the JEE ing, Advanced have averaged 22 per cent in the last three years, while male admissions have averaged around 78 per cent. The female supernumerary quota, in addition to the current female pool, continues to supplement their original chances. Commenting on the difficulty of the paper, Vijay on Monday said, "Mathematics was found to be the most challenging section, with lengthy, difficult, and time-consuming questions requiring conceptual clarity and profound thinking. Physics was reported as moderate to challeng-

with questions requiring understanding and accuracy, while Chemistry was comparatively easier in both sessions. According to him, Paper 2 was tougher than Paper 1, particularly as eight number value-type questions were provided with no options. "As compared to previous years, no paragraph-type ques-tions were posed," he said. Allen Career Institute Director Brajesh Maheshwari said that the first shift paper was easy, while that of the second shift was lengthy. Chemistry was completely calculative in the paper.

fasting glucose and one-third had diabetes. All participants were folic disorders in a larger cohort. 16th Finance Commission will submit its \oplus report to Centre by Oct 31: Chairman

Dehradun : Chairman of the Sixteenth Finance Commission Dr. Arvind Panagariya on Monday said the commission will submit its report to the central government by October 31

Panagariya said this in a meeting of the commission held here with Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami.

The chairman praised Uttarakhand for moving ahead rapidly on the development front and said that in view of the difficult geographical conditions, extensive discussions will be held to find solutions to the challenges being faced by other hill states, including Uttarakhand

Earlier in the meeting, CM Dhami presented his views on the financial situation, challenges and development needs of the state.

He requested the Finance Commission to provide suitable compensation in keeping with the spirit of 'environmental federalism' in view of Uttarakhand's 'eco service cost', increase the weightage of forest cover in 'tax-devolution' to 20 per cent and consider special grants for proper management and conservation of forests in the state

The Chief Minister said that in the last 25 years, Uttarakhand has made remarkable progress in the field of financial management like other areas.

The size of the state budget has crossed Rs 1 lakh crore, while in the SDG Index Report of the year 2023-24 released by NITI Aayog,



Uttarakhand being covered by forests, Dhami said that on one hand this leads to more expenditure for the conservation of forests, while on the other hand, due to the prohibition of any other development activity in the forest area, 'eco service cost' also has to be borne.

In this regard, he requested for appropriate compensation to the State in accordance with the spirit of 'Environmental Federalism', increasing the weight prescribed for forest cover in 'Tax-Transfer' by 20 percent and special grant for proper management and conservation of forests in the State.

of the state due to difficult geographical condi-tions and other practical difficulties as the private sector participation in important sectors

like education and health is very limited. Describing Uttarakhand as very sensitive to natural disasters, the CM said that the state

needs continuous financial support to effectively deal with disasters and for relief and rehabilitation work. Dhami, referring to the limited possibilities of hydropower generation in Uttarakhand due to the rules implemented after the Ganges was declared a national river, said that due to this the hydropower sector is not able to make the expected contribution and there is a huge loss in the field of employment along with revenue.

He also requested the Finance Commission to provide special assistance in view of the higher cost involved in developing additional infrastructure for transport, drinking water, health, waste management and other services in view of the 'floating population' visiting pilgrimage sites.

A delegation of the party led by State Congress Vice-President Suryakant Dhasmana also met Dr. Panagariya and requested for a green bonus for the state and economic package to stop migration and consider the special geographical conditions of the state.

Dhasmana demanded that the state

Uttarakhand has emerged as the leading state in the country among the states achieving the goals of sustainable development, he said.

Referring to the two main challenges being faced by the state due to more than 70 per cent of the total geographical area of

He said that since the state's industrial package ended in 2010, the locational disadvantage is not being met, while special budget provisions have to be made in the hilly regions

tion for its environmental services, protection of water, forest and biodiversity for the country.

should be given a green bonus as compensa-

He said that there should also be a provision of a special package for the state for long-term disaster management prepared-

numerary quota. With 1,364 new BTech seats added this year, taking the total to over 18,500 across 23 IITs, the opportunity for deserving female aspirants is brighter than ever," he said.

Study finds if mindfulness can combat anxiety

Ageing reduces CAR-T cell effectiveness by impairing metabolism, study shows



Lausanne [Switzerland] People's immune systems deteriorate as they age, making cancer therapies that rely on immune cells difficult to implement.

In a new study, researchers from the University of Lausanne (UNIL), the Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV), the Geneva University Hospitals (HUG), and the Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL) show that age-related immune decline has a measurable impact on CAR-T cell therapy, one of the most advanced forms of cancer immunotherapy.

CAR-T therapy works by engineering a patient's T-cells to recognize and destroy cancer cells. But the study found that CAR-T cells from aged mice had poor mitochondrial function, lower "stemness", and reduced antitumor activity. The culprit: a drop in levels of nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD), a molecule essential for cellular energy and metabolism of mitochondria.

"CAR-T cells from older individuals metabolically are impaired and significantly less effective," said first author Dr. Helen Carrasco Hope. "What's exciting is that we were able to rejuvenate these aged cells by restoring their NAD levels--reviving their antitumor function in preclinical models." "Our findings strengthen the growing recognition that aging fundamentally reshapes immune cell function and metabolism," she added. "They highlight the urgent need to model age more accurately in preclinical studies, so that therapies are developed with the real-world cancer population in mind--where most patients are older adults.'

The team used NAD-boosting compounds currently under clinical investigation for other conditions, demonstrating that this approach is translatable and potentially applicable in humans. "This is a major step toward personalized and age-conscious immunotherapy,' said senior author Dr. Nicola Vannini. "By correcting age-related metabolic defects, we could improve outcomes for a large segment of cancer patients." The study adds to a growing body of work showing that age is not just a chronological number, but a biological factor that can shape therapy response. The authors call for age to be systematically considered in the development and evaluation of cell-based immunotherapies.

Missouri [US] : If you're worried about job, money, the status of the world, or anything else, try a moment of mindfulness

Paying close attention to the present moment without judgment -- the basic idea behind all mindfulness techniques -- can help calm anxiety and improve focus, said Resh Gupta, a postdoctoral research associate with the Mindfulness Science and Practice research cluster.

"A lot of research has shown that mindfulness can reduce anxiety symptoms," she said.

The calming power of mindfulness is well-known to people who have made the practice a part of their daily lives. Still, experts continue to investigate how it works and which types of mindfulness might be most useful for different types of anxiety, ranging from fleeting bouts of worry to more chronic, clinical anxiety disorders. We all experience anxiety, but it can manifest in many different ways," Gupta said. "It's a tough problem to pin down." In a paper published in Neuroscience

and Biobehavioral Reviews, Gupta and coauthors laid out a new approach to understanding the relationship between mindfulness and anxiety. Instead of taking a onesize-fits-all approach, they propose that different kinds of mindfulness practices might be helpful for different varieties of anxiety. The proposed framework should ultimately help us understand how to match anxiety sufferers with more precise treatments, Gupta said. Todd Braver, the William R. Stuckenberg Professor in Human Values and Moral Development and a professor of psychological and brain sciences, is a coauthor of the paper. The other co-author is Wendy Heller, a professor of psychology at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The work was supported in part by the Mindfulness Science and Practice cluster and the Arts & Sciences' Incubator for Transdisciplinary Futures. Braver said that the new paper is

emblematic of the kinds of work being done by the cluster. "There is a growing recognition that these practices can be incredibly



People who are hypervigilant and experiencing a lot of physical symptoms of anxiety -- rapid heartbeat, sweaty palms, tightness in the chest -- may do better with a different approach. "For this type of anxiety, a form of mindfulness meditation called open monitoring may be beneficial," Gupta said. "Instead of focusing on one thing, such as the breath, you can observe all internal and external experiences from moment to moment in a non-reactive, non-judgmental way.

useful in enhancing psychological wellbeing," Braver said. "But we still do not fully understand the mechanisms of action by which mindfulness can produce beneficial effects. That's where the scientific research can be so valuable, by helping us more precisely identify why and how certain practices are effective.

Gupta, Braver, and Heller suggest that mindfulness combats anxiety by improving a mental process called cognitive control. "Cognitive control is the ability to regulate your thoughts and your actions in a way that helps you achieve your goals," Gupta said. "For example, if you know you have to go to the grocery store right after work, you

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can keep that goal in mind during the workday and turn down an offer to do something else after work.

As Gupta explained, mindfulness and anxiety have opposite impacts on cognitive control. People who are more mindful generally perform better on tasks requiring cognitive control. That observation is sup ported by neuroimaging studies, which have shown that mindfulness meditation can effectively modulate activity in brain regions that support cognitive control.

On the other hand, anxiety can worsen cognitive control. "Worry occupies a lot of space in the brain's working memory system," Gupta said. "This is where your goals

are stored." This impairment in cognitive control can intensify worry symptoms, but using mindfulness to improve cognitive control can help interrupt the harmful cycle of

Depending on the type of anxiety people are experiencing, some approaches might work better than others, Gupta said. People who spend a lot of time worrying may especially benefit from a type of mindfulness meditation called focused attention. "Focused attention teaches you to choose an anchor, such as your breath or a sound, she said. "You keep bringing your attention back to that anchor every time your mind wanders. Instead of focusing on the worry, you're focusing on the present moment experience.

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WashU's Mindfulness Science & Practice cluster offers many resources for university and community members who want to add mindfulness to their lives. The cluster sponsors regular talks as well as other events. including those in which participants can learn mindfulness practices from trained practitioners. "We're dedicated to helping the WashU and greater St. Louis community get access to tools to learn about mindful-ness science and practice," Gupta said.

Braver is enthusiastic that recent research from the cluster and other institutions will help people gain a greater appreciation of the wide variety of practices that fall under the mindfulness umbrella. "People have different options they can choose from, so it becomes easier to find one that best fits your particular temperament, concerns, or current situation," he

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World's largest visa application centre opens in Dubai

MI News Service, Dubai: The world's largest visa centre, touted to process 10,000 visa applications daily, has been inaugu-rated in Dubai. The new facility has been set up by VFS Global, a leader in trusted technology services empowering secure global mobility for governments and citizens. The centre is established in Wafi City. It is spread over 1,50,000 square feet, comprising trained visa processing professionals from 25 countries. "Visa facilitation is a key enabler of talent attraction, tourism development, and international partnerships, all essential levers of our strategy to position Dubai as the world's most connected and future-ready city," director-general of Dubai's department of economy and tourism was quoted as saying by Gulf Business. "Operating in the UAE since 2004, our journey has been defined by unwavering commitment and a deep-rooted connection with this dynamic nation and its visionary leadership," said founder and chief executive officer, VFS Global Group, Zubin Karkaria.

The CEO further said that over 20 years, the UAE has shown spectacular growth into a global hub for business, thought leadership, technology development, and innovation. "In line with Dubai's rapid development, we are proud to launch the world's largest Visa Application Centre, serving over 200 nationalities."

Iran's supreme leader dismisses U.S. stance on uranium enrichment



PM to lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 26,000 crore in Palana, Bikaner

PM to visit Rajasthan on 22nd May

MI News Service, Delhi Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will visit Rajasthan on 22nd May. He will travel to Bikaner and at around 10:30 AM, he will undertake darshan at Karni Mata temple in Deshnoke.

Further at around 11:00 AM, Prime Minister will inaugurate the redeveloped Deshnoke Station under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme and flag-off Bikaner-Mumbai express train. Thereafter, he will lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 26,000 crore and also address a public function in Palana. In line with his commitment to constantly improve and enhance the rail infrastructure in the country. Prime Minister will inaugurate 103 redeveloped Amrit Stations in 86 districts across 18 States and Union Territories of India developed at a cost of over Rs 1,100 crore. Over 1,300 stations are being redeveloped with modern facilities, designed to reflect regional architecture and enhance passenger amenities under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Deshnoke railway station, serving pilgrims and tourists visiting the Karni Mata Temple among others, is inspired with temple architecture and arch and column theme. Begumpet railway station in Telangana is inspired by the architecture of the Kakatiya empire. Thawe station in Bihar incorporates various murals and art works representing Maa Thawewali, one of the $52\,$ Shakti Peethas and depicting Madhubani paintings. Dakor station in

Gujarat is inspired by Ranchhodrai Ji Maharaj. The redeveloped Amrit stations across India integrate modern infrastructure with cultural heritage, passenger-centric amenities including those for Divyangjan and sustainable practices to enhance the travel experience

Indian Railway is marching towards 100% electrification of its network, making railway operations efficient and environment more friendly. In line with this, Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone of Churu-Sadulpur rail line (58 km) and dedicate to the Nation Suratgarh-Phalodi (336 km); Phulera-Degana (109 km); Udaipur-Himmatnagar (210 km); Phalodi-Jaisalmer (157 km) and Samdari-Barmer (129 km) rail line electrification. In a major boost to road infrastructure in the state, Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for construction of 3 Vehicle Underpasses, widening and strengthening of National highways. He will also dedicate 7 roadways projects in Rajasthan. The roadways projects, worth over Rs 4850 crore, will facilitate smoother movement of goods and people. The highways extend up to the Indo-Pak border, enhancing accessibility for security forces and strengthening India's defence infrastructure. Furthering the vision of electricity for all and green and clean energy, Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone of power projects including Solar projects at Bikaner and Nawa in Didwana Kuchaman, and Transmission Systems for Evacuation

of Power Part B PowerGrid Sirohi Transmission Ltd and Part E Power-Grid Mewar Transmission Ltd. He will also inaugurate power projects including Solar project at Bikaner, Transmission system for Evacuation of PowerGrid Neemuch and from Bikaner Complex, Augmentation of transformation capacity at Fatehgarh-II Power Station which will provide clean energy and reduce carbon emission. Prime Minister will also lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate 25 important state government projects across Rajasthan to enhance infrastructure, connectivity, power supply, health services, and water availability in the state. These include laying of foundation stone and dedication to the nation of projects for upgrading and maintaining 12 State Highways covering a total length of over 750 km worth over Rs 3,240 crore; further expansion under the program includes an additional 900 km of new highways. Prime Minister will inaugurate power projects at Bikaner and Udaipur. He will also inaugurate Nursing Colleges in Rajsamand, Pratapgarh, Bhilwara, Dholpur which will play a key role in enhancing health infrastructure in the state. He will also lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation various water infrastructure projects in the region including Rural Water Supply and Fluorosis Mitigation Project in Jhunjhunu District, Restructuring of Urban Water Supply Schemes in 7 Towns of Pali District under AMRUT 2.0, among others.



Haj 2025: Over half million pilgrims arrive in Saudi Arabia

MI News Service, Riyadh: A total of 554,579 pilgrims have arrived in the King-dom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) through air, land, and sea to perform Haj 1446 AH – 2025, as of Sunday, May 18. According to the Ministry of Haj and Umrah, the arrivals were distributed as follows: These figures represent 39 percent of the total Haj visas issued for this season. On Sunday, May 18, the Ministry of Interior announced that over one million pilgrims have benefited from the Makkah Route Initiative since its inception in 2017, reaffirming Saudi Arabia's dedication to enhancing pilgrim services

As part of the Pilgrim Experience Program under Saudi Vision 2030, the initiative streamlines pre-travel procedures for pilgrims at 11 airports across seven countries: Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Morocco, Turkey, and Côte

d'Ivoire. Pilgrims started arriv-ing in Makkah and Madinah from Dhul Qada 1, corresponding to April 29,

marking the beginning of the Haj season of 2025. In a series of welcoming messages posted across its official channels, the Ministry expressed joy at the pilgrims' arrival, "Well come, O Guests of Allah your arrival is an honour and a joy for us.'

The Ministry also emphasised the importance of obtaining an official Haj permit, which ensures access to essential services, guarantees safety and comfort, and supports a spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage

Indian expat couple killed in gas cylinder explosion in Oman

MI News Service, Muscat: In a tragic incident, an Oman-based Indian expat couple died in an explosion caused by a gas cylinder at a restaurant in Bousher district. The victims have been identified as 59-yearold Pankajakshan and his wife, 53-year-old Shajitha, both originally from Kannur in the southern Indian state of Kerala. They were working as accountants for a private company in Muscat.

According to preliminary findings by the Civil Defence and Ambulance Authority (CDAA), the explosion—suspected to have been caused by a gas leak in the restaurant's kitchen-led to a partial collapse of the residentialcommercial building where the couple lived. The incident occurred on Saturday, May 17. The couple, who had lived in Oman for more than 30 years, were residing in an apartment directly above the restaurant.

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 weekslong 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

plete 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 weekslong 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



MI News Service, Iran: Iran's supreme leader on Tuesday pushed back against US criticism of the country's nuclear programme, saying that Tehran won't seek permission from anyone to enrich uranium and calling American statements "nonsense" "They say, 'We won't allow Iran to enrich uranium." That's way out of line," Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said during a memorial for late President Ebrahim Raisi, who died in a helicopter crash last year. "No one in Iran is waiting for their permission. The Islamic Republic has its own policies and direction — and it will stick to them." Khamenei's remarks came as indirect talks between Iran and the US reportedly continue, though he expressed doubt about their outcome.

"Yes, indirect negotiations were held during Raisi's time too, just like now," he said. "But they didn't go anywhere — and we don't expect much from the current ones either. Who knows what will happen.' His comments reflect Tehran's growing frustration with the stalled nuclear discussions, as well as the broader tensions that have defined US-Iran relations in recent years. Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei told the state-run IRNA news agency that "no definitive decision has been made about the next round of negotiations," adding that "the Islamic Republic of Iran is reviewing the matter while considering the US side's contradictory and constantly changing positions". IRNÅ also reported that Kazem Gharibabadi, the deputy foreign minister, said that Tehran had received a proposal regarding the next round of indirect talks with Washington and was currently reviewing it. - With **Agencies Inputs**

Security personnel display the preparedness near the International Border, during a media tour, on the outskirts of Jammu.

"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 com-

seize Gaza, displace hun dreds 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.

Mass demolitions in Gujarat capital displace thousands; Muslim bodies condemn 'inhumane' action

MI News Service, Ahmedabad: Thousands of Muslim families in Ahmedabad's Chandola Talab area were left scrambling to save their belongings on Tuesday as the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) launched a large-scale demolition drive, targeting over 7,000 structures-most of them homes belonging to Muslims. The action, which has drawn sharp criticism from human rights groups and minority organizations, has rendered thousands homeless. Authorities linked the demolition to "national security" concerns following the April 26 Pahalgam attack, alleging the area was illegally occupied by undocumented Bangladeshi immigrants. Since the incident, over 6,500 peoplemainly Muslims—have been detained for citizenship verification. However, activists sav the vast majority are In-

possess valid documents like Aadhaar and voter ID cards. The demolition resumed after the Gujarat High Court upheld an earlier drive on April 29, ruling that struc-

dian citizens, many of whom

Black Sun: Hitler's obsession & occult engine of Third Reich

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SHADOWS BENEATH THE SWASTIKA: Do you want to know about a piece of history quietly buried in the footnotes-that speaks about half-whispered legends, encrypted symbols, and forbidden rituals? Mystery shrouds the chilling myth of the Black Sun, a creepy symbol etched into the tower floor at Wewelsburg Castle-the headquarters of the SS

under Heinrich Himmler. For decades, this puzzling insignia has provided fodder for conspiracy theorists and academic debates. The theory is often rubbished as pseudohistory. Is the myth of the Black Sun more than occult fantasy? Was it a spiritual engine designed to drive the ideological war machine of the Third Reich?

Once you remove the layers of dusty archives, you can discover something more intriguing. These facts discuss tales of ancient myths, shadowy workings of secret societies, and a calculated attempt to create a Nazi religion. The "dark sun" theory came into being to eclipse all others.

THE SYMBOL OF BLACK SUN PREDATES NAZI ERA: Long before the Nazis, ancient Germanic. Norse and Indo-European cultures mentioned lookalike symbols of the Black Sun, 12 radial sig runes spiraling from a dark center. They were often associated with power, solar deities, and rebirth. Nazis adapted a different version with

intentional distortion. In 1933, after Hitler cemented his authority, the SS began appropriating ancient esoteric imagery. These symbols were projected to serve a mythic narrative of Aryan supremacy.

The Black Sun was one such narrative. It was a modern-day fabrication with ancient aesthetic roots which was tailored to suit Nazi propaganda attempts. The Nazi Black Sun though looked like a design was actually a sigil.

WEWELSBURG CASTLE, THE **RITUAL FORTRESS OF THE SS:** Far away from Berlin's political heart, lies Wewelsburg Castle, nestled in the forests of Westphalia. It was a triangular fortress remodeled under Heinrich Himmler's direct supervision.

Wewelsburg was the ritual epicenter of SS ideology. At its heart was the North Tower crypt. It was a circular chamber beneath the Black Sun mosaic. It was rumored to be a place for initiation rituals. ancestral channeling, and spiritual warfare. As many as 12 SS generals, resembling like Arthurian knights, would assemble here. They represented a seat of power in Himmler's imagined

spiritual empire. Unpublished SS documents discovered in 2017 reveal plans for a "Hall of Ancestors". It houses relics, Aryan genealogy charts, and mystical items allegedly tied to Germanic legends and, curiously, Tibetan artifacts. Tibetan artifacts shed light on Nazi Tibet Expeditions Himmler engaged anthe "master race.

THE VRIL SOCIETY MYTH: Edward Bulwer-Lytton in his 1871 novel The Coming Race described Vril as a cosmic force harnessed by a superior subterranean race. The popular fiction merged with fringe science, occultism, and pseudo-archeology. It turned out to be the gospel for some Nazi theorists. SS officers genuinely explored antigravity propulsion and alternative energy sources. According to them, these were allegedly inspired by Vril's theory. A captured Ahnenerbe researcher mentioned "Black Sun energy" as a counterforce to the Judeo-Christian god in his unpublished letters. Was the Black Sun more than just a symbol? Was it an attempt to engineer metaphysical energy for supremacy?

Was Hitler an Occult Sympathiser or Strategic Manipulator?

Despite speculation of his possibility of being an occultist, Hitler was not an active practitioner of the mysterious craft. He was reportedly dismissive of astrology and mysticism-at least openly.

So what was the reason for these esoteric experiments?

Hitler, a curious student of symbolism and myth, understood the power of archetypes. He sensed the fruitfulness of infusing Nazi ideology in spiritual narratives. While Himmler performed rituals at Wewelsburg, Hitler concentrated on myth-making for the masses.

He created an aura around

prophesied figure from the 'Reborn Wotan', the Nordic legend. The Black Sun in Post-War Subculture

The Allies may have disapproved of the Nazi regime, but the Black Sun survived. The neo-Nazi groups in Germany and South America began using the Black Sun as a covert symbol of allegiance in 1950s and 1960s. It forced its way into UFO cults and esoteric fascist circles.

The far-right online forums pedaled the theory of "hyperborean energy sigil"

They associate it with Antarctica bases, Nazi flying saucers, and ancient alien bloodlines. The Black Sun-literally a dark sunwas projected as a powerful symbol of mysticism, supremacy, and a rejection of modernity. The Third Reich wasn't just a political concept-it was an ideological machine trying to reshape history.

The Black Sun wasn't just associated with the occult but was the axis of a diabolical metaphysics.

FINAL THOUGHTS: A LINGER-ING SHADOW: The Black Sun remains one of the most intriguing symbols of the 20th century. Designed as a spiritual black hole, it dismissed truth, distorted history, and pedalled the theory of power.

Hitler is no more and but Nazi Neo-Nazis kept him alive still today. The theory of cult neo-esotericism is growing online and ancient symbols are reborn in the digital arena.

tures on Chandola Lake land were unauthorized. On April 28, more than 4.000shanties in Siyasatnagar and Bengali Vaas were razed, displacing thousands, mostly poor migrants from Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Bengal who work as laborers and ragpickers.

Community leaders say the government is targeting Muslims under the guise of legal and security concerns. Mujahid Nafees, convener of the Minority Coordination Committee, called the action "completely inhumane," accusing the administration of using the Pahalgam attack to justify mass evictions. "People have lived here for over 40 years," he said.

Wasif Hussain of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind Gujarat echoed the sentiment, criticizing the government for demolishing homes without providing alternative shelter. "Elderly people and children are being thrown out in extreme heat with no place to go," he said. Activists are now demanding immediate rehabilitation for all affected families. - With Agencies Inputs

thropologists to find the roots of him by projecting himself as a

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Delhi Capitals' Mustafizur Rahman and teammates celebrate the wicket of Mumbai Indians' Rohit Sharma during their Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 match, at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Wednesday. (ANI Photo)

Gwalior to host Madhya Pradesh League from June 12

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GWALIOR (MADHYA PRADESH) : The Madhya Pradesh League (MPL) is set to return for its latest season, commencing June 12 with matches being held in Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia Cricket Stadium in Shankarpur, Gwalior.

The Madhya Pradesh League has been relocated from Indore to Gwalior in view of the advancing monsoon in Indore and delay in the conclusion of the Indian Premier League (IPL)

Interestingly, Gwalior also hosted the inau-gural edition of MPL last year, making it a familiar venue for players and organizers alike. Originally, the league was set to com-mence on May 27 in Indore, aligning with the IPL's earlier scheduled conclusion on May 25.

Organised by Gwalior Division Cricket Association (GDCA) under the aegis of MP Cricket Association, the men's competition, which featured five teams last season, has been expanded to seven, with the inclusion of teams from the Bundelkhand and Chambal regions, a MPL release said. Speaking about the Madhya Pradesh League, Chairman Mahanaaryaman Scindia

said, "Gwalior holds a special place in the hearts of our players and fans, and we are thrilled to return here. With two new men's teams and the introduction of our inaugural Women's League, we're proud to expand opportunities for talent across Madhya Pradesh"

Madhya Pradesh League (MPL) CEO Ravi Patankar said they are pleased to confirm that all logistical preparations for the venue shift have been successfully completed.

"With the new start date firmly in place,

RCB STARS UNWIND WITH PICKLEBALL



BENGALURU (KARNATAKA) : Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) players are enjoying their time off the field after securing a spot in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 playoffs. Ahead of their match against Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH), several team members were seen relaxing and bonding over a game of pickleball.

RCB's official X handle shared pictures of star batter Virat Kohli and his wife Anushka Sharma in action, playing pickleball with full intensity. The couple was joined by veteran wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik and his wife Dipika Pallikal, a professional squash player.

Adding to the mix was RCB pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who also took part in the fun session. The players using the light-hearted game as a way to stay fresh and focused ahead of the high-stakes play-

off match

"Powering through teamwork, RCB Style!'

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They are currently sitting in second place with 17 points, eight wins, three losses, and one no-result, and still have two matches to play.

Virat Kohli (505 runs in 11 innings with seven fifties), Devdutt Padikkal (247 runs in 10 innings with two fifties), skipper Rajat Patidar (239 runs in 10 innings with two fifties) and Tim David (186 runs in eight innings with a fifty) have been match winners with the bat, while Josh Hazlewood (18 wickets) and Krunal Pandya (14 wickets) have been the leading performers with the ball.

The highly anticipated clash between Royal Challengers Bengaluru(RCB) and Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) was abandoned on May 17 due to rain. The one point eventually helped them to qualify for the playoffs.

Royal Challengers Bengaluru Squad: Jacob Bethell, Virat Kohli, Mayank Agarawal, Rajat Patidar(c), Jitesh Tim David, Romario Sharma(w), Shepherd, Krunal Pandya, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Lungi Ngidi, Yash Dayal, Suyash Sharma, Rasikh Dar Salam, Manoj Bhandage, Liam Livingstone, Swapnil Singh, Philip Salt, Mohit Rathee, Swastik Chikara, Abhinandan Singh, Nuwan Thushara, Josh Hazlewood.

Gujarat Giants announce new coaching staff ahead of PKL 2025 auction

AHMEDABAD (GUJARAT) : With the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) 2025 Player Auction to be held from May 31 to June 1, Gujarat Giants have made strategic changes ahead of the new season, including a new coaching staff, according to a release from Gujarat Giants.

The move aims to build a fearless, robust, and title-contending squad for the brand new campaign in season XII.

Jaivir Sharma has been appointed as the new head coach, while Varinder Singh Sandhu will take over as Assistant Coach of Gujarat Giants.

With over three decades of experience, Jaivir is among the most respected figures in Indian kabaddi. He is a championshipwinning coach with an impressive track record and brings a wealth of experience along with tactical acumen to the leadership role

Jaivir, who has been serving with the Sports Authority of India (SAI) since 1992, has been instrumental in shaping the careers of numerous national and international kabbadi players. Under his guidance, Indian team has clinched Gold medal at prestigious international events, including the Asian Games, Kabaddi World Cup and multiple marquee kabaddi championships.

"I'm excited to be joining Gujarat Giants. I look forward to developing a fearless and humble philosophy within the team, with the aim of making us one of the strongest contenders in the PKL. I'm grateful to Adani Sportsline for placing their trust in me and giving me this exciting opportunity. I'm eagerly looking forward to the PKL auction and building a strong, competitive squad," said Jaivir, as quoted from a release by Gujarat Giants Since joining the league in

2017, Gujarat Giants has built a

strong reputation for grooming

star players such as Rohit Gulia,

Sachin Tanwar, Sunil Kumar,

Parvesh Bhainswal and Pawan

Sehrawat, all of whom have

become household names and

PKL finalists, also take pride in

backing young coaching talent and offering them the platform

A prime example is Manpreet

Singh, who came through the

ranks to become one of the most

successful coaches in PKL's his-

Continuing that tradition is Varinder, a talented coach with

elite-level kabaddi experience

and 17 years of exemplary serv-

ice in the Indian armed forces.

He brings a blend of leadership,

discipline, and modern tactical

insights to his new role with the

Gujarat Giants. Varinder will

work closely under the mentor-

ship of Jaivir as he transitions

head coach of the Indian

women's kabaddi team, leading

them to win multiple historic

Gold medals, including at the 19th Asian Games 2023 in

Hangzhou, China, and the 6th

Asian Kabaddi Championship

2025 in Iran. He was the coach

of the Punjab state team and the

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into the league's setup.

Gujarat Giants, the two-time

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tournaments, including the National Games 2023 and 2025, where he played a key role in inculcating a winning mindset among young players. Speaking about his new role and his upcoming PKL debut as

Indian Air Force (IAF) at various

an assistant coach, Varinder said, "I'm really excited to join the Gujarat Giants' family. It's an incredible opportunity to be part of one of the biggest Kabaddi leagues in the world.

I'm also eager to experience the player auction for the first time and look forward to building a solid squad for the new season. I'm committed to contributing to Gujarat Giants' success and helping the team achieve its collective goals with our Head Coach (Jaivir).'

Welcoming the dynamic new coaching staff, Sanjay Adesara, Chief Business Officer, Adani Sportsline, said, "We are delighted to welcome Jaivir Sharma and Varinder Singh Sandhu to the Gujarat Giants family. Both bring valuable coaching experience and strong credentials to the table, and we are confident that their expertise will help Gujarat Giants achieve the ultimate goal of winning the title."

"At Adani Sportsline, it is part of our philosophy to support young players and coaches by providing them with the right platform to grow and excel. We believe [Varinder] Sandhu's addition to the team, under the mentorship of our experienced Head Coach [Jaivir], will strengthen our journey towards achieving great things for Gujarat Giants," he added.



Khelo India Beach Games 2025: Golden day for hosts

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we look forward to delivering an exciting and seamless tournament for players and fans alike.

The jersey unveiling ceremony will also take place in Gwalior on May 27. This season will witness the launch of a Women's Cricket League, which will be held alongside the men's matches. The women's competition will feature three teams, including one represent-ing the capital city of Bhopal.

Men's teams: Gwalior Cheetahs, Bhopal Leopards, Jabalpur Royal Lions, Rewa Jaguars, Indore Pink Panthers, Chambal Ghariyals, Bundelkhand Bulls

Women's teams: Chambal Ghariyals, Bhopal Wolves, Bundelkhand Bulls.



Daman & amp; Diu on Day 1 of pencak silat competition

DIU (DAMAN AND DIU) [INDIA] : Hosts Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu had a golden start on Day 2 of the first Khelo India Beach Games in Diu on Tuesday. The first golds of the Games were decided in pencak silat competition with Daman & Diu, winning two of the first three, according to the SAI Media Release.

Pencak silat is a form of Indonesian martial art, and it was great to see a Union Territory hemmed by the Arabian Sea excelling in the open competition at these Games. Prasanna Narendra Bendre of Daman & Diu won the gold in the senior men's tunggal (artistic) event. the same time, Kirtana Manojkumar Acharya of the home team struck gold in the senior female category

A third gold was decided in the pencak silat competition in the morning session at the Ghoghla Beach. In a solo event (artistic), Punjab's Aaryan won gold ahead of Odisha's Sohil Gurung. Pencak silat is a highly technical sport with points awarded on



artistic forms and creativity.

Bendre is the most accomplished player in the region, with a silver and two bronze medals to his name at international events. He won the sil-

ver in the 2022 Asian championship in Jammu and Kashmir, while his two bronzes came in the 2024 Asian championship in Dubai and the 2024 world championship in Abu Dhabi.

Bendre really hopes these Khelo India Beach Games go a long way towards promoting tourism in Diu.

"That will be good for us. A better economy will help all sports and the infrastructure," he said, as quoted from the SAI Media Release.

The beach soccer competition started on Monday and there was a spate of one-sided group matches in both men's and women's competitions. Lakshadweep recorded one of the biggest wins when their men thrashed Gujarat 19-1. Odisha women blanked Madhya Pradesh 18-

There are six medal sports in these Games, ending May 24: soccer, volleyball, kabaddi, open swimming, sepak takraw, and pencak silat, and two non-medal sports (mallakhamb and tug-of-war). Pencak silat results

Solo Creative Senior Male: Gold: Aaryan with score of 560 (Punjab), Silver: Sohil Gurung, 542 (Odisha), Bronze: Vaibhav Valmik Kale, 541 (Maharashtra) and Kevin, 525

Tunggal Senior Female: Gold: Kirtana Manojkumar Acharya with score of 408 (Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu), Silver: Bhoomikajiten Drajain, 397 (Madhya Bronze: Pradesh), Edwina Lhinghoithem Hanghal, - 387 (Nagaland) and Dolly Leishangthem, 380 (Manipur)

(Nagaland)

Tunggal Senior Male: Gold: Prasanna Narendra Bendre with score of 420 (Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu), Silver: Raja Das, 397 (West Bengal), Bronze: Ravees Ahmad, 391 (Jammu and Kashmir) and Krishna Narsing Panchal, 382 (Maharashtra)

Key beach volleyball results:

Men: Telangana 2-0 Andaman & Nicobar (walkover), Tamil Nadu 2-0 Daman & Diu; Jammu and Kashmir 2-0 Daman & Diu

Women: Telangana 2-0 Karnataka (walkover); Kerala 2-0 Maharashtra (walkover); Andhra Pradesh 2-0 Karnataka (walkover): Maharashtra 2-0 Daman & Diu.

"Big thing for players": Indian Women's Hockey Team captain welcomes Amity-Hockey India partnership to support players' education

NOIDA (UTTAR PRADESH) : Indian Women's Hockey Team captain Salima Tete and defender Jyoti have welcomed the partnership between Amity University Online (AUO) and Hockey India (HI), calling it a big step towards helping players continue their education alongside their sports careers.

Amity University Online has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hockey India to offer educational opportunities to hockey players at the international, national, and state levels.

Speaking to ANI, Salima Tete said, "Thank you, Amity University and Hockey India, this is a very big thing for the players. The players need this, and this is a very good thing for the players. Now that we are joining, the children who will come to the camp, if they don't com-plete their graduation, they can join Amity

University. This is very easy for us, and we are getting a lot of support from Amity University. This is a big advantage for us. When we go to play a tournament and there is an exam in between, this is a very difficult situation for us.

She added, "When we go to play a match, and there is an exam in the group, we have to leave the game and give the exam, we have to choose between the two. This is a very difficult time for us. After leaving the exam, we have to wait for the next year, and we have joined you, this will help us a lot, and this is a very good thing for us. We can join online classes, and we can learn a lot. To complete our graduation, we have to take responsibility, we have to work on our graduation. This is a very good thing for us.

Indian Women's Hockey Team defender

Jyoti also praised the initiative. She said, "I am very happy about it because we players have been given the opportunity to study further. As we are in camps, it is difficult for us to give exams, to come home, and to return. So, online, if we are outside, playing a tournament in a foreign country, then we can also give exams there. It is very helpful for us to com-plete our further studies." This partnership supports the overall growth of sportspersons by allowing them to continue their education without affecting their sports careers, according to a Hockey India press release. Under this agreement, Amity University Online will offer a special scholarship program designed for athletes. This program understands the difficulties players face in balancing sports and studies and aims to support them in achieving

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Along with up to 100 per cent scholarships through the CHAMPS initiative (Celebrating Heroes with Amity Merit Program Scholarships), Amity University Online also offers free access to a three-month Certificate Course in Sports Psychology to help improve players' mental strength and performance.

The MoU was signed by Bhola Nath Singh, Secretary General of Hockey India, and Ajit Chauhan, Chairman of Amity University Online. The signing was witnessed by Sekar J Manoharan, Treasurer of Hockey India, and senior officials from Amity University in Noida.

During the event, Indian Women's Hockey Team captain Salima Tete and defender Jyoti formally enrolled in Amity University Online's Sociology and MBA Marketing programs, respectively. They are the first two players to benefit from this new partnership.



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