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India an existential threat for Pak: US Def **Intel Agency**

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MI News Service, Washington: Pakistan is modernising its nuclear arsenal with military and economic backing from China, a process that includes the development of battlefield nuclear weapons aimed at countering India's conventional military advantage, according to the latest World Threat Assessment report released by the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency on Sun-

day. The report notes that Pakistan continues to view India as an existential threat and is pursuing a comprehensive military modernisation strategy.

"Pakistan regards India as an existential threat and will continue to pursue its military modernization effort, including the development of battlefield nuclear weapons, to offset India's conventional military advantage," the assessment said.

The Pakistani military's priorities in the coming year are expected to include crossborder skirmishes with regional neighbors, counterterrorism operations, and continued development of nuclear weapons capabilities.

In 2024 alone, militants—including Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan and Baloch nationalist fighters killed over 2,500 people in Pakistan, despite ongoing military operations. The modernisation

of Pakistan's nuclear program includes not only weapon systems but also a focus on securing nuclear materials and enhancing command-and-control mechanisms. "Pakistan is modernising its nuclear arsenal and maintaining the security of its nuclear mate-

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Health Minister and Bharatiya Janata Party National President JP Nadda pose for a picture with NDA CMs and Dy CMs during the National Democratic Alliance Chief Ministers and Deputy Chief Min-isters meeting, at Ashok Hotel in New Delhi on Sunday.

Shashi leads Indian MPs at 9/11 Memorial in NY **Terrorism a global shared problem: Tharoor**

MI News Service, New York: An all-party delegation of Indian Parliamentarians, led by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, visited the 9/11 memorial here and paid homage to the victims of the terror attacks, expressing solidarity and underlining that the world has to be united in the fight against the "shared problem" of terrorism.

Tharoor said that the visit to the 9/11 Memorial was in a spirit of solidarity and was a "very moving moment for us"

But it was also meant to send a very strong message that "we are here in a city, which is bearing still the scars of that savage terrorist attack, in the wake of vet another terrorist attack in our own country," a reference to the April 22 Pahalgam at-

He said that, unlike the US, India has had to endure a "very much Parliament (Lok Sabha) larger number of terrorist Shashank Mani Tripathi, Member of Parliament attacks. "We came both as a (Lok Sabha) Ganti Harish reminder that this is a Madhur and former Indian Ambassador to the shared problem but also a spirit of solidarity with the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu. victims, who included In-India's broader engagedians...It's a global problem, a scourge, and we must all fight it united. That was a very important

arrived in New York Saturday afternoon, visited the National September 11 Memorial & Museum in lower Manhattan and kept roses on some of the names of the victims etched on the Memorial Pool. A large number of members of the Indian diaspora were also present at 9/11 for the solemn event.

The all-party delegation will travel from New York to Guyana, Panama, Colombia, and Brazil before returning to Washington DC around June 3 as part of a diplomatic outreach aimed at projecting India's united and resolute stance against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Other members of the

delegation include Member of Parliament (Rajya Bhubaneswar Sabha) Kalita, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) Milind Murli Deora, Member of

media at the 9/11 memorial site, Tharoor said that through the visit to these countries, "we are hoping velopment. to be able to explain to the world how important it is for all of us to stand to-

against gether the scourge of terrorism. "Just as the US showed such resolution and determination in the wake of 9/11, so too our country has stood up against the forces of evil who attacked us" on April 22, he said, referring to the Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kash-mir in which 26 civilians were killed. "We hope that a lesson has been learnt by those who perpetrated this attack and by those who finance, train, equip and direct them, but we want to communicate to the world that we will not be sitting quietly if this is repeated, Tharoor said. "We want the world to understand that this is not a time for indifference, but for mutual strength and mutual solidarity so that we can all unitedly stand up for the values that the United States has always cherished" - the The visit is part of values of democracy, human freedom, diversity, the coexistence of people of different communities, "none of which, sadly, is in the agenda of those who conducted such at-**EC** announces by-polls to 5 Assembly seats in 4 states on June 19. counting on June 23 MI News Service, New Delhi: By-polls to five assembly seats in four states will be held on June 19, the Election Commission said on Sunday. While two assembly bypolls will be held in Gujarat, one each will take place in Kerala, West Bengal and Punjab. The counting of votes to will take place on June 23, the poll authority said. In Gujarat, the bypoll to the Kadi seat was nesenior officials of the Recessitated following the public of Korea's Ministry death of sitting MLA of Foreign Affairs, digni-Karsanbhai Punjabhai Solanki. Another bypoll to the Visavadar seat in the state is taking place due to the resignation of sitting member Bhayani Bhupendrabhai Gandubhai. In Kerala, the Nilambur seat will go to bypoll since P V Anvar has resigned, while byposs are to be held in Punjab's Ludhiana seat due to the death of sitting member Gurpreet Bassi Gogi.

tacks." Tharoor said India would much rather focus on its own growth and de-

"But if that is going to be thwarted, or attempted to be thwarted by malign people with weapons, then we will answer them in kind. "That is also part of our message - yes, perpetrators of terror should indeed be brought to justice, and we are not going to stop

our hunt for those who did this latest atrocity.

"But we need to think about where these people are based, where they have safe havens, where they are trained, financed, equipped, guided, armed, and often directly directed to perpetrate these horrors. And they too should be accountable for what they have been doing," he said

Operation Sindoor not just military mission, but 'face of changing India': Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that Operation Sindoor was not just a military mission, but "the face of a changing India" that reflects the country's resolve, courage, and growing strength on the global stage.

Addressing the nation through his monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat, the Prime Minister said, Today the entire country is united against terrorism. filled with anger and de-termination." Modi hailed Operation Sindoor as a turning point in the global fight against terror, describing it as a symbol of India's growing strength

and clarity of purpose. "Operation Sindoor has infused new confidence and energy into the global fight against terrorism," he

said. He lauded as "extraordinary" the precision with which Indian forces attacked the terrorist infrastructure across the border.

Modi emphasised that the operation was not a one-off military action, but a reflection of a changing and resolute India.

"Operation Sindoor is the picture of our resolve, courage, and a changing India," he said, and delved on the impact of the operation that resonated deeply across the country.

The operation's success was followed by a series of gestures in tribute to the armed forces, ranging from patriotic poems on social media to paintings by children and massive Tiranga Yatras.

"In many cities, youth volunteered for civil defence, wrote poems, sang songs of resolve, and children made paintings car-rying powerful messages," Modi said.

He talked about a recent visit to Bikaner where he was gifted paintings made by children.

"In cities like Katihar and Kushinagar, families named their newborns 'Sindoor' in honour of the operation," he said.

Ministry of Ayush & WHO ink landmark deal

MI News Service, New Delhi: In a landmark development poised to transform the global standing of traditional medicine systems, an agreement has been signed between the Ministry of Ayush and the World Health Organization (WHO). The agreement inked on Saturday marks

the beginning of work on a dedicated Traditional Medicine module under the International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI), the Ayush Ministry said in a statement. Highlighting the significance of this achievement

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command and control, the report stated.

Foreign materials and technologies for Pakistan's WMD programs are "very likely acquired primarily from suppliers in China," the report said, "and sometimes are transshipped through Hong Kong, Singapore, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates.

The transfers, while strategic, are not without complications. A string of terrorist attacks on Chinese nationals in Pakistan particularly those working on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) has emerged as a point of tension between the two allies. Seven Chinese nationals were killed in Pakistan in 2024

Still, China continues to provide both economic and military largesse to Pakistan, which remains heavily reliant on Beijing to sustain its defense and infrastructure needs.

While Islamabad's military doctrine remains India-centric, its operational realities are increasingly shaped by asymmetric warfare and border instability.

The report warns that Pakistan's pursuit of tactical nuclear weapons intended for use in regional conflicts adds another layer of risk to an already volatile security environment in South Asia.

Unlike strategic warheads, battlefield nukes are designed for use on the

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ment with key international partners, including the United States, to foster message to convey," he global cooperation in addressing terrorism. Later speaking to the

The delegation, which

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Indian MPs visit Seoul embassy, push counter-terror ties with South Korea

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from till May 26 will strengthen the ongoing efforts to further India's principled and resolute stance of zero tolerance against terrorism in all its forms and

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Kolkata, Monday 26 May 2025

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A large blood donation festival was held today at the Alambazar Club premises under the management of the Alambazar Navajyoti Sangha. More than two thousand voluntary blood donors donated blood today in this blood donation camp that has been going on for twenty years. Dumdum MP Saugata Roy, West Bengal Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya, Baranagar Municipality Mayor Aparna Mallick, CIC member Anjan Pal and other prominent personalities were present. Sangha Secretary and social worker Pulak Ghosh said that like every year, more than two thousand men and women donated blood this year too and that they will be supporting the poor people in the area through various social service activities throughout the year and will organize a larger program in the coming days.

Bypoll in West Bengal's Kaliganj on June 19, Results on June 23

MI News Service, Nadia: The Election Commission has announced that a by-election will be held in the Kaliganj Assembly constituency of West Bengal's Nadia district on June 19. The seat fell vacant following the death of sitting Trinamool Congress MLA Nasiruddin Ahmed, popularly known as 'Lal Da', earlier this year.Ahmed, aged 70, passed away on February 1 after a prolonged illness. A veteran leader and a familiar face in Kaliganj, he had been battling age-related ailments for some time. In accordance with election rules.

the vacant seat must be filled within six months — by July 31 — prompting the commission to schedule the bypoll. The nomination process for the by-election will commence on Monday, May 26, with June 2 being the last date for filing nominations. The counting of votes is slated for June 23. Nasiruddin Ahmed first contested on a Trinamool Congress ticket in 2011 and won the seat. He, however, lost in the 2016 elections but regained it in 2021 after the party once again placed its trust on him. His demise marked the end of a

significant political chapter in Kaliganj. This by-election in Kaliganj will coincide with similar polls in four other constituencies across the country - Khandi and Visavadar in Gujarat, Neelambur in Kerala, and Ludhiana West in Punjab — all of which will also go to the polls on June 19.0n the other hand, one more seat got vacant in Nadia with the demise of MLA Tapas Saha. He was the MLA of Tehatta seat in Nadia (since 2021). But earlier he was the MLA of Nadia , Palashipara also (2016). He died on May 15.

Darjeeling tightens screws on fake pills, bans 51 drugs after quality checks

MI News Service, Darjeeling: The health department and drug control authorities in Darjeeling district have taken the initiative to stop the sale of fake, banned and sub-par medicines from 3,000-odd pharmacies located across the district as well as staterun medicine stores.

Tulsi Pramanik, the chief medical officer of health (CMOH) of Darjeeling, said on Saturday that instructions were issued to clear the stock of such medicines from all state-run health establishments after verifying store inventories.

'Prompt action has been taken to confirm that no such drug is used in any government-run health facility of the district or sold from any staterun medicine shops. A meeting has been held with officials of our department posted in different blocks and subdivisions," he said.

"We are now focusing on private medicine shops. Despite a clear di-

Mamata, during an administrative review meeting of eight north Bengal districts in Siliguri last Wednesday, instructed the health officials to confirm that pharmacies prominently display the list of such drugs.

"Several brands were banned. Some were found to be of low quality. Medicine shops should mention the names to make people aware. Health officials in districts will have to ensure it. They should also pay surprise visits to these shops," she said at the meeting.

Pramanik said that on Friday, he held a meeting with the officials posted in the North Bengal Medical College & Hospital, other hospitals and blocks to work on the issue.

"Such boards will also be put up at fair-price medicine shops attached to government hospitals. We have also spoken with drug control authorities and a campaign will be held for public awareness," said the CMOH.

district drug control office. "The medicine has been sent for lab tests," he added.

Sources in the district health department said 51 widely used drugs had been banned after they failed in quality checks

Additionally, following the North Dinajpur-based Paschim Banga Pharmaceuticals' Ringer Lactate controversy in January this year when the fluid was found of low quality, 14 medicines made by the same company have been blacklisted. Another 60 medicines, which were marked "not of standard quality (NSQ)" by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), have also been banned for sale.

'To improve traceability of such medicines, the state government has linked 300 commonly-used essential medicines with QR codes and has integrated all relevant data into a mobile app," said

Kalyani University Explores Tribal Lore in Assam, Meghalaya

MI News Service, Kalyani: In a significant academic initiative aimed at exploring the rich cultural tapestry of Northeast India, the Department of Folklore at the University of Kalyani recently concluded a week-long fieldwork-cumworkshop across Assam and Meghalaya.Held from May 19 to 25, the programme brought together postgraduate students, research scholars, and faculty members, alongside participants from the university's Certificate Course in Folklore Tourism and Community Development. The initiative was led by Professor Sujay Kumar Mandal, a noted folklorist and academician. The participants were divided into three research teams, each focusing on a specific domain: tribal culture and oral traditions, social impact assessments of tribal villages, and tourism dy-

Murder accused

killed in Alipurduar

by victim's brother

MI News Service, Alipurd-

uar: A 40-year-old man in

Jaigaon of Alipurduar, who

was accused of killing a

person, was murdered al-

legedly by the latter's brother in broad daylight

Sources said in 2024,

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Hossain, 35, was found

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probe and arrested 40-

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namics at major destinations.In Assam, the team explored key locations including the Kamakhya Temple, Jhimri Gaon (inhabited by the Rabha tribe), the mystical village of Mayong—known for its traditional healing and magical practices—and the Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary. In Meghalaya, fieldwork sites included the Dawki River, Mawlynnong Village (Asia's clean-

est), the famous living root bridges, and the Don Bosco Museum in Shillong.A highlight of the trip was the Cross-Cultural Exchange Programme held on May 22 at Pub Kamrup College in Assam's Kamrup district. Students of the college performed traditional dances like Bihu and Sattriya, while the Kalyani University team presented Bengali folk songs and

dances, making the event a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity.In another memorable moment, participants witnessed a traditional Bibu performance Bihu performance by pri-mary school children in Mayong, providing an intimate glimpse into the region's grassroots folk traditions."This year, we chose to go beyond our usual fieldwork sites in West Bengal," said Prof. Mandal. "The idea was to immerse ourselves in the folklore and tribal heritage of Northeast India. We also examined tourist satisfaction to add a new dimension to our research."Participants described the fieldwork as both enriching and eyeopening, offering deep insights into the oral traditions, community life, and evolving socio-cultural dynamics of Assam and Meghalaya.

Bin bottles and win discount: Machines installed in South Dinajpur to shred plastic containers

MI News Service, S Dinajpur: The South Dinajpur district administration has taken an initiative to check pollution caused by plastic or PET (polyethylene terephthalate) bottles.

In five of eight blocks in the district, the administration installed machines where people can dispose of plastic bottles. The machines would shred the bottles into minuscule pieces.

Naveen Kumar Chandra, the additional district magistrate (zilla Parishad), said: "For the first time in the state, plastic bottle crushing machines have been installed in our district as a government initiative. We have installed seven machines in five blocks, and soon, more such devices will be placed in the remaining three blocks.

"The machines will shred the bottles, and the recycled plastic can be used to make roads and other items. We want the people of South Dinajpur to dispose of the plastic bottles in the machines. This will help reduce environmental pollution caused by plastic materials," he added.

According to him, the machines have already been installed in Balurghat, Tapan, Hili, Kushmandi and Gangarampur blocks

A shopping mall, a restaurant and a diagnostic centre have extended support to the project, which has been taken up under the Swachh Bharat Mission, to encourage people to use the machines to dispose of PET bottles.

Once a person disposes of a plastic bottle in any machine, he will have to type his cellphone number into the machine. Then, a list of options will pop up. The person will then have to choose any option, and a message will be sent to the number," said a source.

The message is a discount coupon, which can be used to make purchases at the shopping mall, pay food bills at the restaurant or conduct medical tests at the diagnostic centre.

The administration is seeking support from other private units as well in the district. This will encourage more people to use the machines. Also, there is an option which anybody can choose if they decide not to avail any coupon," the source added.

Those associated with the conservation of nature and working against increased pollution have welcomed the initiative

"Environmental pollution is increasing every day, and one of the main reasons for such a rise is the indiscriminate disposal of plastic waste, both in rural and urban areas. We appreciate the initiative taken by the administration and hope people will opt for the scientific disposal of plastic bottles," said Tuhin Subhra Mondal, a nature conservationist based in Balurghat.

Lottery seller set on fire, two arrested in Midnapore

rective from the state, most of the drug stores in the district are not yet displaying a board in front of their shops with the list of drugs that cannot be sold." Pramanik said.

The initiative follows specific instructions from chief minister Mamata Banerjee.

MI News Service, Darjee-ling: A two-day training

programme by the Zoolog-

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started on Saturday at the

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2-day training for experts with focus

on Himalayan fauna, human-wildlife

officials and experts.

"This part of the

greater Himalayan region

endangered species, in-

cluding red pandas, snow

leopards and salamanders

are found here. Through

the training, we are help-

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and conservation of wild

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Lalit Kumar Sharma, the

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Debajit Sengupta, an assistant director of the drug control office in Darjeeling, said many pharmacies in the hills had put up boards bearing the list of banned medicines. But in the plains, especially Siliguri, most of the shops were yet to do so.

grahat 2 block of South 24-Parganas district during a routine surveillance programme on respiratory diseases conducted by Diamond Harbour Medical College earlier this week.

The two patients, a 20year-old woman and a teenage boy, are residents of the Magrahat 2 block. The patients were found to be Covid positive during a random sampling drive held on May 20 under the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-led "Pan India Respiratory Virus Surveillance Programme".

The initiative is part of a nationwide effort to track respiratory illnesses, including Covid-19, following the pandemic that began in 2019.

Samples were collected by the microbiology department of Diamond Harbour Medical College when the two individuals visited the outpatient department of the Magrahat 2 block hospital with complaints of common cold and cough. Their test results returned positive for Covid-19, immediate prompting medical attention and follow-up.

ubdivisional officer (SDO) of Diamond Harbour, Anjan Ghosh, said: "The patients were kept under home observation and are quite stable now. A medical team is visiting them regularly. Even the CMOH personally visited them and informed me that they are quite well," he said.

The chief medical officer of health (CMOH), Diamond Harbour, Jayanta Sukul, told : "The patients

MI News Service, Midnapore: Panic gripped the Kheranichoti area of Midnapore town on Saturday afternoon after a shocking incident where a man was doused with petrol and set on fire in front of his shop. The victim, identified as Surajit Sau, a local lottery ticket seller, sustained severe burn injuries and has been admitted to Midnapore Medical College and Hospital (MMCH) in critical con-

dition. According to preliminary investigations, the incident appears to have stemmed from a business rivalry. Sau had reportedly been involved in a dispute just two days ago with a fast-food vendor from the Indkuri area over the use of a pavement space for their respective stalls. Police had intervened in that matter and relocated the fast-food vendor's stall away from Sau's lottery kiosk, al-

legedly leading to mounting resentment

Eyewitnesses stated that around noon, two individuals approached Sau's shop, poured petrol on him and his stall, and set him ablaze before fleeing the scene on a motorcycle. Locals rushed to douse the flames and transported the victim to the hospital. The police acted swiftly and arrested two suspects-Akash Mukhi and Omar Nath Pahikshaboth residents of the Abas area in the town. They are currently being interrogated, and police are investigating whether others may have been involved.

The incident has sparked outrage in the local community, with many expressing concern over the apparent escalation of street-level business rivalries into violent attacks. Authorities have assured a thorough investigation and strict action against those found guilty.

30 BJP families join TMC in Pandaveswar

This mass defection has further weak ened the BJP's prospects in Pandaveswar, a seat the saffron party had been eyeing for victory in the 2026 Assembly elections.

The families, hailing from the Rasikdanga area of Gogla Panchayat under the Durgapur-Faridpur block, officially joined the TMC at the party office in Madhaipur. Satadip Ghatak, the Durgapur-Faridpur block president of the TMC, welcomed them by handing over the party flag. Bapi Bagdi and Bijan Bagdi, former active BJP supporters and workers, stated that despite years of dedication to the BJP, they received neither recognition nor assistance. In contrast, the TMC remains actively engaged with the local population throughout the year. Impressed by Mamata Banerjee's leadership and the functioning of the TMC, they decided to join the party en masse.

Goutam Ghosh, TMC's Gogla Anchal President, said that this move would further strengthen the party in the Pandaveswar Assembly area.

So far, both the local BJP leadership and former MLA Jitendra Tiwari have remained silent on the defection of their supporters in Pandaveswar.

Kolkata Airport: Bengal govt, AAI focus on bird strikes, waste risks

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Bengal government's principal Nandhini secretary, Chakraborty, has conducted a meeting to review progress on

mitigating bird strike incidents and other environmental hazards that could affect the safety of aircraft operations at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Interna-

sonnel of the SSB are athabitats. "We learned some new ways to address the issue. A ZSI representative said that during the train-Nowadays, we are coning, participants were senducting an estimation of elephant the elephant population in monitoring, forest areas close to wildlife crime detection, human habitats, which methods of collecting data helps us handle the eleon wildlife, the importance phants and steer them

back to the forest in time

the Mahananda Wildlife

Sanctuary on the outskirts

of Siliguri, said one of the

major challenges for them

is to mitigate man-ele-

phant conflict as many

human settlements have

come up in the fringes of

reserve forests and wildlife

to check depredation," said Das. Neeraj Mishra, an assistant commandant of SSB posted on the India-Nepal border in the Singalila National Park of Darjeeling hills, said they were always on alert to prevent wildlife crimes and cross-border smuggling of animals or animal parts.

"We work in tandem with the state forest department. A more collective effort will always help protect wildlife in this region." he said

> tional (NSCBI) Airport, Kolkata. Airports Authority of India Dr. P.R. Beuria, Director, NSCBI airport, along with senior IAS officers from West Ben- cials,

> (AAI), municipal representatives, other departmental offiand airline gal, senior officials of the representatives attended the

meeting on Friday.

Frequent incidents of birds striking airplanes during landing or take-off have remained a key concern for AAI officials.

But Dr. P.R. Beuria, director, NSCBI airport informed the committee that bird strike incidents have decreased in recent times



MI News Service, W Burdwan: The BJP

suffered a significant setback today in the

Pandaveswar Assembly constituency, as

over 30 of its supporter families joined the

Trinamool Congress (TMC) at the local

party office in West Burdwan district.

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India an existential threat...

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conventional battlefield, which raises questions about command and control in fast-moving engagements. While Islamabad insists its nuclear doctrine is based on credible minimum deterrence, its ongoing weapons development suggests an evolving posture. China's role in en-

abling Pakistan's modernisation through both direct transfers and grey-zone logistics has drawn interna-

tional attention. And as Islamabad doubles down on battlefield nuclear capabilities, the

strategic stability of the region may hinge less on doctrines and more on crisis management under pressure.

Indian MPs visit Seoul...

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manifestations, the Embassy said in a press release. The delegation is one of the seven multiparty delegations India has tasked to visit 33 global capitals to reach out to the international community on Pakistan's designs and India's response to terror.

Besides Jha, the dele-gation comprises of MPs Aparajita Sarangi, Ab-hishek Banerjee, Brij Lal, John Brittas, Pradan Baruah, Hemang Joshi, former external affairs minister Salman Khurshid, and former ambassador of India to France and Bahrain Mohan Kumar.

The Jha-led delegation earlier visited Japan and said it was deeply encouraged by Tokyo's unequivo-

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war against terror.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education (WBCHSE)

has announced a one-time opportunity for students who were unsuccessful or did not appear in this year's Higher Secondary

their academic journey under the new semester-based curriculum, starting from the 2025-26 academic session. According to a notification issued by the Council on Wednesday, students who

(HS) examinations to restart had passed Class XI under the old annual system but failed or missed the HS exam this year will be allowed to re-enrol in Class XI. This provision, available only for the upcoming session, also gives them the

WBCHSE mulls new plan for unsuccessful HS students

flexibility to change their stream or subjects. "This is a one-time provision in the best interest of students. It will not be extended or considered a precedent in future," a Council official said. To avail of this opportunity, eligible

students must surrender their existing registration certificates or admit cards to their respective institutions. The re-registration process will be conducted online through the Council's portal between June 2 and 30.

sibility of the cardholder to

notify the EC of any

changes. In this case, the

commission was not in-

formed," the official said.

that a new voter card was

issued in Balurghat after

were different, the error

was not immediately de-

tected. We are now verify-

ing the photographs and

other personal details to confirm the identity," he added. State's Chief Elec-

toral Officer Manoj Agar-

wal has asked the district

magistrates of Jalpaiguri

and Dakshin Dinajpur to

file a report on the matter

she submitted Form 6. "Because the EPIC numbers and surnames

He further explained

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EC launches probe into Sukanta's wife holding 2 voter IDs

MI News Service, Kolkata: Form 18. It is the respon-The Election Commission (EC) has started an investigation into a complaint alleging that the wife of BJP's West Bengal presi-dent and Union Minister Sukanta Majumdar possesses two voter identity cards, a senior official said on Friday.

Initial probe found that the minister's wife, Koel Majumdar, holds two voter ID cards with different EPIC numbers — one registered in Balurghat and another in Jalpaiguri. While one card was is-

sued under her maiden name, Koel Chowdhury, the second was created after her marriage under the name Koel Majumdar. "This could have been

be shifted to a stretch of

the footpath outside the

gate of the swimming pool

at Central Park, across the

road from the education

secretariat, an engineer of

the Bidhannagar Munici-

A canopy will be erected by Sunday morn-

ing, and 12 bio-toilets and

two water tankers of 3,000

litres capacity will be at

the protest site, said the

Calcutta High Court asked the protesters to

shift to Central Park from

'with a human face". It

asked the municipality to

build a temporary struc-

ture so the scorching heat

bio-toilets

will prepare the shamiana

by Sunday morning. We will also provide 12 bio-

toilets and two water

tankers of 3,000 litres ca-

pacity each," said Monodip

Mukherjee, executive engi-

neer (headquarters) of the

Bidhannagar Municipal

go to the swimming pool, it

was decided that the

protesting school employ-

ees should not be sitting

very close to the gate of the

swimming pool, but a little

bit away from it," said

pool run by the civic body.

Since a lot of children

pal Corporation said.

engineer.

and

arranged.

Corporation.

Mukherjee.

the court.

as quickly as possible, EC sources said. avoided had she submitted

cal support to New Delhi's Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated after the April 22 Pahalgam attack, which claimed India carried out precision strikes as part of Operation Sindoor on terror infrastructure in Pakistan Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in the early hours of May 7, following which Pakistan attempted to attack Indian military bases on May 8, 9, and 10. The Indian side responded strongly to the Pakistani actions. The on-ground hostilities ended with an understanding of stopping the military actions follow-

State Minister Bratya Basu along with dignitaries like Mala Roy and Debashish Kumar were present at the WBPC AGM at Vivekananda Hall at Rama Krishna Mission Institute of Culture (RKMIC) at Gol Park on Sunday in Kolkata.

Ministry of Ayush & WHO...

From PG 1

during the 122nd episode of Mann Ki Baat on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said,*Friends, something has happened in the field of Ayurveda... Just yesterday, i.e. on 24th May, an MoU was signed in the presence of WHO Director General and my friend Tulsi Bhai." "Along with this agreement, work has started on a dedicated traditional

medicine module under the

May 10.

of Health Interventions. This world in a scientific manner," he added. The ICHI, complementing the WHO's International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11), documents what treatments and health interventions are

Garbage management: KMC to launch drive from May 28

ceive a

plainant.



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) will begin a week-long drive

International Classification initiative will help in making Ayush reach maximum number of people across the administered

A complainant will re-

against her complaint.

Within two hours, the com-

plaint will be escalated to

the concerned borough of-

fice. The borough team

will resolve the issue and

send its feedback to the

control room. The control

room will inform the com-

Hakim said the KMC

"ticket number'

ing talks between the di-

rectors general of military

operations of both sides on

Heavy rain in city between Wed-Fri: MeT Dept

MI News Service, Kolkata: Heavy rain is expected in the city and south Bengal districts between Wednesday and Friday as a low pressure area is likely to form over the Bay of Bengal

wind. The maximum temperature will remain in the range of 31 to 34 degrees Celsius.

"Kolkata and other south Bengal districts are likely to experience heavy rain between Wednesday and Friday," said an official of the India Meteorological Department, Calcutta.

In Met parlance, rainfall above 7cm or 64.5mm in 24 hours is con-

A bulletin issued by the Met office said 7cm to 11cm of rain was expected on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

"A low pressure area is likely to

rainfall is likely to commence from May 28 over some districts of south Bengal," said a Met official.

Heavy rain brings with it the threat of waterlogging. A senior engineer of the Kolkata

Municipal Corporation (KMC) said the civic

body has been lifting silt from catch pits and manholes across the

city throughout the year so that water flow is not obstructed during heavy rain.

"We have also monitored the performance of the high-power pumps. There are no major technical glitches," said the engineer.

Before the low pressure triggers rain, the city will get sporadic rain, the Met office has said.

"The sky will remain overcast at times and clear at other times," said the Met office.

The bulletin mentioned that thunderstorms with gusty winds, lightning and light to moderate rain were expected between Sunday and Tuesday. "A cyclonic circulation lies

over north coastal Odisha and neighbourhood at 3.1km above mean sea level. Also, in the presence of favourable wind patterns and moisture incursion from the Bay of Bengal, thunderstorms with gusty winds and lightning activity are likely to continue for the next four or five days," said an IMD official. The maximum temperature will

remain between 31 and 34 degrees Celsius.

The maximum temperature on Saturday was 32.6 degrees Celsius, 2.8 degrees below normal. The minimum temperature was 25.8 degrees Celsius, 1.1 degrees below normal.

Calcutta received 1.6mm of rain outside Bikash Bhavan. The bench asked the state between 8.30am and 5.30pm on Satto treat the protesters

"The weather was quite pleasant on Saturday, with a drizzle for some time. But the absence of the scorching sun made it quite comfortable." said a south Calcutta resident.

In some parts of the city, the sky had briefly cleared late in the afternoon.

parked along the main road for the time being," MI News Service, Kolkata: The sacked school employ-Mukherjee said. ees who were on a sit-in outside Bikash Bhavan will

BMC starts work on new sit-in

venue, bio-toilets, & water tankers

While asking the schoolteachers to shift to Central Park, Justice Tirthankar Ghosh of the high court said there should not be more than 200 people at the protest venue at Central Park.

Civic officials said the shamiana they will prepare will be large enough to accommodate 200 protesters

A protesting school employee, however, told that they were unsure about the arrangements.

"The police have yet to clearly communicate to us where they are planning to shift us. We will not move till we are satisfied with the amenities provided there," said Brindaban Ghosh, a protesting schoolteacher.

On Saturday evening, the authorities had started would not affect the protesters. It also asked that drinking water facilities to install bio-toilets on the stretch of the footpath outbe side the swimming pool's

around Tuesday, the Met office said. Till Tuesday, there will be spo-radic rain coupled with gusts of

sidered heavy rain.

form over west-central and the adjoining north Bay of Bengal around May 27. Under its influence, heavy

from next week to spot vulnerable garbage accumulation points in the city.

People can WhatsApp their complaints about garbage to 9073367883. The drive will run be-

tween May 28 and June 3.

'Take a picture and send it to this number. We will clear the garbage from the place within four hours," Debabrata Majumdar, the mayoral council member in charge of KMC's solid waste management department, said on Friday while announcing

the drive.

Mayor Firhad Hakim said that while the special drive will be only for a week, the KMC's solid waste management department will be watching the spots thereafter.

'These are spots where people throw garbage, and it keeps accumulating. During this drive, we will clean the spots. But this cleaning will continue even after the drive gets over. We will identify these places as black spots," he said.

A special control room will be set up for the weeklong drive.

would study the black spots once the week-long drive was over.

civic body wants to document these vulnerable points and bring a longterm resolution.

KMC officials said the drive had larger aims — to reduce garbage disposal in the open; to make citizens conscious of the need to keep the city free of garbage.

With monsoon approaching, the risk of vecdiseases tor-borne increases

"Any waste has containers where water can remain accumulated for days and turn into mosquito breeding sites," said a KMC official.

Despite waste collectors visiting neighbour-hoods in the morning, many residents throw waste on the road. There are places in a neighbourhood where people keep throwing waste.

too, often do not collect accumulated waste.

If people point out cleaned

A KMC official said the

Wholesale drug sellers must check the validity of the sellers' licence while purchasing medicine and submit it to the state drug control department for verification.

The state health department has mentioned this in an advisory issued recently to drug wholesalers and retailers.

huge quantities from

wholesalers and retailers in the districts adjoining Calcutta, triggering discussions on how such drugs were making their way to retail markets. health department said

The waste collectors,

these garbage accumulation sites, the civic body will ensure that these are

Fake drugs: Health dept issues licence-check advisory to wholesalers, retailers

MI News Service, Kolkata: found their way to Bengal from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. A section of wholesale and retailers was allegedly dealing with unlicensed operators from other states for more profits," an officer of the West Bengal directorate of Drug Control said.

'We have sought details from the directorates of several states, includ-Over the past few ing Bihar and Uttar months, the state drug Pradesh, in the wake of control directorate has these preliminary findseized spurious drugs in ings

While the investigation continued, the state health department realised it was necessary to issue a formal advisory for wholesalers and retailers

Senior officials in the The advisory issued by the director of drug conthe advisory to wholetrol and the special secresalers and retailers was tary of the health issued after huge quantidepartment said wholeties of fake drugs were salers must check sellers' licences through an online "A preliminary investiportal and submit them to gation revealed that some the state drug control deof these spurious drugs partment.



Unemployed teachers (six members delegation team) who lost their permanent jobs after the Supreme Court verdict met with former justice of the Calcutta High Court and BJP MP Abhijit Gangopadhyay, at his Home, Salt Lake in Kolkata.

KMC waste plant struggles to get enough material to process

Two years since its inauguration, the construction-and-demolition-waste plant of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) is still struggling to get enough waste to process. Inaugurated in 2023,

the plant that has the capacity to process 500 tonnes of waste every day is receiving only about 250 tonnes a day, said an official.It has yet to start

MI News Service, Kolkata: using the waste to make paver blocks and kerb stones, though sand and aggregate are being made there.On Saturday, the civic body's top officials met to discuss ways to plug the leaks and increase the supply of construction and demolition waste to the plant in New Town. Though the plant has been set up in New Town, the KMC operates it.

"We will comply with gate the orders of the court. We

The Bidhannagar City Police will keep an eye on the number of protesters at the sit-in.

"We will monitor the situation. Police personnel will be present there round the clock. We also expect the protesters to abide by the court's directions. In case the numbers exceed 200, we will request them to ensure that some of them leave the venue." said an officer of Bidhannagar (North) police sta-

tion. Central Park, spread over more than 100 acres, has several public utility projects.

The Bidhannagar City Police wrote to the civic The Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation (KMRC) has body on Saturday morning, requesting them to taken a large part of Cenmake arrangements for tral Park for the construction of the East-West Metro the protesting teachers and non-teaching employmaintenance depot; there ees as per the directions of are two booster pumping stations; the Sourav Gan-The space identified for guly Cricket Academy; and protesters is used to park a sports academy, part of cars that ferry children which is the swimming coming to the swimming pool.

A part of Central Park is also under the custody of "We are in discussions with police to find an alterthe state forest departnative place to park the ment. There are paved cars. The police will, in all walkways, and many go likelihood, allow cars to be there for morning walks.

brings AI to hospitality training IIHM: NamAlste app

MI News Service, Kolkata: The hospitality GPT, called NamAIste by IIHM (International Institute of Hotel Management), blends tech and touch, provides verified information, guides students and faculty on how to make Power Point presentations and prepare business analytical reports, its makers said.

Human touch is at the core of the hospitality industry, but in the current "smart times", the industry has to keep pace with technology, said veterans in the field.

"AI is important in our industry, but AI

will not replace people....But AI will heavily assist the hospitality industry in efficiency, said Suborno Bose, chairman, IIHM.

seized earlier this year.

Technology will be able to provide customers the security of keeping their valuables in a safe in a hotel room, which is sensitive to only "face recognition". "But a handwritten note by the general manager of a hotel kept in the room is what adds a personal touch," said Bose.

Only passion will not suffice, processes like sustainable practices and waste management, have to be in place.

"Blending tech and touch, passion and process, we developed this app as a first step toward entering the world of AI in hospitality," said Bose.

He is hopeful that this app will invite others in the industry to innovate.

Those who are students now will join the workforce in the next three, four or five years, and they will have to be future-ready.

"The students will work in a competitive AI environment, and if they do not know about AI, they will not be able to cope with the pressure of it," said Bose.

In hospitality, everything has to be customer-centric, and technology helps bring service delivery and expectation closer to each other.

The head of a hotel in Bengaluru said personalisation can happen with communi-cation and information. "If anyone is travelling to celebrate a special occasion or is allergic to any food, prior information about that can help to make the stay seamless for the guest," he said.

The app will currently be accessible by students and faculty of IIHM and that of the 60 nations who are participants in the in-stitute's Young Chef Olympiad contest. It will be open to others after the first three months. "This is genuine, verified information not pooled from other Internet sources. It is designed to empower students, faculty, hospitality professionals and industry stakeholders with real-time access to insights, trends and global best practices,' said Bose.

NamAIste is a customised large language model (LLM), and Entiovi Technologies was the tech partner of the project.

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Kolkata, Monday 26 May 2025

Name Change

(Old Name) SWAPAN KUNDU & SWAPAN KR KUNDU S/o- LATE GOBINDA LAL KUNDU, Residing at, Vill- Subhash Pally, Post-Malda, Ps- Englishbazar, Dist-Malda, Pin- 732101, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from SWAPAN KUNDU & SWAPAN KR KUNDU To SWAPAN KUMAR KUNDU (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SWAPAN KUMAR KUNDU in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 23 May 2025, SWAPAN KUMAR KUNDU and SWAPAN KUNDU & SWAPAN KR KUNDU both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Umesh Periwal (old name) son of Ram Kishan Periwal, residing at Ward No. 15, Daga Bhawan ke Pass, Nohar, Hanumangarh, Ra-jasthan- 335523, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Umesh Kumar Periwal (new name) as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata vide affidavit No. dated 5th May 2025. Umesh Periwal (old name) and Umesh Kumar Periwal (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Suneel Kumar (Old Name) S/ akshaman Bachar Residing at Rahatpur, Samudragar, District-Purba Bardhaman, Pin - 713519 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Suneel Bachar (New Name) as declared before the No tary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 12/2025 Dated 23-05-2025. Suneel Kumar (Old Name) and Suneel Bachar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Nishrin (Old Name) W/o Moiz Abbas Bhai Residing at La Casa Greens, 9th Floor, Fl.No-9A, 9 Convent Road, Vtc - Entally, P.o - En-tally, District- Kolkata, Pin - 700014 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nisrin Mohammed Bhai (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 10/2025 Dated 23-05-2025 Nishrin (Old Name) and Nisrin Mo-hammed Bhai (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Fatema Murtuza Rangwala (Old Name) D/o Moiz Abbasbhai Residing at La Casa Greens, 9th Floor Fl.No-9A, 9 Convent Road, Entally, P.o - Entally, District- Kolkata, Pin 700014 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Fatema Moizbhai (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 11/2025 Dated 23-05-2025. Fatema Murtuza Rangwala (Old Name) and Fatema

Name Change

I. Kishor Adhikary S/o Late Ratan Adhikary Residing at Shiborampur Bye Lane, P.o+P.s - Sarsuna, Dis-trict - Kolkata, Pin - 700061 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Kishore Adhikary. I declare that Kishor Adhikary and Kishore Adhikary is same and one identical person by virtue of an af-fidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 23-05-2025.

One Identical Person. Name Change i, (Old Name) TITIR BHAT-TACHARJEE MUKHERJEE S/o-UMAN BHATTACHARJEE, Residng at, Vill- Chunaripara Lane,

New

Post- Krishnagar, Ps- Kotwali, Dist-Nadia, Pin- 741101, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from TITIF BHATTACHARJEE MUKHERJEE To TITIR BHATTACHARJEE (New Moizbhai (New Name) both are same and one identical person. name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) TITIR

BHATTACHARJEE in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 23 May 2025, TITIR BHATTACHARJEE and TITIR BHATTACHARJEE MUKHERJEE both are Same and one identical person.

Metro Staff help an Sanjukta Dey Sarkar (old name **Indisposed Passenger** wife of Pulakesh Dey Sarkar, resid-ing at 2/1, Raja Kalikrishna Lane,

Hatkhola, Kolkata-700005, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my MI News Service, Kolkata: On-duty Metro staff and RPF pername and shall henceforth be known as Samjukta Dey Sarkar sonnel have once again come (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated forward to help an indisposed commuter in the Metro (New Name) and Sanjukta Dey premises during peak hours at the right time. On Sarkar (old name) both are same 23.05.2025 at about 10:50

Name Change

and identical person.

Name Change

hrs., a commuter aged around 53 years suddenly started feeling unwell at Cen-Sushil Kedia (old name) son of Devi Prasad Kedia, residing at Emami City, Block C7, Flat 301, 2, tral Station. His wife and son, who were accompanying essore Road, Dumdum, North 24 him, sought help from the Pgs, Pin- 700028, West Bengal, station staff and RPF person-INDIA, have changed my name and nel. They immediately rushed shall henceforth be known as Sushil Kumar Kedia (New Name) as de-clared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 23/05/2025. Sushil to his help. Considering the seriousness of the situation, he was immediately sent to Kumar Kedia (New Name) and Sushil Kedia (old name) both are Medical College and Hospital, same and identical person. Kolkata, with his wife and son for treatment. RPF personnel

Name Change

and station staff also accom-, Bina Devi (old name) wife of Shashi Kant Roy, residing at 2nd panied them to the hospital. They expressed heartfelt Floor, Bhagawanpur Main Road, gratitude for the kind and Narendrapur, Sonarpur, P.O.- Uchtimely help rendered by the nepota, Dist.- South 24 Parganas Pin- 700150, West Bengal, INDIA, station staff of Metro Railway. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bina Devi Name Change

Roy (New Name) as declared before Darakshan Parveen (old name the Notary public at Kolkata, dated wife of Md Aftab, residing at 12, IMDAD ALI LANE, PS-TALTALA, 23/05/2025. Bina Devi Roy (New Name) and Bina Devi (old name) KOLKATA- 700016, West Bengal both are same and identical person. INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as

Name Change

as declared before the Notary pub Bulti Bose (old name) wife of Pralic at Kolkata, dated 23/05/2025 bir Bose, residing at Near Miloni School Chakpara, Liluah, Howrah-Darakhshan Parveen (New Name and Darakshan Parveen (old name) 11204, West Bengal, INDIA, have both are same and identical person changed my name and shall hence forth be known as Bulti Bose Roy (New Name) as declared before the Jasuda Rasaily And Jasoda Ra-Notary public at Kolkata, dated 23/05/2025. Bulti Bose Roy (New saily(Old Names) W/O Bharat Prad-han,Residing At Martam Pw,

Name) and Bulti Bose (old name) Martam, Nazitam Gpu, Aho, State -Sikkim,Pin-737135,Dist-Gangtok, both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/05/ 2025. That Man-

ish Jaiswal And Manish Kumar Jaiswal Both Are The Same And

India.Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Manish Jaiswal (Old Name), Son Of Jashuda Rasaily(New Name) As De-clared Before The Notary Public At aishankar Jaiswal, Residing At Kolkata On 23/05/2025.Jasuda Ra-saily And Jasoda Rasaily (Old 212.Girish Ghosh Boad.Forum Parvesh, Blk - G,1st Floor,Po - Belur Math, Ps - Belur, Howrah - 711202, Names) And Jashuda Rasaily(New West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Name) Both Are Same And One Known As Manish Kumar Jaiswal Identical Person Name) Vide An Affidavit

Name Change

Darakhshan Parveen (New Name

Name Change

, Hafijul Mollah (Old Name) S/O Late Mostafa Molla,Residing At Molla Para, Paschim Bauria,Po-Chackasi,Ps-Bauria,Dist-Howrah,

Pin-711307,West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hafijul Molla(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/05/2025.Hafijul Mollah (Old Name) And Hafijul Molla(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Sahan Mollah(Old Name) S/O Hafiul Molla, Residing At Molla Para. aschim Bauria, Po-Chackasi, Ps Bauria Dist-Howrah Pin-711307 West Bengal, India.Have Change My Name And Shall Henceforth Be nown As Sahan Molla(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Pubic At Kolkata On 23/05/2025. Sahan Mollah(Old Name) And Sahan Molla(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

. (Old Name) ASHOKE SARKAR & I, Sudarshana Sarkar (old name) ASHOK KUMAR SARKAR S/o- LATE wife of Ayan Gupta, residing at 504 Pur

Howrah Division celebrates Century Of Service: a tribute to 100 Years of **Railway Excellence (1925–2025)**

• Postal Special Cover, Coffee Table Book & Souvenir on Centenary Celebration of Howrah Division Released MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway's Howrah Division marked a momentous milestone as it completed 100 glorious years of dedicated service on January 1, 2025, having been established in 1925. To commemorate this historic centenary, a series of events were organized across stations, railway colonies, and premises beginning April 18, 2025. The celebrations culminated in a grand event held today at Dr. B. C. Roy Auditorium, Sealdah on May 24, 2025.

The ceremony was graced by Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, who inaugurated the function by lighting the ceremonial lamp, accompanied by Smt. Seema Deouskar, President, Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO), Shri P. Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway, Smt. B. Sreelatha, President, Metro Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (MRWWO), Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah, and Shri Riju Ganguly, Postmaster General, West Bengal Circle. A highlight of the celebration was the release of a Special Postal Cover to commemorate the centenary, jointly unveiled by Shri Milind Deouskar, Shri Riju Ganguly, and Shri Sanjeev Kumar. Further enriching the occasion, a Coffee Table Book and a Souvenir capturing the Division's legacy and commitment to sustainable practices were also launched by the General Managers of Eastern Railway, Metro Railway, and DRM/Howrah.The event featured a captivating slide presentation



employees. A Rajdhani engine was

also specially adorned with historic

photographs showcasing the Divi-

sion's rich heritage. Addressing the

gathering, Shri Sanjeev Kumar,

DRM/Howrah, reflected on the Divi-

sion's century-long journey, high-

lighting its role in bolstering regional

connectivity and economic growth.

He expressed heartfelt gratitude to

all officers and staff, both past and

present, whose dedication and hard

work have been integral to the Divi-

Milind Deouskar, General Manager,

Eastern Railway, lauded the meticu-

lous planning and execution of the

centenary celebrations by the officers

and staff of Howrah Division. He also

commended the enthusiastic partici-

pation of stakeholders and rail en-

thusiasts in making the celebration a

grand success, underscoring the

unity and pride shared by all in hon-

ouring a century of service.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri

sion's enduring success.

celebration, followed by a vibrant cultural programme organized by the staff of Howrah Division, adding a festive spirit to the occasion.

In a touching gesture, Shri Sanjeev Kumar, DRM/Howrah, felicitated former DRMs of the Division, including Shri Somnath Mukherjee (DRM/Howrah from 05.06.2000 to 02.07.2001), who retired as Additional Member (Commercial), Railway Board, along with Shri Sumit Narula and Shri Manish Jain, both of whom previously served as

DRM/Howrah. To ensure the centenary is remembered for years to come, several engaging and impactful activities were organized by the Division. These included the unveiling of a new centenary emblem, Prabhat Pheris (early morning processions) at major stations, tree plantation drives, distribution of jute bags to staff as eco-friendly souvenirs, and various competitions such as drawing and painting for the wards of railway

> **Prompt Action by Howrah Division Engineering Team Resolves Wa**terlogging at LHS No. 38, Pakur



Regulation of trains for rolling **Block Programme** over South **Eastern Railway**

MI News Service, Kolkata: Combined Rolling Block programme has been planned in Adra Division over South Eastern Railway from 26.05.2025 to 01.06.2025. Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been

made as under: Cancellation of trains: • 68046/68045 Asansol – Adra - Asansol MEMU passenger journey commencing on & from 26.05.2025 to 01.06. 2025 (except 28.05. 2025).

Short termination /Short origination of trains: • 68056/68060 Tatanagar -Asansol – Barabhum MEMU passenger ((journey commencing on 27.05.2025 ,28.05.2025 & 01.06.2025) will be short terminated at / short originated from Adra (service between Adra & Asansol will remain cancelled). Moreover, 18184 Buxar -Tatanagar Express (jourcommencing on ney 26.05.2025, 29.05.2025 & 30.05.2025) will be controlled enroute about 60 minutes.

Operation of Two New Trains

MI News Service, Kolkata: To enhance passenger convenience, Indian Railways has decided to launch two new express trains, including a Vande Bharat Express service. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will flag off both these express trains via video conferencing during a program organized in Dahod.

Train No. 26901: Sabarmati-Veraval Vande Bharat Express: This train will operate six days a week, except Thursdays. It will depart daily from Sabarmati station at 5:25 AM and reach Veraval station at 12:25 PM, with stops at Chandlodiya, Viramgam, Rajkot, and Junagadh along the way. The return train, Train No. 26902, will depart Veraval at 2:40 PM and arrive at Sabarmati station at 9:35 PM, halting at Junagadh, Raikot, and Viramgam. Currently, development work is ongoing at

Awareness Drive on Eco-Friendly Practices Held at IRCTC Stalls as Part of World Environment Day 2025 Campaign

depicting the various activities un-

dertaken as part of the centenary



reusable alternatives.

IRCTC staff along with

commercial staffs actively

participated in spreading

awareness, distributing in-

formative materials, and

showcasing sustainable op-

tions available at their stalls.

The initiative aimed to cre-

ate behavioral change

among both vendors and

consumers, fostering a more

environmentally responsible

ecosystem within railway

premises. This initiative

forms a key part of the Divi-

sion's broader efforts to sup-

port national and global

environmental goals. The

Howrah Division remains

committed to promoting

sustainable practices and

building a greener future

through consistent aware-

Miscellaneous

Name Change

, Keshvi S Mehta D/o Samir Bhanu lal Mehta Residing at 7 Paddapukur Road, P.o - L.R Sarani, District -Kolkata, Pin - 700020 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Keshvi Mehta. I declare that Keshvi S Mehta and Keshvi Mehta is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 21-05-2025 Sl no 29, Book No 1

Name Change

l, Debmita Basu alias Debmita Da W/o Sudip Basu Residing at Nabapally, P.o - Nabapally, P.s - Barasat District - North 24 Parganas, Pin 700126 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Debmita Das Basu. I declare that Debmita Basu, Debmita Das and Debmita Das Basu is same and one identi cal person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public Kolkata on 23-05-2025.

Name Change

I Hafiz khan son of Nasher Khai age about 33 year residance at B. B Bye Lane.P.O Telinipara of Dist Hooghly Bhadreswar WB.That My father real and actual name is Nasher Khan which is recorded in my and my father Aad-har Card,my PAN card and my EPIC (Voter Card).But in my Pass port ,my father name has mistske instead Nishar khan in place of Nasher khan and in my primary School recorded is Nisar khan, but my father's real and actual name is Nasher khan. That is fact. Nasher Khan , Nesar kan and Nisar khan is the same and one identical person Viden an affidavit sworn before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Chandan Nager Hooghly.

Name Change

I Dilip Roy Son of Shambhu Natl Vill+P.O: Chakta, P.S: Ketu-Roy. gram, Dist: Purba Bardhaman WB. Vide an affidavit 21/5/25 Sub Division Executive Magistrate Katwa Court Purba Bardhaman. Dilip Roy S/o Shambhu Nath Roy & Dilip Kumar Roy S/o Shambhunath Roy both are same, one identical person

NAME CHANGE

SWATI SINGH DESAI W/o Sumeet Desai R/o 18. Jogesh Mitra Road, P.O. & P.S.- Bhowanipore Kolkata-700025 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SWATI SINGH as declared before the Public Notary at Alipore Court vide affidavit no.86 dated 23.05.2025. SWATI SINGH DESAI and SWATI SINGH both are same & one identical person.

ANIL KUMAR SARKAR, Residing at, Vill- Malancha Pally, Post- Mokdumpur, Ps- Englishbazar, Dist-Malda, Pin- 732103, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have changed my name from ASHOKE SARKAR & SARKAR To ASHOK KUMAR ASHOKE KUMAR ARKAR (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ASHOKE KUMAR SARKAR in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 23

Name Change

May 2025, ASHOKE KUMAR SARKAR and ASHOKE SARKAR & ASHOK KUMAR SARKAR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

, (Old Name) ANIMA PAUL & ANIMA SARKAR W/o- ASHOKE KUMAR SARKAR, Residing at, Vill-Malancha Pally, Post- Mokdumpur, Ps- Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin-732103, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from ANIMA PAUL & ANIMA

SARKAR To ANIMA PAL SARKAR (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ANIMA PAL SARKAR in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshid abad On 23 May 2025, ANIMA PAL SARKAR and ANIMA PAUL & ANIMA SARKAR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

(Old Name) TAHIDUL RAHAMAN 5/o- JARMAN SK, Residing at, Vill-Shurkhali, Post- Sankarpur, Ps-Khargram, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742159, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from TAHIDUL RAHAMAN TO TOHIDUR RA-

HAMAN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) TOHIDUR RAHAMAN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 23 May 2025, TOHIDUR RAHAMAN and TAHIDUL RAHAMAN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

(Old Name) SUSANTA DAS S/c UNIL DAS, Residing at, Vil Vill Shikarpur, Post- Shikarpur, Ps- Mu-rutia, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741158, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from SUSANTA DAS To SUSHANTA DAS (New name) and hence forth 1 Shall be Known as (New name SUSHANTA DAS in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 23 May 2025, SUSHANTA DAS and SUSANTA DAS both are Same and one identical person

Floor, Flat- 307, Kolkata- 700029, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sudarshana Sarkar Gupta (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 23/05/2025. Sudarshana Sarkar Gupta (New Name) and Sudarshana Sarkar (old name) both are same and identical person

Name Change

Mohammad Musa Laskar S/O Late Saukat Ali Laskar, declare that my father said name Sawkat, Sawkat Ali Laskar & Laskar Saokat (old names), residing at Y-28, Majher

Parganas, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall hence forth be known as Saukat Ali Laskar New Name) as declared before the .d. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at lipore, South 24 Parganas, , dated 20/05/2025. Saukat Ali Laskar (New Name) and Sawkat, Sawkat Ali askar & Laskar Saokat (old names all are same and identical person.

Name Change , Habibur Rahaman Shaikh (old name) son of Sk Abdul Hannan, residing at Vill & P.O.- Rabibhag. agnan, Howrah- 711312, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Habibur Rahaman

dated 23/05/2025. Sk Habibur Rahaman (New Name) and Habibur Rahaman Shaikh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

Sk Habibur Rahaman S/O Sk Abdul Hannan on behalf my minor son Lutfar Rahaman (old name), re-siding at Vill & P.O.- Rabibhag, Bagnan, Howrah- 711312, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my on name and he shall henceforth be known as Sk Lutfar Rahaman New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 23/05/2025. Sk Lutfar Rahaman New Name) and Lutfar Rahaman

(old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change , Lutfun Nahar Rahaman (old name vife of Sk Habibur Rahaman, residng at Vill & P.O.- Rabibhag, Bagnan, Howrah- 711312, West Bengal NDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lutfun Nahar (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 23/05/ 2025. Lutfun Nahar New Name) and Lutfun Nahar Rahaman (old name) both are same and identical person.

MI News Service, Kolkata:

In line with the ongoing campaign for World Environment Day 2025, themed 'End Plastic Pollution', the Howrah Division of Eastern Para Lane, P.O.- Baratala, P.S.- Ra-Railway organized targeted abagan, Kolkata- 700018, South 24 awareness drives on 25th May 2025 at IRCTC food stalls located at Howrah, Barddhaman, Srirampur, and Tribeni stations under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Shri Sanjeev Kumar. The drive focused on promoting the use of eco-friendly cutlery and

discouraging the use of single-use plastic utensils. Passengers, vendors, and stall operators were sensitized about the harmful environmental impact of plastic New Name) as declared before waste and were encouraged the Notary public at Kolkata. to adopt biodegradable and

Name Change

I, S Roy Chowdhury (old name as per DI No WB0119880300187) son of Subrata Roy Chowdhur residing at Chandralok, Flat-A4, 178A SP Mukherjee Road, Kolkata- 700026, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sanjoy Roy Choudhury (New Name) as declared before the 1ST class Judicial Magistrate at Aliore, dated 23/05/2025. Sanjo Roy Choudhury (New Name) and S Roy Chowdhury (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I. Prabhu Ravi Das, declare tha my father said name B Das (old name), residing at Bantala Lal Kuthi, Kolkata- 700105, West Bengal, INDIA, My Driving Li-cence No. WB2020046116796, have changed my father name and he shall henceforth be known as Briksh Ram (New Name) as de-clared before the 1ST class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, dated 23/05/2025. Briksh Ram (New Name) and B Das (old name) both are same and identical person. vraj Kapadia. MI News Service, Kolkata: The Engineering Department

of Howrah Division has once again demonstrated its commitment to maintaining operational excellence and public safety by promptly addressing a waterlogging issue that occurred on 23.05.2025 at LHS No. 38, Pakur. Due to continuous rainfall, waterlogging of approximately 125 mm depth was observed at LHS No. 38. However, swift and efficient action by the engineering team ensured that the situation was brought under control within 30 minutes. Two high-capacity pumps of 10 HP each, along with an additional 5 HP pump, were deployed immediately and operated continuously to clear the accumulated water. It is noteworthy that the waterlogging was limited to the duration of the rainfall, and no residual water was observed at the site once the rain ceased. To ensure round-the-clock readiness, two dedicated personnel are deputed at this LHS on a 24-hour basis. Howrah Division manages a total of 210 LHS (Limited Height Subways) and RUBs (Road Under Bridges), of which 59 locations are prone to waterlogging. All these locations are under continuous surveillance. Moreover permanent pumping systems (both departmental and outsourced), have been provided at all these places. During periods of heavy rain, these LHS are secured using a chaining system to prevent vehicle entry, ensuring safety and avoiding damage. Additionally, ground staff is deployed at each location to monitor and address any abnormalities in real-time. The prompt response at Pakur LHS No. 38 highlights the proactive and dedicated efforts of the Howrah Division Engineering Team in ensuring minimal disruption and maintaining infrastructure resilience during adverse weather conditions.

Chandlodiva station under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Once completed, the Vande Bharat Express will have a commercial halt at this station.

New Express Train: Valsad-**Dahod Express:** To further facilitate passenger travel in Gujarat, a second express train, the Valsad-Dahod Ex-

press, is being introduced. Train No. 19011 will depart Valsad daily at 5:15 AM and reach Dahod at 11:05 AM. stopping at Bilimora, Navsari, Vadodara, and Surat. Godhra. On the return journey, the train will depart Dahod at 11:55 AM and reach Valsad at 8:05 PM.

This train will have a total of 17 coaches, including: 1 Executive Class coach 4 Third AC coaches 10 Second Class coaches 2 Guard-cum-parcel vans One of the guard vans will be equipped to accommodate divyang (differentlyabled) passengers.

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) সায়েরা বিবি, স্বামী-মোঃ মোস্তফা সেখ, ২) মোঃ মোস্তফা সেখ. পিতা-মত লৎফল হক. সাং-শ্রীরামপর পোঃ- লস্করপুর, থানা-লালগোলা, জেলা-মুর্শিদাবাদ এই মর্মে ঘোষণা করছেন যে, জারমান আলি, পিতা মৃত সফর মণ্ডল, সাং-মৃদাদপুর, পোঃ-লস্করপুর, থানা লালগোলা, জেলা-মুর্শিদাবাদ, বরাবর আমোক্তারনামা দলিল নং-০০০৫৪/২০১৫, মৌজা ১৫ন গৌরীদাসপুর, হাল দাগ নং-১০৩, হাল খতিয়ান নং ১৮, সঠিক ও বাস্তব অবস্থার পরিচায়ক হইতেছেন টক্ত জমিতে Dispute থাকলে বিজ্ঞ ০০ দিনের মধ্যে Lalgola B.L. & L.R.O মফিসে যোগাযোগ করিবেন। মহম্মদ জিসান আলাম

> অ্যাডভোকো লালবাগ কোৰ্ট

বিজ্ঞপ্রি

মোঃ ওলিউল্লাহ, পিতা-ফায়েক সেখ, সাং শশারমজানপুর, পোঃ-লস্করপুর, থানা-লালগোলা জেলা-মর্শিদাবাদ, এই মর্মে ঘোষণা করছেন যে আব্দুল কাবির, পিতা-খোস মহম্মদ, সাং-কুলগাছি পোঃ-লস্করপুর, থানা-লালগোলা, জেলা-মুর্শিদাবাদ গরাবর আমোঁক্তারনামা, দলিল নং-২২১৯৭/২০২৩ মৌজা ২৪নং অমরকুণ্ডা, হাল দাগ নং-৫৩৭, হাল খতিয়ান নং-৩২১৩, সঠিক ও বাস্তব অবস্থার পরিচায়ক হইতেছেন। উক্ত জমিতে Dispute ধাকলে বিজ্ঞাপন প্রকাশের ৩০ দিনের মধ্যে Lal gola B.L. & L.R.O. অফিসে যোগাযোগ করিবেন।

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tured a deeply impactful experiential session by Yu-

Kolkata hosts mental

MI News Service, Kolkata: Annantaa - Power of the Mind recently hosted "The Common Thread - Together for Tomorrow's Wellness", a transformative wellness conclave in Kolkata that sparked powerful conversations around mental and emotional

well-being. Founded by Madhuri Sarda and cofounded by Vidhi Bansal, Annantaa is led by two dynamic mental health professionals who bring deep compassion, clinical expertise, and a transformative approach to emotional healing. The conclave fea-

Railway introduces Two New Trains

MI News Service, Kolkata: Indian Railways has announced to introduce two new express trains to enhance passenger convenience, including a new service of the Vande Bharat Express. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will virtually flag off both trains during a program organised in Dahod. Train number 26901, the Sabarmati-Veraval Vande Bharat Express, will operate six days a week, excluding Thursdays. The train will depart from Sabarmati station at 5:25 AM and arrive at Veraval station at 12:25 PM, with scheduled halts at Chandlodia, Viramgam, Rajkot, and Junagadh. In the return direction, train number 26902 will depart Veraval at 2:40 PM and reach Sabarmati at 9:35 PM, following the same route. Chandlodia station is currently undergoing redevelopment under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Once completed, the Vande Bharat Express will commence regular commercial halts there. To further improve Rail connectivity within Gujarat, another express service-Valsad-Dahod Express-is also being introduced. Train number 19011 will depart from Valsad station at 5:15 AM daily and reach Dahod at 11:05 AM. passing through Bilimora, Navsari, Surat, Vadodara, and Godhra. On its return journey, the train will depart Dahod at 11:55 AM and arrive in Valsad at 8:05 PM. The train will consist of 17 coaches, including one Executive Class coach, four Third AC coaches, and ten Second Class coaches.

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Mamata pays homage to Ramkinkar Baij

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee paid homage to legendary sculptor and painter Ramkinkar Baij (1906-1980) in his birth anniversary. Ramkinkar Baij was a pioneering Indian sculptor and painter, known for his bold realism and use of unconventional materials like concrete, soil, and pebbles. He was a key figure in the development of modern Indian art, particularly known for his sculptures depicting rural life, especially the Santhal com-munity in Shantiniketan. Mamata emphasized his immense contribution to the society while mentioning his immortal creations like Santhal Family, Sujata, Yak-sha and Yakshini.

Govt appoints SG Tushar Mehta's team for trial against Rana

MI News Service, New Delhi: The government has appointed a team of lawyers headed by Solicitor General(SG) Tushar Mehta to conduct the trial against Pakistani-Canadian terrorist Tahawwur Hussain Rana in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack case. In a notification, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said the appointment has been made exercising the powers con-ferred under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 and the Bharativa Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023. The central government hereby appoints a team of Special Public Prosecutors headed by Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General of India with S V Raju, Additional Solicitor General along with Dayan Krishnan, Senior Advocate and Narender Mann, advocate for conducting trial and other matters related to the case RC-04/2009/NIA/DLI on behalf of the NIA before the NIA Special Courts at Delhi, High Court of Delhi and Supreme Court of India for three years or till the completion of trial of the



Medics prepare a ward for COVID-19 patients at Gandhi Hospital in the wake of several states reporting Covid cases, in Hyderabad.

SC seeks centre's response about betting & gambling spree in IPL

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court said people were betting and gambling in the garb of Indian Premier League and sought the Centre's response on a PIL seeking to regulate betting applications. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh issued notice to the Centre on a plea filed by K A Paul, who claimed many children had died suicide after using online betting and gambling applications. The petitioner alleged several on-

line influencers, actors and cricketers were promoting such online apps, luring children in the process.

Paul said in case of cigarettes, packs had pictures indicating the illeffects of smoking, but in case of betting apps, no such caution was publicised and even former Indian team cricketers promoted the applications during the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL). The bench said, "In the name of IPL, a lot of people are betting and indulging in gambling. This is a serious issue." Paul claimed of representing "mil-



lions of parents" whose children have died in the past couple of years.

"More than 1,023 people died by suicide in Telangana, as 25 Bollywood and Tollywood actors/influencers played with the lives of the innocents," he said. Paul said an FIR was lodged in Telangana against influencers, as the matter violated fundamental rights. The bench

expressed its helplessness terming the situation as "aberrations of society" and said the enactment of law cannot stop people from betting voluntarily. "Nowadays, we have given the internet to our children. They carry it even to their schools. Parents watch one TV, children watch another. This is complete social aberration. What can be done? When people are indulging in these betting voluntarily. Principally, we are with you that it should be stopped... But probably you are under a misconception that it can be stopped through a law," the bench said. Justice Kant added, "Just like we can't stop people from committing murder, a law cannot prevent people from indulging in betting or gambling." The bench said it would ask the Centre what it was doing on the issue and sought its reply. The top court requested for the assistance of the attorney general and solicitor general in the matter and said if necessary, it would seek response from all states subsequently.

Cow protectors attack **Muslims allegedly carrying**

Cannes Film Fest: Boman Irani & Makarand Deshpande unveil poster of Prasenjit Chakraborty's "CHINDI PAKAD"

МІ News Service Kolkata/Cannes: In a proud moment for Indian cinema veteran actors Boman Irani and Makarand Deshpande unveiled the official poster filmmaker Prasenjit Chakraborty's upcoming urban drama CHINDĬ PAKAD at the Indian Pavilion during the 78th Cannes Film Festival. The poster launch, hosted by Shristi **Creation Film Productions in** association with Rituparna Sengupta, drew widespread attention for its bold narrative and symbolic design.

CHINDI PAKAD explores the underbelly of urban life, tackling themes of addiction, survival, and the human spirit. The eyecatching poster features the title stylized with a green bottle replacing the letter "I" in CHINDI, a powerful visual metaphor for the film's deeper message. Speaking at the event, BOMAN IRANI said, "It's inspiring to see filmmakers push the enve-

Ship spills 'hazardous material' in Arabian Sea, **Kerala** issues warning

MI News Service, Kochi: The Kerala State Disaster Management Authority has issued a warning to the public after the coast guard reported a possible spillage of "hazardous ma-terials" from a cargo ves-sel in the Arabian Sea off Kerala.

184-metre-long The Liberian cargo vessel, MSC ELSA3, en route to Kochi port from Vizhinjam port, containing marine gas oil and Very Low Sulphur Fuel Oil (VLŠFO) met with an accident on Saturday at 1.25pm at 38 nautical miles to the Southwest of Kochi. All 24 crew members are reported to be safe. The accident occurred due to rough sea conditions caused by the onset of Southwest monsoon, which reached the Kerala coast. Nine crew members managed to escape using life jackets. The navy used a helicopter to save the remaining crew members. The 24-member crew of the vessel comprised one Russian, the Master, 20 Filipinos, two Ukrainians and one from Georgia. The warning issued by the Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) cautioned that there were chances of the "hazardous materials" getting washed ashore on the Kerala coast, and under no circumstances should people touch or even try to explore the objects. A possible oil spill is also feared to have occurred, and it might affect aquatic mammals. KSDMA member secretary Shekhar Lukose Kuriakose informed that the cargo vessel turned to one side, which led to several cargo boxes falling into the Arabian Sea. Video images of cargo items floating in the sea had also been released by the coast guard. "People should immediately inform the police or 112 if they see any cargo items floating in the sea or if they wash ashore. Under no circum-stances should people touch it. The containers may drift towards Thiruvananthapuram (South Kerala) or Kasaragod shorelines (North Kerala)," said Kuriakose. The coastal police have made announcements via loudspeakers along the Kerala coastline, warning the general public to stay alert and not to approach any unidentified objects.



lope and bring untold stories to light. CHINDI PAKAD is one such bold cinematic journey, and I'm honored to be part of this launch at Cannes

MAKARAND DESH-PANDE, known for his intense character portrayals, added, "The rawness and realism reflected in the poster instantly drew me in. Films like these give voice to the marginalized and offer a

powerful mirror to society. Director and producer PRASENJIT CHAKR ABORTY (PRIYAM) shared "CHINDI PAKAD is not just a film-it's a voice from the streets, a story that demands to be heard. Launching the poster at Cannes, with stalwarts like BOMAN IRANI and MAKARAND DESHPANDE, gives the film the global platform it deserves.

Durand Cup: Asia's oldest football tournament now in 5 states

MI News Service, Kolkata: Asia's oldest football tournament, the Indian Oil Durand Cup, will be back with its 134th Edition and for the first time in its storied history, be hosted in as many as five states with Manipur's capital Imphal, making a comeback after a two-year gap. The Durand Cup Organising Committee also announced the dates for this year's tournament to be between July 22- August 23, 2025.

The century-old tournament shifted its home base to Kolkata - the Mecca of Indian Football from Delhi back in 2019, and, will also continue to hold that status for a sixth consecutive edition. The Durand Cup has

A total of six venues, in Kolkata two (Vivekananda Bharati Krirangan and Kishore Bharti Krirangan) and one each in Imphal (Khuman Lampak stadium). Ranchi (Morhabadi Stadium) or Jamshedpur (JRD Tata Sports Complex), Shillong (Jawahar

reinstated itself as the country's premiere compe-

the Indian Super League (ISL) teams. Organised by the Eastern Command of the Indian Army on behalf of the three Services, the tournament is unique in the sense that it pits Services teams against India's best football clubs and over the past couple of editions, has also seen foreign participation with Army teams from neighbouring nations

Yuba Lal Nehru Stadium) and Kokrajhar (SAI Stadium)

said case.

Lalu Prasad Yadav expels elder son Tej Pratap from party

MI News Service, Patna: RJD president Lalu Prasad expelled Tej Pratap Yadav from the party for six years for "irresponsible behaviour", and snapped all family ties with his elder son. Prasad made the announcement in a post on X in the afternoon. "Ignoring moral values in personal life weakens our collective struggle for social justice. The activities, public conduct and irresponsible behavior of the eldest son are not in accordance with our family valand traditions. ues "Therefore, due to these circumstances, I remove him from the party and family. From now on, he will not have any role of any kind in the party and family. He is expelled from the party for 6 years," the RJD supremo said. The move came a day after a viral Facebook post stated that Yadav, a former Bihar minister, was "in a relationship" with a young woman. Yadav, however, claimed that his account on the social media platform had been "hacked". The post had drawn flak from social media users, many of whom reminded the 37-year-old politician of his marriage that took place with much fanfare in 2018. "My social media platform was hacked and my photographs were edited wrongfully," Yadav wrote on X on Saturday night, referring to the post that had gone viral and was taken note of by media outlets. Yadav had tied the knot with Aishwarya, the grand-daughter of former Bihar chief minister Daroga Rai. However, within a few months, Aishwarya left his house, alleging that she was driven out by her husband and in-laws.



"This solution lever-

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for the pilgrims who are

waiting and also can as-

sess the darshan time for

pilgrims joining queue

lines," he said. Powered by

this tech, the temple body

will be equipped to notify

pilgrims of the expected

darshan time so as to em-

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TTD can estimate the time

taken to complete darshan

under various categories

and also fix gaps in opera-tions. Further, AI and fa-

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and identify intruders in

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Tirupati to use AI,

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MI News Service, Tirupati: and verification process The Tirumala Tirupati becomes quick and hasslefree while impersonation Devasthanams (TTD), the official custodian of the faand fraudulent activities mous Venkateswara temcan be prevented, said ple here, is exploring the Rao. AI and facial recogniuse of Artificial Intellition technology are also gence (AI) and facial contemplated to track pilrecognition technology to grim numbers at various locations such as queue enhance the pilgrimage experience, said an offilines, compartments and cial. TTD executive officer inside the Tirumala tem-(EO) J Syamala Rao said ple, among others. The inthe temple body will emstallation of AI-powered ploy these technologies to facial recognition cameras authenticate genuine pilare expected to power this grims for ensuring a facial detection, said Rao. smooth darshan (visit to ages TTD management to

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adopting the latest technological solutions available in the market including Artificial Intelligence to improve the overall pilgrimage," said Rao in a press release.

As part of these futuristic initiatives, the EO said pilgrims will be provided with time slotted darshan tokens, which will capture their facial features using facial recognition technology. On capturing a pilgrim's image, he said it will be sieved through data from the past 30 days or about 10 lakh images to root out duplicate bookings and thereby enable servicing more number of pilgrims. By implementing this solution, token issue beef, victims deny

MI News Service, Aligarh: Hoodlums masquerading as "cow protectors" attacked four people carrying meat in a mini-truck in Aligarh district of Uttar Pradesh, leavthree of them ing hospitalised.

While the victims, all of them Muslim, claimed they were carrying buffalo meat — which isn't banned — the police said samples were being sent for testing. Aligarh Rural superintendent of police Amrit Jain told reporters the police had asked residents of the village where the attack took place to "submit a complaint" against the victims. He did not say whether any case would be registered against the hoods for the attack, claimed by the Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Sena, a little-known satellite of the Bajrang Dal. Kaushambi district, 500km southeast of Aligarh, had two days earlier witnessed an attack on an animal trader and his two employees, who were ferrying live buffaloes, by extortionists who displayed a BJP flag and signage of a "cow protection" organisation. Two of the attackers have been arrested on charges of extortion and assault, the Kaushambi police said. The Aligarh victims' mini-truck was stopped at Alahdadapur village and they were beaten up. The attackers claimed there was beef in the vehicle. Jain, the SP, said three of the four victims had been admitted to hospital. He said samples of the meat had been collected for analysis. "We have asked the villagers to submit a complaint; the police will investigate," Jain told reporters at the spot as a mob chanted "Jai Shri Ram". Akhil Bharatiya Hindu

Sena president Kishan Pathak, a local man, said his had intercepted team

"butchers and suppliers of prohibited cow meat" and handed them over to the police. Jain said the police had "rescued" the victims. The men arrested in Kaushambi were allegedly travelling in an SUV fitted with a hooter and displaying a BJP flag and a nameplate of the district president of the Goraksha Prakoshth, a VHP wing. "They intercepted my truck near the Mahabali Baba Hanuman Mandir and demanded ₹20,000 to allow us to transport the animals," Rohit Pal, an animal trader Naubasta from in Kaushambi, told reporters. Pal said he was taking the buffaloes to the Ajuha Mandi, a cattle market, for sale. "They thrashed me and my two helpers when I refused to give them any money. They said nobody could go to the cattle market without their permission. They ran away when some people gathered there," he

said Sanjay Tiwari, a local police inspector, said: "We have arrested Sangam Pandey and Sunny Maurya aka Sarvesh." The police had obtained footage of the incident from a CCTV in-stalled in front of the temple. Kaushambi City superintendent of police Shivank Singh said one of the three victims was "badly injured". Goraksha Prakoshth district president Rupesh Vishwakarma said: "Those arrested don't belong to our organisation." Man beaten to death A man was allegedly beaten to death with a stick during an altercation between two groups in Lalitpur district of Uttar Pradesh, police said on Saturday.

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Students boycott Film & Television Institute in Arunachal



MI News Service, New Delhi: The Centre-run Film and Television Institute, Arunachal Pradesh, lacks basic infrastructure and academic necessities, which has prompted students to boycott classes.

The institute, under the Union ministry of information and broadcasting, started operating in the 2024-25 academic session. The administration of the Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI), Kolkata, looks after the management of the Arunachal Pradesh FTI, the third national film institute in the country. According to the students, the institute lacks infrastructure such as a classroom theatre and post-production blocks. The gym, library and technical resources remain defunct. It has failed to provide basic living conditions as electricity is not available 24x7. There is no power backup, campus security, functioning classrooms and digital access, they say. "Students continue to fall sick due to unsafe water, face frequent Internet blackouts, and attend classes in unsafe or unfinished spaces," the students said.

The institute offers separate Master's courses in documentary, screenwriting and screen acting. A total of 45 students have been given admission, with each student paying over ₹2 lakh, including hostel fees. The students have sent letters to the authorities in December 2024 and January seeking clarity on facilities and basic planning. The institute acknowledged the problems without clarifying when the facilities would be extended. In March, the students observed an academic boycott and submitted a list of demands. A meeting was held and a document of promises shared. One classroom theatre was supposed to be delivered by April, but it is nowhere close to completion. WiFi in the girls' hostel was supposed to be in place by April 25, however, the work has just begun. Mineral water cans were agreed to, but it remains a pipe dream. "Since no concrete roadmap was offered, students formally declared an indefinite academic halt via email, demanding accountability, implementation and a written response," they said.

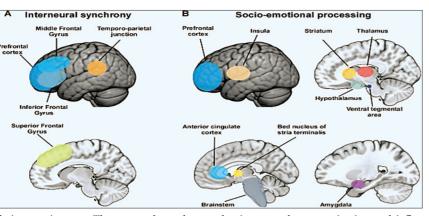


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Study sheds light on the brain's role in emotion regulation

A recent study led by a team of experts has uncovered fascinating insights into the human brain's ability to regulate emotions, potentially paving the way for innovative therapeutic approaches. The findings of the study shed light on the distinct areas of the brain responsible for emotion regulation, particularly within the anterior prefrontal cortex and other higher-level cortical hierarchies. These regions, crucial for abstract thought and long-term representations of the future, were found to play a pivotal role in enabling individuals to activate emotion regulation-selective brain regions, thereby enhancing resilience against negative experiences.

Co-author Peter Gianaros from the University of Pittsburgh spearheaded the analysis of two independent datasets of fMRI studies. Participants were subjected to fMRI scans while being exposed to stimuli designed to elicit negative emotions, such as distressing images. What sets this study apart is the participants' subsequent task of recontextualizing the stimuli by generating alternative thoughts to mitigate



their aversiveness. The researchers then meticulously examined the neural activity to discern the specific brain regions involved in emotion regulation versus emotion generation.

The study also unraveled the intricate interplay between neurotransmitters and emotion regulation systems. Neurotransmitters such as dopamine and serotonin were identified as key players in

shaping neural communication and influencing the brain's capacity for self-regulation. Remarkably, the researchers discovered that receptors for cannabinoids, opioids, and serotonin, including 5H2A, were notably abundant in areas involved in emotion regulation. These findings raise thought-provoking questions about the potential long-term effects of drugs that bind to these receptors on individuals'

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Senior author Tor Wager, the Diana L. Taylor Distinguished Professor in Neuroscience and director of the Dartmouth Brain Imaging Center at Dartmouth, emphasized the significance of these findings. He stated, "Our results showed that receptors for cannabinoids, opioids, and serotonin, including 5H2A, were especially rich in areas that are involved in emotion regulation. When drugs that bind to these receptors are taken, they are preferentially affecting the emotion regulation system, which raises questions about their potential for longterm effects on our capacity to self-regulate.

Furthermore, the study shed light on the potential implications for mental health treatments, particularly in the context of depression and psychedelic drugs. The serotonin receptor 5H2A, strongly affected by psychedelic drugs, holds promise for altering individuals' ability to selfregulate and may offer insights into the inefficacy of these drugs without appropriate psychological support.

Gut bacteria can influence obesity in men and women: Study



BENEFITS THE HUMAN BODY Benefits of Mango Juice Mango is known as the king of the fruits. It grows mostly in tropical climates and has been a favourite among humans for over 4000 years. Mango and its juice, commonly known as "aam ras" contain many vital vitamins and minerals that are essential for a healthy human body. Mango is a very sweet fruit and hence one does not need to add sugar in it, and hence it makes it very benefi-

cial for health. Mangoes are a powerhouse of vitamin C, beta carotene, potassium, iron and many other nutrients which help in fighting infections, as well as maintaining over-all well-being of the body. The exotic fruit is stimulating and nourishing and is enjoyed most during the summer months. known for its delicious and heavenly taste. There are various varieties of Mangoes ranging from sweet to sour and hence their juices taste differently. Filled with potassium, the juice helps build and repair muscles and hence is a favorite among body builders and athletes. There are various other benefits of the juice which are listed below

Good for Eves

Mango contains a considerable amount of vitamin A which works wonders for the eye health.

cholesterol levels. Pectin and Vitamin C come together to facili-tate the body in lowering the serum cholesterol levels, especial-ly low-density lipoprotein. Helps in Digestion

Mango juice is said to be very good for digestion. Presence of fiber in Mango juice normalizes digestion, helps one get over acidity problems and ensure smooth running of the digestive system. Mango juice is also said to have cooling effect on the stomach. The malic acid, tartaric acid and citric

mother and child. For a pregnant woman, consuming a glass of Mango juice daily can help get required amounts of vitamin C and A, folic acid, potassium, iron and other essential nutrients. Mangoes are also rich in fiber and hence prevent constipation, which is a regular feature in pregnancy. It also provides instant energy and helps a woman get relieved of water retention and bloating in arms and legs.

GREAT WAYS MANGO JUICE

Boosts Immunity Loaded with carotenoids, vitamins and minerals, Mango juice Mangoes can help relieve heat strokes and dehydration. Its cooling effect also soothes the internal organs immensely. Raw, green Mangoes are rich in pectin, which provides an excellent remedy for those suffering from heat exhaustion. Just boil raw Mangoes and mix salt and water in the pulp and drink the "aam panna" to get rid of dehydration. If not treated in time, sun stroke can even be fatal. Alkalizes the Entire Body

Mango juice is among the healthiest juices around, with balanced calories, protein, carbohy-

ular during the summer months. Its juice is a very popular bever-age which helps one get relieved of sun stroke as well. It is very easy to churn out raw Mango juice or aam panna at home.

Take two raw Mangoes and boil them for 20 minutes

Cool down the Mangoes and peel them

Separate the stone from the fruit

Mash the pulp and to it add a pinch of black salt, roasted cumin powder and a glass of cold water Stir well

You can add a teaspoon of sugar if the liquid tastes a bit too sour or tangy

Pour the drink in a glass, garnish with mint leaves and serve cold

Mango also goes well in a smoothie, cheese cake, chutney, jam, sorbet, ice cream, custard and as a topping for cakes and pastries. So, if drinking its juice is something you want to give a miss, you can still include the fruit in your diet in a delicious way. Nutrient benefits of fresh

Mango Juice

Keeps you Healthy

For staying in shape and prop-er muscle building it is important to choose food wisely, which are dense in energy and nutrients and canadensis species--were strongly associated with higher BMI, fat mass, and waist circumference.

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Whereas in women, greater abundance of three species--Prevotella micans, Prevotella brevis and Prevotella sacharolitica--were highly predictive of higher BMI, fat mass and waist circumference, but not in men.

In further untargeted metabolomics analyses, that looked at a broader range of metabolic compounds in the blood, researchers found variation in the abundance of certain metabolites--especially higher levels of bioactive lipids--phospholipids (implicated in the development of metabolic disease and critical modulators of insulin sensitivity) and sphingolipids (that play a role in the development of diabetes and the emergence of vascular complications)--in participants with a HIGH OB index.

"Our findings reveal how an imbalance in distinct bacterial groups are likely to play an important role in the onset and development of obesity, with considerable differences between the sexes, which might affect the metabolism of different bioactive molecules present in the metabolome that influence the development of



Vitamin A prevents against dry ness in the eyes and improves vision, even among those suffering from ailments like cataract. A cup of Mango juice contains 25 percent of the daily vitamin A requirement of the body that helps in promoting good eyesight. Also, the high level of pectin and fiber helps in maintaining the overall eye health.

Strengthening Bones

Having a glass of Mango juice also contains vitamin B6 and flavonoids, which if consumed daily can help one having strong and sturdy bones. Also, the vitamin A and antioxidants that the present in Mango, provide antioxidant shield for the bones.

Maintains Blood Pressure and Cholesterol

Mango juice is full of potassium and magnesium, the two compounds that regulate blood pressure in the body. Consuming Mango juice daily can help one keep fit and maintain blood pressure and keep hyper tension in check. Drinking Mango juice also makes sure there is enough fluid in the body to keep it balanced. Those suffering from high blood pressure can get relieved of the condition as Mango juice, due to presence of vitamin D, pectin and fiber can help lower it. Mango juice also replenishes the body with the required amount of vitamin C, hence lowering harmful

the juice and helps in maintaining alkalinity of the digestive tract. It also relieves from nausea and vomiting. Mango juice, if added with milk also helps one get over constipation, as the enzymes in milk break down into simpler proteins, helping food digest properly, ensuring proper stools.

Helps in getting Glowing Skin In today world, who doesn't want a skin that's healthy, glowing and shiny. But unfortunately, due to unhealthy living and environment it is very difficult to achieve the target. People resort to harmful chemicals which rather than doing any good, cause long term

harm to the skin. Hence it is very important to use natural products which are a sure shot way to prevent skin ailments. Consuming Mango juice daily not only provides nutrition to the body, but also brings changes in the skin texture.. Along with drinking and consuming Mango every day, Mango pulp can also be applied externally for glowing skin.

Useful in Pregnancy

For pregnant women, any amount of nutrition can help the fetus grow healthy. Mango, known as wonder fruit provides an allround nourishment for both the boost their immunity in growing years. With every season change. children keep falling sick, affecting their immunity levels and hence it is very important to add Mango juice to their diet. Apart from increasing the energy levels, it also helps immune system to repair and regenerate cells that fight infections and illnesses. One must consume a glass of Mango juice daily to enhance and boost body's natural defenses.

works wonders for babies and

small children as it helps them

Boosts Memory In today's world when everything is electronically managed, our brains seem to go on sleep mode. But for the proper functioning of the body, it is important that vital organs work properly. To boost memory, especially in small children, one should consume fresh Mango juice in order to keep them alert and brain fit. Glutamine acid is found in abundance in Mangoes and it helps in keeping the brain cells active, and hence boosts the memory level

and concentration. Relieves Heat Stroke During summer months, due to

excessive dehydration, a lot of people fall sick. However,

drates, vitamins A, C, B, E and K. In one glass on Mango juice a substantial amount of minerals like potassium calcium, magnesium, phosphorous, iron, selenium and sodium are present. A glass full of fresh Mango juice contains about 60 percent of your daily require-ment of vitamin C and 40 percent of daily requirement of vitamin A.

Consuming Mango juice is very important to everyone, be it children or the elderly. One can either squeeze out fresh Mango juice at home or it is also easily available in the markets throughout the year. But nothing can beat the nutrient value of a freshlysqueezed juice at home. Hence, here are easy ways to prepare Mango juice in your kitchen.

Peel the fruit and cut into large chunks

Carefully take out the stone and throw it Put the diced chunks in a

mixer and blitz it for two to three minutes

It you find it very dense, add half a cup of water to it Pour in a glass and drink chilled

Raw Mangoes are equally pop-

low on fat. Mango and its juice is highly recommended to consume in a proper manner to stay fit. Mango juice helps converting starch in the body into sugar which helps in adding mass to the body

Fresh Mango juice is full of vitamin B and K, magnesium, phosphorous and various other minerals. All these nutrients are extremely important for people of all age groups; hence it is highly recommended for everyone to have it daily. For those who do not have the luxury of time to prepare fresh Mango juice in their kitchen daily can easily lay their hands-on Dabur Real Fruit Power Mango Beverage

Helps Prevent Anemia

Anemia is a common health issue among women and children. It is caused by deficiency of iron in food. Anemia leads to many other ailments and hence it is very important to consume foods that are rich in iron, which help in forming protein hemoglobin in blood. Mango is among anemia reducing foods and its juice if consumed regularly can increase hemoglobin considerably. A num ber of medical studies and research have proved that lack of iron in the body causes breathlessness, dizziness, menstrual irregularities, muscle cramps, anxiety disorders, stress and heart-related diseases.

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research has found that gut bacteria can play a key role in the onset and development of obesity, with differences in men

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The study was published in e journal 'European

The gut microbiota consists of a complex community of microorganisms (bacteria,

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that inhabit the gastrointestinal

tract. Disruption in this com-munity (dysbiosis) significantly

affects metabolic health and

influences the risk of certain

diseases, including obesity. However, it is still unclear

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They examined the faecal metabolome--the diverse collection of metabolites (small molecules) found in the gut and shed in faeces that are produced by gut bacteria as a byproduct of metabolising food and make their way into the bloodstream impacting health.

Overall, 361 adult volunteers (251 women/110 men, average (median age 44 years old) were included from the Spanish Obekit study--a randomised trial examining the relationship between genetic variants and the response to a hypocaloric diet.

Researchers made sure that participants in the LOW and HIGH groups were matched for sex and age.

Genetic microbiota profiling was done to identify the different types, composition, diversitv. and relative abundance of bacteria present in stool samples of the participants.

The analysis revealed that individuals with a HIGH OB index were characterised by significantly lower levels of Christensenella minuta--a bacterium which has consistently been linked to leanness and health. In men, greater abun-dance of Parabacteroides helcogenes and Campylobacter

bolic disease", says lead author Dr Paula Aranaz from the Centre for Nutrition Research at the University of Navarra in Spain. She adds, "Gut microbiome composition, specifically higher levels of the Christensenella minuta bacterium, appeared to protect against obesity. Whereas the species that influ-ence the risk of developing obe-

sity appear to be different between the sexes and interventions to help prevent an obesity-favourable microbiome may need to be different in men and women. Further research is needed to better understand when the switch to an obesity favourable gut microbiota may take place, and therefore the right timing for possible inter-ventions." She concludes, "We hope that this study demonstrates that using metagenomics in combination with metabolomics enables researchers to study the mechanisms involved in the development of metabolic diseases such as obesity with a high degree of confidence. This novel, broader approach could help to develop nutritional pre-cision strategies for weight loss that modify the presence of specific bacteria strains, or the levels of bioactive molecules.'

Alcohol usage during pregnancy linked to birth abnormalities: Study

MEXICO CITY [MEXICO] : Researchers have found that low to moderate alcohol use by pregnant patients may contribute to subtle changes in their babies' prenatal development.

The study was published in the journal, 'Alcohol Clinical and Experimental Research'.

'In exploratory analyses, the effect on gestational age was more pronounced in male infants, and for birth length, it actually was stronger in females. Bakhireva said.

She cautioned that these effects should be interpreted with

caution because of the study's limited statistical power to conduct sex-specific analyses and the challenges of accounting for other contributing factors.

There is a good deal of research on the prenatal effects of heavy alcohol use, usually defined as 14 drinks per week, or binge drinking, defined as four drinks or more per occasion, Bakhireva said

"We know quite a bit from these earlier studies of heavy alcohol use about the effect on prenatal outcomes, especially preterm delivery and growth



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restriction, as well as neurodevelopmental outcomes, but we specifically focused on more moderate alcohol exposure because it's much more prevalent," she said

Early pregnancy is a critical period for the formation of organs in the developing fetus, making it a particularly vulnerable window for alcohol exposure, Bakhireva said.

"Almost everybody drinks before they know they are pregnant, and risky drinking before pregnancy is predictive of drink-ing later on," she said. "That's a unique aspect of the study. We carefully looked at the patterns of drinking around conception and early pregnancy.'

Most of the participants substantially reduced their drinking or stopped altogether once they learned they were pregnant, Bakhireva said. Even with reduced alcohol, there were some deficits seen in both male and female infants, however.

She emphasizes that larger studies that combine samples across the country are needed to replicate the findings and examine sex-specific effects further.

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Trump admin puts new restrictions on scribes at Pentagon

MI News Service, Washing-ton: U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth issued orders that require journalists to have official escorts within much of the Pentagon building, the latest in a series of Trump administration restrictions placed on the press. The measures, which take effect immediately, bar credentialed reporters from most of the Department of Defense headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, unless they have an official approval and escort. "While the Department remains committed to transparency, the Department is equally obligated to protect CSNI (classified intelligence) and sensitive information - the unauthorized disclosure of which could put the lives of U.S. Service members in danger," Hegseth said in a memorandum. He called the protection of classified national intelligence information and operational secu-"an unwavering rity imperative for the Department." The Pentagon Press Association, a membership organization representing the interests of the press corps covering the U.S. military, said the new rules appeared to be a "direct attack on the freedom of the press. "The decision is purportedly based on concerns about operational security. But the Pentagon Press Corps has had access to non-secured, unclassified spaces in the Pentagon for decades, under Republican and Democratic administrations, including in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, without any concern about OP-SEC from DoD leadership," the state-ment said. The Pentagon did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment on the press association's statement. Since President Donald Trump returned to office in January, the Pentagon has launched an investigation into leaks that resulted in three officials being placed on administrative leave. It has also required legacy media organizations, including the New York Times, the Washington Post, CNN and NBC News, to vacate their Pentagon office spaces in a new rotation system that brought in others, including outlets generally friendly to the Trump administration such as the New York Post, Breitbart, the Daily Caller and One America News Network.



Preparations underway at Gurudwara Hemkund Sahib ahead of its opening for public, in Chamoli district, Uttarakhand.

Russia launches massive air attack on Ukraine, at least 13 dead

MI News Service, Kiev/Moscow: Russian forces launched a barrage of 367 drones and missiles at Ukrainian cities overnight, including the capital Kyiv, in the largest aerial attack of the war so far, killing at least 13 people and injuring dozens more, officials said.

The dead included three children in the northern region of Zhytomyr, local officials there said. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky called on the United States, which has taken a softer public line on Russia and its leader, Vladimir Putin, since President Donald Trump took office, to speak out. "The silence of America, the silence of others in the world only encourages Putin," he wrote on Telegram. "Every such terrorist Russian strike is reason enough for new sanctions against Russia."

It was the largest attack of the war in terms of weapons fired, although other strikes have killed more people. The assault comes as Ukraine and Russia prepared to conduct the third and final day of a pris-oner swap in which both sides will exchange a total of 1000 people each. Ukraine and its European allies have sought to push Moscow into signing a 30-day ceasefire as a first step to negotiating an end to the three-year war. Their efforts suffered a blow earlier this week when Trump declined to place further sanctions on Moscow for not agreeing to an immediate pause in fighting, as Kyiv had wanted. Ukraine's air force said Russia had launched 298 drones and 69 missiles in its overnight assault, although it said it was able to down 266 drones and 45



missiles. Damage extended to a string of regional centres, including city, Ukraine's second-largest Kharkiv, as well as Mykolaiv in the south and Ternopil in the west. In Kyiv, Tymur Tkachenko, head of the city's military administration, said 11 people were injured in drone strikes. No deaths were reported in the capital, although four were killed in the region around the city, according to officials. This was the second large aerial attack in two days. On Friday evening, Russia launched dozens of drones and ballistic missiles at Kyiv in waves that continued through the night. In northeastern Ukraine, Kharkiv Mayor Ihor Terekhov said early on Sunday that drones hit three city districts and injured three people. Blasts shattered windows in high-rise apartment blocks. Drone strikes killed a 77-year-old man and injured five people in the southern city of Mykolaiv, the regional governor said. He published a picture of a residential apartment block with a large hole from an explosion and rubble scattered over the ground.

In the western region of Khmelnytskyi, many hundreds of kilometres away from the frontlines of fighting, four people were killed and five others wounded, according to the governor. "Without pressure, nothing will change and Russia and its allies will only build up forces for such murders in Western countries," the Ukrainian president's chief of staff Andriy Yermak wrote on Telegram. "Moscow will fight as long as it has the ability to produce weapons." Russia's Defence Ministry reported that its air defence units had intercepted or destroyed 95 Ukrainian drones over a four-hour period. The Mayor of Moscow, Sergei Sobyanin, said 12 Ukrainian drones had been intercepted on their way to the capital.

PM to visit Gujarat on 26th and 27th May

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PM to lay the foundation stone and inaugurate development projects worth over Rs 53,400 crore at Bhuj

PM to participate in the celebrations of 20 years of Gujarat Urban Growth Story

MI News Service, Delhi: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will visit Gujarat on 26th and 27th May. He will travel to Dahod and at around 11:15 AM, he will dedicate to the nation a Locomotive manufacturing plant and also flag off an Electric Locomotive. Thereafter he will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate multiple development projects worth around Rs 24,000 crore in Dahod. He will also address a public function. Prime Minister will travel to Bhuj and at around 4 PM, he will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate multiple development projects worth over Rs 53,400 crore at Bhuj. He will also address a public function.

Further, Prime Minister will travel to Gandhinagar and on 27th May, at around 11 AM, he will participate in the celebrations of 20 years of Gujarat Urban Growth Story and launch Urban Development Year 2025. He will also address the gathering on the occasion. In line with his commitment to enhancing connectivity and building world-class travel infrastructure, Prime Minister will inaugurate the Locomotive Manufacturing plant of the Indian Railways in Dahod. This plant will produce electric locomotives of 9000 HP for domestic purposes and for export. He will also flag off the first electric locomotive manufactured from the plant. The locomotives will help in increasing freight loading capacity of Indian Railways. These locomotives will be equipped with regenerative braking systems, and are being designed to reduce energy consumption, which contributes to environmental sustainability.

Thereafter, the Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate multiple development projects worth over Rs 24,000 crore in Dahod. The projects include rail projects and various projects of the Government of Gujarat. He will flag off Vande Bharat Express between Veraval and Ahmedabad & Express train between Valsad and Dahod stations. Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate multiple development projects worth over Rs 53,400 crore at Bhuj. The projects from the power sector include transmission projects for evacuating renewable power generated in the Khavda Renewable Energy Park, transmission network expansion, Ultra super critical thermal power plant unit at Tapi, among others. It also includes projects of the Kandla port and multiple road, water and solar projects of the Government of Gujarat, among others. Urban Development Year 2005 in Gujarat was a flagship initiative launched by the then Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi with the aim of transforming Gujarat's urban landscape through planned infrastructure, better governance, and improved quality of life for urban residents. Marking 20 years of the Urban Development Year 2005, Prime Minister will launch the Urban Development Year 2025, Gujarat's urban development plan and State Clean Air Programme in Gandhinagar. He will also inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for multiple projects related to urban development, health and water supply. He will also dedicate more than 22,000 dwelling units under PMAY. He will also release funds of Rs 3,300 crore to urban local bodies in Gujarat under the Swarnim Jayanti Mukhyamantri Shaheri Vikas Yojana.

Germany: Knife attacker injures 18 at Hamburg Stn, assailant arrested

MI News Service, Hamburg: Eighteen people were injured in a knife attack in Hamburg station on Friday evening, Germany's Bild newspaper reported, and local police confirmed they had arrested the suspected assailant. Four victims are in critical condition and six others are seriously injured, Bild reported, saying the motive for the attack was unclear.

Police said the suspected assailant was a 39-year old woman who allowed herself to be arrested without resistance. "So far we have no evidence that the woman could have acted with political motivation," said Hamburg police spokesperson Florian Abbenseth. "Rather, we have findings on the basis of which we are now investigating in particular whether she may have been in a state of mental distress." German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said in a post on social media platform X that the news from Hamburg was "shocking." "My thoughts are with the victims and their families." he said.

IMF holds talks with Pak on FY26 budget

MI News Service, Islamabad: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) said that it held "constructive discussions" with Pakistani authorities on the upcoming budget while committing to continue talks in the coming days. The IMF team started high-level policy talks in Islamabad on May 19 to discuss the FY 2025-26 budget, which went on for days but apparently were inconclusive, forcing the government to delay the announcement of the budget till June 10. "We held constructive discussions with the authorities on their FY2026 budget proposals and broader economic policy, and reform agenda supported by the 2024 Extended Fund Facility (EFF) and the 2025 Resilience and Sustainability Facility (RSF)," the IMF's mission chief Nathan Porter said in a statement.

"We will continue discussions towards agreeing over the authorities' FY26 budget over the coming days," the statement added. The current discussions were focused on actions to enhance revenue, including bolstering compliance and expanding the tax base and prioritising expenditure. "The authorities reaffirmed their commitment to fiscal consolidation while safeguarding social and priority expenditures, aiming for a primary surplus of 1.6 per cent of GDP in FY2026," Porter said.

He added that talks covered ongoing energy sector re-

forms aimed at improving financial viability and reducing the high-cost structure of Pakistan's power sector as well as other structural reforms which will help foster sustainable growth and promote a more level plaving field for business and investment. The government emphasised its commitment to "ensuring sound macroeconomic policy-making and building buffers," according to the statement. "In this context, maintaining an appropriately tight and data-dependent monetary policy remains a priority to ensure inflation is anchored within the central bank's medium-term target range of 5-7 per cent," Porter stressed. "Rebuilding foreign exchange (FX) reserve buffers, preserving a fully functioning FX market, and allowing for greater exchange rate flexibility are critical to strengthening resilience to external shocks," added Porter. The IMF also said that its next mission associated with the next EFF and RSF reviews was expected in the second half of 2025. Pakistan and the IMF signed a USD 7 billion EFF loan last year and the country so far received two tranches, including the second one disbursed this month. The IMF executive board approved the fresh assistance to Pakistan notwithstanding New Delhi's apprehensions that the funds could be used for cross-border terrorism.



Mohammad Nurul Islam

The annual Isale Sawab was held at Rajkhola Siddiqiya Darbar Sharif in Howrah Panchla on Sunday. This meeting was held in memory of the famous Bengali scholar and saint Hazrat Shahsufi Pir Allama Mohammad Jamaluddin Siddiq Al Mujaddidi (Rah). The Mujaddide Zaman Ala Hazrat Dada Huzur Pir Qibla (Rah) was one of his prominent caliphs in Furfura Sharif. The president of this Du'ar Mahfil was Gaddinshin Pir Mr. Alhbaz Maw: Mohiuddin Siddig Sahib (founder). The invited Waezin of Furfura Sharif, Mr. Hazrat Allama Pir Alhbaz Qari Ismail Siddiqui Sahib, was present. Pirzada Hazrat Maulana Sawban Siddiqui spoke in the light of the Quran and Hadith. The meeting was conducted by Mohammad Nizamuddin Siddiqui. The disciples and devotees of Huzoor were in support. The overall management was done by Allama Jamaluddin Siddiquia Educational and Welfare Trust.

Neuschwanstein Castle: A Bavarian architecture that inspired many including Nazis

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Perched on a cliff in the Bavarian Alps near Füssen, Germany, Neuschwanstein Castle is the epitome of the idyllic. Its spires soar to the heavens, while the surrounding landscapes are an invitation to daydreaming. It's the stuff of fairytales, so much so, that the man who had it built is dubbed the "fairytale king" — Ludwig II of Bavaria, who was born in 1845.

"Neuschwanstein is nestled in this Alpine landscape. Reminiscent of a theatrical setting, Ludwig II aimed to unite architecture, art and landscapes into a Gesamtkunstwerk — a complete artwork," Alexander Wiesneth, of the Bavarian Palace Administration.

ENVISIONED AS A PLACE OF REFUGE: Just weeks after the mysterious death of Ludwig II in 1886, Neuschwanstein was opened to the public. It was an ironic twist of fate, as the king had it built as a private refuge for himself, desperately seeking solitude.

Modeled as a medieval knight's castle, inspiration for Neuschwanstein came during Ludwig II's travels in 1867 to Wartburg Castle near Eisenach, Germany and to Chateau de Pierrefonds in France.

As the eccentric Ludwig II himself wrote to his revered friend, opera composer Richard Wagner, in May 1868:

"It is my intention to rebuild the old castle ruin [...] near the Pöllat Gorge in the authentic style of the old German knights' castles, and I must confess to you that I am looking forward very much to living there one day," as the Bavarian Palace Administration notes.

A TRIBUTE TO COMPOSER RICHARD WAGNER: Construction of the "new castle" that was to include 200 rooms began in September 1869 and continued over decades, but was never fully completed.

The building melded various styles that included towers, chapels and arches, but also featured modern achievements like central heating, flushing toilets and a bell system to summon servants.

Neuschwanstein's design was also dedicated to Wagner, whose operas "Tannhäuser," "Lohengrin" and "Parsifal" profoundly influenced Ludwig. The Singers' Hall boasts gilded frameworks and frescoes depicting knights, courtly love and other legends of medieval times, like the Holy Grail. The ceiling reveals zodiac signs, while wall images show Parsifal's son, the "Swan Knight" Lohengrin. Ludwig II himself had identified with such figures since his youth.

MYŠTERIOUS DĖATH OF LUDWIG II: Yet, these majestic rooms, like the Throne Hall and the Ballroom — begging to be filled with illustrious guests and lavish parties — remained empty. After all, the king wanted his peace.

With construction of Neuschwanstein dragging on

over many years, Ludwig himself only lived at Neuschwanstein briefly, before his baffling death at the age of 40 — officially ruled to be a suicide by drowning, a theory that has however been disputed.Ludwig II's lifeless body was discovered floating in Lake Starnberg, near Munich, together with the corpse of his physician, after the two had set out on an evening stroll in June 1886.

DEPOT FOR ARTWORKS LOOTED BY NAZIS: However, it is not just Neuschwanstein's lavish, fairy-tale design that gained the castle fame.Its role as a depot for Nazi-looted artworks during World War II has also made it rather infamous, as featured in George Clooney's 2014 film "The Monuments Men."

After German troops invaded neighboring France in 1940, Adolf Hitler authorized the taskforce led by Alfred Rosenberg to 'search libraries, archives, lodges and other philosophical and cultural institutions of all kinds for appropriate material and to seize such material," which included cultural holdings by Jews, as noted on the Smithsonian Institution's American Archives of Art and at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum sites. Between 1940 and 1945, Nazi officials transferred stolen valuables, primarily from Jews, to locations throughout Europe, and later, to Germany, including salt mines, monasteries and castles.

Neuschwanstein Castle was ideal as a depot and site for the

Rosenberg taskforce headquarters. Tucked away near the Austrian border, far from the capital Berlin or other likely Allied targets, it provided ample space. UNEARTHING THE LOOTED TREASURES: Ultimately, when

TREASURES: Ultimately, when Allied forces stormed Neuschwanstein in 1945, they unearthed catalogues, photo slides and lists documenting over 20,000 artworks and other pieces that had been stolen by the Nazis, including Rothschild jewelry and furniture, as well as the "Ghent Altarpiece" masterpiece by the Van Eyck brothers.

Many of these items had stemmed from France. It was due to the valiant efforts of French curator Rose Valland that the Allied task force discovered the Neuschwanstein cache in the first place, said one of the "Monuments Men," art historian S. Lane Faison Jr., in an interview found at the Archives of American Art."She pretended to be a [Nazi] collaborator," Faison noted of Valland, who worked at the Jeu de Paume Museum in Paris, one of the Nazis' collection points before they shipped stolen wares to Germany. For years, Valland had secretly tracked where the art was being transported and her meticulous records auspiciously landed in the hands of Allied forces.Toward the end of the war, the Munich Central Collecting Point (MCCP) was established, with the aim of returning artworks looted by the Nazis to their rightful owners

Matthias Memmel, responsi-

Maria Blenk, Bavarian Palace Administration museum specialist, explained to DW that visitors do ask questions about Neuschwanstein and the Second World War. "Americans in particular, but also British people, remember the history of the 'Monuments Men' and many have or had family members who were stationed in Bavaria, so they are interested in the more recent history of Neuschwanstein. A LOOK TO THE FUTUREL Neuschwanstein was only one of

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the Bavarian Palace Administra-

tion, stressed to DW with regard

to "The Monuments Men" that

"Neuschwanstein Castle was

happy to cooperate with the film

project, as it made the historical

merit of the American Allies, the

'Monuments Men,' better known

to a broad international public."

Neuschwanstein was only one of Ludwig II's lavish construction projects. Others include the rococo Linderhof Palace and the baroque Herrenchiemsee Palace. Together, they are up in a bid to become a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Whether the dream of a king, the site of a former Nazi-looted art depot or being the inspiration for Walt Disney's Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty castles, Neuschwanstein remains in the imaginations of many. As the Bavarian Palace Administration's Alexander Wiesneth notes, the similarity between King Ludwig II and Walt Disney is clear: Their vision of architecture was about "telling a story."

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IPL 2025: All-round CSK finish campaign with 83-run win over GT

brilliant performance by young batters Dewald Brevis and Urvil Patel followed by a sensational spin assault helped Chennai Super Kings (CSK) end their Indian Premier League (IPL) campaign with an 83-run win over Gujarat Titans (GT) at Ahmedabad on Sunday.

CSK finished in the bottom spot with four wins and 10 losses, giving them eight points. GT are still at the top with nine wins and five losses, giving them 18 points. In the run chase of 231 runs,

the opening pair of skipper Shubman Gill and Sai Sudharsan started with some flashy hits. However, a fine catch by Urvil Patel at slip removed Gill for 13 in nine. GT was 24/1 in 2.3 overs.

Anshul Kamboj and Khaleel Ahmed delivered a thunderbolt to GT, as Khaleel, with Anshul's assistance, removed Jos Buttler (5 in seven balls) while Anshul removed Sherfane Rutherford for a four-ball duck. GT was 30/3 in 4.3 overs.

At the end of six overs, GT was 35/3, with Shahrukh Khan (0*) and Sudharsan (15*) unbeaten. GT reached the 50-run mark in 7.4 overs

In the 10th over, Shahrukh and Sudharsan removed some pressure with their big hitting, taking

and Shahrukh (19*) unbeaten.

In the next over, Ravindra Jadeja delivered a double whammy to GT, removing Shahrukh (19 in 15 balls, with two fours) and Sudharsan (41 in 28 balls, with six fours). GT was half down for 86 runs.

GT reached their 100-run mark in 12.1 overs.

Spin continued to dismantle CSK, as Noor Ahmed removed Rashid for 12 in eight balls. GT was 105/6 in 12.5 overs.

Gerald Coetzee was cleaned up by Matheesa Pathirana for five, reducing GT to 110/7 in 13.4 overs.

Noor got his second wicket, removing Tewatia for 14 in 10 balls. GT was 126/8 in 15.3 overs. He got his third wicket, removing Arshad Khan for a quickfire 20. GT was 142/9 in 17.3 overs.

GT's innings ended at 147 runs in 18.3 overs, with MS Dhoni taking the catch of Sai Kishore for three

Noor (3/21) was the top bowler for CSK along with Anshul (3/13), with Jadeja (2/17) also being among the wickets.

Earlier, fifties from Devon Conway and Dewald Brevis powered Chennai Super Kings (CSK) to 230/5 in 20 overs against Gujarat Titans (GT) in the 67th encounter

"PBKS should be concerned about their bowling": Anil Kumble ahead of **IPL playoffs**

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Following Punjab King's (PBKS) loss to Delhi Capitals (DC) in the Indian Premier League clash on Saturday, former Indian cricketer Anil Kumble said that the former should be concerned about their bowling.

Sameer Rizvi saw his team home with an unbeaten 58 off 25 balls studded with three fours and four sixes as the DC chased the target of 207 with three balls to spare at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur on Saturday.

Punjab Kings have already qualified for the playoffs and are sitting at the second spot with seventeen points.

Speaking at the PBKS bowling, Kumble said, "Yes, PBKS should be concerned about their bowling. We have seen that on display.

Kumble said on ESPNcricinfo's

Time Out show. Coming to the match, DC won the toss and opted to bowl first. Half-century from skipper Shreyas Iyer (53 in 34 balls, with five fours and two sixes) and a quickfire cameo from Marcus Stoinis (44* in 16 balls, with three

fours and four sixes) guided PBKS to 206/8 Mustafizur Rahman (3/33) and

spinners Vipraj Nigam (2/38) and Kuldeep Yadav (2/39) excelled with the ball for DC. DC got off to a solid start a 55run stand between Rahul (35 in 21 balls, with six fours and a six) and Faf Du Plessis (23 in 15 balls, with two fours and a six). Nair (44 in 27 balls, with five fours and two sixes) stiched a partneship of 62

runs with Sameer (58* in 25 balls,

Rashid Khan joins

unwanted list; concedes joint most sixes in an IPL season

League (IPL) season. Rashid, the first Afghan

player in the IPL, has equalled the record of conceding the most number of sixes with GT's front-line seamer Mohammed Siraj. He was smashed for three

sixes on Sunday during his outing against the Chennai Super Kings in the ongoing IPL at the iconic Narendra Modi Stadium.

nine wickets in 14 matches, his worst average of 53.66 since his IPL debut in 2017. If he can't pick two wickets in the playoffs, it'll be his worstever season in the league.

Rashid joined Gujarat Titans in 2022, where he took 19 wickets to help them

AHMEDABAD : Gujarat Titans (GT) veteran spinner Rashid Khan has added his name to an unwanted list. He has conceded the most sixes (31) in an Indian Premier

It was GT's last league stage match, and Rashid ended the group stage with

India A players reach UK for England Lions matches

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The members of India A squad led by Abhimanyu Easwaran reached England on Sunday ahead of their matches against England Lions starting from June 3 onwards

will play two first-class matches against the England Lions at Canterbury and Northampton on May 30 and June 6, before concluding their outing with an intra-squad match against Team India on June 13 at Beckenham.

The team will be led by Abhimanyu Easwaran, who has been a domestic cricket stalwart for Bengal, with 101 first-class games, 7,674 runs at an average of 48.87, 27 centuries and 29

of the ongoing Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 season at the iconic Narendra Modi Stadium on Sunday

This was the highest score for Chennai this season. CSK skipper MS Dhoni won the toss and elected to bat. Ayush Mhatre and Devon Conway opened the innings for CSK; after a quiet first over from GT seamer Mohammed Siraj, Mhatre charged Arshad Khan in the second over, smashing him for 28 runs.

After a vital cameo from Mhatre, he was removed by IPL 2025 purple cap holder Prasidh Krishna for 34 (17). His innings included three fours and sixes each. Urvil Patel joined Conway in the middle.CSK crossed the 50run mark in the 5th over. They finished their power play on 68/1, Devon Conway 14 (11), and Urvil Patel 11 (8). This was the highest power-play score for CSK in the ongoing IPL. After a decent innings, Patel was removed by Sai Kishore for 37 (19); his innings included four fours and two sixes, and Shivam Dube joined Conway in the middle. Shivam Dube was caught on long-on, trying to up the batting run rate, in the 13th over for 17 in 8 balls; his innings included two sixes, and Dewald Brevis joined Conway on the crease. CSK crossed the 150-run

mark by the end of the 13th over Conway completed his second fifty of this season in the following over, smashing a six off veteran spinner Rashid Khan.

Khan cleaned up Conway on the next delivery for 52(35). His innings included six fours and two sixes; Ravindra Jadeja joined Brevis in the middle.

After 16 overs, CSK were 173/4, Ravindra Jadeja 7 (9), Dewald Brevis 15 (8). Brevis and Jadeja counter-attacked GT Seamer Gerald Coetzee, hitting him for 14 runs in the 17th over.

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In bowling, Prasidh Krishna (2/22) was the pick of the bowlers for Gujarat, while Rashid Khan, Sai Kishore and Shahrukh Khan picked a wicket each.

Brief score: CSK 230/5 (Dewald Brevis 57, Devon Conway 52; Prasidh Krishna (2/22) beat GT: 147 in 18.3 overs (Sai Sudharsan 41, Arshad Khan 20, Anshul Kamboj 3/13).

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As a part of the tour, India A

Pacer Tushar Deshpande posted a picture posing with Ruturaj Gaikwad, Tanush Kotian, Dhruv Jurel, Yashasvi Jaiswal and skipper Abhimanyu, captioned, "Work crew".

fifties behind him.

He did have a disap

averaging 42.50 at a strike rate of 177.08, with three half-centuries and the best score of 77. His team was knocked out in the quarterfinals

This strong performance has reignited hopes for an India callup for Nair, who last played for India in 2017. Nair was the only Test triple centurion for India after legendary opener Virender Sehwag.

Indian team's regular opener, Yashasvi Jaiswal, who has been an integral part of the top order since his debut in 2023 at the international level, will also be playing the India A matches. He also had a memorable Border-Gavaskar Trophy for India and was one of their brightest spots with 391 runs in five matches, with a century and two fifties in 10 innings.

Also, wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel, Nitish Kumar Reddy, and pacer Akash Deep,

made 255 runs in six innings,

Championship final against Australia, has earned his way back into the set-up after a dream Ranji Trophy season, scoring 505 runs in nine matches with a century and four fifties and taking 35 wickets at an average of 22.62.

Sarfaraz Khan, who has olayed six Tests for India, scoring 371 runs with a century and three fifties, and Ruturaj Gaikwad, who has played Ő ODIs and 23 T20Is for India, will also be aiming to make an impression with their performances

Among bowlers, Akash, who has taken 15 wickets in seven Tests for India, will test his bowling in English conditions, which are friendly to pacers

Other bowlers include pacers Mukesh Kumar, Anshul Kambhoj, left-armer Khaleel Ahmed, Tushar Deshpande and spin bowling all-rounders Manav Suthar, Tanush Kotian and Harsh Dubey. Notably, Harsh played a crucial role in Vidarbha's Ranji campaign, securing the 'Player of the Tournament' award with 476 runs (including five fifties) and a record-breaking 69 wickets for his side. Anshul (four wickets in six matches) and Khaleel (14 wickets in 12 matches) are a part of the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) bowling line-up. Pacer Harshit Rana, who has represented India in all formats, is also in the squad. He has represented India in two Tests, taking four wickets, and has 10 wickets in five ODIs for India and three wickets in a solitary T20I for India. India A squad: Abhimanyu Easwaran ⁽C), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Karun Nair, Dhruv Jurel (VC) (WK), Nitish Kumar Reddy, Shardul Thakur, Ishan Kishan (WK), Manav Suthar, Kotian, Mukesh Tanush Kumar, Akash Deep, Harshit Rana, Anshul Kamboj, Khaleel Ahmed, Ruturaj Gaikwad, Sarfaraz Khan, Tushar Deshpande, Harsh Dubey.



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ther than Arshdeep and without [Harpreet] Brar to an extent... we don't know what happened to Chahal [who missed the game]. It's certainly worrying. And with Marco Jansen not being there for the playoffs, this is a worry,"



Captain Gill!

with three fours and five make the work easier. secure the IPL title in their Later, Sameer and Tristan debut season. In 2023, he

Stubbs (18*) also put on a 53-run stand to win the game with six wickets in hand. Sameer got the 'Player of the Match' award.

claimed 27 wickets, including GT's first-ever IPL hat-trick against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), and dazzled with a blistering 79* off 32 balls against Mumbai Indians (MI).

In 135 IPL matches, Rashid has grabbed 158 wickets, with an average of 23.63 and an economy of 7. For GT, he took 65 wickets in 59 matches earlier he was with Sunrisers Hyderabad.

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tour to Australia last year, where he ended up with just 36 runs in four innings.

Batters Shubman Gill and Sai Sudharsan will join the squad ahead of the second match. Currently, they are serving as the backbone of the Gujarat Titans (GT) batting line-up.

The dream domestic season 2024-25 for Vidarbha star Nair concluded with the 863-run season in Ranji, with an average of 53.93, four centuries and two fifties in 16 innings across nine matches. His best score of 135 came in the final, and his team emerged victorious.

A massive highlight of his season was the Vijay Hazare Trophy one-day tournament, where he top-scored with 779 runs in nine matches and eight innings at a stunning average of 389.50 and a strike rate of 124.04, with five centuries and a fifty and best score of 163*. He played a massive role in his team's run to the finals, where they lost to his former team, Karnataka.

In the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy T20 competition, Nair who had some promising outings during the ICC World Test Championship cycle 2025-27 against England and Australia, are included in the squad. The strongest performer out of these has been Nitish, who made a stunning Test debut in Australia,

with 298 runs in five matches at an average of 37.22, including a century at the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne. Jurel has played four Tests

for India, scoring 202 runs at an average of 40.40, with a fifty. He also shone for India A with some solid performances in Australia against Australia A last year. Also, Ishan Kishan, who made his return to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Central Contract this year after being excluded from it last year, has been added as a second-wicketkeeper-batter option alongside Jurel.

Ishan has played two Tests for India, scoring 78 runs in three innings, including a fifty. Shardul Thakur, who has delivered some fighting outings in England, notably three halfcenturies, including of which came in the ICC World Test

GUJARAT CRICKET ASSOCIATION FELICITATES SHUBMAN GILL

AHMEDABAD (GUJARAT) : In a momentous development for Indian cricket, Shubman Gill has been appointed as the new Test captain of Team India. The Gujarat Cricket Association (GCA) felicitated the young cricketer on Saturday, celebrating his rise to one of the most prestigious roles in Indian sport.

The felicitation ceremony, held in Ahmedabad, recognised Gill's consistent performances, leadership qualifies, and his journey from a promising youngster to a key figure in the Indian cricket setup. The GCA, proud of Gill's association with Gujarat Titans (GT) in the Indian Premier League (IPL) and his deep connection with the state, posted the announcement on their official X handle.

"Gujarat Cricket Association felicitated Shubman Gill as the new Test Captain of Team India! A rising star, a fearless leader - the future of Indian cricket shines brighter than ever from the land



in overseas conditions. Congratulations,

Having already proved his Gill's first assignment as Test mettle across formats with the captain will be a challenging fivebat, the 25-year-old now has the match series in England. With the added responsibility of leading a team set to depart in the coming new generation of Indian crickweeks, the cricketing fraternity eters in the longest format of the will be keenly watching how the game. Gill has become one of the young captain marshals his troops youngest players to hold the position in recent years. Though he lacks captaincy experience in the red-ball format, he has led India in a five-match T20I assignment in Zimbabwe in 2024. Gill has also been captaining the Gujarat Titans in the Indian Premier League

Gill has also served as vicecaptain in ODIs and T20Is. He was Rohit Sharma's deputy in India's victorious Champions Trophy campaign in the UAE in February 2025. In Test cricket, Gill has played 32 matches and scored 1,893 runs, including five centuries.

India's Test squad for England series: Shubman Gill (c), Rishabh Pant (vc), Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul, Sai Sudharsan, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Karun Nair, Nitish Reddy, Ravindra Jadeja, Dhruv Washington Jurel. Sundar, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Akash Deep, Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav.

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