

Mamata Banerjee pays soulful tribute to Kazi Nazrul Islam, joins in musical duet at birth anniversary event



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee pays tribute to poet Kazi Nazrul Islam on his birth anniversary at a programme organized by the State Information and Cultural Affairs Department at Rabindra Sadan in Kolkata on Monday. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

**MI News Service, Kolkata:**On the occasion of the 126th birth anniversary of Kazi Nazrul Islam, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday paid a heartfelt tribute to the legendary poet, whose powerful verses and revolutionary vision continue to inspire generations. In a unique confluence of homage and cultural expression, the Chief Minister not only extolled Kazi Nazrul Islam's timeless legacy but also took to the stage with

Minister of State for Information and Culture Indranil Sen for an impromptu musical moment that delighted the audience at Rabindra Sadan.Sharing her tribute through her official WhatsApp Channel earlier in the day, Banerjee quoted Nazrul's iconic line—"We are two buds on the same stem, Hindu and Muslim"—highlighting the poet's unwavering message of communal harmony. She described the "Bidrohi Kobi" as a bea-

con of defiance, secularism, and human dignity.Speaking of the state's efforts to preserve his memory, Banerjee noted the establishment of Kazi Nazrul University in Asansol, the naming of Andal's Greenfield Airport after him, and the cre-ation of Nazrul Tirtha and the West Bengal Kazi Nazrul Islam Academy, all testament to the govern-ment's deep respect for his contributions.In an unscheduled but heartfelt gesture, the Chief Minis-

ter arrived at Rabindra Sadan on her way back from Nabanna. Upon her arrival, Indranil Sen—himself an acclaimed singer—requested her to sing a few lines. Though hesitant at first, Banerjee eventually obliged, cautioning the audience with characteristic humility that she don't get time to practise and her voice gets tired from reading files and talking all day.While appreciating the Chief Minister's singing, Indranil Sen remarked, "Didi is equally comfortable with the songs of Ra-bindranath, Nazrul, and Rajanikanta. Many may not know this about her."To this, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee re-sponded with a smile, "I hardly get any time. I don't practise or rehearse. From morning till night, I'm buried under files and endless discussions—my voice struggles to find a tune these days." Pointing toward the eminent musi-cians seated in the audi-ence, she added, "Look, there's Rupankar, Iman, Monomoy, Raghav, Dona... with such talented artists present, it doesn't feel right for me to sing in front of them."But Indranil wasn't ready to give up.

"Of course it's appropri-ate," he insisted. Eventu-ally, the Chief Minister agreed to sing. Taking the microphone in hand, she said with endearing mod-esty, "Now don't point out if I get the lyrics wrong. I don't have the lyrics sheet with me. I learnt these songs as a child, just by listening to them on the radio."As she finished speaking, Indranil began singing in a rich voice: "Nayon bhora jol go tomar, aanchol bhora phool..." But just as he started the second line, "Phool jodi nei tomar haate," Mamata gently interrupted, "Wrong... you're singing in the wrong tune."She then restarted the song from the beginning, lead-ing it herself with poise and a touch of nostalgic charm.As Sen began singing the beloved num-ber "Nayon bhora jol go tomar," the Chief Minister promptly pointed out a melodic error and restarted the song herself, singing with warmth and nostalgic grace. Her musi-cal spontaneity stirred the audience, reminding many of her enduring passion for music—a trait she often displays during

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Shashi Tharoor blames Pakistan says Pak lost 'last' opportunity

**MI News Service, Wash-ington (DC) :** Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, leading one of the multi-party delegations repre-senting India's stance against terrorism, ad-dressed a community event in New York on Sunday (local time), where he recalled the 2016 Pathankot air base attack.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's surprise visit to Pakistan in December 2015, Tharoor said it was a final opportunity for Islamabad to demonstrate sincerity in fighting terrorism.

He criticised the handling of the probe, noting that Pakistani in-vestigators were al-lowed to visit Indian airbases but returned home blaming

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Amit Shah lays foundation for patients facility at National Cancer Institute

**MI News Service, Nag-pur :** Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for 'Swasti Niwas', a resi-dential facility for cancer patients and caregivers at the National Cancer Institute here on Mon-day. Shah was accompa-nied by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and state Re-venue Minister Chan-drashekhar Bawankule.

The National Cancer Institute was set up in 2012 and inaugurated in 2023 by Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat. The Union home minister arrived in Nag-pur on Sunday night for a three-day visit to the state.

He will visit Nanded and Mumbai later in the day.

Abhishek Banerjee in South Korea: ‘Mistaking our restraint for weakness would be a grave error’



**MI News Service, Seoul/Kolkata:** Trinamool Congress MP and senior leader Abhishek Banerjee, currently representing India as part of a multi-party delegation in South Korea, delivered a sharp and uncompromising mes-sage during a high-level discussion with interna-tional think tanks in Seoul. Addressing the global com-munity, Banerjee criticised Pakistan's continued shel-tering of terrorist organisa-tions and underlined India's unflinching commit-ment to protecting its sov-ereignty through initiatives like Operation Sindoor. "If our humility is mistaken for weakness, it would be a historic misjudgment," Banerjee said, defending India's measured yet firm response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. "India waited patiently for

14 days. Then came Oper-ation Sindoor—an airstrike targeting nine terror-in-fested locations across Pakistan and Pakistan-oc-cupied Kashmir. Not a sin-gle civilian life was endangered. That preci-sion should speak volumes about our intent and capa-bility."Comparing the tra-jectories of the Indian and Pakistani economies, Banerjee remarked, "There is a difference be-tween hell and heaven. Pakistan continues to har-bour terrorist groups that actively work to destabilise India's growth story. The Pahalgam attack was yet another attempt to derail India's ascent."He added that responsibility for the Pahalgam assault was swiftly claimed by The Re-sistance Front (TRF), a shadow outfit of the pro-scribed Lashkar-e-Taiba.

"And when Lashkar and Jaish terrorists were neu-tralised in India's airstrikes, senior Pakistani military officials were seen attending their funerals. What more evidence does the global community need?" he asked.Banerjee further asserted, "Any in-ternational support ex-tended to Pakistan is, in effect, support for terror-ism. The Pahalgam inci-dent is no longer just a national security concern for India—it has evolved into a matter of global ur-gency."As part of the In-dian government's Operation Sindoor diplo-macy, a delegation led by Janata Dal (United) MP Sanjay Jha, with Banerjee among its members, is vis-iting multiple nations to apprise global leaders and policy-makers of India's se-curity imperatives and its calibrated response to ter-rorism.The TMC's All India General Secretary, while addressing the interna-tional community, under-scored the importance of united resistance against cross-border terrorism and appealed for South Korea's support in India's fight against Pakistan-spon-sored terror.India's mes-sage from Seoul was clear: peace must never be mis-taken for passivity. And when provoked, India will not hesitate to defend its people—with precision, purpose, and strength.

‘End is near for those daring to wipe off sindoor of our sisters’, says PM Modi

**MI News Service, Ahmed-abad :** Drawing a compar-ison in terms of economic growth, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday that Pakistan's only aim is to hate India and think of ways to harm it, while our nation has set goals of removing poverty and bringing about an all round economic develop-ment.

Addressing a rally in Dahod in Gujarat on the opening day of his two day visit to the Western state, the PM hailed Operation Sindoor and said "those daring to wipe off the sin-door of our sisters must know their end is near".

Twenty-six men were gunned by terrorists in Pa-halgam in Kashmir on April 22, following which India launched Operation Sindoor in the early hours of May 7, resulting in mas-sive damage to terror in-frastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir.

Tearing into Pakistan, the Prime minister said,



"The country that came into existence after Part-i-tion lives on hatred for India. It only wants to harm Bharat. However, India's goals are to remove poverty, bring about eco-nomic development and become a developed na-tion."

"Our government's pol-icy is to take development to areas that have re-mained backward," he added. He also urged peo-ple to buy and use prod-ucts made in India during festivals like Holi, Diwali and Ganesh Puja, adding

that "everything we need for our country's progress must be made right here in India".

He was speaking at a rally after launching devel-opment projects costing Rs 24,000 crore, including a locomotive manufacturing plant, here.

He flagged off the Ahmedabad-VeraVal Vande Bharat service and Valsad-Dahod express train and told the gather-ing that state-of-the-art Vande Bharat trains were now operational on 70 routes across the country.

Mumbai experiences heavy rainfall with thunderstorms and gusty winds

**MI News Service, Mumbai :** Thunder-storms coupled with lightning and gusty winds lashed Mumbai on Monday morn-ing, crippling suburban train services and slowing down vehicles due to poor visibil-ity in several parts of the city leading to massive traffic snarls.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD)has warned more thunderstorms, heavy rains and gusty winds to lash Dadar, Mahim, Parel, Bandra, Kalachowki and several other parts of the city in the coming hours.

The IMD issued a "Nowcast" warning, forecasting thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and intense spells of rain with gusty winds reaching 50-60 kmph at iso-lated places in Mumbai in the next three to four hours.

According to the Brihanmumbai Mu-nicipal Corporation, major waterlogging has been reported from various parts of the city and suburbs, with several low-lying areas in the city witnessing flooding. The suburban services on the Central



Floodwater enters the residential area after the breach in the left canal of the Nira river owing to heavy rainfall, in Pune on Monday.

and Western Railway were delayed, and road traffic considerably slowed down due to poor visibility and long traffic jams.

"Suburban trains are getting delayed by about an hour on an average because of reduced speed on account of low vis-ibility due to incessant downpour," a spokesperson of the Central Railway said.A Western Railway spokesperson said though the suburban services

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Indian delegation meets Qatari leaders, conveys India’s stand on Pak terror

**MI News Service, New Delhi /Doha :** An all-party parliamentary delegation on Monday met Qatar's Junior minister for Foreign Affairs Mo-hamed bin Abdulaziz bin Saleh Al Khulaifi and conveyed India's per-spectives on the Pahalgam terrorist attack, Operation Sindoor and the country's national consensus for zero-tolerance against terrorism.

The all-party delegation led by NCP-SP leader Supriya Sule arrived in Qatar late on Sunday as part of the government's outreach to the inter-national community on the fight against terror and the significance of Operation Sindoor.

"Today morning the multi-party delegation met HE Dr. Mohamed bin Abdulaziz bin Saleh Al Khulaifi, MoS

for Foreign Affairs and conveyed India's perspectives on the Pahalgam terrorist attack, Operation Sindoor and India's national consensus for zero-tolerance against terrorism," the Indian Embassy in Qatar posted on X.

The delegation highlighted that the visit reflected India's united stance on cross-border terrorism. "Qatar emphasised its own zero-to-lerance policy against terrorism and that terrorism must be condemned globally," the Indian Embassy in Qatar posted on X.

Earlier, the delegation paid floral tributes at the bust of Mahatma Gandhi at the embassy. Apart from Sule, the working president of the NCP-SP, the delegation comprises

BJP leaders Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Anurag Thakur and V Muraleedha-ran, Congress leaders Manish Tewari and Anand Sharma, TDP leader Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu, AAP leader Vikramjeet Singh Sawhney, and former diplomat Syed Akbaruddin.

It will also travel to South Africa, Ethiopia and Egypt. "Taking India's strong message against terrorism to the world! A warm welcome to the multi-party delegation led by @Supriya\_Sule to Qatar. Ambassador @vipulifs received the delegation. @MEAIndia," the Indian Embassy in Doha said on X. Qatar is considered to wield influence in the West Asian region and has a role as a

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Pakistan violated spirit of IWT by inflicting three wars, India tells UN

**MI News Service, Washington (DC) :** In a successful diplomatic onslaught at the United Nations (UN), India ripped through Pakistan's "disinfor-mation" campaign on the Indus Wa-ters Treaty, asserting that Islamabad

violated its spirit by inflicting three wars and thousands of terror attacks on India that seek to hold hostage lives of civilians, religious harmony and economic prosperity. "We are constrained to respond

to the disinformation being carried out by the delegation of Pakistan with regard to the Indus Waters Treaty. India has always acted in a responsible manner as an upper ri-parian state," India's Permanent

Representative to UN Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish said on Mon-day. Harish was addressing the UN Security Council Arria Formula meeting organised by the Permanent Mission of Slovenia on 'Protecting

Water in Armed Conflict – Protecting Civilian Lives.' Harish highlighted four aspects to expose the "disinfor-mation" campaign by Pakistan, which spoke about India's decision to sus-pend the Indus Waters Treaty. In the

wake of the horrific April 22 Pahal-gam attack in Jammu and Kashmir in which 26 civilians were killed, India had decided that the Indus

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Temporary shelters and bathrooms have been set up for protesting unemployed teachers and non-teaching staff who lost their permanent jobs after the Supreme Court verdict, near Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake in Kolkata on Monday

## Chinsurah crematorium shut down; Uprooted trees and poles hamper last rites

**MI News Service, Hooghly:** A sudden storm on the night of May 21 has left the only electric crematorium in Chinsurah non-operational, severely disrupting last rites for residents across multiple wards and neighboring panchayats. Uprooted trees and damaged electricity poles have rendered the crematorium at Shyambabu's Ghat in Shandeswartala defunct, and all services, including the Peace Haven freezer facility that stores up to four bodies, have been suspended.

The impact of the tornado-like storm was swift and

severe. A large tree fell in the Panchila area, crashing onto an electricity pole and triggering a chain of damage along the Ganga riverbank. Electricity services in the area remain disrupted, and the crematorium has been closed ever since. As a result, residents from all 30 wards of the Hooghly-Chinsurah Municipality, along with those from surrounding panchayats such as Kodalia-1, Kodalia-2, Bandel, Debanandapur, and Sugandha, are now compelled to travel to crematoriums in Tribeni or Chandannagar. To obtain cremation certificates, they must also make separate vis-

its to these distant locations. Local residents have also raised concerns about deteriorating conditions around the crematorium. Non-functioning streetlights, unclean surroundings, and fears of snakes have added to their woes. Municipal Health Department Councillor Joydev Adhikari acknowledged the extent of the damage. "About 36 trees and 18 electric poles were broken. Trees have been removed and the electricity department is working. However, I cannot say why power to the electric furnace has not yet been restored. We'll coordinate with the sub-divisional

administration and request KMDA or SUD to help install a generator. Currently, no such plan is in place." Chinsurah MLA Asit Majumdar expressed concern over the delay. "Why should basic services stop due to a natural disaster? This kind of inaction is unprecedented. Despite the damage, the crematorium should have reopened by now. I have decided to allocate funds from my next MLA quota to install a modern generator." Until then, however, grieving families continue to struggle to find dignified arrangements for performing last rites in their own town.

## Ten Bangladeshi Nationals apprehended for illegal cross-border activity in Nadia

**MI News Service, Dhantala:** Dhantala police under Ranaghat police district in Nadia apprehended 10 Bangladeshis with 5 lap children from Kulgachhi village under its limits on Monday, Dy.SP. (Border) Somnath Jha said. Earlier more BD Nationals were arrested on different dates including one big team of 16 persons with 7 lap children at this police station area along Indo Bangladesh international border on May 9.

However, the BD Nationals had entered into Indian



territory illegally around one year ago with the help of Indian tout and they moved to Gujrat.

They reached Dhantala PS area with intention of

returning to Bangladesh illegally and were caught by cops.

A case under relevant section of law was registered and they were pro-

duced in Ranaghat Court following the arrest on Monday.

The raid has been continuing to nab the tout and other associates.

The apprehended persons were identified as Farjana Molla (25), Najmin Molla (23), Adari Molla (24), Rikta Molla (40), Sathi Molla (19), Rabiya Molla (40), Samim Molla (25), Murad Molla (32), Ikbal Molla (29) and Ajim Molla (19) of Babupur, P.O.- Kulsur, PS-Kalia, Dist- Narail, Bangladesh.

## Human chain protest in Dhaka against atrocities on Hindus

**MI News Service, Dhaka:** In protest against the arson, looting and threats of deportation of 20 Hindu families in Moshihati Sundali Union, Abhaynagar Upazila, Jessore Monday, May 26, 2025 at 10:30 am in front of the National Press Club in Dhaka, demanding the immediate arrest of the perpetrators and exemplary punishment Bangladesh National Hindu Mahajot and Bangladesh National Hindu Students' Mahajot have organized a human chain. The human chain, chaired by the executive president of the Hindu Mahajot, Advocate Pradeep Kumar Pal, was addressed by the secretary general of the Hindu Mahajot, Advocate Govinda Chandra Pramanik, and Presidents Dulal Chandra Mandal, Bishwanath Mohanty, Nakul Chandra Mandal, Organizing Secretary Kishore Kumar Barman, Dhaka Metropolitan South President Shyamal Ghosh, Hindu Students' Mahajot President Sajib Kundu Tapu, General Secretary Niloy Pal Adar, Organizing Secretary Utpal Bhowmik, Finance Secretary Pallab Das, Office Secretary Sajib Chandra Das, Media Affairs Secretary Shuvajit Chakraborty, Nupur Basak, etc.

The speakers said that a Hindu village in Bareda Para, Dahramsiahati



village, Abhaynagar upazila, Jessore was attacked last Thursday, burning down, vandalizing and looting 20 houses while a religious festival was underway. This incident occurred over the murder of a local BNP leader. Even though three days have passed, no case has been filed and no one has been arrested in connection with the murder and attack. The Hindu community is still living in fear after the attack. The victims are not staying at home at night. They are staying at the homes of relatives in nearby villages. The houses in this village were burnt down for about four hours on Thursday, May 22, 2025. After the news of the murder of BNP leader Tariqul Islam spread, a group of miscreants set fire to houses in Bareda Para. At the same time, looting and vandalism took place. The murder took place at

approximately 6:10 pm and the fire was set at 6:45 pm. The fire burned for about four hours, but the local administration and fire service arrived after 11 pm. The attackers looted and vandalized several shops in the nearby Sundali Bazaar. On the day of the incident, the police were also prevented from entering the road by barricading it. The fire service was also prevented. Later, a fire service team from Monirampur, under the supervision of the army, came and put out some of the fire.

The speakers said that the Awami League wanted to forget the painful memories of burning down village after village of Hindus under various pretexts in the last 15 years. The Hindu community hoped that during the current interim government, the Hindu community would be able to live in peace and without fear. But that dream of the Hindu community has been shattered. This unfortunate incident has left the Hindu community across the country in a state of panic. The speakers demanded the immediate arrest of all perpetrators and their trial in a speedy trial tribunal, and appropriate compensation for the victims.

## Tribute to Rabindranath Tagore at Rabindra Bharati Society

**Nurul Islam Khan**  
The 165th birth anniversary of world poet Rabindranath Tagore was celebrated at the Rabindra Bharati Society in Jorasanko Thakurbari, Kolkata.

The Rabindra Janmajayanti festival continued for four days with tributes and homage paid to the poet every evening. The bright presence of eminent personalities, their enlightening speeches, and song and poetry performances were eye-catching.

Among the invited distinguished guests were Maxim V. Kozlov, Russian Consul General, Kolkata, Dr. Swarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, Shri Sukhendu Shekhar Roy, Member of Rajya Sabha, litterateur Shri Aritra Sarkar, Justice Shri Subhokamal Mukherjee, Vice Chancellor Rabindra Bharati University, Professor Shanta Dutta (Dey), Vice Chancellor, University of Calcutta, among others. On behalf of the society, Justice Chittatosh Mukherjee, President, Dr. Sujit Kumar Basu, Executive President, Vice Presidents Anindya Kumar Mitra and Justice Soumitra Pal, General Secretary Shri



Siddharth Mukherjee, Treasurer Shri Gauranga Mitra, Ranjit Kumar Nayak, Co-Editor, Karma Samiti members Bhaskar Chandra Chandra, Soumitra Banerjee and Dhimman Das were present on the stage. After felicitating the guests in each evening, General Secretary Shri Siddharth Mukherjee inaugurated the program with a welcome address. Each speaker highlighted the aspect of Rabindra's life and works with outstanding eloquence. On the first day, the thirty-eighth issue of the literary magazine 'Sahitya Patra' of the Rabindra Bharati Society was formally released. The

magazine was handed over to each artist. All the artists were selected through auditions this time to participate individually on stage in the Kavipranam.

Nrityangan Sangeet Academy was present for the ensemble dance performance, Bhorer Pakhi, Kavita Ghar (Birbhum), Katha O Kahini (Durgapur), Swar O Shruti Sangstha (Madhyamgram) for the ensemble recitation performance, and Anandahara (Salt Lake) for the ensemble music performance, along with many other organizations.

In Rabindra Sangeet, Shreya Guha Thak-

urta, Debashis Roychowdhury, Madhavi Dutta, Arena Mukherjee, Parnab Bandyopadhyay, Asmita Kar and many others were present.

The presence of Lopamudra Mitra, Pubali Deb-nath, Dr. Anshu Sen enriched the meeting.

The performances of Swagatlakshmi Dasgupta, Aditi Gupta, Jayanti Soren, Aratrika Sinha, Gautam Mitra, Soumitra Bandyopadhyay, Rajshri Bhattacharya, Debarati Som, Neepbithi Ghosh, and Debmalya Chatopadhyay were captivating.

The festival concluded with the performance of the dance drama 'Shapamochan' written by Kabiguru, performed by artists of the Rabindra Bharati Society. Music was directed by Shipra Basu, and dance was directed by Kaushik Ghosh. The conductors for these four days were Shubhdeep De, Chandrika Banerjee, Chandrajit Pramanik, Mou Guha, Sayanti Banerjee, Abhishek Roy, Salil Sarkar, and Ranjana Karmakar.

The festival to celebrate the birth anniversary of Kabiguru ended with the singing of the national anthem of India in unison.



Mayor Firhad Hakim paid tribute during the observance of Kazi Nazrul Islam's birth anniversary, organised by the Information & Cultural Affairs Department at Nabanna on Monday.



Mayor Firhad Hakim paid tribute during the observance of Kazi Nazrul Islam's birth anniversary, organised by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation at the Councillors' Club Room (CMO Building), KMC, in Kolkata on Monday.

## Community fury erupts over alleged harasser in Murshidabad

**MI News Service, Murshidabad:** A man identified as Azgar Ali was reportedly tied to a tree and subjected to public ire by residents of Nawadapara Olapur in Murshidabad district today, following fresh allegations of harassing minor girls. Locals claim Ali has a long history of verbally abusing and threatening women and minors in the area, with previous warnings to him and his family proving ineffective.

According to local accounts, Azgar Ali's alleged pattern of harassment has been a persistent concern in the community. Residents accuse him of making lewd remarks, issuing threats—including one instance where a minor was allegedly threat-



ened with an acid attack—and generally tormenting women, including those traveling on the road, as well as his own family members. A local resident, whose daughter reportedly faced harassment, stated, "My daughter used to go to school. At

that time, he would say bad things to my daughter. Then he would say that he would burn her with acid. He would also tease his wife. Even then, who knows why the family members did not get her married?" Furthermore, serious allegations have sur-

faced regarding Azgar Ali's treatment of his own wife, with locals claiming she was subjected to mental torture that ultimately led her to commit suicide. Despite this tragic incident, residents allege that no action was taken by Ali's family. The latest incident, involving the alleged harassment of several minors, reportedly pushed the community to its breaking point. Enraged residents apprehended Azgar Ali, tied him to a tree, and staged a protest. Upon receiving news of the incident, personnel from the Bhagwangola police station arrived at the scene, rescued Azgar Ali, and took him into custody. Investigations into the matter are ongoing.

## Birth anniversary of Rabindra-Nazrul-Sukanta celebrated at Kalyani B-15 Lake Village



**Nurul Islam Khan**

Recently, the two-day Rabindra-Nazrul-Sukanta birth anniversary celebrations organized by the residents of Kalyani B-15 Lake Palli began with a delightful cultural program. The event began with a minute of silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack in Pahalgaon and the people of Lake Palli who have lost their loved ones in recent times. Kalyani Ward 12 Councilor Nivedita Basu, Kalyani Police Station Inspector-in-Charge Debashis Panda, and senior citizens of the neighborhood were present at the event. At the event, only the locals presented a delightful evening to the audience under the protection of the creations of three renowned creators. The dances, songs, recitations and open quizzes of the young and old of the lo-

cal were able to win the hearts of the audience. The quiz masters were Shibui Sanyal, a long-time resident of the same neighborhood and famous All India Radio host, and respected teacher Shuvrangshu Roy. On this day, child artist Raisa Noor enthralled the audience by reciting the poem 'prasno' (Question) written by Rabindranath Tagore.

Along with dance, songs, and poetry, the program also featured a special attraction, namely a play (Totakahini) by the children of the neighborhood. The organizers of the event said that this entire event is being organized with the aim of bringing back the old culture and traditions that once held a special status in this region for all the residents of Kalyani, and to educate future generations in that knowledge.

## MD certificate issued at D N Dey Hospital

**Nurul Islam Khan**

Recently, the Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree conferment ceremony was held at D.N. Dey Homeopathy Hospital. It is reported that 23 students were awarded this highest degree in a colorful ceremony. On this day, the hospital authorities handed over the certificates and made everyone take the medical oath. Professor Subhasish Ganguly, Professor Dr. Shakawat Hossain, Professor Dr. Rajat Kumar Pal, Professor Dr. Shubhmoy Ghosh and others were present at the meeting and handed over the Dr. of Medicine MD certificates to the students.

The honorable students said in their conversation that serving people is their life's vow. Dr. Preeti Bhandari, Dr. Zainab Khatun, Dr. Tania Islam and others said that their goal will be to treat women and chil-



dren in the village. The honored students were accompanied by their families.



After the success of Operation Sindoor, the Aushgram Assembly Committee of the BJP organized a 'Tiranga Yatra' on Sunday afternoon to express gratitude to the Indian Army. The patriotic procession commenced from the Guskara Nadipati area and proceeded through School More and the Bus Stand before concluding at the railway station. Prominent BJP leaders including Sandip Nandi, Patitpaban Haldar, Sushanta Biswas, Chandranath Banerjee, Debjani Garai, Dehabrata Mondal, Kamal Mahato, Ganesh Sarkar, along with the presidents of the six mandals under the Aushgram Assembly constituency, participated in the rally.

## Youth critical after being shot in litchi garden

**MI News Service, Malda:** A young man identified as Karim Khan is in critical condition at Malda Medical College Hospital after being shot while working in a litchi garden in the Mozampur area under Kaliachak police station. The incident occurred late Sunday night, around 10 PM.

According to family sources, Khan was working in a litchi garden adjacent to his home when they received news that he had been shot. Upon rushing to the garden, family members found Karim Khan bleeding on the ground. He was immediately rescued and transported to the hospital. The family remains unsure about the identity of the assailant or the motive behind the shooting. Local residents expressed concern, noting that the Mozampur area, which had been relatively peaceful for several months, appears to be experiencing a resurgence of violence. "I don't understand who shot or why," stated local resident Reba Khatun. "There is a litchi orchard and a mango orchard. They were working there. Then suddenly someone or something opened fire."

Police have initiated an investigation into the shooting, though no arrests have been reported as of yet.

## Police detain two women conducting public opinion survey

**MI News Service, Bankura:** Five individuals, including two women, were arrested by police in Bankura city while reportedly conducting a public opinion survey, prompting legal action under charges including providing false identity with intent to cheat. The arrests follow a recent circular from the Trinamool Congress (TMC) state leadership, which warned party workers about groups collecting information under the guise of surveys and instructed them to report suspicious activity to authorities.

The five-member survey team was apprehended in Ward No. 15 of Bankura city on Sunday. The local ward committee secretary of the Trinamool, upon learning of their activities, promptly informed the Bankura Sadar police station, leading to the arrests. The accused were subsequently presented before the Bankura District Court on Monday. According to police sources, one of the arrested individuals hails from Shakitgarh in East Burdwan district, while the others are residents of Bankura district. The arrested individuals, however, maintain their innocence, claiming they were employees of a private surveying company and were simply performing their duties in the ward.



Mamata Banerjee pays soulful...

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district tours or intimate gatherings. This isn't the first time Mamata Banerjee has shared her musical flair with the public. From writing and composing songs to occasionally playing harmonium or synthesizer, music remains a personal retreat for the Chief Minister, even during her tightly packed political

schedule. The Nazrul Jayanti celebration at Rabindra Sadan was yet another example of Banerjee's deep cultural engagement. Blending governance with artistry, her presence reaffirmed the spirit of Bengal's cultural leadership, and her duet with Indranil Sen offered a moving tribute to Nazrul's everlasting legacy.

Shashi Tharoor blames...

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Indians for the attack. "In January 2016 there was an attack on Indian Air Base, and our Prime Minister had just made a visit to Pakistan the previous month in December 2015. So when this happened, he was so astonished that he actually called the Pakistani Prime Minister and said, 'Why don't you join the investigation? Let's solve who's doing this. Imagine the horror of the Indian military establishment with this idea that Pakistani investigators would come to Indian airways, but, they came and they went back to Pakistan and said, all the Indians did it to themselves...I am afraid for us, 2015 was the last opportunity for them to behave, to cooperate, to really show they were serious about ending terror, as they claimed every time that they were,'" Tharoor said. The Pathankot terror attack occurred on January 2, 2016—just days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a surprise visit to Pakistan to meet his counterpart Nawaz Sharif on December 25, 2015. On the day of the attack, four militants belonging to the United Jihad Council breached the high-security Pathankot Air Force Station, which is part of the Indian Air Force's Western Air Command. In the ensuing gun battle, all four militants and two Indian security personnel were killed, while another officer later died from injuries sustained during the encounter.

Following the attack a Pakistani Joint Investigation Team (JIT) was granted access to the Indian Air Force base to gather evidence with assistance from Indian agencies. It had been agreed that an NIA team would reciprocate with a visit to Pakistan, but Islamabad failed to honour the arrangement and did not share any evidence with India. Speaking at the interaction organised by the Consulate General of India in New York—attended by influential Indian-Americans and representatives from leading media and think tanks—Tharoor reiterated India's clear message to Pakistan: "We didn't want to start anything. We were just sending a message to terrorists." The New York leg of the delegation's programme is part of India's broader diplomatic initiative to strengthen global alliances, promote its anti-terrorism stance, and foster collaboration on international security and counter-terrorism strategies. All the multi-party delegations described the Indian diaspora as a "force multiplier" and urged its members to influence both public and political discourse in their respective countries to highlight India's position on fighting terrorism. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar acknowledged the efforts of these delegations, posting on X: "India stands together in declaring zero tolerance for terrorism."

Indian delegation meets...

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The delegation is one of the seven multi-party delegations India has tasked to visit 33 global capitals to reach out to the international community to emphasise Pakistan's links to terrorism and assert that the recent conflict was triggered by the Pahalgalam terror strike and not Operation Sindoor as alleged by Islamabad.

In Doha, an all-party delegation led by NCP MP Supriya Sule met Qatari lawmakers, including Dr. Hamda Al Sulaiti, Deputy Speaker of the Qatar Shura Council, taking "India's strong message against terrorism to the world!"

Meanwhile, a delegation led by DMK MP Kanimozhi Karunanidhi arrived in Slovenia as part of the outreach mission titled "Taking Bharat's message to the world."

All delegations stressed that the Indian diaspora is a "force multiplier" and called upon them to raise awareness about India's anti-terror stance in their countries of residence.

These diplomatic efforts come in the wake of heightened tensions between India and Pakistan after the April 22 Pahalgalam attack that killed 26 people. In response, India conducted precision airstrikes as part of Operation Sindoor targeting terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on May 7.

Pakistan retaliated by attempting strikes on Indian military installations on May 8, 9, and 10, to which India responded firmly. The conflict was de-escalated after the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) from both nations held talks on May 10, resulting in an agreement to halt further military action.

Bengal Chief Secy issues strong directive to speed up 'banglar bari' rural housing scheme

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In a crucial administrative move, the Chief Secretary of West Bengal has issued a firm directive to the Panchayat Department, emphasizing the urgent need to accelerate the implementation of the state's flagship rural housing initiative—"Banglar Bari" (Bengal's Home). The directive follows a comprehensive review meeting held at Nabanna with senior officials of the Panchayat and Rural Development Department.

According to top sources

within the state secretariat, the Chief Secretary stressed that simply generating data and disbursing funds is not sufficient. Authorities must now conduct door-to-door visits to personally motivate beneficiaries who have received funds but are yet to begin or complete the construction of their homes. These inactive beneficiaries must be identified and brought into the fold of the project with focused intervention. The Chief Secretary further directed that logistical

bottlenecks such as shortages of cement, bricks, and sand must be resolved swiftly at the block level. Panchayat officials have been instructed to proactively address material supply issues to ensure uninterrupted progress on construction works. Statistics presented in the review meeting reveal that while 72.10% of beneficiaries across the state have utilized the first installment of funds under the scheme, significant delays remain. In several districts, a large proportion of re-

cipients have failed to complete even the foundational and lintel-level work, despite receiving the initial installment. This issue is particularly severe in South 24 Parganas, where nearly 50% of beneficiaries who received funds have not progressed beyond the base construction stage. The Panchayat Department's latest report has flagged these alarming discrepancies, prompting the Chief Secretary to call for intensified monitoring and stricter accountability. Officials have been tasked

with submitting updated progress reports and action plans to expedite the second installment disbursements only after confirming the completion of prescribed stages.

With panchayat elections and the 2026 assembly polls looming, the performance of welfare schemes like 'Banglar Bari' is under increased scrutiny. The administration's renewed focus aims to ensure that rural housing goals are met within deadlines, reinforcing public trust in state-led development programs.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee lent her voice in a soulful rendition alongside State Minister Indranil Sen on the occasion of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's birth anniversary, during a commemorative programme organised by the State Information and Cultural Affairs Department at Rabindra Sadan in Kolkata on Monday. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

Swasthya Bhawan monitors covid surge in Bengal as new variants detected nationwide

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Amid a nationwide resurgence of Covid-19 cases, SwasthyaBhawan — the administrative nerve centre of West Bengal's health department — has intensified its monitoring efforts across the state. While the overall infection rate remains controlled, the health authorities have confirmed a gradual increase in Covid-positive cases in districts including Kolkata and Diamond Harbour. SwasthyaBhawan officials have clarified that no specific area in Bengal has yet emerged as a high-transmission zone, but vigilance has been heightened. According to their latest briefing, the fresh wave has seen infections among varied demographics — from the elderly and pregnant women to teenagers — indicating broad community involvement. Simultaneously, national health agencies have detected four sub-lineages of new variants, NB181 and LF7, with samples traced to Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Delhi. Delhi alone has reported 23 new cases. In Bengal, 15 cases have been officially recorded since January. Most of these patients are recovering in home isolation with mild symptoms such as low-grade fever, sore throat,

cough, fatigue, and minor respiratory discomfort.

SwasthyaBhawan has reiterated that there is no reason for public panic. Their internal surveillance teams are closely coordinating with district hospitals and local health units to detect any clustering of symptoms or regional flare-ups. Senior officials have stated that while Bengal has not reported any alarming mutation-specific outbreak, containment measures remain in place as a precaution. The Union Health Ministry has advised all states to increase genome sequencing and enhance real-time data collection. In response, SwasthyaBhawan has instructed medical colleges and district labs to step up testing and maintain daily reports. The public health department is also segmenting infections into two categories — general community spread and variant-specific transmission. Doctors continue to stress that most infections are mild and self-limiting. However, with seasonal viral infections also on the rise, health experts warn against complacency. SwasthyaBhawan urges citizens to follow respiratory hygiene and consult healthcare providers promptly in case of symptoms.



A man strolls with his cycle van through a rain-soaked street during heavy rainfall in Kolkata on Monday.



Commuters with umbrella brave the rain while navigating traffic in Kolkata on a drenched Monday afternoon.

IED threat email sparks panic at Swasthya Bhawan; police launch probe

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** A high-alert security situation erupted on Monday after a threat email warning of multiple IED (Improvised Explosive Device) blasts targeting SwasthyaBhawan—the state's headquarters of health services—was received by the Deputy Director of Health Services. The alarming communication, reportedly mentioning four planned explosions, has prompted immediate action from Bidhannagar Police. Upon receiving the email, police swiftly cordoned off the entire SwasthyaBhawan premises and launched a thorough search operation. Sniffer dogs, bomb disposal squads, and cyber experts were deployed as precautionary measures. Initial assessments suggest the email may be a hoax, potentially intended to harass or distract law enforcement. However, officials have made it clear that the threat is being taken with

the utmost seriousness.

Sources within the investigation team indicate that the cyber cell is exploring multiple angles, including the possibility of international involvement. Given the history of cyber threats originating from Pakistan and China following geopolitical tensions with India, the authorities are investigating whether this email is part of a coordinated cyber attack or merely a local mischief attempt. In recent years, Pakistani hackers have been accused of targeting Indian institutions, occasionally managing to infiltrate email servers. Whether the SwasthyaBhawan threat is a product of similar cross-border cyber warfare remains unconfirmed.

The language used in the email, however, hints at the possibility of local origin—potentially someone aiming to incite panic or gain media attention

Bengal emerges 2nd in India in SHGs' lending

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In a significant milestone for rural empowerment, the West Bengal Department of Panchayats and Rural Development has achieved a record-breaking feat in the financial year 2024–25 by disbursing loans worth a staggering Rs 30,000 crore to Self-Help Groups (SHGs) across the state. This monumental figure has directly benefited nearly 10.37 lakh SHGs, positioning West Bengal as the second-highest state in India for SHG lending, just behind Andhra Pradesh.

A senior official from the department noted that for the first time, the average loan amount per SHG has reached Rs 3 lakh. In comparison, this figure stood at Rs 2.7 lakh in 2023–24 and Rs 2.29 lakh the year prior. The contrast is even starker when compared to 2010, when the average SHG loan was merely Rs 46,000. This sharp rise clearly indicates the transformative approach adopted by the Mamata Banerjee-led government to enhance the financial autonomy of rural women.

According to official data, Bengal has witnessed a dramatic surge in SHG lending over the past decade. In 2020–21, the total disbursed amount was around Rs 11.913 crore, which has now nearly tripled. This growth is not limited to lending alone; the state government has

introduced structured mechanisms such as district-level loan camps and consistent coordination with bankers to streamline the loan distribution process.

Further, the government is actively supporting 25 agricultural producer organizations and helping SHGs form Integrated Farmer Clusters. These initiatives offer technological assistance and boost market access for rural products. The Panchayat Department also revealed that under the flagship 'Anandadhara' scheme, the state has set a target of disbursing Rs 35,000 crore in loans during the 2025–26 fiscal year.

Through the Anandadhara framework, every SHG receives an initial capital of Rs 30,000 from the state government. Based on performance, additional tranches of Rs 1.5 lakh and Rs 3 lakh are provided at six and eighteen months, respectively. This layered financial support is helping thousands of rural women transition to economic self-reliance. Reflecting on the journey, the official stated, "This year's Rs 30,000 crore achievement didn't happen overnight. Back in 2010, under the Left regime, the total SHG loan disbursal in Bengal was only Rs 530 crore. The present government's focused initiatives have made this exponential growth possible."

TMC issues stern alert over alleged 'data harvesting plot' ahead of 2026 Bengal polls

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** As West Bengal gears up for the 2026 Assembly elections, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) has issued a stern organisational alert amid reports of a suspicious campaign allegedly aimed at harvesting voter data. Senior leaders within the ruling party fear that the conspiracy could be an early move by political opponents attempting to manipulate electoral dynamics through covert data collection.

According to sources within the TMC, the party has received credible reports that individuals—masquerading as volunteers from non-governmental organisations—are going door-to-door across various districts. These individuals are allegedly offering households free essential goods, including turmeric and red chilli powder, in exchange for personal details such as names, phone numbers, and household demographics. Taking the matter seriously, the TMC's state vice-president, JoyprakashMajumdar, has issued a detailed circular to all party MPs, MLAs, Panchayat heads, and booth-level workers. The circular warns of a deliberate play unfolding under the guise of social service.

It directs party workers to increase local vigilance and hold immediate meetings with grassroots members to alert them to the threat. "If needed, do not hesitate to lodge FIRs," the circular instructs.

The alert gained urgency after an incident in Binapur, located in the sensitive Jangalmahal region, brought the issue to the party's notice. The TMC leadership has noted that these so-called volunteers have even approached party workers in some cases, raising further alarms.

Party insiders confirm that at least 16 FIRs have already been filed across several districts, pointing to a coordinated and suspicious activity that could have wider political implications. While no specific political party has been named in the circular, the tone strongly suggests that TMC suspects opposition involvement. Within party circles, this is being viewed as an attempt to build a shadow database of voters ahead of the elections—a strategy that could distort campaign outreach and influence narratives on the ground. The TMC has pledged to aggressively counter such tactics and maintain the sanctity of the electoral process.

Mumbai experiences heavy rainfall...

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were running almost normally on its corridor, many passengers have complained about inordinate delays on social media. The IMD Mumbai has forecast moderate to heavy rainfall in parts of Mumbai in the next 24 hours, civic officials said.

"Generally cloudy sky with possibility of thunderstorm accompanied with gusty winds 30-40 kmph and heavy to moderate rain at isolated places in city and suburbs," the forecast stated.

According to civic officials, the city has been witnessing continuous rainfall since the last night, with the island city receiving more rain than the suburban areas.

The island city recorded an average rainfall of 58 mm in the eastern suburbs and 15 mm in the western suburbs in last 24 hours.

Incidentally, heavy rains, accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning lashed Mumbai on Monday morning throwing normal life completely out of gear. The incessant rainfall coupled with storm not only disrupted the sub urban rail services, but also flight operations and caused traffic snarls due to poor visibility and waterlogging in several parts of the city. officials said.

The highest rainfall was recorded at Nariman Point fire station with 104 mm, followed by the A Ward Office (86 mm), Co-laba pumping station (83 mm), and the Municipal Head Office (80 mm).

The thunderstorms heavily impacted the flight operations to and from Mumbai airport. Issuing a travel advisory, Air India on Monday asked passengers to check their flight status before heading to the airport.

Pakistan violated spirit of IWT by...

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Waters Treaty of 1960 would be held in abeyance with immediate effect until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism.

Harish told the UN meeting that India had entered into the Indus Waters Treaty 65 years ago in good faith. Noting that the Preamble of the Treaty describes that it was concluded "in a spirit of good will and friendship", Harish said throughout these six and a half decades, "Pakistan has violated the spirit of the treaty by inflicting three wars and thousands of terror attacks on India."

The Indian envoy underlined that in the last four decades, more than 20,000 Indian lives have been lost in terror attacks, the most recent of which was the dastardly targeted terror attack on tourists in Pahalgalam in south Kashmir.

Even as India has shown extraordinary patience and magnanimity throughout this period, Harish said Pakistan's "state-sponsored cross-border terrorism in India seeks to hold hostage the lives of civilians, religious harmony and economic prosperity."



**Name Change**  
I, Proshanta Ghosh, son of Narayan Ghosh, residing at Paschim para, Belun, Pandua, Hooghly Rural - 712156, West Bengal, shall henceforth be known as Prasanta Ghosh vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 26/05/2025. That Proshanta Ghosh and Prasanta Ghosh both are the same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Areful Islam S/o Sk Alauddin Residing at Vill - Dakshin Baguan, P.o - Chanserpur, Ps - Tamluk, District - East Medinipur, Pin - 721653 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Sk Areful Islam. I declare that Areful Islam and Sk Areful Islam is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 26-05-2025.

**Name Change**  
I ALPANA PAUL (Spouse Name) on behalf my Husband Late SUBODH PAUL (Old Name) Residing at Jhaudala Palpara Shyamnagar, P.S.- Jagatdal, District-North 24 Parganas, Pin-743127, West Bengal, India have changed his name and he shall henceforth be known as Late SUBODH KUMAR PAUL (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Govt of India vide affidavit Dated 26/05/2025. Late SUBODH PAUL (Old Name) and Late SUBODH KUMAR PAUL (New Name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Rasan Ali Mondal S/o Ibrahim Mondal Residing at Narikelsanda, P.o - Jayer, Pandua, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712149 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Rousan Ali Mondal. I declare that Rasan Ali Mondal and Rousan Ali Mondal is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 26-05-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Sk Taleb Ali S/o Sekh Taher Ali Residing at Ramnagar, Katswara, District - Hooghly, Pin- 712102 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Taleb Ali. I declare that Sk Taleb Ali and Taleb Ali is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 26-05-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Kohinur Begam (Passport) W/o Taleb Ali Residing at Ramnagar, Katswara, District - Hooghly, Pin- 712102 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Kohinur Begam. I declare that Kohinur Begam (Passport) and Kohinur Begam is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 26-05-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Ratna Pal Bhattacharyya, wife of Satyajit Pal, resident of Vill. Balighata, P.O. & P.S. Raghunathganj, Dist. Murshidabad, My Aadhaar No. 3724 5841 0669 bears the right name. By mistake my name is wrongly recorded as RATNA PAL at the birth certificate (No. Regn. Jo. KM-B/1844-2006) of my son Soumik Pal. By affidavit at Jangipur First class court on 23.05. 2025. I declare that Ratna Pal Bhattacharyya and Ratna Pal are the same identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ajoy Kumar Roy (Old Name), s/o Anil Kumar Roy, residing at 29/1, Shitala Bari Road, Barrackpore Municipality, P.O.- Nona Chandan Pukur P.S.- Titagarh, District North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700122, W.B. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajay Kumar Roy (New Name) as declared, vide an affidavit sworn before the Ld Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Barrackpore, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal dated 18/03/2025, That Ajoy Kumar Roy (Old Name) and Ajay Kumar Roy (New Name) is the same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Raghubir Singh, S/o, Arjun Singh, residing at 306, Bajepatrapur, Panjabipara Subhashpally, Lane, P.O. & P.S., Burdwan (Sadar), Dist. Purba Bardhaman-713101, Ward No.-04, W.B. do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that My actual name is Jaswinder Singh Chhabra. Due to inadvertent my name has been wrongly recorded & spelling mistakes in my some documents as Jaswinder Chhabra and Jaswinder Singh Hencforth declared that Jaswinder Singh, Jaswinder Chhabra, and Jaswinder Singh Chhabra both are same and one identical person vide affidavit no. 220 date 20.05.2025 before the Notary Purba Bardhaman or Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman.

**Name Change**  
I, Bhakti Moti, Mother of No. 1539236SL Rank Ex Hav & Honey Nub sub Name Pravat Kumar Roy resident of Vill.-Bihar Pushkarini, P.O.-Shashpur, Dist.-Bankura (WB), Pin-722205 have change my Name & Date of birth from Bhakti Moti & 01st July 1945 to Bhakti Mati Kolay & 04th May 1947 vide Affidavit dated 23.05.25 before the Court of Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate of Bankura, Bishnupur.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Gourikant Jha ,S/o Sibeswar Jha, Residing at 1/1/21, Dum Dum Road, Cossipore, Kolkata- 700002, State- West Bengal. Now I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Gourikanta Jha as declared before the Notary Public Sealdah Court, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 9239.Dated 17/05/2025 Gourikant Jha and Gourikanta Jha both are same and identical person.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Subir De, S/O- Late Santosh Kumar De, Residing at 38, L.N. Kabiraj Road, Naihati, P.O.- Garifa, 24 PGS (N), Pin- 743166. Now I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Subir Kumar De as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Kolkata Court, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 4772 dated 22/05/2025 Subir De and Subir Kumar De both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Arjan Begum Samsud Ali Shaikh(Old Name),Wife Of Late Samser Ali,Residing At Uttar Duddhkalmi Uttar Para,Po - Jangalpara Bazar, Hooghly - 712701, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Arajahana Begam(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/05/2025. That Arjan Begum Samsud Ali Shaikh And Arajahana Begam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) LATIB SK S/O- ABDUS SOBHAN, Residing at , Vill- Bati-danga, Post- Gobarhati, Ps- Kandri, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from LATIB SK To ABDUL LATIB (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ABDUL LATIB in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 26 May 2025. ABDUL LATIB and LATIB SK both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) AABU SUFIYAN SEKH S/O- HAJI ABDULLA, Residing at, Vill- Parbatpur, Post- Purandarpur, Ps- Kandri, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742171, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from AABU SUFIYAN SEKH To ABU SUFIYAN SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ABU SUFIYAN SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 26 May 2025. ABU SUFIYAN SK and AABU SUFIYAN SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) SAIAM SHAIKH S/O- JAKIR SK, Residing at , Vill- Majharerdhar, Post- Khosbaspur, Ps- Kandri, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SAIAM SHAIKH To SAYEM SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SAYEM SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 26 May 2025. SAYEM SK and SAIAM SHAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) MATIUUL RAHAMAN S/O- SAYEM SEKH, Residing at, Vill- Majharerdhar, Post- Khosbaspur, Ps- Kandri, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MATIUUL RAHAMAN To MOTIUUL RAHAMAN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MOTIUUL RAHAMAN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 26 May 2025. MOTIUUL RAHAMAN and MATIUUL RAHAMAN both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) DULAL SK S/O- DAUT SEKH, Residing at , Vill- Sahajadpur, Post- Sahajadpur, Ps- Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742187, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from DULAL SK To ABDUL SAMAD SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ABDUL SAMAD SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 26 May 2025. ABDUL SAMAD SEKH and DULAL SK both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) MD ILIASH MANDAL S/O- GOLAM MANDAL, Residing at, Vill- Gandhina, Post- Gandhina, Ps- Murutia, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741158, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD ILIASH MANDAL To ILIAS MANDAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ILIAS MANDAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 26 May 2025. ILIAS MANDAL and MD ILIASH MANDAL both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) RAJU SHA S/O- MAINUL SHAH, Residing at, Vill- Thanarpara, Post- Thanarpara, Ps- Thanarpara, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741152, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from RAJU SHA To RAJU SHAH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) RAJU SHAH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 26 May 2025. RAJU SHAH and RAJU SHA both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) NEHERUNNECHHA BIBI W/o- KAMAL HOSEN MONDAL, Residing at, Vill- Fazilnagar, Post- Fazilnagar, Ps- Thanarpara, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741165, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from NEHERUNNECHHA BIBI To MEHERUN NESSA BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MEHERUN NESSA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 26 May 2025. MEHERUN NESSA BIBI and NEHERUNNECHHA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, SAGIR ALI (Old Name) S/O ABBAS ALI Residing at Vill-Daulatpur, P.O - Pandua, PS - Pandua, District - Hooghly, Pin- 712149 West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SK SAGIR ALI (New Name) as declared before the Notary public govt of India at Kolkata vide affidavit dated 26-05-2025. SAGIR ALI (Old Name) and SK SAGIR ALI (New Name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sk Mokelesur Rahaman (old name) son of Sekh Sahadat Ali, residing at Kapasharia Majher Para, P.O.- Bora, P.S.- Chanditala, Hooghly, Pin- 712306, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Moklesur Rahaman (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/05/2025. Moklesur Rahaman (New Name) and Sk Mokelesur Rahaman (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Tamoghno Paul (old name) son of Tapan Kumar Paul, residing at 115/9, JESSORE ROAD, P.O.- KAZIPARA, BARASAT(M), DIST- 24PGS(N)-700124, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tamaghna Paul (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/05/2025. Tamaghna Paul (New Name) and Tamoghno Paul (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sk Sahadat Ali, Son Of Late Samser Ali, Residing At Uttar Duddhkalmi Uttar Para,Po - Jangalpara Bazar, Hooghly - 712701, West Bengal. Do Herely Notified That My Father Samsud Ali Kitabuddin Shaikh (Old Name) Shall Henceforth Be Known As Samser Ali(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/05/2025. That Father Samsud Ali Kitabuddin Shaikh And Samser Ali Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sahadat Ali Samsud Ali Shaikh (Old Name), Son Of Late Samser Ali, Residing At Uttar Duddhkalmi Uttar Para, Po - Jangalpara Bazar, Hooghly - 712701, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Sahadat Ali (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/05/2025. That Sahadat Ali Samsud Ali Shaikh And Sk Sahadat Ali Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Shadan Taranumm (Old Name), Son Of Md. Hasnain, Residing At 11/Lf, Topsia 2nd Lane, P.O & P.S- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shadan Iqbal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/05/ 2025. That Shadan Taranumm And Shadan Iqbal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Harcharan Shira, on behalf my minor son Pyush Shira (old name), residing at 19, INCINERATOR ROAD,DUM DUM CANTONMENT, KOLKATA, BARRACKPORE, 700 028, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my son name and he shall henceforth be known as Pyush Shira (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/05/2025. Pyush Shira (New Name) and Pyush Shira (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ajahar Tarafdar (old name) son of Rafikul Tarafdar, residing at Bansghata, P.O.- Ambobe, P.S.- Bagdah, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743251, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajahar Tarafdar (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/05/2025. Ajahar Tarafdar (New Name) and Ajahar Tarafdar (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Asok Kumar Gangopadhyay (old name) son of Late Dhanagopal Ganguly, residing at 9/1, Madhab Chatterjee Lane, P.S.- Bhabanipur, Kolkata- 700020, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asok Kumar Ganguly (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/05/2025. Asok Kumar Ganguly (New Name) and Asok Kumar Gangopadhyay (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, TANMAY DUTTA (old name) S/O MANOJ DUTTA residing at 128/2/B, B.L. SAHA ROAD, New Alipore, Kolkata - 700053, WB, India, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) KUNAL DUTTA, vide an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 26/05/2025. TANMAY DUTTA and KUNAL DUTTA both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ajay Pandey (old name) son of Ashok Kumar Pandey, residing at 53/5A Hazra Road, P.O.- Bally-gang, P.S.- Karaya, Kolkata-700019, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajay Kumar Pandey (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/05/2025. Ajay Kumar Pandey (New Name) and Ajay Pandey (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sutapa Pal (old name) wife of Suman Sarkar, residing at B1/17, Northern Park, Bramhapur, P.S.- Bnsdroni, Kolkata- 700070, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sutapa Sarkar (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/05/2025. Sutapa Sarkar (New Name) and Sutapa Sarkar (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Pakiza Begum (Old Name), Wife Of Md Wassim Khan, Residing At 78/3 Phears Lane, Bowbazar, Kolkata-700073, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Paakeza Begum (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/05/2025. That Pakiza Begum And Paakeza Begum Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

## A 45-yr-old tribal woman dies after gangrape in Khandwa; two held

**MI News Service, Khandwa:** A 45-year-old tribal woman, who was allegedly gangraped, died of her injuries in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa district, a police official said.

The incident occurred under the jurisdiction of Roshni police outpost of Khalbwa police station in the district on Saturday (May 24). The police have arrested both the accuse

Khandwa Additional Superintendent of Police (Addl Superintendent of Police) Rajesh Raghuvanshi said, "On May 23, there was a wedding ceremony under the jurisdiction of the Roshni police outpost of the Khalbwa police station, and the victim had gone to attend the ceremony. After attending the wedding, at around 6:15 pm, she and one of the accused, named Hari, went to drop someone off at their home. After that, the woman went to Hari's house, where another accused, Sunil, also came. Their neighbour, Sanjay, saw these three (Victim, Hari and Sunil) consuming alcohol.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, SWARNALI SARDAR, W/o PRABIR SARDAR, R/O 177/18 G.T. Road, P.O.- Baidyabati, P.S.- Serampur, Dist.- Hooghly, State- W.B., Pin-712222, Shall henceforth be known as SWARNALI SARDAR DAS as declared before the 1st Class Ld. Judicial Magistrate Serampore Court, Hooghly vide affidavit no. 4867, Dated 17.05.2025. SWARNALI SARDAR and SWARNALI SARDAR DAS both are same & one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sahajan Molla (old name) son of Sekendar Molla, residing at T-263/C, Garden Reach Road, P.S.- Raja Bagan, Kolkata- 700044, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sahajan Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/05/2025. Sahajan Molla (New Name) and Sahajan Molla (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Samim Molla (old name) son of Haji Sahajan Molla, residing at T-263/C, Garden Reach Road, P.S.- Raja Bagan, Kolkata- 700044, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Samim Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/05/2025. Samim Molla (New Name) and Md Samim Molla (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Sahid Molla (old name) son of Samim Molla, residing at T-263/C, Garden Reach Road, P.S.- Raja Bagan, Kolkata- 700044, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammad Sahid Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/05/2025. Mohammad Sahid Molla (New Name) and Md Sahid Molla (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Bhaskar Ray (old name) son of Samar Roy, residing at Shrinagar 3 No Shibtila, Madhyamgram, P.O. & P.S.- Madhyamgram, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700129, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bhaskar Roy (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/05/2025. Bhaskar Roy (New Name) and Bhaskar Ray (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sayanika Ray (old name) wife of Pankaj Kumar Jha, residing at 661, Naskar Hat Madhya Para, P.O.- Tiljala, P.S.- Kasba, Pin- 700039, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sayanika Roy (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/05/2025. Sayanika Roy (New Name) and Sayanika Ray (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Bajul Mondal (old name) son of Abdul Rahaman, residing at Kulgachi Daluabari Dhanatala, Nadia, Pin- 741504, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bajul Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/05/2025. Bajul Mondal (old name) and Bajul Mondal (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Nunnehar Khatun (old name) C/O-Sheikh Musa, residing at Vill- Gunadanga, PO- Mollabar, P.S.- Dankuni, Dist- Hooghly, Pin- 7122 50, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nurnehar Bibi (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 26/ 05/2025. Nurnehar Bibi (New Name) and Nunnehar Khatun (old name) both are same and identical person.

## Howrah Division Promotes Waste Segregation Through Awareness Drives Ahead of World Environment Day 2025



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Continuing its efforts under the ongoing campaign for World Environment Day 2025, themed 'End Plastic Pollution', the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway conducted focused awareness drives on 26th May 2025 at Howrah, Bandel, Serampur, Kamarkundu, Tarakeswar, Bardhaman, Bolpur, Rampurhat, and Pakur stations under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Sri Sanjeev Kumar. The initiative aimed to educate passengers, railway staff, and vendors on the importance of waste segregation using separate bins. The drives highlighted the environmental and operational benefits of segregating waste at the source into biodegradable and non-biodegradable categories. Demonstrations and interactive sessions were held to familiarize the public with color-coded bins

and the correct method of disposal. Informational materials were distributed to encourage consistent and responsible waste disposal practices.

Railway officials and staff actively engaged with station users to reinforce the message that proper waste segregation is a critical step in reducing plastic pollution and improving recycling efficiency. The campaign also emphasized the long-term impact of individual efforts in achieving cleaner railway stations and a healthier environment. This initiative reflects Howrah Division's commitment to sustainable development and its proactive approach toward environmental conservation. The Division continues to implement and promote eco-friendly practices in alignment with national objectives and the global mission to end plastic pollution.

## Four Railway Employees felicitated for Exemplary Service



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In a commendable gesture recognizing dedication and vigilance, East Coast Railway (ECOR) General Manager Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal felicitated four Railway Employees for their outstanding performance and alertness in ensuring the safety and efficiency of train operations.

Sri Pujan Kumar, Track Maintainer at Titilagarh; Shri Dinesh Kumar, Track Maintainer at Matagaipur; Sri Jagadish Samal, Loco Pilot at Kendujhargharh and Shri Boddani Srinivasa Rao, Train Manager at Visakhapatnam have demonstrated exceptional alertness and exercised presence of mind during their routine duties,

taking swift and effective action that contributed to the safe and smooth operation of trains. While presenting the awards, Shri Funkwal lauded their commitment and hard work, particularly in the challenging and often demanding conditions under which railway personnel operate. He emphasized the crucial role played by frontline staff including Track Maintainers, Loco Pilots, Technicians and Station Operators in maintaining the safety and reliability of Railway Services. East Coast Railway remains committed to recognizing the efforts of its workforce and promoting a culture of excellence and safety across all operations.

## Senior citizen duped of Rs 25 lakh after digital arrest; 3 fraudsters nabbed

**MI News Service, New Delhi:** Three fraudsters were arrested for allegedly duping a senior citizen of Rs 25 lakh following a 'digital arrest', police said on Monday. The three accused have been identified as Rahul Verma, Shantanu Richoriya and Arjun Singh.

According to Delhi Police, a complaint of Mahender Jain Resident of Raj Nagar, Palam Colony, Delhi was received through NCRP regarding digital arrest and duping of Rs 25 Lakhs by the unknown fraudsters. He alleged that he received a video call on WhatsApp on March 21, 2025, from a person claiming to be Sanjay, a Police Inspector from the Crime Branch of Nashik Police. The caller informed him that his Aadhaar card was being misused to create a fraudulent debit/credit card in Canara Bank. The caller showed a photocopy of the card and alleged that it was being used for money laundering by owner of a big airline company, police said. The victim was threatened with police action, after which he deposited all his

## Miscellaneous

## Raising awareness to prevent Cattle Run Over incidents throughout Eastern Railway



**• Appeal to local villagers to keep cattle away from Railway tracks**

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In its continuous efforts to enhance operational safety and punctuality, Eastern Railway has intensified its public outreach to address the issue of Cattle Run Over (CRO) incidents. These incidents remain a significant concern for Railways, especially in rural areas where railway lines often pass through open fields and villages. Cattle Run Over (CRO) incidents not only result in the tragic loss of animal lives but also pose serious risks to train operations. They lead to significant disruptions in services, potential hazards to passengers and staff, and damage to railway infrastructure. As per available statistics, in this FY 2025-26, up to 19th May, 2025, 65 cases of cattle run over (CRO) were reported compared to 61 cases reported during the corresponding period (1 April to 19 May) of previous year 2024-25, showing a 6.6% increase in cattle run over cases till May 19 this year. The villagers and cattle owners would have been a bit more cautious in confining their cattle in definite grazing field only to save their cattle as well as facilitating seamless running of trains in their locality. To tackle this growing issue, Eastern Railway has undertaken a series of awareness campaigns across its divisions, targeting villages located close to railway tracks. The objective is to educate residents about the dangers of stray cattle on tracks and to promote safe, responsible cattle-rearing practices.

As part of this initiative, Malda Division recently organized public awareness programmes at Akbarnagar, Sultanganj, in between Barharwa – Bakudih, in between Tinpahar - Rajmahal, in between Kahalgaon – Lailakh Malkalkha, in between Barahat – Hansdih, in between Sujnipara – Nimtita, in between Gankar

- Manigram and in the Cattle Run Over-prone areas between Mandar Hill and Hansdih sections. These campaigns aimed to sensitise the local population about unsafe practices near railway tracks and the critical need to keep animals away from railway premises. The programmes highlighted the serious consequences of Cattle Run Over (CRO) incidents, such as loss of animal lives, Severe disruptions to train operations, Safety risks to passengers and railway employees, Financial losses due to operational delays. All other Divisions of Eastern Railway, viz Howrah, Sealdah & Asansol Division are also conducting awareness campaign to curb Cattle Run Over cases.

Villagers were also made aware that allowing cattle to stray near railway tracks is a punishable offense under various provisions of the Railway Act. Railway officials demonstrated how a single incident of Cattle Run Over can cause a ripple effect, delaying multiple trains and affecting thousands of passengers and freight movements. During the campaign, local communities were insisted to Adopt enclosed and safe cattle-rearing practices, avoid grazing livestock near railway tracks, Remain vigilant and report unsafe activities near the tracks etc. Through interactive sessions, visual presentations, and direct engagement with the villagers, railway authorities stressed the importance of community cooperation in preventing such incidents and ensuring uninterrupted train services.

Eastern Railway remains committed to the safety of passengers, railway property, and the surrounding communities. The active participation and support of local residents are essential to reduce Cattle Run Over (CRO) incidents and also to reduce delay in train running towards building a more reliable railway network.

## Commuters to be fined for Crossing The Yellow Line at platform before arrival of train

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Metro authorities continuously take different measures for ensuring safety and security of passengers. Metro staff posted at Central Control as well as stations also monitor movement of passengers at the station area as well as on the platforms through CCTV surveillance system. Commuters are regularly requested through Public Address System of the station not to cross the yellow line at the edge of the platform before arrival of train. But it has been found that a section of the commuters unnecessarily crossing the yellow line when there is no train at the station in spite of repeated requests. In order to curb this tendency, Metro Railway authorities have now decided to launch a special drive against the erring commuters. Unnecessarily crossing the yellow line will be considered as a nuisance activity in the Metro station premises and will attract a penalty of Rs. 250/- from 01.06.2025 (Sunday). Initiatives have been taken to make Metro commuters aware about this through announcements, displaying posters at the stations as well as counselling them requesting to refrain from such activity.

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# Study finds why cancer immunotherapy can cause colitis

MICHIGAN: A mechanism linked to severe gastrointestinal issues during immune-based cancer treatment has been discovered by researchers at the University of Michigan Health Rogel Cancer Centre.

They also found a way to deliver immunotherapy's cancer-killing impact without the unwelcome side effect. The findings are published in Science. "This is a good example of how understanding a mechanism helps you to develop an alternative therapy that's more beneficial. Once we identified the mechanism causing the colitis, we could then develop ways to overcome this problem and prevent colitis while preserving the anti-tumor effect," said senior study author Gabriel Nunez, M.D., Paul de Kruif Professor of Pathology at Michigan Medicine. Immunotherapy has emerged as a promising treatment for several types of cancer. But immune checkpoint inhibitors can also cause severe side effects, including colitis, which is inflammation in the digestive tract. Colitis can cause severe gastrointestinal discomfort, and some patients will discontinue their cancer treatment because of it. The problem facing researchers was that while patients were developing colitis, the laboratory mice were not.

So researchers couldn't study what was causing this side effect. To get past this, the Rogel team, led by first author Bernard C Lo, PhD, created a new mouse model, injecting microbiota from wild-caught mice into the traditional mouse model. In this model, the mice did develop colitis after the administration of antibodies used for tumor immunotherapy. Now, researchers could trace back the mechanism to see what was causing this reaction. Colitis developed because of the composition of the gut microbiota, which caused immune T cells to be hyper-activated while regulatory T cells that put the brakes on T cell activation were deleted in the gut. This was happening within a specific domain of the immune checkpoint antibodies. Researchers then removed that domain, which they found still resulted in a strong anti-tumor response but without inducing



colitis. "Previously, there was some data that suggested the presence of certain bacteria correlated with response to therapy.

# Wootz Delivers a Cultural Marvel in Steel

wootz"Buildsys, a leader in innovative infrastructure solutions in steel, proudly announces the successful completion of a culturally significant stadium arena for the 25th Silver Jubilee edition of the Hornbill Festival, held in Kisama, the heritage village of Kohima, Nagaland. Commissioned by the state as a project of critical importance, the arena was conceptualized, designed, fabricated, and fully erected within a remarkably short span of just three months. The project was not only vital for enhancing the festival's experience but also symbolized Nagaland's rich cultural heritage presented to the world on a grander scale than ever before. "Delivering this project within such a tight timeline and in challenging terrain required meticulous planning and relentless execution," said Anurag Agarwal, Founder of Wootz Buildsys. "We are proud to have contributed to such a prestigious event that celebrates India's tribal legacy." Project Highlights: Total Steel Used: 400,000 kg of



structural steel• Transportation: 20 trailers travelled over 2,200 km each through hilly and landslide-prone regions• Execution Timeline: 90 days• Site Conditions: Continuous rainfall and difficult terrainDespite intense logistical and geographical hurdles, the Wootz project team executed every phase—from design to site delivery—with precision. Work continued round-the-clock through adverse weather, showcasing the team's dedication, problem-solving mindset, and technical mastery. This achievement reflects Wootz Buildsys' commitment to creating not just structures, but legacies—delivering projects that blend engineering excellence with cultural significance. About Wootz Buildsys: Founded by Anurag Agarwal, Wootz Buildsys aims to revolutionize the construction industry in India by promoting green building practices, cutting-edge construction technologies, and ethical work culture. The company is driven by a vision to lead with innovation, sustainability, and stakeholder trust while fostering a dynamic and people-first work environment.

# Study gives insights into how disrupted sleep cause memory, thinking problems



LOS ANGELES: According to a new study, persons who have more disrupted sleep in their 30s and 40s are more likely to suffer memory and cognitive difficulties a decade later.

The study was published in the online edition of Neurology, the American Academy of Neurology's medical journal.

The researchers studied the duration and quality of people's sleep. Participants wore a wrist activity monitor for three consecutive days on two occasions, about one year apart, to calculate their averages. Participants averaged six hours of sleep.

"Given that signs of Alzheimer's disease start to accumulate in the brain several decades before symptoms begin, understanding the connection between sleep and cognition earlier in life is critical for understanding the role of sleep problems as a risk factor for the disease," said study author Yue Leng, PhD, of the University of California, San Francisco.

"Our findings indicate that the quality rather than the quantity of sleep matters most for cognitive health in middle age." The study involved 526 people,

with an average age of 40. They were followed for 11 years.

Researchers looked at the participants' sleep duration and quality. Participants wore a wrist activity monitor for three consecutive days on two occasions, approximately one year apart, to calculate their averages. Participants slept for an average of six hours.

Participants also reported bedtimes and wake times in a sleep diary and completed a sleep quality survey with scores ranging from zero to 21, with higher scores indicating poorer sleep quality. A total of 239 people, or 46 percent, reported poor sleep with a score greater than five.

Participants also completed a series of memory and thinking tests.

Researchers also looked at sleep fragmentation, which measures repetitive short interruptions of sleep. They looked at both the percentage of time spent moving and the percentage of time spent not moving for one minute or less during sleep.

After adding these two percentages together, researchers found that participants had an average sleep fragmentation of 19 per cent.

Researchers then divided participants into three groups based on their sleep fragmentation score.

Of the 175 people with the most disrupted sleep, 44 had poor cognitive performance 10 years later, compared to 10 of the 176 people with the least disrupted sleep.

After adjusting for age, gender, race, and education, people who had the most disrupted sleep had more than twice the odds of having poor cognitive performance when compared to those with the least disrupted sleep.

There was no difference in cognitive performance at midlife for those in the middle group compared to the group with the least disrupted sleep.

"More research is needed to assess the link between sleep disturbances and cognition at different stages of life and to identify if critical life periods exist when sleep is more strongly associated with cognition," Leng said.

# According to a study, people may live longer using hearing aids

Statistics show that around 40 million adults in America suffer from hearing loss, but only one in ten people of those who need hearing aids wear them.

Those who don't use hearing aids should make it one of their New Year's resolutions, according to a new study published in The Lancet Healthy Longevity by Keck Medicine of USC. Researchers found that the almost 25 per cent difference in mortality risk between regular hearing aid users and never-users remained steady, regardless of variables such as the degree of hearing loss (from mild to severe), age, ethnicity, income, education and other demographics; and medical history.

Researchers found that the almost 25 per cent difference in mortality risk between regular hearing aid users and never-users remained steady, regardless of variables such as the degree of hearing loss (from mild to severe), age, ethnicity, income, education and other demographics; and medical history.

There was no difference in mortality risk between non-regular users and non-users, indicating that occasional hearing aid use may not provide any life-extending benefit.

"We found that adults with hearing loss who regularly used hearing aids had a 24 per cent lower risk of mortality than those



who never wore them," said Janet Choi, MD, MPH, an otolaryngologist with Keck Medicine and lead researcher of the study.

"These results are exciting because they suggest that hearing aids may play a protective role in people's health and prevent early death."

Previous research has shown that untreated hearing loss can result in a reduced life span (as well as other poor outcomes such as social isolation, depression and dementia)

However, until now, there has been very little research examining if the use of hearing aids can reduce the risk of death. The

study represents the most comprehensive analysis to date on the relationship between hearing loss, hearing aid use and mortality in the United States, according to Choi.

Choi and her fellow researchers used data compiled by the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey between 1999-2012 to identify almost 10,000 adults 20 years and older who had completed audiometry evaluations, a test used to measure hearing ability, and who filled out questionnaires about their hearing aid use.

Researchers followed their mortality status over an average

follow-up period of 10 years after their evaluations.

A total of 1,863 adults were identified as having hearing loss. Of these, 237 were regular hearing aid users, which were characterised as those who reported wearing the aids at least once a week, five hours a week or half the time, and 1,483 were identified as never-users of the devices.

Subjects who reported wearing the devices less than once a month or less frequently were categorised as non-regular users.

While the study did not examine why hearing aids may help those who need them live longer, Choi points to recent research linking hearing aid use with lowered levels of depression and dementia. She speculates that the improvements in mental health and cognition that come with better hearing can promote better overall health, which may improve life span.

Choi hopes this study will encourage more people to wear hearing aids, even though she acknowledges that factors including cost, stigma and difficulty finding devices that fit and function well are barriers to use.

Choi can personally relate to these challenges. She was born with hearing loss in her left ear but did not wear a hearing device until her 30s. It then took her several years to find ones that worked effectively for her.

# Bipolar disorder is connected to early death: Study

WASHINGTON : Living with bipolar disorder, a serious mental illness that can cause both manic and depressed mood swings, can be challenging.

It also increases the chance of premature death. Now, a study explains how significant that risk is and how it compares to other factors that can reduce life.

In two different groups, people with bipolar disorder were four to six times more likely than people without the condition to die prematurely, the study finds.

By contrast, people who had ever smoked were about twice as likely to die prematurely than those who had never smoked - whether or not they had bipolar disorder.

A team from the University of Michigan, home to one of the world's largest longterm studies of people with bipolar disorder, reports their findings in the journal Psychiatry Research.

The stark difference in mortality, and the differences in health and lifestyle that likely contributed to it, should prompt more efforts at preventing early deaths, say the researchers.

"Bipolar disorder has long been seen as a risk factor for mortality, but always through a lens of other common causes of death," said Anastasia Yocum, Ph.D., lead author of the study and data manager of the research program at the Heinz C. Prechter Bipolar Research Program.

"We wanted to look at it by itself in comparison with conditions and lifestyle behaviors that are also linked to higher rates of premature death."

Two large data sources yield similar findings

Yocum and her colleagues, including Prechter Program director Melvin McNinis, M.D., started by looking at deaths and related factors among 1,128

people who had volunteered for the program's longterm study of people with and without bipolar disorder.

They found that all but 2 of the 56 deaths since the study began in 2006 were from the group of 847 people in the study who had bipolar disorder.

With statistical adjustments, their analysis shows that having a diagnosis of bipolar disorder made someone six times more likely to die during a 10-year period than people taking part in the same study who did not have bipolar disorder.

By comparison, study participants who had ever smoked or were over age 60 were more than twice as likely to die in that same time as people who never smoked or were under 60, regardless of bipolar status. The researchers then turned to another source of data to see if they could find the same effect.

They analyzed years' worth of anonymous patient records from more than 18,000 people who get their primary care through Michigan Medicine, U-M's academic medical centre.

Among this group, people with bipolar disorder were four times as likely to die during the study period than those with no record of bipolar disorder.

The team studied records from more than 10,700 people with bipolar disorder and a comparison group of just over 7,800 people without any psychiatric disorder.

The only factor associated with an even higher chance of dying during the study period in this pool of people was high blood pressure.

Those who had hypertension were five times more likely to die than those with normal blood pressure, no matter whether they had bipolar disorder or not.

By contrast, smokers were twice as likely to die as never-smokers in this



sample, and those over age 60 were three times as likely to die, both regardless of bipolar status.

"To our major surprise, in both samples we found that having bipolar disorder is far more of a risk for premature death than smoking," said McNinis, a professor of psychiatry at the U-M Medical School.

He hopes the findings will spur more action in the medical and public health communities to address the many factors that contribute to this extra-high risk of death in people with bipolar disorder. "Over the years there have been all kinds of programs that have been implemented for smoking prevention and cardiovascular disease awareness, but never a campaign on that scale for mental health," he said, noting that about 4% of Americans live with bipolar disorder while about 11.5% of Americans smoke.

Other differences between groups

Yocum and McNinis note that people with bipolar disorder in both groups were much more likely than the people without bipolar disorder to have ever smoked, consistent with past studies.

Nearly half (47%) of the U-M patients with bipolar disorder had a history of smoking, as did 31% of the Prechter participants with bipolar disorder.

By comparison, smoking among those without bipolar disorder stood at 29% of the U-M patients and 8% of the Prechter participants. People with bipolar disorder in both groups were also much more likely to be female, and female gender was associated with a slightly lower risk of early death.

In the Prechter cohort, people with bipolar disorder were much more likely to have asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure, migraines, fibromyalgia and thyroid conditions than those who had not been diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Within the group of Prechter study

participants who have bipolar disorder, being a smoker and scoring higher over time on a standardized survey of depression symptoms were both associated with a doubled risk of death, compared with participants who had bipolar disorder but didn't smoke or scored lower over time on depression ratings.

Interestingly, the researchers found no association between risk of death and the number of years Prechter participants had been taking medications for mental health symptoms.

There was also no association with scores for anxiety and mania.

Among just people with bipolar disorder in the U-M patient sample, high blood pressure also was associated with a fivefold higher risk of death, while smoking was associated with a nearly twofold risk of death.

Information on depression scores or medication use over time was not available for this group.

A path forward

Both Yocum and McNinis say the findings, combined with studies on the health status, health risk behaviours and specific causes of death for people with bipolar disorder, could inform efforts to improve the health and quality of life for people with the condition. Past research has shown that people with bipolar disorder are more likely to have metabolic syndrome, which puts them at higher risk for diabetes and cardiovascular conditions because of a combination of factors related to waist size, cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure.

Medications for bipolar disorder can contribute to this.

Also important: the secondary effects of bipolar disorder's symptoms. Lack of activity, poor diet, drug/alcohol overuse and lower education attainment and employment rates also

increase overall health risk, while health insurance coverage and access to care may be less consistent.

Educating more teens and adults on how to cope with stress, distress and mood fluctuations, and how to identify and get help for depression symptoms, could be part of increasing early intervention, the researchers say.

Bipolar disorder often begins showing itself as depression, and there are currently no good ways to predict which people will go on to develop bipolar disorder, though a family history of the condition is known to increase risk.

Genetic research at the Prechter Program and elsewhere is studying these contributing factors.

"Bipolar disorder is never going to be listed on the death certificate as the main cause of death, but it can be an immediate or secondary contributor to a death, including in suicides," said Yocum, who notes that cross-sectional studies have found that on average people with bipolar disorder die 8 to 10 years earlier than other people their age.

Similarly, McNinis says, smoking is rarely listed on death certificates but is well understood to be a major risk factor leading to cancers and cardiovascular emergencies that do get listed as causes of death.

That's why it has received so much attention from agencies and organizations running public health campaigns.

"We need to know more about why people with bipolar have more illnesses and health behaviours that compromise their lives and lifespan and do more as a society to help them live more healthily and have consistent access to care," he said.

The Prechter Program is still accepting people with bipolar disorder, and those without, into its longitudinal study.



# Prime Minister lays foundation stone, inaugurates and dedicates various development projects worth over Rs 24,000 crore in Dahod, Gujarat

MI News Service, Gandhinagar:

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone, inaugurated and dedicated to the nation multiple development projects worth over Rs 24,000 crore in Dahod, Gujarat today. Addressing the gathering, he remarked that May 26 holds special significance as it marks the day he first took the oath as Prime Minister in 2014. He acknowledged the unwavering support and blessings of the people of Gujarat, who entrusted him with the responsibility of leading the nation. The Prime Minister highlighted that this trust and encouragement have fueled his dedication to serving the country day and night. Over the years, India has taken decisions which were unprecedented and unimaginable, breaking free from decades-old constraints and advancing across every sector. "Today, the nation has emerged from an era of despair and darkness into a new age of confidence and optimism", he added. "140 crore Indians are united in building a Viksit Bharat", exclaimed Shri Modi, emphasising the importance of manufacturing essential goods within India, stating that self-reliance is the need of the hour. He remarked that India is advancing rapidly in the global manufacturing sector, noting that both domestic production and exports are increasing consistently. India is now exporting a wide range of products, including smartphones, automobiles, toys, defense equipment,

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- **Everything we need for our country's progress must be made right here, in India: PM**
- **Unprecedented efforts have been made over the last 11 years for the development of tribal society: PM**
- **Operation Sindoor is not just a military action, It is an expression of the values and sentiments of us Indians: PM**

and medicines. He further stated that India is not only manufacturing rail and metro technology but also exporting it globally. Citing Dahod as a prime example of this progress, where major projects worth thousands of crores were inaugurated and launched, Modi highlighted the Dahod Electric Locomotive Factory as a significant achievement. He recalled laying its foundation stone three years ago and expressed pride that the first electric locomotive has now been successfully manufactured. He flagged off the locomotive, marking a moment of pride for Gujarat and the entire nation. Additionally, he announced that Gujarat has achieved 100% electrification of its railway network, calling it a remarkable milestone and congratulated the people of Gujarat for this achievement. Reflecting on his long-standing connection with Dahod and recalling the many memories associated with the region, the Prime Minister remarked that he has been visiting Dahod for decades, and during his early years, he often explored the area on a bicycle. He highlighted that these experiences allowed him to understand both the challenges and potential of Dahod. Even after assuming office as Chief Minister, he continued to visit the re-



gion multiple times and took decisive steps to address its issues. He emphasized that every development initiative in Dahod brings him immense satisfaction, and today is yet another meaningful day for him. Highlighting the rapid development of India's railway sector over the past 10-11 years, Shri Modi emphasized the expansion of metro services and the introduction of semi-high-speed trains, transforming connectivity across the country. He remarked that Vande Bharat trains now operate on nearly 70 routes, further

strengthening India's transportation network. He announced the commencement of a new Vande Bharat Express between Ahmedabad and Veraval. Shri Modi further stated that the rise of modern trains in India is due to the country's advancements in technology. He emphasized that coaches and locomotives are now manufactured domestically, reducing reliance on imports. "India has emerged as a leading exporter of railway equipment", stated Shri Modi, noting that India exports metro coaches to Australia

and train coaches to England, Saudi Arabia, and France. He added that Mexico, Spain, Germany, and Italy also import railway-related components from India. Modi further remarked that Indian passenger coaches are being used in Mozambique and Sri Lanka, and 'Made in India' locomotives are being exported to multiple countries. He stated that this reflects the continuous expansion of the 'Make in India' initiative, reinforcing national pride. "A strong railway network enhances convenience and boosts industries and agriculture", remarked the Prime Minister, highlighting that several regions in India received railway connectivity for the first time in the past decade. He remarked that many areas in Gujarat previously had only small, slow-moving trains, but several narrow-gauge routes have now been expanded. Announcing the inauguration of multiple railway routes, including the new express train between Dahod and Valsad, which will greatly benefit the tribal belt, the Prime Minister stated that factories create large-scale employment opportunities for youth. He highlighted that Dahod's rail factory will manufacture 9,000-horsepower locomotives, significantly enhancing the power and capacity

of India's trains, noting that every locomotive produced in Dahod will bear the name of the city. The Prime Minister remarked that hundreds of locomotives will be built in the coming years, generating substantial employment for local youth. He emphasized that the factory will also support small-scale industries producing railway components, leading to economic growth in surrounding areas. He stated that employment opportunities extend beyond the factory, benefiting farmers, livestock owners, shopkeepers, and laborers, ensuring widespread economic progress.

Modi highlighted that Gujarat has made remarkable progress across multiple sectors, including education, IT, semiconductors, and tourism. He emphasized that the state has established itself as a leader in various industries. He remarked that a major semiconductor plant is being set up in Gujarat with an investment of thousands of crores, further strengthening India's position in the global semiconductor industry. He stated that these initiatives are creating new employment opportunities for lakhs of youth in Gujarat, contributing to the state's economic growth and development. Underlining that

Dahod, Vadodara, Godhra, Kalol, and Halol have collectively established a high-tech engineering and manufacturing corridor in Gujarat, the Prime Minister remarked that Vadodara is rapidly advancing in aircraft manufacturing, with the Airbus assembly line inaugurated a few months ago. He noted that Vadodara is also home to India's first Gati Shakti University. He emphasized that Savli already has a major rail-car manufacturing factory, while Dahod now hosts a facility producing India's most powerful locomotives—9,000-horsepower engines, marking a moment of pride for the nation. The Prime Minister stated that Godhra, Kalol, and Halol have a significant presence of manufacturing units, small industries, and MSMEs, contributing to Gujarat's industrial growth. Envisioning a future where this region of Gujarat will be known for producing everything—from bicycles and motorcycles to railway engines and aircraft, the Prime Minister remarked that such a high-tech engineering and manufacturing corridor is rare globally, reinforcing Gujarat's position as an industrial powerhouse. "The development of tribal regions is essential for building a developed India", emphasised Modi, underlining that unprecedented efforts have been made over the past 11 years to uplift tribal communities. He remarked that his long experience working in Gujarat's tribal areas has contributed to national-level initiatives.

## Amiya Nandan Sinha takes over as IG-Cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner/RPF of ER



Amiya Nandan Sinha taken over as IG-cum-PCSC of Eastern Railway from the earlier IG-cum-PCSC, Paramshiv

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amiya Nandan Sinha, officer of the Indian Railway Protection Force Service (IRPFS), has assumed charge as Inspector General-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner (IG-cum-PCSC) of the Railway Protection Force, Eastern Railway on 26.05.2025. He took over the reins from Shri Param Shiv, IG-cum-PCSC, who has proceeded on transfer to Northeast Frontier Railway, Maligaon, Assam in the same capacity. Prior to joining Eastern Railway, Shri Amiya Nandan Sinha was

serving as IG-cum-PCSC at North Central Railway. A highly decorated officer, Shri Sinha has been awarded the Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service (IPM-RD) in 2012, National Award for Outstanding Service in 2009, and the DG's Insignia in both 2008 and 2024 in recognition of his exemplary contributions to the force. Eastern Railway welcomes Shri Amiya Nandan Sinha and expresses heartfelt gratitude to Shri Param Shiv for his valuable service and leadership.

## Phone tapping row: US denies asylum to ex-Telangana top cop Prabhakar Rao

MI News Service, Hyderabad: T Prabhakar Rao, once the head of Telangana's Special Intelligence Bureau (SIB), is in a fix after US government's denial of his appeal for political asylum. Rao is accused of running a vast illegal phone tapping program while in office in the erstwhile Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government, and he is now facing increasing pressure to come back to India to face trial. The phone tapping scandal broke out in March 2024 when it was alleged that top SIB officials, led by Rao, carried out illicit eavesdropping on political rivals, journalists, and even judges. The operation was supposedly meant to help the then-governing BRS party win the 2023 Telangana Assembly elections. Investigations showed that intercepted communications were employed to keep track of and possibly destabilise opposition leaders, including the current chief minister A Revanth Reddy. Six people were implicated in the case, of whom Rao is the chief accused. While four of the accused were arrested and eventually let out on bail, Rao and media professional N Shravan Kumar escaped the country prior to the filing of the case. Both are now said to be living in the United States. After Rao failed to appear despite multiple notices, the Nampally court in Hyderabad issued a Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) against him in May 2024. Later, the court began the process of making him a declared offender, ordering him to appear before the investigating officer on or before June 20, 2025. Non-appearance could result in the attachment of his properties and other legal actions.

## Sealdah Division conducts Awareness Campaign for a Plastic-Free Environment across Railway Stations and surroundings

Engagement of local communities and NGOs  
Promotion of non-plastic, eco-friendly cutlery  
Launch of a drive to encourage the use of biodegradable or non-plastic cutlery

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant step towards sustainability and environmental consciousness, the Environment and Housekeeping Management (EnHM) Department of Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division conducted a large-scale awareness and cleanliness campaign across multiple railway stations today (26.05.2025). The initiative, aligning with this year's theme #BeatPlasticPollution, focused on promoting the use of biodegradable and non-plastic cutlery among passengers, vendors, and other railway users. With active participation from local communities, NGOs, and welfare bodies, the drive aimed to highlight the environmental impact of single-use plastics and encourage the adoption of eco-friendly alternatives. Chief Health Inspectors



led cleanliness drives in and around station premises, engaging with the public and urging them to adopt sustainable habits such as using reusable containers, bottles, and eco-conscious cutlery. A key highlight of the campaign was the participation of the NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS), a unit of Bhairab Ganguly College. The volunteers played a vital role in spreading awareness among travellers and vendors at Belgharia station. Additionally, the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) actively promoted the use of non-plastic, eco-friendly cutlery across its catering services, reinforcing

the message of sustainability at every level of passenger interaction. The awareness campaign was carried out at Barasat, Sonarpur, Laxmikanapur, Baruipur, Berhampore Court, and other key stations across Sealdah Division. This awareness drive stands as a testament to Eastern Railway's unwavering commitment to environmental responsibility and community engagement. Through such focused efforts, Sealdah Division continues to set a strong example in supporting the national goal of reducing plastic pollution and fostering a cleaner, greener railway network.

## RSS chief urges Hindu unity to defeat evil, strengthen Bharat's mighty

MI News Service, New Delhi: Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat has reiterated the urgent need for unity within Hindu society to transform Bharat into a powerful and resilient nation. In a wide-ranging interview with the RSS-affiliated weekly magazine \*Organiser\*, Bhagwat emphasized that a strong and united Hindu society is essential for building a militarily and economically powerful Bharat, capable of facing external threats and resisting the "wickedness of the evil forces" surrounding the country's borders.

Bhagwat stated that the world contains forces that are "aggressive by nature," and India must be prepared to defend itself against such threats. "We have no option but to be powerful, as we have been witnessing the wickedness of the evil forces on all our borders," he said. He highlighted the importance of



internal strength, noting that true power goes beyond brute force and must be rooted in righteousness and virtue. According to Bhagwat, mere goodness is not enough for survival; it must be accompanied by strength to ensure security and peace. He warned that while brute power alone can lead to violence and chaos, power combined with righteousness creates a just and secure society. "A virtuous person is not safe just because of his virtues. Hence, virtues should be combined with strength," he emphasized. Addressing concerns

over the oppression of Hindus in neighboring countries, Bhagwat pointed out that global support for Hindus will only increase if Hindus themselves demonstrate unity and strength. He stressed that Hindu society and Bharat are deeply interconnected, asserting that the global standing and glory of the Hindu community are directly tied to Bharat's strength and status.

Bhagwat expressed confidence that a strong Hindu society within India could serve as a model of inclusion for those in the country who may not currently identify as Hindu, reminding that many such individuals have ancestral roots in Hinduism. He stated that as Hindu society strengthens, Hindus around the world would also gain confidence and resilience. He acknowledged ongoing efforts to strengthen Hindu society, describing the progress as "slow but steady."

## Israeli strikes kill 46 in Gaza, including 31 sheltering in school

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israeli airstrikes on Monday killed at least 46 people in the Gaza Strip, according to local health officials. Among the dead were 31 people who had taken shelter in a school in Gaza City's Daraj neighborhood.

The school, repurposed as a shelter amid the ongoing conflict, was struck three times overnight, setting sleeping civilians' belongings on fire and resulting in horrific casualties. Over 55 others were injured in the attack. Rescuers were seen extinguishing fires and pulling charred remains from the rubble. According to officials, a father and his five children were among

those killed. The Israeli military claimed it was targeting a militant command and control center allegedly operated by Hamas and Islamic Jihad from within the school. It stated that the groups used the site to coordinate intelligence and attacks. Israel has maintained that Hamas bears responsibility for civilian deaths due to its operations within residential areas. The school strike comes as part of Israel's renewed military campaign, which resumed in March after the collapse of a ceasefire with Hamas.

Israel has vowed to continue the offensive until Hamas is dismantled and the remaining hostages from the October 7, 2023

attack are returned—58 people in total, a third of whom are believed to still be alive.

The humanitarian situation in Gaza continues to deteriorate. After over two months of complete blockade, Israel only recently began allowing limited humanitarian aid into the enclave. However, aid agencies warn that the incoming food, fuel, and medicine are far from sufficient. Many fear famine is imminent as Gaza's 2.3 million residents endure dire conditions. A new aid delivery system, backed by Israel and the United States but rejected by the United Nations and major aid organizations, is set to begin operations soon.

## Asjad Babu, a Youth from Bihar, Lynched in Haryana for Wearing a Skull Cap

MI News Service, Panipat: Firdaus Alam, also known as Asjad Babu, a young man from Kairi Birpur village in Kochadhaman block of Bihar's Kishanganj district, was brutally murdered in Flora Sector 29 of Panipat district, Haryana.

According to reports, the incident occurred around 7-8 PM on the evening of May 24 Saturday, when Asjad was on his way to meet a friend. During this time, a man identified as Shishu Lala knocked off Asjad's skull cap. As Asjad bent down to pick it up, the accused struck him violently on the head with a stick. Asjad was critically injured and rushed to a hospital in Rohtak, where he succumbed to his injuries early the next morning.

Former Kochadhaman MLA Mujahid Alam has been actively involved since the news broke. He remained in contact with local residents, hospital authorities, and the police from the early hours of the morning. Initially, Asjad's elder brother, father-in-law, and wife were hesitant to pursue legal action. However, after a conversation with his father-in-law, Rizwan Sahib—originally from Malda, West Bengal—Mujahid Alam convinced the family to register a formal complaint. With the help of local residents, the accused was apprehended and handed over to the police at Flora Sector 29. Mujahid Alam is maintaining regular communication with Station House Officer Subhash Ji and senior police officials. He has assured the local Seemanchal community living in the area—who are deeply shaken by the incident—that all necessary support will be extended. Masavvir Babu of Baliya Kashibari played a key role in coordinating efforts on the ground and remained in constant contact with Mujahid Alam throughout the ordeal. A case has been registered at Flora Sector 29 Police Station under Case Number 288/2025, dated May 25, 2025, under Section 103(1). Police have begun reviewing CCTV footage from the crime scene as part of the investigation. Mujahid Alam has demanded that the accused be charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and face a speedy trial leading to the death penalty. After the postmortem, Asjad's body was laid to rest late at night in the cemetery at Flora Sector 29. Mujahid Alam also spoke with Munir Sahib, a local representative of a Muslim organization, who assured full cooperation and support to the victim's family.

## Gilgit-Baltistan faces environmental and political crisis, says Dr Amjad Mirza on Radio Himalaya News



London [UK] : Political activist from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), Dr Amjad Ayub Mirza, has raised alarm over the deteriorating environmental conditions and political developments in Gilgit-Baltistan in his latest episode on Radio Himalaya News, Kashmir News Exclusive. Speaking on the urgent issue of melting glaciers in Gilgit-Baltistan, Dr Mirza stated that unchecked deforestation, unregulated tourism, lack of waste management, and rising plastic pollution are accelerating glacial melt in the region. He criticised the absence of a national glacier monitoring policy and pointed out that neither Pakistan nor Gilgit-Baltistan possesses the modern technology necessary to manage glacial water, recycle waste, or monitor changes via satellite.



## FRENCH OPEN: IGA SWIATEK KICKSTARTS TITLE DEFENCE WITH WIN

PARIS [FRANCE] : Poland star Iga Swiatek kickstarted her French Open title defence with a win over Rebecca Sramkova on Monday.

After being 3-1 down in the first set, Iga secured a win by 6-3, 6-3, as per the official website of WTA.

She will be playing Emma Raducanu in the next round, who beat Wang Xinyu 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 in a 2-hour, 44-minute clash.

In the third round of the Australian Open back in January, Swiatek defeated Raducanu 6-0, 6-1 in just 1 hour and 10 minutes. She is yet to drop a set to Raducanu in four meetings.

Also, Elena Rybakina secured a well-fought win over Argentina's qualifier Julia Riera by 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Rybakina took one hour and 45 minutes to defeat Julia and reach the second round in Paris for the sixth consecutive year. Her best performances in the French Open are quarterfinal runs from 2021 and last year.

Having secured her sixth win in a row, the Kazakh star will be aiming to keep her streak alive in the second round against 17-year-old American wild card Iva Jovic.



Mumbai Indians' Rohit Sharma and Ryan Rickelton celebrate their partnership during the match against Punjab Kings in the Indian Premier League 2025, at Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur on Monday. (ANI Photo)

## BOWLERS LOSING FORM AT WRONG TIME: MOODY POINTS OUT HUGE "CONCERN" FOR GT BEFORE PLAYOFFS

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Former Australian cricketer and IPL-winning coach Tom Moody believes Gujarat Titans bowlers have lost their form "at the wrong time", a factor that could prove costly towards the business end of the 18th season of the cash-rich league.

Known for their disciplined and precise attack, Gujarat's bowling unit appears a shadow of its former self, considering its sharp decline in form. Since the resumption of the tournament, GT has lost twice out of three after standing triumphant in eight out of 11 before the suspension.

Considering their recent exploits at the crease, Gujarat's bowlers have lost their attacking tenacity. The Titans have combined to leak 664 runs in the last three fixtures while scalping 10 wickets, a stark indicator of their sluggish ambush with the ball.

"It is a concern that a number of their bowlers are losing form at the wrong time. Coming into the finals, one area of your game you want to be absolutely confident with is your bowling attack and everyone not looking over their shoulder but looking to take responsibility themselves. And I look at their attack, and really there's only one bowler that's bowling well, and the rest are trying to find form," Moody said on ESPNcricinfo's Time Out show.

After receiving a thumping 83-run defeat in their home den against bottom-placed Chennai Super Kings in Ahmedabad, Moody identified left-arm orthodox spinner Sai Kishore as the only bowler who has returned with a wicket in GT's last three games.

Prasidh Krishna, who is in second place in the race for the Purple Cap with 23 scalps and Mohammed Siraj, Gujarat's premier weapon with the ball, have contributed in patches but have been scratchy in their recent outings.

"And that's probably being a little bit harsh on Sai Kishore because I think he's been quite consistent, but it's nearly like his bowling has been swept away along with many other bowlers purely because they haven't been able to build the most important thing, and that's those partnerships with the ball," he added.

India's legendary ball twaker, Anil Kumble, echoed Moody's views and sentiments. He highlighted that Gujarat lacks cutting-edge sharpness in the powerplay, which has increased the pressure on the bowlers in the middle overs.

"When things have not started off well for GT in those first six overs, the pressure on the bowling attack has been pretty obvious. That's where the Rashid wicket-taking ability is sort of missing now, and that's why they're probably struggling," Kumble said.

## FORMER GUJARAT CAPTAIN PRIYANK PANCHAL ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM ALL CRICKET

NEW DELHI : Former India A and Gujarat captain Priyank Panchal has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

"Over and out. Onto greener pastures now," the former Gujarat skipper wrote in a post on X.

<https://x.com/PKpanchal09/status/1926972208913543590>  
Gujarat Cricket Association congratulates the veteran batter, posting on X, "Gujarat Cricket Association congratulates Priyank Panchal on a stellar cricketing journey as he announces retirement from all formats on May 26, 2025. A prolific right-handed opener, Priyank scored 8856 First-Class runs with 29 centuries & 34 fifties, including a majestic 314\*. He led Gujarat to its maiden Ranji Trophy title in 2016-17, also lifting the Vijay Hazare Trophy (2015-16) and Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy (2012-13 & 2013-14). He captained India A and Gujarat across all formats with grit and pride. We salute his dedication and legacy. Wishing him success ahead."

<https://x.com/GCAMotera/status/1926960595665907876>  
The 35-year-old finishes as Gujarat's second-highest run-getter in first-class cricket, 19 short of Parthiv Patel's tally of 7011 runs. The 2024-25 Ranji Trophy season was his last, in which he made two centuries, with a best of 148 against Kerala in the semi-final, in what turned out to be his last innings.

Panchal leaves with 23 centuries, the most by a Gujarat player, during his first-class career, which spanned 127 matches and 8856 runs. He also featured in 97 List A games and 59 T20s.

Gujarati batter Panchal played his last first-class game in the Ranji Trophy last season against Kerala. Gujarat lost the match based on Kerala's first-inning lead. Panchal scored 148 runs in his last first-class match against Kerala.

## Rohit Sharma 67 runs away from becoming 2nd IPL player to achieve this milestone

JAIPUR (RAJASTHAN) : Mumbai Indians (MI) star batter Rohit Sharma is just 67 runs away from becoming the second player ever to touch the 7,000 run mark in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL).

The fate of second-placed PBKS and fourth-placed MI will be decided after their final league stage match at Jaipur on Monday. PBKS, which has 17 points after eight wins, four losses and a no result, and MI, sitting at 16 points after eight wins and five losses, both have a chance to topple Gujarat Titans (GT) and get themselves a double shot at the IPL final.

This match will also be important as this big milestone will be worth watching out for. Fans would be wanting the 'Hitman' to leave the league stage with a high and play a knock that would give him the confidence needed for playoffs.

So far this season, Rohit has made 305 runs in 12 matches at an average of 27.72 and a strike rate of almost 151, with three fifties in 12 innings and the best score of 76\*.

In his IPL career, Rohit has made 6,933 runs in 269 matches and 264 innings at an average of 29.62, a strike rate of over 131, with two centuries and 46 fifties. His best score is 109\*.

The top run-getter in the history of the competition is Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) batter Virat Kohli, who has made 8,552 runs in 264 matches and 256 innings at an average of 39.59, strike rate of 132.75, with eight centuries and 62 fifties. His best score is 113\*.

Squads:  
Punjab Kings Squad: Priyansh Arya, Prabhsimran Singh, Josh Inglis(w), Shreyas Iyer(c), Nehal Wadhwa, Shashank Singh, Marcus Stoinis,



Azmatullah Omarzai, Marco Jansen, Harpreet Brar, Arshdeep Singh, Praveen Dubey, Suryansh Shedge, Vijaykumar Vyshak, Xavier Bartlett, Kyle Jamieson, Yuzvendra Chahal, Vishnu Vinod, Yash Thakur, Aaron Hardie, Kuldeep Sen, Mitchell Owen, Harnoor Singh, Musheer Khan, Pyla Avinash

Mumbai Indians Squad: Ryan Rickelton(w), Rohit Sharma, Will Jacks, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya(c), Naman Dhir, Mitchell Santner, Deepak Chahar, Trent Boult, Jasprit Bumrah, Karn Sharma, Ashwani Kumar, Corbin Bosch, Raj Bawa, Satyanarayana Raju, Reece Topley, Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Krishnan Shrijith, Raghu Sharma, Arjun Tendulkar, Robin Minz, Bevon Jacobs.

## Khelo India Beach Games 2025: How Tamil Nadu's fisherman community is fuelling India's beach volleyball growth

DIU [INDIA] : Volleyball powerhouse Tamil Nadu became champions in both men's and women's categories at the Khelo India Beach Games (KIBG) 2025 in Diu. The South Indian state's dominance in this sport is a routine affair; however, one story stood out from the sand courts--the rise of beach volleyball players from the state's fishing hamlets.

Two athletes in particular, Robin Ravi, 23, and Bharat Somu, 22, have emerged from the Palavakkam coastal community to represent India at international events like the Central Asian Volleyball Association (CAVA) Continental Cup finals in Bangladesh in 2023, winning bronze. On Friday, the duo also won the silver medal in the men's volleyball tournament at the inaugural KIBG.

"We live on the beach. It's our life. Walking, working, and playing on the sand is second nature to us," Robin and Bharat said unanimously. Their journey, like many others in the fisherman community, began by watching seniors play volleyball in nearby makeshift courts. Both players started young - Robin at 10 and Bharat at 15. With no formal coaching in the beginning, they learned through observation and passion.

"They have been practising on a ground within their own hamlet



in Palavakkam. Their dream is to represent India at the Olympics," said A J Martin Sudhakar, veteran volleyball coach and administrator, who was also the competition manager for the sport at KIBG 2025.

Sudhakar was the coach of Pradeep John and Mohan Poothathan, who gave India a ninth-place finish in Volleyball at the 2006 Asian Games. This was Indian volleyball's best-ever finish at the continental event.

The fishermen's community has a natural advantage, he said. "The fisherman community has given us some of the strongest and most resilient players in the game. Their lifestyle--pulling fishing nets, walking on shifting sand, constant exposure to sun--builds the perfect stamina, balance, and strength needed for

beach volleyball," Sudhakar told SAI Media. "That is why they adapt to beach volleyball faster than most. Their lower bodies are already conditioned for the uneven terrain. Endurance and adaptability to sand are critical. Acclimatisation is part of the game. Fisherman boys adapt faster because they live in this weather. That's a major reason why they excel."

Bharat and Robin are both unemployed despite their international medals. "Their families are not rich. Their fathers are fishermen and plumbers. But their biggest support has been the freedom to pursue the sport even without jobs. This however can't go on forever," Sudhakar said. "If they get government jobs, at least 100-150 more youngsters from the community

## Hardik Pandya plays 300th T20: A look at all-rounder's short-format career so far

JAIPUR (RAJASTHAN) : Mumbai Indians (MI) and India star all-rounder Hardik Pandya is set to play his 300th T20 match on Monday.

Pandya's milestone match will be coming during his side's last league stage match against Punjab Kings (PBKS) at Jaipur. This match will be extremely crucial for both sides as whoever wins will get to top the table and get a double shot at the IPL final. MI is currently placed at fourth spot, with eight wins and five losses, with 16 points to their name.

In 299 T20s, Pandya has scored 5,512 runs at an average of 29.63, with a strike rate of 142.20. He has made 21 fifties, with the best score of 91. He has also taken 203 wickets at an average of 27.83, with best figures of 5/36. These statistics make him one of India's most decorated T20 players.

The majority of Pandya's matches in the shortest format have come for India and for the Mumbai Indians (MI) in the Indian Premier League (IPL). In 114 T20s, Hardik has scored 1,812 runs at an average of 27.87, with a strike rate of over 141, with five fifties. His best score is 71\*. He has also taken 94 wickets at an average of 26.43, with the best figures of 4/16. He is the third-highest wicket-taker for India in T20s and the fifth-highest run-getter in T20s.

Pandya is a five-time IPL champion, four times with MI and once with Gujarat Titans. In his IPL career, he has made 2,686 runs at an average of 28.27, a strike rate of 146.45, with 10 fifties and the best score of 91. He has also taken 77 wickets at an average of 31.25, with best figures of 5/36.

For MI, he has scored 1,853

runs in 118 matches and 107 innings at an average of 25.38, strike rate of 153.14. He has scored four fifties, with the best score of 91. He has taken 66 wickets at an average of 29.65, with best figures of 5/36.

In 31 matches for GT, he has scored 833 runs at an average of 37.86, with a strike rate of over 133, with six fifties. His best score is 87\*. He has also taken 11 wickets for the team at an average of 40.91, with best figures of 3/17.

In the remaining 36 T20s which he has played for Baroda in domestic cricket, Hardik has made 1,014 runs at an average of 39.00, with a strike rate of 132.89 and six fifties. His best score is 86\*. He has also taken 32 wickets at an average of 23.68, with best figures of 23.68.

For Hardik, his finest moments in T20s were winning the T20 World Cup last year for India and securing his first IPL title as a captain with GT in 2022.

In 2022, during GT's title-winning campaign, Hardik stepped up massively as a batter, scoring 487 runs in 15 innings at an average of 44.27, strike rate of over 131, with four fifties and best score of 87\*. He also took eight wickets, including a spell of 3/17 in the final.

During the T20 WC 2024, Pandya starred with impactful contributions across both disciplines, scoring 144 runs in six innings at an average of 48.00, with a half-century. He also took 11 wickets, with the best figures of 3/11. In the ongoing IPL 2025, Pandya has scored 161 runs in nine innings at an average of 23.00, a strike rate of 161.00, with the best score of 48\*. He has also taken 13 wickets at an average of 19.77, with best figures of 5/36.



will take up the sport seriously.

"We are organising a 10-day camp in Chennai from next month, specifically for the fisherman community. These efforts will scale our presence in national and international circuits," he added. "The community is very tight-knit. If one succeeds, everyone follows. It's not just volleyball. They play beach football, kabaddi, and even cricket."

Beach volleyball was introduced in the Khelo India platform for the first time this year. "This is one of the best spectator sports. It can be developed quickly. It's time we support it fully," Sudhakar, who has been an executive member of the Asian Volleyball Confederation's Beach Council for 12 years, said. Speaking of Tamil Nadu's continuous dominance in indoor or beach volleyball, Sudhakar added, "We have courts even in schools. Districts like Nagapattinam and Mayiladuthurai have produced excellent players."

"Other coastal states should also replicate this. European countries are creating artificial sand courts in towns. We don't even need that. We have natural beaches. Just put one foot of sand and start," Sudhakar, also the General Secretary of Tamil Nadu State Volleyball Association, said.

At the Khelo India Beach

Games 2025, Jammu & Kashmir and Chhattisgarh reached the quarters, before Tamil Nadu, Kerala Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh took over as semi-finalists. "Jammu & Kashmir players from the police unit came just one day before the match, with no sand court back home. Still, they reached the quarterfinals. That's self-motivation," continued Sudhakar.

The model from Tamil Nadu is replicable for North Indian states too, he said. It starts with identifying the right environments, investing in basic infrastructure, encouraging youth through schools and universities, and giving financial security to top performers. "The northern states can start small. You don't need a beach. Just get sand, mark a court, and begin. The Federation must send coaches, hold clinics, and engage with state sports departments. That's the way forward," he added.

Sudhakar believes a national roadmap can change this. "Conduct seminars, train local coaches, and assign them to regional academies. Bring foreign experts from Brazil, the USA, or Europe for three-month stints. That's how the sport will rise. We don't need snow-covered indoor sand courts like Europe. We have natural beaches--let's use them wisely," he said.