

Mamata Banerjee announces fresh exam notification for teachers on May 30, offers alternative posts to other dismissed teachers and others

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday addressed the pressing issue of nearly 26,000 dismissed school teachers in the state whose appointments were recently cancelled by the Supreme Court.

In a high-profile press conference held at Nabanna alongside Education Minister Bratya Basu, the Chief Minister made a series of crucial announcements that could significantly impact the future of the affected teachers as well as the state's education system.

Mamata Banerjee said her government will start the fresh recruitment process of teachers as per the Supreme Court directive, while simultaneously pursuing a review petition seeking reinstatement of those who lost their jobs.

Addressing the highly anticipated press conference, she said the teachers who lost their jobs will be given the benefit of their experience and age relaxation in the fresh recruitment process, the notification for which will be issued on May 30.

"We want all those teachers who lost their jobs to get their jobs back. But we also have to



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addressing a press meet at Nabanna on Tuesday.

follow the Supreme Court directive on issuing the notification by May 31," she said.

"Both the review petition and the process of issuing the notification will go on simultaneously," she said.

Mamata Banerjee's statement came amid massive protests by the teaching and non-teaching staff of state-backed schools, who lost their jobs because of an SC order in the School Service Commission (SSC) recruitment scam.

Announcing relief for the teachers who lost their jobs, the Chief minister said, "Age will not be a barrier. Those who lost their jobs will be allowed to sit for the exam even if they have crossed the usual age limit. They will also receive the benefit of their experience."

Earlier on Monday, a group of six representatives from the dismissed candidates met with the state education secretary. They placed a clear demand — that eligible teachers be rein-

stated in their posts without being forced to undergo fresh examinations. The delegation also requested that the state government take full responsibility for safeguarding their futures. The state's top leadership, it appears, has been under considerable pressure to act decisively. Responding to the matter, Mamata Banerjee stated, "If I do not follow the court's order, these dismissed teachers may land in even greater trouble. We shall try our best within legal boundaries. I have to proceed by the law." She added that teachers who had already been employed should continue working (till December 31, as per the Supreme Court order) and those above the age limit of 40 would still be eligible to take the fresh exam, with their experience being considered an advantage.

The Chief Minister clarified that the government had not officially decided against holding the exams. "Some individuals caused the cancellation of the entire panel for personal gain, and now they are trying to show sympathy. As per the Supreme Court's order, candidates should take the exam and simultane-

ously file their applications. We are also preparing a review petition which we will present once the court's summer vacation is over," she said.

In a significant development, Mamata Banerjee announced that the notification for the fresh teacher recruitment examination would be issued on May 30, a day prior to the expiry of the deadline on May 31. She also revealed that nearly 11,000 new vacancies have been created for Class IX-X teachers, along with additional positions in Group C and Group D categories totalling about 44,000.

Importantly, she offered alternative employment options for those whose appointments had been cancelled. "Those asked to return money or barred from the exam can apply to other departments. The education department needs personnel for bell-ringing, cleaning, and other support roles. We will offer them three to four departmental options, and this will be notified separately within the next few days," Mamata Banerjee said. Stressing the state's

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Terrorism is Pak's war strategy, says PM Modi



MI News Service, Gandhinagar : Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated here on Tuesday that terrorism practiced by Pakistan is not a proxy war but a deliberate war strategy and India will respond accordingly.

Pakistan is engaging in a war through terrorism, Modi said, while speaking about Operation Sindoor at an urban development programme of Gujarat Government here this afternoon..

"We can't call this a proxy war as those who were killed on May 6 night in Indian strikes on terror camps in Pakistan, were given state honours in Pakistan. Pakistani flags were draped over their coffins, and their military saluted them," Modi said.

"This proves that these terrorist activities are not just a proxy war but a deliberate war strategy on their part. If they engage in war, then the response will be accordingly," he said.

Modi said that whenever India and Pakistan went to war, Indian armed forces defeated Pakistan a way the neighbouring country would never forget.

"Realising they could never win a direct war against India, they turned to proxy warfare, providing military training and support to terrorists instead," he said.

"No matter how strong or healthy the body is, even a single thorn can cause constant pain. We have decided that the thorn must be removed," Modi said.

"During Partition, Maa Bharati was divided into two, and that very night, the first terror attack on Kashmir was launched by the Mujahideen," he said. Pakistan then captured a part of Mother India with the help of terrorists, in the name of Mujahideen, he said.

"If these Mujahideen had been killed on that day and Sardar Patel's advice had been accepted, then this series of terror attacks that has been going on for the last 75 years would not have been seen," Modi said. He said the people of Pakistan should understand that their government and army are supporting terrorism and must come forward to end the menace.

"Operation Sindoor is not just a military action. It is an expression of our Indian values and spirit. Those who harbour terrorism could never have

imagined, even in their dreams, how difficult it would be to face Modi's resolve," he said during his first visit to the state after the launch of Operation Sindoor.

"While India believes in tourism, Pakistan considers terrorism as tourism, which is very dangerous for the world. I want to ask the people of Pakistan — what have they achieved? Today, India is the fourth largest economy in the world. But what is your situation? Those who promoted terrorism ruined your future," Modi said.

Later addressing a gathering in Bhuj town in the Kutch district of Gujarat, which shares land as well as maritime borders with Pakistan. Earlier on Monday the Prime minister launched projects worth over 82,950 crore in Dahod, Bhuj, and Gandhinagar.

"Terrorism is a way of making money for your (Pakistan) government and army. The people of Pakistan must come forward to end terrorism. Live a happy and peaceful life and have your meal. Otherwise, my bullet is there for you," the PM added.

He also marked the 11th anniversary of taking oath as PM. On May 26, 2014, Modi was sworn in as PM after the Bharatiya Janata Party swept to power in the general elections, ending three decades of coalition politics. In 2024, Modi took oath for the third time as PM on June 9.

"On this day in 2014, I took oath as PM for the first time. The people of Gujarat placed their faith in me first, and then the entire nation joined hands. Since then, I have carried that responsibility with full dedication. We have taken decisions that were once unimaginable and unprecedented... today, India stands transformed, moving forward boldly in every sector," Modi said.

"Today, 140 crore Indians are working hard to make our country a developed country. Whatever is needed for the progress of the country, we should make it in India itself, this is the demand of today's time. India is rapidly advancing in the world of manufacturing today... Today we are exporting many goods from smartphones to cars, toys, military weapons, medicines... Not only this, today India makes railways, metros and the technology required for it," he asserted.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee visited a private hospital to congratulate RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on becoming a father in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Atmosphere of fear in Kashmir is on the wane, says Farooq Abdullah

MI News Service, Pahalgam : Asserting that the atmosphere of fear and uncertainty among the people of Kashmir has significantly reduced over the past one month since April 22 terrorist attack in Pahalgam, because of fool proof measures taken by the authorities, former Chief minister and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah has urged the tourists to once again visit the valley in large numbers to enjoy its unmatched beauty.

The former chief minister of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir also urged the External Affairs Ministry to make efforts for getting revoked the negative travel advisories issued by some countries against visiting J-K.

Tourism in Kashmir has been hit after the April 22 Pahalgam attack that left 26 people dead, he said during a visit at the picturesque Pahalgam on Tuesday.

"By all counts the atmosphere of fear in Kashmir has significantly reduced ", Farook Abdullah said and urged the visitors from outside Kashmir to come to the valley once again like before to enjoy its beauty and hospitality.. "What happened here last month was very sad, it should not have happened. People were coming here happily. People were busy with their work, they were not asking for government jobs. The situation was such in Pahalgam that there were no rooms available here," Abdullah said here. The NC chief visited the tourist resort and played golf at the Pahalgam Golf Course along with some friends. He said while the attack created an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty, the government has taken some steps to improve the security situation in the valley. "There was an atmosphere for fear, but I feel now the atmosphere of fear has reduced to a large extent.

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Massive landslide blocks Jammu-Kishtwar national highway

MI News Service, Jammu : A massive landslide blocked the Jammu-Kishtwar national highway near Kandani, leaving hundreds of commuters stranded, officials said on Tuesday.

The landslide blocked the highway late in the afternoon on Tuesday near slide-prone Phagumar in Kishtwar district.

They said the road clearance operation was immediately launched by the Border Roads Organisations and other agencies and efforts are being made to make the highway traffic worthy as soon as possible as this massive pile of huge stones has entirely blocked the Jammu-Kishtwar national highway leaving hundreds of commuters stranded on both sides, official sources

informed on Tuesday.

They said given the size of the landslide, the restoration work would take some more time is likely to be completed by Tuesday or Wednesday, the officials said, advising commuters to avoid travel on the highway for the time being though the road clearance operation have been taken up or war footing.

Hundreds of vehicles were left stranded on the strategic 250-kilometre highway — the only all-weather road linking Kashmir with the rest of the country

We are faced with a challenging situation due to massive deposits of muck on the highway at more than a dozen places, especially on the four-kilometre stretch between Seri and Marog. The height of the

sludge at some places is more than 20 feet," National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) project director Purshottam Kumar said. Some of the agency's major machinery, including earth movers, are buried under the debris, he claimed. "Despite limited available resources of our own, we have arranged machinery from private contractors and deployed those to speed up the restoration work," he said, expressing satisfaction at the improved weather condition after two days of heavy rain. The highway has also suffered major damages near Panthiyal and Kela Morh, he added.

Meanwhile, stranded commuters, including two newlywed couples, were seen moving on foot to reach their

destinations.

"The road is destroyed at a number of places. The situation is very bad," Rajasthan native Devi Lal, who is heading home from the Magam area of central Kashmir's Budgam district, said

Accompanied by other members of his community, including women and children, Lal said they were walking to cross the problematic stretches before boarding a bus to Jammu.

Jamna, who was carrying a minor child on her shoulders, said stones and boulders were still coming down the hills overlooking the highway and added that the situation was frightening. "We have not taken meals for the past two days," she said as the group made their way to Udhampur.

India's fight against terrorism will continue, says Ravi Shankar Prasad in France

MI News Service, Paris / New Delhi: BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad exhorted members of the Indian community in France to make every effort to showcase Brand India as a beacon of peace that is fighting against the global curse of terrorism.

Addressing a gathering of community leaders and prominent members of the Indian diaspora in Paris on Monday evening, the all-party delegation led by Prasad conveyed the message that the terrorist attack in Pahalgam last month was a deliberate attempt to undermine peace and development in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

India's response with Operation Sindoor was "pre-

cise, targeted, proportionate and non-escalatory" and targeted at Pakistan-backed terrorist camps.

"When I see the growth of India, I am very proud of all of you because you are the brand ambassadors (of the country)," said Prasad.

"Please properly showcase Brand India, that we are for peace, we are for amity. But if innocent Indians are killed by terrorists, they will have to pay a cost. That is the winning Operation Sindoor," he said.

The former Union minister reiterated the central message of the delegation that any act of terrorism will be viewed as a war, "because in Pakistan, terrorism and the government estab-



lishment are together".

"And if a question is asked of you (diaspora) that the Prime Minister (Narendra Modi) had said this is not the era of war — then it is also not the era of terrorism.

Terrorism is a global curse, a global cancer, killing civilized society," he added.

Fellow Lok Sabha MP Daggubati Purandeswari noted that the delegation was in Europe to present

some "hard truths" about terrorism to the global community.

"India has suffered cross-border terrorism long enough... but now India has said enough is enough. We have a leadership today who is not willing to take things lying down. We've been a responsible country and never did we wage war on any country by ourselves. But today our patience has gone a long way," said the Andhra Pradesh leader, who also addressed the gathering in Telugu.

Rajya Sabha MP Priyanka Chaturvedi highlighted that terrorism has become an "economic industry for Pakistan" to threaten peace across the world, not

just in South Asia.

"We have come to express not just our anger, but our resolute belief that what has begun as Operation Sindoor is not just a conventional fight back. It will be a fight back in all its forms, in all its possibilities, and in all the spaces possible for India to tell the world, and to especially tell Pakistan, that we will hold you to account for every single life that an Indian loses because of your terrorism," she said. Kashmiri Rajya Sabha MP Ghulam Ali Khatana pointed to the tourism boom in his home state that was targeted by the terrorists in Pahalgam and that any

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Tourists barred from sea in Digha, orange alert in Bengal

MI News Service, Digha: A developing low-pressure system in the Bay of Bengal near Odisha has intensified, Promoting an orange alert across several districts in West Bengal. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned that the system is likely to strengthen further over the next 48 hours and move northwards, increasing the risk of severe weather conditions, particularly in coastal areas.

As a precautionary measure, local authorities in Digha have banned tourists from entering the sea. The Digha panchayat has also advised local residents to remain on high alert. While the region has



to rough sea conditions, tourists have been strictly prohibited from entering the water until the weather situation improves. Public announcements are being made through loudspeakers by Nulias (local costal guards), urging people to stay away from the sea. The Digha panchayat has also advised local residents to remain on high alert. While the region has

experienced light to moderate rain since the morning, heavier downpours are expected, particularly in the coastal districts. Heavy rainfall is forecast in North and South 24 Parganas and both East and West Midnapore on Wednesday, with thunderstorms and gusty winds (30-40 km/h) anticipated in other parts of the state. Fishermen have been strictly barred from venturing into the sea along both Bengal and Odisha coasts. The IMD has further advised against any activities in coastal areas on Thursday and Friday due to potential hazardous conditions.

Man's Plans Foiled as Police Intervene Right After Arrival from Dinhata

MI News Service, Baruiapur: A major drug smuggling attempt was foiled in Baruiapur, South 24 Parganas, after local police arrested three individuals transporting a large quantity of ganja from Dinhata, Cooch Behar. The arrest took place near an under-construction water tank along the Shasan bypass, shortly after the suspects arrived by train.



According to police sources, Abdul Basar Mandal alias Khokon (a resident of Suryapur, Baruiapur), along with Laden Haque and Mrinal Haque (both residents of Karala village under Dinhata Police Station, Cooch Behar), were caught red-handed with a trolley bag containing 35 kilograms of ganja. Authorities also recovered three mobile phones and ₹2,270 in cash from the accused. The trio had reported-

ly boarded a train from Sealdah and traveled to Shasan station via the Laxmikantapur local. Their plan was to transfer the contraband into another vehicle for distribution. However, acting on prior intelligence, the Baruiapur police intercepted them at the designated location before they could proceed. The incident has caused a stir in the Suryapur area. Police have launched an investigation to uncover the

Water enters ward, patients cope at hospital

MI News Service, Bankura: Alarming visuals from Sonamukhi Rural Hospital in Bankura district have gone viral once again, exposing the severely deteriorated infrastructure of one of the region's key healthcare facilities. After heavy rainfall on Monday, a local resident recorded and shared a video on social media showing waterlogged hospital premises, medicine boxes floating in dirty water, and patients and their attendants forced to sit on benches with their legs raised to avoid the floodwater.



The viral footage has reignited concerns about the hospital's condition, especially as it comes less than a year after a disturbing image of a dog dragging a newborn by the mouth within the hospital premises triggered public outrage. At that time, district health officials had promised immediate improvements to the facility's infrastructure—a promise that now appears

unfulfilled. The recent incident shows that even a moderate downpour is enough to cripple the hospital's operations. Patients visiting the outpatient department were seen stranded in waterlogged corridors as muddy water from nearby drains and cracks in the building structure entered the facility. Medicine boxes were seen floating, and relatives of patients expressed frustration, stating that such flooding has become routine during the monsoon. Sonamukhi Rural Hospital serves over ten gram panchayats in the Sonamukhi block and sev-

TMC trusts on youth, Ex - MLA's daughter is Kaliganj candidate for by-election

Dipankar Edbar

Kaliganj: The sudden demise of Nadia's Kaliganj MLA Nasiruddin Ahmed, has pushed the situation of by election here. TMC is the first party that announced their candidate for the Kaliganj Assembly Constituency. In this assembly constituency, one name still echoes among the people—Nasiruddin Ahmed alias 'Lal Sahab', the former Trinamool MLA known for his dedication and work. He was in close proximity to the concerned people. According to many, he is the architect of a new Kaliganj. His sudden demise due to a heart attack on February 01, made the by-election in this seat inevitable.



Durgapur. In the 2018 Panchayat elections, Alifa was elected as a member of the Nadia Zilla Parishad. Although she did not contest the latest Panchayat polls, she remained actively engaged with the people. After announcement of her name as TMC candidate, she stated, "My father was close to everyone. His office was always open to the people. He cared for the community and always thought of development." Former MLA Nasiruddin Ahmed was a devoted

follower of Mamata Banerjee and a loyal soldier of the party since its inception. He became an MLA for the first time in 2011, during the political shift from the Left regime. In 2016, he was defeated narrowly by 1,227 votes to the Left-Congress alliance candidate Hasanuzzaman Sheikh. But he regained the seat in 2021, defeating the BJP candidate. Nasiruddin Ahmed transformed various sectors during his tenure—revamping education, healthcare, drainage, and drinking water systems which had suffered under the Left rule. Alifa Ahmed said, "My father left no stone unturned for development. However, I wish to complete his unfinished tasks with everyone's support. I am thankful to our leader Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee for choosing me. I also express my heartfelt gratitude to the district and block leadership, and everyone who stood by us after my father's demise. I wish to move forward with everyone's blessings and prayers."

Boy Reported Kidnapped, Rs 5 Lakh Ransom Demanded; Family Shocked as Police Uncover Truth

MI News Service, Barasat: After intense police investigation, Firoz Mandal finally succumbed to police intelligence and was apprehended late Monday night at Sealdah. During interrogation, Firoz confessed to orchestrating a fake kidnapping to extort money.

A distressing phone call claiming the kidnapping of a young man and demanding a ransom of Rs. 5 lakh sent shockwaves through his family. The victim's father, overwhelmed with worry, immediately approached the police, who launched a thorough investigation. However, the unfolding events soon revealed a startling truth. Firoz Mandal, 26, a car dealer residing in Guma, Ashoknagar, was found to be behind the staged kidnapping. Sources reveal that Firoz was facing financial difficulties related to a dispute with a finance company over car loans. To resolve his monetary problems, he devised a plan involving a fake abduction, allegedly with the help of a few acquaintances. According to police reports, Firoz was drinking with friends on Saturday evening in the Bamangachi area when he disclosed his financial troubles. Subsequently, the fake kidnapping scenario was executed, including a ransom call made from an unknown number to his father. The victim's family immediately approached Ashoknagar police upon receiving the ransom demand. As the police investigation progressed, Firoz attempted to mislead authorities by providing false information and moving between multiple locations, including Bamangachi, Leather Complex police jurisdiction, and Burdwan. Despite these efforts, the police tracked and located him in Sealdah on Monday night. During questioning, Firoz admitted to fabricating the kidnapping to secure funds to settle his debts with the finance company. Following his confession, he was produced before the Barasat court on Tuesday afternoon for further proceedings. The incident highlights the complexities faced by law enforcement in unraveling staged crimes motivated by financial distress.

Heart care facilities for people of East Midnapore

MI News Service, East Midnapore: In districts like East Midnapore, where people frequently visit standalone Cath labs or diagnostic centres, the situation is even more concerning as critical time is often lost in referrals, repeat tests, or complications that go unmanaged. Recent studies published by the Cardiological Society of India highlight a stark reality: over 40% of cardiac patients in tier-2 towns and rural areas are referred late, often only after their condition has worsened. Many families from East Midnapore need to rush patients in the middle of the night, losing precious hours that could have been avoided.

That is now possible because of a new generation of comprehensive cardiac care available at Manipal Hospitals Kolkata, where patients from East Midnapore are increasingly turning not just for treatment, but for survival. What makes it different is not just scale, but the ability to respond in real time. The hospital is equipped with 500+ critical care beds, advanced imaging, 24x7 emergency teams, and in-house specialists for nephrology, endocrinology, neurology, and more, ensuring no delay in life-saving decisions.

JSW MG Motor India expands EV lineup with MG Windsor exclusive PRO launch

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: JSW MG Motor India has launched the MG Windsor Exclusive PRO variant, bridging the gap between the Essence and EsSense PRO variants. Priced at INR 17,24,800, it features a larger 52.9 kWh battery, a certified range of 449 km, and premium features like dual-tone interiors, 18-inch alloy wheels, and a Grand-view Display.



Inauguration of 26th Russian Education Fair 2025 at Gorky Sadan in Kolkata on Tuesday.

26th Russian Education Fair kicks off in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Russian House in Kolkata, in association with Rus Education, organized the 26th Russian Education Fair 2025 for students aspiring to pursue higher education in Russia. The fair was held at the Russian House, Gorky Sadan. Maxim V. Kozlov, Consul General of the Russian Federation in Kolkata, and Ekaterina Tyurina, Vice Consul of the Russian Federation in Kolkata, graced the occasion with their presence.

This year, the Russian Education Fair is being held in Kolkata, New Delhi, Patna, Ahmedabad, Indore, Chandigarh, and Jaipur. The fair is exclusively organized to support Indian students who are looking to pursue higher education in Russia in fields such as medicine, engineering, and aviation, among others. The event also highlighted the current educational landscape, the growing preference for studying abroad, the rising demand for education in Russia, the emergence of new institu-

tions, and the increasing number of students from Kolkata, East India, and the Northeast. The universities participating in the Kolkata fair included: B.B. Gorodovikov Kalmyk State University; Orenburg State Medical University of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation; Perm State Medical University of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation; Pskov State University; Mari State University; among others. Reshma Ali, Regional Manager, Rus Education,

said, "From being affordable to delivering quality education, and research exposure, the students can explore various opportunities in the field of medicine." Maxim V. Kozlov, Consul General of the Russian Federation in Kolkata surprised the audience with his fluent Bengali. He said "Russia is a great tourism and higher education destination." "Students studying at Russia with minimum Russian language proficiency can also get ample job opportunities at Russia." He added.

University of Kalyani hosts National Seminar on India's Role in the Contemporary World Order

MI News Service, Kalyani: The Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, organized a one-day national seminar on Monday titled "Role of India in Contemporary World Order", bringing together leading academics and scholars to deliberate on India's strategic positioning in global affairs. The seminar was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Kallol Paul, who stressed the importance of creating interactive platforms for students and researchers to deepen their understanding of Indian foreign policy and global strategic dynamics. Delivering the keynote address, Professor Arvind Kumar of the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), emphasized India's growing influence across the Global South. He pointed to India's potential leadership in areas like Digi-



tal Public Infrastructure, counter-terrorism, and climate change—especially as traditional powers such as the United States adopt a more inward-looking stance. The valedictory session featured Professor Savitri Nanda Chakraborty, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Commerce, who underscored the need to bridge theory and practice in foreign policy analysis. Pro-

fessor Vijay Khare from Savitribai Phule Pune University argued that India must leverage its strategic and economic strengths to engage more assertively in reshaping global political and economic structures. The seminar drew speakers from prestigious institutions including Jadavpur University, Rabindra Bharati University, Calcutta University, Loreto College, Scottish Church

College, SKBU Purulia, KNU Asansol, and Galsi Mahavidyalaya. Around 90 participants—comprising faculty members, researchers, and students—actively took part in the sessions. Technical sessions were chaired by Professor Prabir Kr De, Professor Sumit Mukerji, and Professor Shiladitya Chakraborty. Dr. Nivedita Saha, Head of the Department of Political Science, chaired the valedictory session. The event also served as a dissemination workshop for an ICSSR-funded Minor Research Project titled "G20 Delhi Declaration: A Feasibility Assessment", conducted by Dr. Pratip Chattopadhyay, Associate Professor, who delivered the vote of thanks. The seminar concluded with a call for India to play a more decisive role in navigating the complex challenges of the 21st-century world order.

Blood finds no religion : Oyazul Haque

Nurul Islam Khan Mandarmani: Prof Sk Md Oyazul Haque, the state president of Bangiya Sankhyalagu Buddhijibi Mancha and the member of the State Trinamool Congress Core Committee on Tuesday, was present as the chief guest at the blood donation camp organized at Hotel Sun City and Resort, Mandarmani in East Midnapore district. Prominent social worker Sheikh Md Azizul Haque (Pokhraj), prominent educationist Prof Dr Mohsin Islam, Director of Chocolate hotels, Shri Nirmalya Chowdhury and Manager of the Hotel



and the chief organizer of the blood donation camp Shri Dipak Giri also graced the occasion. Oyazul Haque Sahib said in his short but relevant statement that those who worship or pray in the temple, mosque or in the church are religious but those who are directly

involved in the service to people are the demi gods or the messenger of the Creator. He thanked the blood donors present in more than a hundred in number and the organizers, saying that such camps are actually a meeting place of the temple, mosque and the

church and a living synagogue to satisfy the human service and the creator. He mentions that blood does not ask for religion. Blood does not judge the religion of the donor or the receiver. Oyazul Haque also told all the people present there that we are fortunate to have Mamata Banerjee as the Hon'ble Chief Minister of our State West Bengal, who has made our state a peace haven of communal harmony and this type of camp will encourage every responsible citizen of our country to serve humanity to serve God thereby protecting communal harmony.



A special coordination meeting was held at the BDO Office in Mogra ahead of Eid-ul-Adha, bringing together officials including BDO Rajib Poddar, DSP Crime Abhijeet Sinha Mahapatra, Mogra PSOC Dipankar Sarkar, Bansheria Mill Phadi Incharge Sujit Rai, Sahhapati Smita Sahu, Vikas Rai, and local Imams to ensure a peaceful and well-organized celebration.

Mysterious Lights in Night Sky Spark Concern

MI News Service, South Dinajpur: In the night sky over South Dinajpur district, several unidentified lights have been observed, causing widespread concern among residents. These mysterious lights were reported in multiple locations including Balurghat, Gangarampur, Haripur, and Hilli—areas situated close to the district's border with Bangladesh. On Sunday night, rows of these unexplained lights appeared, prompting speculation and anxiety among the local population. Many initially suspected that the lights could be drones, potentially originating from across the nearby Bangladesh border.

Youngest President Takes Charge at Calcutta Electric Traders Association

MI News Service, Kolkata: Jitendra Surana has been appointed as the youngest President of The Calcutta Electric Traders Association (CETA), a prestigious organization established in 1939. Expressing his gratitude, he described this honor as an incredible opportunity to make a positive impact on both the association and the wider community. He shared that his passion for leadership and community service was reflected in his previous roles, having served twice

as Secretary of the association. He conveyed his excitement to apply his skills and experience in his new role as President, emphasizing his commitment to representing the interests and needs of the members. He also highlighted his dedication to promoting the values of respect, inclusivity, and excellence, which are central to the association's mission. Acknowledging the challenges ahead, he expressed eagerness to begin his tenure and work



closely with fellow leaders and advisors. His focus will be on planning and implementing initiatives that benefit both the members and the community, while supporting the association's growth and the personal development

of all members. He extended sincere thanks to his family—his father Bijay Kr Surana, mother Ratan Devi Surana, wife Seema Surana, and children Divyam and Yashika Surana—for their unwavering support and for providing a safe space to share his thoughts and feelings. He also recognized the tireless efforts of his back-office team, including Kuntal Da and Riddima Tiwari, whose dedication has been crucial in helping him fulfill his responsibilities.

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commitment to fairness, she added, “We do not want anyone to lose their job. For the sake of humanity, they can apply to other departments. Their experience will not go unrecognised.”

Banerjee also provided a timeline should the review petition fail: the formation of a new recruitment panel by November 15 and counseling to begin from November 20, strictly following court directives. “We’ve already filed our review petition.

Since the Supreme Court is on vacation, we’ve done it at the right time. But if we defy the current order, the entire process could be nullified — something we don’t want,” she stated firmly. Once again asserting that no jobless teachers and the non-teaching staff would lose their job the Chief Minister repeatedly said that since the Supreme Court has ordered that notifications must be issued by May 31,the state is obliged to comply with the court’s order.

Modi's reign as PM since...

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Minister Narendra Modi will have to write about his last 11 years of rule in the golden letters. Speaking after launching the book ‘Indian Renaissance: The Modi Decade’, Shah slammed those seeking a separate nation for the southern region.

Some people have talked about the creation of a separate nation comprising the southern parts of India. The country has already been divided into three nations. How many more divisions do you want?” he asked. The home minister said the last 11 years of the Modi government were the beginning of a new era. Shah said after Modi’s first victory in the 2014 general elections, a journalist in

the Guardian newspaper, while observing India, said the country had gained Independence in 1947 but the real freedom from the British rule was achieved in 2014 after the arrival of Modi.

“A decade of the Modi government have proved the Guardian newspaper writer’s article to be true,” he said. The home minister said when Modi was the chief minister of Gujarat and now when he is the prime minister, he has always worked to bring a scheme every year that brings revolutionary changes. Shah said today, there is no national leader in the country who has received the highest civilian honours of 15 countries.“It is Narendra Modi. This is an example of his global leadership,” he said.



As per the directive of the All India Congress Committee, the West Bengal Pradesh Congress Committee organised a rally titled ‘Jai Hind Shabash’ (Army Honour March). The event was led by the President of the West Bengal Pradesh Congress Committee, Shubhankar Sarkar, and witnessed the presence of Ghulam Ahmed Mir, one of the General Secretaries of the AICC and the Chief Observer for West Bengal Congress, along with other senior Congress dignitaries. The rally commenced from Swami Vivekananda’s ancestral home and proceeded to the residence of Martyr Captain Kanad Bhattacharya, on Tuesday.

Atmosphere of fear in...

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You can see how many people are coming to Pahlagam. I was in Gulmarg, there were 400-500 tourists,” he observed.

“Thank God, the fear is now leaving. The government has also taken some steps to make the security system stronger. I think the people should come,” he added. The former Union minister appealed to the Centre to make efforts to withdraw travel advisories issued by several countries against visiting J-K.

“I also request the Central government, the Foreign Minister, that the time has come to remove the block placed by foreign countries on visiting India. Peace has come to both the countries and we are hopeful that peace will continue in the future as well. They should also be given permission to come here as they also want to see this place. Many of them are golfers and I hope they will come,” he said, in an apparent reference to Pakistan. Abdullah said many people play golf and the game has now got a place in Khelo India games as well.

India's fight against...

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such action by Pakistan will be perceived as an “act of war” by India. Congress MP Dr Amar Singh reflected upon how despite political differences between the government and the Opposition, the multi-party initiative had come together to present a “united front against terrorism”.

Rajya Sabha MP Samik Bhattacharya also reiterated this cross-party alignment, intended to expose Pakistan as a sponsor of terror globally. “Pakistan

will never change... it is time that it is diplomatically isolated as a terrorist state,” he said. AIADMK leader M Thambidurai, who later addressed the diaspora gathering in Tamil, also reiterated the message of the world uniting against the scourge of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism.

“In Pakistan, terrorism is not a maverick activity. It is not the activity of a criminal class which may exist in any country. Terrorism is a state policy,” said former union minister of state M J Akbar.

Cyclone ‘Shakti’ intensifies: Bengal's coastal districts on high alert

MI News Service, Kolkata: Cyclone ‘Shakti’ has begun intensifying over the Bay of Bengal, confirming early forecasts issued by the Alipore Meteorological Department. By noon on Tuesday, ominous dark clouds had engulfed the sky across large parts of coastal Bengal, with conditions resembling dusk well before evening. The strengthening storm has triggered growing concern across the state’s shoreline communities.

Fierce waves began lashing popular tourist destinations such as Digha, Mandarmani, Tajpur, and Gangasagar by early afternoon, accompanied by escalating wind speeds. Authorities have responded by launching public announcements via loudspeakers across vulnerable coastal regions. Evacuation operations are underway, with residents being relocated to safer inland zones as a precautionary

measure. Though Cyclone Shakti is expected to make landfall in Gujarat’s Kutch district and Karachi in Pakistan, the Indian Meteorological Department has warned that Bengal’s coastal districts will feel the cyclone’s indirect effects. Rainfall is expected to increase steadily from Tuesday, with Wednesday and Thursday likely to witness even heavier downpours and stronger winds.

Kolkata: Tejashwi Yadav Becomes Father Again, CM Mamata Joins the Family in Celebrating Joyful Occasion

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata witnessed a warm blend of political goodwill and personal celebration as Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav welcomed the birth of his second child—a healthy baby boy—on Tuesday morning. His wife, Rajshri Yadav, delivered the newborn at a prominent private hospital in Central Kolkata, where the family had been stationed for the past nine months under medical supervision. The arrival of the baby prompted a visit from West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who has long shared cordial ties with Lalu Prasad Yadav’s family. She extended her blessings and congratulations in person and also took to her social media handle to say, “Delighted to share in the joy of Tejashwi Yadav and Ra-

shri Yadav as they welcome a beautiful baby boy. My warmest wishes and heartfelt blessings to them, to Lalu Ji, and to the entire family.” The celebrations brought clarity to the previous day’s political curiosity when Lalu Prasad Yadav, accompanied by wife Rabri Devi and daughter Misa Bharti, was seen arriving at the Kolkata airport. Speculation had swirled regarding the purpose of his visit, especially with Bihar Assembly elections on the horizon. However, all assumptions were dispelled as it became evident that the visit was solely personal—aimed at celebrating the birth of Tejashwi’s son. Speaking to reporters outside the hospital, Mamata Banerjee remarked, “The baby is truly beautiful. He has come bringing peace and happiness. I met the whole

family—Lalu ji, Rabri Devi, Rajshri—and extended my heartfelt wishes.” She also revealed that Tejashwi had personally messaged her on Monday night to inform her about the expected delivery. “He messaged me at 6:14 PM and again at 6:16 PM. I told him I would visit at 1 PM. I met Lalu ji, his wife, Rajshri, and the baby — all are doing well. Both parents looked delighted,” Mamata said. Tejashwi, visibly emotional, expressed gratitude, saying, “I am thankful to everyone, especially Didi, who has been like a local guardian to us. Today is Tuesday, the day of Hanuman ji—this feels like a divine blessing. Our daughter is like Goddess Lakshmi, and now our son has brought more joy.” The entire Yadav family, including Lalu Prasad Yadav and Rabri Devi, were present

at the hospital to welcome the newest member. Mamata Banerjee interacted warmly with them, extending personal greetings and expressing her joy at the birth. She also conveyed her best wishes to Tejashwi ahead of the upcoming Bihar elections, remarking, “This child has arrived with good fortune and peace. I hope he brings success to the family and to Bihar.” The event symbolized a heartfelt union of political goodwill and personal bonds between two influential families. In this visit, Lalu Prasad Yadav’s presence in Kolkata reflected not political maneuvering, but a father’s heartfelt journey to welcome his grandson—a tender reminder that behind towering political figures, family remains their most intimate priority.



A moment of warmth and camaraderie—West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee visited a private hospital to extend heartfelt wishes to RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, his wife Rajshree, and proud grandparents Lalu Prasad Yadav and Rabri Devi, celebrating the arrival of Tejashwi’s son, in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Fresh bomb threat shocks Swasthya Bhawan for 2nd consecutive day

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata’s SwasthyaBhavan, the nerve centre of the state’s health department, was rocked by yet another bomb threat on Tuesday—just a day after a similar email had caused panic. The anonymous threat, delivered via email, claimed that four RDX explosives had been planted and would detonate by 5 PM. The alarming message triggered immediate security measures, with bomb squads and cyber specialists promptly deployed to the site.

While authorities remain tight-lipped, police sources confirmed that the latest email originated from a different address than Monday’s, raising concerns about whether a coordinated cyber campaign is underway or if it is an act of mischief. As a precaution, the entire premises were cordoned off, and exhaustive searches were initiated both inside and around the health complex. Sources within SwasthyaBhavan indicated that the contents of the threatening email were explicit and designed to incite panic. Although early investigations suggest it may be a hoax, law enforcement agencies are treating the matter with utmost seriousness. Cybersecurity teams are examining the email headers and IP addresses to trace the origin of the threat.

The pattern has raised suspicions about possible foreign involvement, particularly given recent attempts by Pakistan and China to infiltrate Indian cyber infrastructure. Intelligence officials are exploring whether the email could be linked to those hostile cyber activities. Although no conclusive evidence of foreign hand has been found yet, the police have not ruled out the possibility.

Officials also noted that such threatening emails could be the work of local miscreants aiming to create public disturbance or discredit law enforcement agencies. “It might be a deliberate ploy to harass the police or cause disruption in administrative functioning,” one senior official suggested.

This second consecutive bomb scare has unsettled employees and disrupted operations at SwasthyaBhavan. Authorities are now considering tightening digital security protocols and implementing additional screening of email communication received by government departments.

As of now, no explosive materials have been discovered. However, a comprehensive investigation is ongoing, involving bomb detection units, cybercrime specialists, and state intelligence officials. Whether the threat is a prank, a politically motivated act, or part of a larger cyber sabotage campaign, only time and forensic evidence will tell.

Man falls to death from ninth floor

MI News Service, Kolkata: A shocking incident unfolded on Tuesday morning in Kolkata’s Belegkata area, sending shockwaves across the community. An unidentified elderly man, believed to be around 70 years old, tragically fell to his death from the ninth floor of a multi-storied building that houses the state’s Sales Tax department. The incident has raised serious concerns and panic among office staff and residents, prompting an intensive investigation by the Kolkata Police.

The episode occurred around 10 a.m. at the Belegkata Sales Tax Building, just as employees were beginning to arrive for work. According to security personnel on duty, a loud thud startled the vicinity. Upon rushing to the source of the sound, they found a bloodied man lying motionless in the premises. Police

from the Entally Police Station were immediately alerted. Responding promptly, law enforcement officers arrived at the scene, recovered the body, and transported it to the NRS Medical College and Hospital, where doctors pronounced the man dead.

While the identity of the deceased remains unknown, preliminary inquiries have revealed that the man entered the premises earlier that morning, allegedly claiming to be a lawyer and stating he had business in the building. This revelation has added a layer of mystery to the unfolding investigation. Authorities are now probing whether he was genuinely a legal professional or had assumed a false identity.

The primary question haunting investigators remains—was this a tragic accident, or did the man

jump intentionally, indicating suicide? A post-mortem examination has been ordered to establish the exact cause of death. The results are expected to provide clarity on whether foul play was involved or if it was indeed a case of suicide.

Meanwhile, the entire area surrounding the Sales Tax office has been cordoned off, with police presence maintaining order. The incident has left employees and visitors rattled, many expressing unease over the security of the premises.

Investigators are actively working to determine the man’s identity and establish contact with his family. The unsettling event has left Belegkata tense and silent, awaiting answers. Until then, speculation continues to swirl as police dig deeper into this tragic fall from the ninth floor.

Silent AI Revolution: Bengal emerges as ‘data center powerhouse’

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant yet quiet revolution, West Bengal has made substantial strides in establishing itself as a prominent hub for Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven data centers. While the state may have entered the race later than others, it has quickly gained momentum, surpassing many in both infrastructure and ambition. This year alone, at least five operational data centers have been launched in and around Kolkata, albeit without major publicity.

The epicenter of this digital surge is New Town’s Silicon Valley Hub, where a 40-acre mega campus is under development by Reliance Jio in collaboration with Microsoft. This state-of-the-art AI-regulated data center, as announced by Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani, is slated to be operational by 2026. Work is progressing rapidly to meet the deadline.

Apart from Reliance, other giants such as Airtel’s Nxtra Data Center, LTI

Mindtree, STT, and NTT have made strong inroads. Notably, NTT (Nippon Telegraph and Telephone) has already inaugurated its 600,000 sqft facility in Action Area II of New Town. Adani Enterprises is also constructing a massive 525,000 sqft data center, nearing completion.

In North Bengal, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee recently inaugurated a center at Webel IT Park in Siliguri, while significant projects are also underway in Uluberia, Uttarpara, and Haldia. The STT Kolkata DC-1 at Ultadanga and a second center in New Town further underscore the state’s momentum.

The Hiranandani Group, Universal Success Enterprises, Techno Electric & Engineering, and CtrlS are investing in large-scale facilities, signaling robust private sector confidence. Altogether, these ventures are projected to generate employment for 30,000 to 40,000 individuals across the state.

A key example of Bengal’s tech rise is Webskitters Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd., a company known for gaming app design. Starting with just over 30 employees eight years ago, it now boasts a workforce of 700.

Data centers, which house extensive servers and internet connectivity to manage and store information securely, demand stable electricity and protection from natural disasters. West Bengal’s reliable power infrastructure has been instrumental in attracting such investments.

Experts note that skilled Bengali professionals working in cities like Bengaluru or Gurugram can now be retained in-state at comparatively lower costs. With increasing demand for cybersecurity and AI expertise, Bengal’s intellectual capital is proving vital.

This quiet revolution heralds a promising digital future for the state—making Bengal a new powerhouse in India’s AI and data landscape.

TMC demands Parl session over national security lapses post-Pahalgam attack

MI News Service, Kolkata: In preparation for the high-stakes Kallaganj Assembly by-election in West Bengal, the State Election Commission has sought the deployment of 20 companies of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF). The move aims to ensure a peaceful and free electoral process on June 19, when by-elections will simultaneously be held in four states.

The request has been placed with the Election Commission of India by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of West Bengal, citing the need for heightened security across the 309 polling stations in the Kallaganj constituency of Nadia district. The commission remains resolute in its objective of conducting a violence-free election and safeguarding both voters and polling premises through robust central force deployment.

Adding further administrative weight to the process, the ECI has appointed senior observer Shashank Ojha for the West Bengal by-election. He is expected to arrive later this week to supervise preparations and oversee the implementation of polling protocols.

Mirroring the model adopted during the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the upcoming by-election will feature rigorous security and monitoring measures. These include tri-layered security arrangements at each polling booth and live webcasting of the entire voting process to deter any untoward incident.

In a significant new regulation, voters will now be required to switch off their mobile phones and deposit them with the Booth Level Officer (BLO) before entering the polling station. Entry will only be permitted upon compliance with

this directive, a measure aimed at enhancing the integrity of the voting environment.

The by-election was necessitated by the demise of incumbent MLA Nasiruddin in February. The ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC), which had secured over 53% of the votes in the 2021 Assembly polls, has fielded Nasiruddin’s daughter, Alifa Ahmed, as its candidate—banking on a sympathy wave and political continuity.

According to the final electoral roll, Kallaganj has a total of 2,52,670 registered voters, comprising 1,30,363 male voters, 1,22,303 female voters, four third-gender voters, and 2,382 specially-abled electors.

Counting of votes is scheduled for June 23, and the outcome is expected to be a key indicator of the political temperature in Bengal ahead of future elections.

East Bengal eyes star defender to bolster backline for ISL 2025-26

MI News Service, Kolkata: Following a string of underwhelming seasons, East Bengal FC is preparing to revamp its squad in a bid to reclaim its lost glory. The club’s disappointing performances in both the Durand Cup and Indian Super League (ISL) have not only frustrated fans but also triggered sharp criticism against the club’s management. In an effort to reinforce its defence and chart a turnaround, the Red and Gold brigade has reportedly set its sights on a proven performer—Nima Dorjee Tamang. According to a recent report, East Bengal is actively targeting the 29-year-old defender for the upcoming ISL 2025-26 season. While the club has not yet made any official announcement, sources indicate that Tamang could be one of the top priorities in their transfer strategy. Should this move materialize, it could significantly fortify East Bengal’s defensive setup.

Tamang was a standout performer for FC Goa last season. His statistics speak volumes about his defensive capabilities: one clean sheet, four interceptions, one block, 16 recoveries, and 15 clearances. Additionally, his passing accuracy stood at

an impressive 86%, with 166 successful passes. Such numbers make him a highly sought-after candidate for any club looking to reinforce its backline.

While negotiations are still at a preliminary stage, the potential signing has already sparked excitement among the East Bengal faithful. A reliable and technically sound defender like Tamang could offer the team the solidity and consistency it desperately needs in defence.

It is also noteworthy that East Bengal officials recently met with representatives of their investor group, Emami. Sources reveal that both parties are aligned in their goal of delivering better results in the upcoming season. After the meeting, club executive Debabrata Sarkar confirmed that Emami has assured full financial support for squad development, stating that budget will not be a constraint this time.

As the club gears up for the next ISL season, all eyes are on whether they can successfully bring Tamang into the fold. If the deal goes through, it could mark the beginning of a much-needed revival for one of India’s most storied football clubs.

Name Change
I, Asha Yadav (old name) daughter of Laxman Yadav, residing at 43/9, N.S. Road, Rishra, Serampore, Hooghly, Pin- 712248, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asha Devi (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 27/05/2025. Asha Devi (New Name) and Asha Yadav (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Bashiruddin (old name) son of Late Mohammed Moizuddin, residing at 32/35/1, Pilkhana 2nd Lane, P.S.- Golabari, Howrah- 711101, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Bashiruddin (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 27/05/2025. Md Bashiruddin (New Name) and Mohammad Bashiruddin (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Azimul Haque (old name) son of Late Md Raushan Ali, residing at Z-3/238/63/7, Bagdi Para Road, P.O.- Badartala, Kolkata- 700044, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Azimul Haque (New Name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata, dated 27/05/2025. Md Azimul Haque (New Name) and Mohammad Azimul Haque (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) JAHANGGIR TARAFDAR S/o- AKHALEK TARAFDAR, Residing at, Purbanagar east anishmali, Dattapulia, Gangnapur, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741504, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JAHANGGIR TARAFDAR To ABDUL JAHANGGIR TARAFDAR (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ABDUL JAHANGGIR TARAFDAR in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 26 May 2025, ABDUL JAHANGGIR and JAHANGGIR TARAFDAR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SUMITRA HALDAR W/o- KARTIK HALDAR, Residing at, Vill- Lalbazar, Post- Lalbazar, Ps- Toghatta, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741163, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SUMITRA HALDAR To SUCHITRA HALDAR (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SUCHITRA HALDAR in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 26 May 2025, SUCHITRA HALDAR and SUMITRA HALDAR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MOHAMMAD MAINUL SHAH S/o- MD SHAIDURUDDIN SHAH, Residing at, Near BSNL Office, Pilkhana, Ps- Murshidabad, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742149, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MOHAMMAD MAINUL SHAH To MD MAINUL SHAH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD MAINUL SHAH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 26 May 2025, MD MAINUL SHAH and MOHAMMAD MAINUL SHAH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) TANIYA BHADRA W/o- PINAK SUBHIRA DAS, Residing at, Vill- Bandhroad abhirampur, Post- Mokdumpur, Ps- Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732103, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from TANIYA BHADRA To TANIYA DAS BHADRA (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) TANIYA DAS BHADRA in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 26 May 2025, TANIYA DAS BHADRA and TANIYA BHADRA both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Golam Mortjeja Molla @ Md Golam Mortjeja Molla (old name) S/o, Hazi Ahahomad Molla R/o. Patul Uttar Para, Ilahipuri, Chanditla, Hooghly- 712707, WB, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Golam Mortjeja Molla (new name) vide an affidavit no. 430 sworn before S.D.E.M., Sadar, Hooghly Court on 27/05/2025. Golam Mortjeja Molla @ Md Golam Mortjeja Molla & Golam Mortjeja Molla S/o. Hazi Ahahomad Molla both are the same & one identical person. Mosiur Rahaman is my son.

Name Change
I, No.694182-K Rank Ex Sgt Name SK Mosaraf Hossein resident of vill Dakshin Mohanpur, P.O.- Jamdara, Dist.- Purbia Bardhaman (WB), Pin- 712410, have change my Name from SK Mosaraf Hossein to Mosaraf Hossein vide Affidavit dated 27/05/2025 before the Ld. Executive Magistrate, Purbia Bardhaman.

Name Change
I, Munni Khatoun W/O, Imran Ansari R/o 63a, Kavi Mohammad Iqbal Road, P.S. Ekbalpore, Kolkata- 700023 have changed my name to Zainab Ansari.

Change of Name
I, Nibedita Sarkar, D/o Nirmal Chandra Sarkar, W/o Amab Mondal, residing at 430, Purbia Sinthee Bye Lane, Ghugudanga, Kolkata, West Bengal-700030 do hereby declare that in my daughter's Birth Certificate Registration No.1/09/ 2007/00775 issued by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation my name has been inadvertently recorded as Nibedita Mondal. On 23.05.2025 vide an affidavit before Notary Public Kolkata I affirm that Nibedita Sarkar and Nibedita Mondal is the same and one identical person i.e. me.

Wholesale price inflation dips to 0.85% in Apr: Govt data

MI News Service, New Delhi:Wholesale price inflation dropped to 0.85 per cent in April as prices of food articles, manufactured products, and fuel eased, government data showed on Wednesday. WPI-based inflation was 2.05 per cent in March. It was 1.19 per cent in April last year. "Positive rate of inflation in April, 2025 is primarily due to an increase in prices of manufacture of food products, other manufacturing, chemicals and chemical products, manufacture of other transport equipment and manufacture of machinery and equipment, etc," the industry ministry said in a statement. As per the WPI (Wholesale price index) data, food articles saw a deflation of 0.86 per cent in April from an inflation of 1.57 per cent in March, with vegetables seeing a sharp drop. Deflation in vegetables was 18.26 per cent during April compared to deflation of 15.88 per cent in March. In onion, inflation eased to 0.20 per cent in April, as

against 26.65 per cent in March. Retail inflation hits 6-year low at 3.16% in April on cheaper food prices Manufactured products, however, saw inflation at 2.62 per cent in April, compared to 3.07 per cent in March. Fuel and power too saw a deflation of 2.18 per cent in April, compared to 0.20 per cent in March. The RBI mainly takes into account retail inflation while formulating monetary policy. Data released on Tuesday showed, retail inflation eased to 3.16 per cent in April mainly due subdued prices of vegetables, fruits, pulses, and other protein-rich items. This is the lowest level of inflation since July 2019. Easing of inflation would create enough room for the Reserve Bank to go in for another round of rate cut in the June monetary policy review. In April, the RBI cut the benchmark policy rate by 0.25 per cent to 6 per cent. This is the second cut during the year to stimulate the economy, facing the threat of US reciprocal tariffs.

Boosting Fin literacy: Odisha govt inks pact with NSE

MI News Service, Cuttack:Odisha's higher education department signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Stock Exchange (NSE) to enhance financial literacy through investor awareness programmes and to implement student skilling initiatives. Under the skilling initiatives, students will be able learn the functioning of the stock exchange. They will also be encouraged to choose a career in the financial sector.

Minister of higher education Suryabanshi Suraj said: "The MoU aims at expanding financial knowledge and empowering our students with skills in the financial sector. Its objective is to create a robust financial ecosystem that will open the gate for sustainable growth in Odisha. It will increase employability opportunities and the gross enrolment ratio in higher education. There will be no financial implications and will be taken up under their corporate social responsibility initiative," "By promoting financial literacy, skill development, and industry-academic collaboration, the MoU signing can contribute to increased employability opportunities and a higher gross enrolment ratio in Odisha's higher education sector," the minister added.

As per the MoU, the training programme will be divided into two categories — level-I and level-II. In level-I, 20 hours of training will be conducted and there will be 30 hours of classes in level-II. The collaboration will provide students with skills required to find employment in the securities market, mutual funds, investment advisors, and the BFSI (Banking, Financial Services and Insurance) sector. The Odisha government, in a release, said: "There will be industry-academia collaboration. The partnership may foster stronger ties between the industry and the academia, ensuring the students receive relevant training and education." The minister also informed that the state government will take steps to include placement-linked programmes in the curriculum. Sriram Krishnan, chief business development officer, NSE, said: "Through initiatives like investor awareness programmes and the student skilling programme, we are fostering a well-informed community for both seasoned and new investors. Moreover, we are also committed to equipping the youth of Odisha with the vital skills needed to thrive in today's ever-evolving financial landscape."

GM releases Safety Calendar for 2025-26



MI News Service, Kolkata: Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway released the Safety Calendar for the year 2025-26 today at Fairlie Place, Eastern Railway Headquarters. The event was also graced by the presence of Shri S. P. Singh, Additional General Manager, Eastern Railway, Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, Principal Chief Safety Officer, Eastern Railway along with other Principal Officers. With Indian Railways transporting millions of passengers and vast quantities of essential goods every day, safety remains the topmost priority. Preventing untoward incidents is crucial to safeguard human lives and to avoid disruptions and financial losses. To this end, constant inspection and upkeep of assets involved in train operations is imperative.

The Safety Calendar 2025-26 has been prepared by the Safety Department of Eastern Railway with a detailed month-wise ac-

tion plan for safety-focused inspections to be carried out by departments including Operating, Signal & Telecommunication (S&T), Engineering, Electrical, Mechanical, and Security. This calendar outlines critical safety aspects of railway operations that require periodic inspection and maintenance throughout the year. Special emphasis has been given to checks on assets involving modern technologies deployed in signalling, locomotives, rolling stock and infrastructure. The goal is to strengthen system reliability and improve safety outcomes by proactively identifying and addressing potential issues. In his message, Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, appreciated the contributions of all departments in formulating the Safety Calendar and expressed confidence that this initiative will go a long way in enhancing the safety and efficiency of railway operations.

Sealdah Division conducts World Environment Day 2025 with Anti-Plastic Campaign Across Stations



MI News Service, Kolkata: In observance of World Environment Day 2025, Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division has initiated a robust awareness campaign focusing on individual contributions toward ending plastic pollution. With the global theme #BeatPlasticPollution, the Division has taken proactive steps to promote the use of steel and recyclable plastic lunchboxes and bottles, while advocating a complete shift away from Single Use Plastic (SUP).

As a prelude to World Environment Day, recently, the Environment and Housekeeping Management (EnHM) Department of Sealdah Division organized extensive awareness campaigns at various stations over the division. The outreach targeted Railway passengers, vendors, and other stakeholders to sensitize them about the harmful impacts of single use plastic and to encourage sustainable alternatives like cloth bags, paper bags, steel bottles, and reusable containers. To reinforce the message, posters, pamphlets, and digital materials were widely distributed and displayed across station premises. Railway officials actively engaged with commuters, urging them to adopt environmentally friendly practices and reduce plastic dependency. The campaign also featured cleanliness drives at major stations, spearheaded by Chief Health Inspectors. These drives focused on the removal of plastic waste—including bottles, bags, straws, cups, and packaging materials—from platforms, tracks, and surrounding areas, ensuring a cleaner and greener railway environment. Sealdah Division continues to lead by example, aligning its efforts with national and global goals to combat plastic pollution and foster a cleaner, eco-conscious transport ecosystem.

IREDA files bankruptcy case against Gensol

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) said it has filed a bankruptcy application against beleaguered Gensol Engineering before the National Company Law Tribunal.

According to a regulatory filing, Ireda has filed an application on May 14, 2025, under Section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 against Gensol Engineering Limited, a listed company bearing an amount of default of around ₹510 crore. Last month, in an interim order, Sebi barred Gensol Engineering and promoters — Anmol Singh Jaggi and Puneet Singh Jaggi — from the securities markets till further orders in a fund diversion and governance lapses case. On May 12, Jaggi brothers resigned from the company following market regulator Sebi's interim order, according to an exchange filing. Anmol Singh Jaggi held the post of managing director while Puneet Singh Jaggi was a whole-time director.

Meanwhile, Gensol Engineering on Wednesday said the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) disposed of its appeal but allowed the company to file its response on Sebi's interim order to bar the firm and its promoters from the securities market. In a regulatory filing, the company said the appeal filed by it before SAT has been disposed of, granting it an opportunity to file its response to Sebi's interim order within two weeks. It further informed that the markets regulator has been given directions to hear the company within two weeks thereafter and pass an appropriate order within four weeks. The tribunal has given no observations on Sebi's interim order, it stated. In its order on April 15, 2025, Sebi also debarred Jaggi brothers from holding the position of a director or key managerial personnel in Gensol until further orders.

Miscellaneous

Successful Completion of Freight Examination at Bandel Depot



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major milestone for the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway, the first-ever freight train examination at Bandel Yard was successfully completed on 26th May 2025 under the stewardship of Divisional Railway Manager, Sri Sanjeev Kumar. The task, involving the examination of a BCN Premium Rake, marks a significant step forward in enhancing the division's operational efficiency and underscores its growing capabilities in freight handling. The assigned examination was part of a special initiative directed by the Railway Headquarters to develop Bandel (BDC) as a designated freight examination point specifically for BCN type wagons. Despite limited infrastructure at the Bandel Depot, the local

TXR (Train Examination) team rose to the challenge, carrying out the inspection within the stipulated time and issuing an online Brake Power Certificate (BPC), thereby ensuring seamless movement of goods and improved freight mobility for the Howrah Division. This successful execution not only optimizes operational logistics but also contributes to better utilization of assets and infrastructure in the region. The accomplishment at Bandel Yard marks a proud moment for the Howrah Division and reflects the dedication, coordination, and technical expertise of the team involved. This breakthrough is expected to set a precedent for future freight operations and strengthen the division's overall TXR performance.

Alarm Chain pulling without reason: Irresponsible actions that cause train delays and passenger hardship

2196 numbers Alarm Chain Pulling cases recorded from April 2024

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway has once again raised concern over the increasing instances of Alarm Chain Pulling (ACP) without valid reasons, which continues to be a significant cause of avoidable train delays and inconvenience to passengers. Despite repeated awareness campaigns and strict enforcement, misuse of this emergency mechanism remains a pressing issue. Alarm Chain Pulling is intended to be used only in genuine emergencies, such as serious health issues or safety-related incidents. However, it has been observed that in many cases, passengers resort to ACP for frivolous reasons—such as waiting for a relative who has not yet arrived at the station or attempting to de-board at a non-scheduled stoppage. Such irresponsible behaviour by a few disrupts the journey of many.

During the financial year 2024-25, a total of 1,882 ACP cases were registered across Eastern Railway. In the current financial year (from April 1 to May 25, 2025), 314 cases have already been recorded, indicating a continued trend of misuse. Furthermore, between January 1 and March 10, 2025, 872 ACP cases were registered—highlighting the growing scale of the

issue. As a result of these ACP incidents, 785 Mail/Express trains and 105 Passenger trains lost punctuality in financial year 2024-25. In the current financial year during the period from April 1 to May 25, 2025, 114 Mail/Express trains and 14 Passenger trains have already been delayed due to unwarranted ACP. These delays not only impact the travel experience of thousands of passengers but also disrupt the overall train schedule and timely transportation of essential goods. In many cases, passengers miss critical appointments, job interviews, or competitive exams due to such avoidable interruptions. Eastern Railway urges all passengers to act responsibly and use the ACP mechanism only during genuine emergencies. Any misuse is punishable under the Indian Railways Act, and Eastern Railway, in coordination with the Railway Protection Force (RPF), is taking strict action against offenders. Passengers are also encouraged to dissuade others from engaging in such acts and to report any such incident immediately. Community awareness and cooperation are essential to curb this menace. Eastern Railway remains committed to ensuring smooth and punctual train operations and seeks the active support of the public to maintain efficiency and safety in the railway network.

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Study reveals key protein that helps prevent excessive bone loss in osteoporosis

Tokyo : Osteoporosis, a disorder characterised by porous and weak bones, is a major hazard to skeletal health. As the foundation of the human body, bones provide critical structural support. When bone mass decreases, it not only weakens this support but also lowers general function, resulting in a lower quality of life.

With an ageing population and a rise in osteoporosis cases, the burden on healthcare resources for long-term care is clear. As a result, there is a need to understand the mechanisms that cause osteoporosis and develop effective targeted therapeutics to mitigate its long-term effects.

Osteoblasts and osteoclasts are two types of cells that play critical roles in bone tissue maintenance and remodeling. Osteoblasts are bone-forming cells that synthesise and deposit new bone tissue, whereas osteoclasts break down and remove old or damaged bone tissue. Increased proportion of osteoclasts causes bone mass loss in situations such as osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis (joint inflammation), and bone metas-

tases (cancer that has spread to the bones). Osteoclasts develop from the development of macrophages or monocytes, two types of immune cells. Suppressing osteoclast differentiation could thus be used as a therapeutic technique to prevent bone loss. However, the precise molecular pathways driving the complicated process of bone remodelling are unknown.

In a new groundbreaking study, Professor TadayoshiHayata, Mr. Takuto Konno, and Ms. HitomiMurachi from Tokyo University of Science, along with their co-workers, delved deeper into the molecular regulation of osteoclast differentiation. Receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa B ligand (RANKL) stimulation induces the differentiation of macrophages into osteoclasts. Further, bone morphogenetic protein (BMP) and transforming growth factor (TGF)-b signaling pathways have been implicated in the regulation of RANKL-mediated osteoclast differentiation. In the current study, the researchers sought to investigate the role of Ctdnep1 - a phosphatase (an enzyme that removes phosphate



groups) that has been reported to suppress BMP and TGF-b signaling.

Giving further insight into their work set to be published on July 30, 2024, in Volume 719 of Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications, Prof. Hayata states, "RANKL functions

as an 'accelerator' for osteoclast cell differentiation. Driving a car requires not only the accelerator but also the brakes. Here, we find that Ctdnep1 functions as a 'brake' on osteoclast cell differentiation."

First, the researchers examined the

expression of Ctdnep1 in mouse-derived macrophages treated with RANKL and untreated control cells. They noted that Ctdnep1 expression remained unchanged in response to RANKL stimulation. However, it localized in the cytoplasm in granular form in the macrophages and differentiated into osteoclasts, distinct from its normal perinuclear localization in other cell types, indicating its cytoplasmic function in osteoclast differentiation.

Further, Ctdnep1 knockdown (down-regulation of gene expression) resulted in an increase in tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase-positive (TRAP) osteoclasts; wherein TRAP is a marker for differentiated osteoclasts. Additionally, Ctdnep1 knockdown led to an increase in the expression of crucial differentiation markers including 'Nfatc1', a RANKL-induced master transcription factor for osteoclast differentiation. These results support the 'brake function' of Ctdnep1, whereby, it negatively regulates osteoclast differentiation.

Moreover, Ctdnep1 knockdown also led to increased absorption of calcium

phosphate, suggestive of the suppressive role of Ctdnep1 in bone resorption. Lastly, while, Ctdnep1 knockdown did not alter BMP and TGF-b signaling, cells deficient in Ctdnep1 showed elevated levels of phosphorylated (activated) proteins downstream of the RANKL signaling pathway. These findings suggest that the suppressive effect of Ctdnep1 in osteoclast differentiation may not be mediated by BMP and TGF-b signaling, but, through the negative regulation of RANKL signaling and Nfatc1 protein levels.

Overall, these findings provide novel insights into the process of osteoclast differentiation and reveal potential therapeutic targets which can be pursued to develop treatments that address bone loss due to excessive osteoclast activity. In addition to diseases characterized by bone loss, Ctdnep1 has also been reported as a causative factor in medulloblastoma - a childhood brain tumor. The authors are, therefore, optimistic that their research can be extended to other human diseases beyond bone metabolism.

Rise in temperature increases death rate in cardiovascular patients, warns top expert

NEW DELHI : Amid intense heatwave conditions in the country, long exposure to the sun can lead to an increase in the death rate in cardiovascular patients.

Speaking to ANI on heatwave, Interventional Cardiology Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, Executive Director DrAtulMathur said, "Our country is facing aggressive temperatures. Due to this, people can face issues related to the cardiovascular system. If you are not drinking enough water, then your body will be dehydrated. For those who have pre-existing heart issues, their BP becomes high... The main concern is dehydration. So, everyone should regularly drink water to keep themselves hydrated. Senior citizens should avoid going out during peak hours."Mathur further said, "There is a slight increase in heart attack cases. Among them, most of the patients



According to the India Meteorological Department, heatwave to severe heatwave condition

are coming with low BP.. you cannot attribute the heart attacks that are coming only to heat, but we are seeing heart attack patients also coming into the hospital, which is slightly more than normal. Generally, heart attack cases increase in winter but currently due to heat waves people are coming to the hospital with low BP problems."

Hotter weather due to climate change could lead to more mosquitos: Study

VIRGINIA [US] : A recent study conducted by Virginia Commonwealth University scientists found that a warmer environment may result in more mosquitos as predators struggle to maintain their number.

As the cover feature in Ecology, a journal published by the Ecological Society of America, the study -- "Warming and Top-Down Control of Stage-Structured Prey: Linking Theory to Patterns in Natural Systems" -- found that rising temperatures, often linked to climate change, can make predators of mosquito larvae less effective at controlling mosquito populations.

Warmer temperatures accelerate the development time of larvae, leading to a smaller window of time for dragonflies could eat them.

This means there could be nearly twice as many mosquito larvae that make it to adulthood in the study area. The researchers looked at riverine rock pools at Belle Isle along the James River in Richmond and found that warmer temperature pools had more aquatic mosquito larvae, even when their predators that naturally control the populations were present. The native rock pool mosquito is not an important disease vector, but it is one of



the few local mosquitos that doesn't have to feed as an adult to lay eggs. So the findings might apply to similar taxa, like the invasive Asian rock pool mosquito.

"We might see larger populations of everyone's least favorite bug, mosquitos. While the mosquito larvae we studied here [are] the North American rock pool mosquito, these findings likely apply to species of mosquito that do act as vectors for diseases like West Nile or even Zika virus," said Andrew T Davidson, PhD, lead researcher on

the study. He conducted the research through the PhD program in VCU's Center for Integrative Life Sciences Education. Predators help stabilize ecosystems and food webs, and the study looked at predator-prey interaction between dragonfly nymphs and mosquito larvae. Before fieldwork, the research was rooted in concepts of thermal physiology and short-term lab experiments that yielded predictive models of the relationship between predators, prey and temperature in the field. The field study then tested the models in a completely natural environment.

The study builds on Davidson's earlier research in Functional Ecology as well as work by lab mate C. Ryland Stunkle and the rest of the VCU rock pool team. The team also acknowledges the collaborative support of professor Brian Byrd of Western Carolina University's College of Health and Human Sciences. The recent work led by Davidson was part of a larger National Science Foundation grant that has involved scientists from VCU, the University of Richmond, Radford University, Western Carolina University and Eastern Carolina University. The collaborative award of nearly USD 1 million has included nearly USD 400,000 for VCU.

Adjuvants, pesticides disrupt honey bee's sense of smell: Study

WASHINGTON : Pesticide sprays have long been recognised as a threat to honey bees. In a new study, researchers uncovered the influence of such sprays on bees' sense of smell, which could disrupt their social signalling.

Honey bees live in dynamic communities and constantly communicate with each other using chemicals that serve as social cues. For example, nurse bees--who are responsible for taking care of larvae that ultimately become queens and worker bees--constantly monitor the larvae in the dark using pheromones.

The larvae emit brood pheromones to indicate that they need food. There are also alarm pheromones that workers produce to warn the other bees of danger. If these cues are dampened or not perceived properly, the colony may fail to thrive.

Since 2007, scientists have known that honey bees have been in trouble. One of the stressors that have raised concerns is insecticides, which affect honey bee health. Because these are usually used in combination with other chemicals, the resulting mixture can become unexpected-

ly toxic to bees. "For many years, it was assumed that fungicides do not have an adverse impact on insects because they are designed for fungal targets," said May Berenbaum (GEGC/IGOH), a professor of entomology.

"Surprisingly, in addition to insecticides, fungicides also have an adverse effect on bees and combining the two can disrupt colony function."

For more than a decade, reports originating from almond orchards, where two-thirds of the US honey bees are transported every year when the flowers are in bloom, implicated pesticide spray mixtures. In particular, the problem lies in the use of supposedly inactive chemicals called adjuvants, which increase the "stickiness" of the insecticide so it stays on the plants.

Because adjuvants have long been considered to be biologically benign, they are not subject to the same level of safety testing as other insecticidal agents.

"Recently, researchers have shown that adjuvants alone or when used in combination with fungicides and insecticides are toxic to bees," Berenbaum said.



Nurse bees are especially vulnerable to these combinations.

"The health of the queens is paramount," Berenbaum said. "If

healthy queens are not produced, the colony can suffer." To under-

Study finds body temperature is linked to depression



WASHINGTON : A study from UC San Francisco revealed that individuals with depression may benefit from lowering their body temperatures, as they tend to be higher. The study, published in Scientific Reports, does not clarify whether depression causes increased body temperature or vice versa. People with depression may have a higher body temperature due to impaired self-cooling, increased heat output from metabolic processes, or a combination of the two. Researchers analyzed data from more than 20,000 international participants who wore a device that measures body temperature and also self-reported their body temperatures and depression symptoms daily. The seven-month study began in early 2020 and included data from 106 countries. The results showed that with each increasing level of depression symptom severity, participants had higher body temperatures. The body temperature data also showed a trend toward higher depression scores in people whose temperatures had less fluctuation throughout a 24-hour period, but this finding didn't reach significance. The

findings shed light on how a novel depression treatment method might work, said Ashley Mason, PhD, the study's lead author and associate professor of psychiatry at UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences. A small body of existing, causal studies has found that using hot tubs or saunas can reduce depression, possibly by triggering the body to self-cool, for example, through sweating.

"Ironically, heating people up actually can lead to rebound body temperature lowering that lasts longer than simply cooling people down directly," said Mason, who is also a clinical psychologist at the UCSF Osher Center for Integrative Health.

"What if we can track the body temperature of people with depression to time heat-based treatments well?"

"To our knowledge, this is the largest study to date to examine the association between body temperature - assessed using both self-report methods and wearable sensors - and depressive symptoms in a geographically broad sample," added Mason.

stand how combinations affect nurse bees, the researchers tested their effect on the olfactory system of honey bees using the adjuvant Dyne-Amic, the fungicide Tilt, and the insecticide Altacor.

The researchers divided bees into four groups of ten bees and for a week exposed them to either untreated commercial pollen or to pollen that had been treated with either Dyne-Amic, or Tilt and Altacor, or all three together.

The bees were then anesthetized on ice and one antenna was carefully removed from each bee. The researchers then exposed the antenna to chemical mimics of brood and alarm pheromones and recorded the antenna's response using a technique called electroantennography.

With this method, Ling-Hsiu Liao, a research scientist, and Wen-Yen Wu, a graduate student, in the Berenbaum lab, found that when nurse bees had consumed pollen contaminated by the three chemicals, their antennal responses to some brood pheromones and alarm

pheromones were altered.

Their finding suggests that these commonly-used pesticides can interfere with honey bee communication.

How these chemicals interact and influence the bees is still unclear. "There are many possible explanations for how consuming these chemicals can affect the sensory responses of bees," Liao said. "The antenna detects and triggers the response to olfactory signals. In this study we did not look at what other changes are triggered, particularly changes in behavior."

In addition to parsing out the underlying molecular pathways that are affected, the researchers are also interested in testing other mixtures of commonly used pesticides as well as looking at the response of bees in other populations. They hope that their work can help beekeepers rethink how they manage and protect their colonies.

The study "Effects of pesticide-adjuvant combinations used in almond orchards on olfactory responses to social signals in honey bees (Apis mellifera)" was published in Scientific Reports.

Forging the Future of Freight Mobility with 9,000 HP Electric Locomotive

MI News Service, Kolkata: Indian Railways has taken a major leap in freight mobility with the dedication of the Loco Manufacturing Shop at the Rolling Stock Workshop in Dahod, Gujarat by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This moment marked a pivotal milestone in the ongoing transformation of freight transport. The facility, designed to produce 1,200 cutting-edge electric freight locomotives with a powerful 9000 HP capacity, stands as a testament to India's engineering prowess and industrial ambition. At the dedication ceremony, the first electric locomotive from this workshop was ceremoniously flagged off, marking the dawn of a new era in freight transportation, one characterised by higher speeds, greater hauling power and a deep commitment to sustainability. With the ability to haul 4,500 to 5,000 tonnes even on steep gradients, these locomotives are set to be game-changers in heavy-duty freight movement. Proudly built under the Make in India initiative, these locomotives are equipped with advanced IGBT-based propulsion technology, ensuring superior energy efficiency and operational performance. Together, these features position Indian Railways at the forefront of modern, reliable and eco-friendly freight logistics.

Power That Transforms Freight Logistics : The 9000 HP locomotive is the most powerful single-unit electric engine ever developed for Indian Railways. Until now, freight locomotives have typically operated at 4500 or



6000 HP capacities. While 12,000 HP engines do exist, they are created by coupling two 6000 HP units. In contrast, the Dahod-built locomotive offers a unified, high-powered solution that can haul significantly longer and heavier freight trains with ease. This leap in capacity means fewer trips are needed for the same volume of goods, resulting in faster turnaround times, reduced congestion and improved freight efficiency.

Reducing Congestion, Lowering Costs: The increased hauling power of the 9000 HP locomotive offers a solution to one of Indian Railways' biggest challenges: congestion on high-density freight routes. With fewer locomotives required to pull heavier loads, rail traffic can be optimised, thereby easing pressure on busy corridors. Moreover, by replacing multiple smaller engines with one high-performance locomotive, In-

dian Railways stands to reduce operating costs, manpower requirements and energy consumption. These gains will ultimately translate into lower logistics costs for industries, contributing to more competitive pricing and streamlined supply chains.

Reviving Dahod: A Regional and National Asset: The decision to manufacture these advanced locomotives in Dahod is not just a strategic industrial move, it is a revival of the region's railway heritage. Once a major hub for railway works, Dahod had seen a decline after key railway work was shifted elsewhere. In 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi envisioned Dahod's resurgence as a railway manufacturing powerhouse. Today, that vision has materialised with the setting up of a world-class facility in partnership with Siemens India, selected through a transparent tendering

process.

The factory is equipped to produce both Broad Gauge locomotives for Indian Railways and Standard Gauge locomotives for export. This dual capability strengthens India's positioning in the global rail manufacturing market. With 89% of the components made in India, the project aligns perfectly with the 'Make in India' and 'Make for World' visions. High-quality, cost-effective production makes these locomotives highly exportable, opening new doors for India in international railway supply chains.

Green Manufacturing, Cleaner Future: What sets the 9000 HP locomotive apart is its deep integration of sustainability. The manufacturing process itself is powered by green energy, earning the facility a Green Manufacturing tag. The locomotive design includes regenerative braking, which feeds electricity back into the grid when brakes are applied, further reducing the carbon footprint. These features make the locomotive a strong contributor to India's climate commitments and environmental goals, moving the nation closer to a greener future in transportation.

Safety, Comfort and Smart Engineering: From factory-fitted Kavach (India's indigenous train collision avoidance system) to modern driver cabins with air-conditioning, low noise and minimal vibration, the 9000 HP engine is engineered with safety and comfort in mind. Toilets feature electronic locks that can only be accessed when the en-

gine is stationary, ensuring operational discipline. Onboard cameras on all sides provide enhanced monitoring and security.

Training for Tomorrow: A highlight of the Dahod facility is its focus on skill development through immersive training technology. A virtual digital model of the locomotive has been developed to enhance training for mechanics and drivers. Using VR headsets, trainees can interact with a highly realistic simulation of the locomotive, allowing them to explore and familiarise themselves with every component in a safe, immersive environment.

Employment, Empowerment, and Skill Development: Around 85% of the jobs created through the infrastructure development are held by local youth. Skill development is embedded into the project, with training modules designed to upgrade the technical capabilities of the workforce. The factory's presence is already catalysing infrastructure development and ancillary industries in the region, driving long-term economic growth. The 9000 HP locomotive will turn out to be the linchpin of a bold new freight ecosystem. Its power, efficiency and design sophistication promise to make Indian Railways more competitive, more sustainable and better equipped for future demands. By combining the strengths of technology, regional development and global vision, the Dahod-built locomotive is set to redefine the trajectory of freight transport, not just in India, but on the world stage.

Intensive Cleanliness and Waste Segregation Drives Conducted by Howrah Division as Part of World Environment Day 2025 Campaign



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing campaign for World Environment Day 2025, themed 'End Plastic Pollution', Howrah Division of Eastern Railway carried out intensive cleanliness and awareness drives on 27th May 2025 under the direction of Divisional Railway Manager, Sri Sanjeev Kumar. The activities were conducted across key stations including Howrah, Bardhaman, Bardhaman, Konnagar, Kamarkundu, Bandel, Pakur, Azimganj, Bolpur, Rampurhat, Katwa, and at Colvin Court Railway Colony and Bamangachi Railway Colony. The campaign focused on promoting cleanliness and proper waste management through the use of separate bins for biodegradable and non-biodegradable waste. Through a series of awareness sessions and demonstrations, passengers, staff,

and residents were educated on the importance of waste segregation at the source. The aim was to foster environmentally responsible behavior and reduce plastic waste across railway premises.

Railway officials, cleaning staff, and volunteers actively participated in the drive, ensuring thorough cleaning of platforms, waiting areas, and surrounding premises. Color-coded bins were prominently placed, and leaflets were distributed to reinforce the message of responsible waste disposal. These initiatives highlight Howrah Division's unwavering commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship. By promoting cleanliness and proper waste segregation, the Division continues to support the national goal of a cleaner, greener, and plastic-free India.

“India will not tolerate any nuclear blackmail... Will strike precisely at terrorist hideouts”: Sanjay Jha-led delegation in Singapore

MI News Service, Singapore: The all-party delegation led by JD(U) MP Sanjay Kumar Jha, during a meeting with Singapore's Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Home Affairs, Sim Ann, emphasised India's firm stance against terrorism. Jha made it clear that India will give a fitting reply to any terrorist attack and will not tolerate nuclear blackmail. Jha stressed that India is prepared to strike precisely and decisively at terrorist hideouts operating under the cover of nuclear threats. The delegation also sought Singapore's support in combating terrorism at international forums, reaffirming India's commitment to a strong and measured response to protect its security and sovereignty.

The High Commission of India in Singapore, in a press release on Tuesday, said, “The All-Party Parliamentary Delegation led by Member of Parliament, Sanjay Kumar Jha, called on Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Home Affairs today in Singapore. Sanjay Kumar Jha briefed the Singaporean side on India's stance on the events since the terror attack in Pahalgam, Operation Sindoor and the new normal in India's strategy against terrorism. He highlighted that

this delegation brings representatives of different political parties together to convey India's united resolve against terrorism.” It added, “The delegation members conveyed that the terrorist attack in Pahalgam was an attempt to disturb the trajectory of peace, development and normalcy in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The Government of India deemed it essential that the perpetrators and planners of the 22nd April terror attack be brought to justice. In response to this heinous act of terror, India launched Operation Sindoor, specifically targeted against the terrorist infrastructure. India's response was measured, non-escalatory, proportionate, and responsible.” The release further stated that the delegation members conveyed that Operation Sindoor has carved out a new benchmark in India's fight against terrorism. “If there is a terrorist attack on India, India will give a fitting reply. India will not tolerate any nuclear blackmail. India will strike precisely and decisively at the terrorist hideouts developing under the cover of nuclear blackmail. India will not differentiate between the government sponsoring terrorism and the masterminds of terrorism,” the release said.



Security personnel keep vigil as J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah reaches Pahalgam Club and Convention Centre to hold special Cabinet meeting, in Anantnag district, J&K.

Fresh wave of alleged extrajudicial killings sparks outcry in Balochistan

MI News Service, Barkhan: In continuation of alleged extrajudicial killings in Balochistan, three previously missing persons were killed in what is being widely condemned as a staged encounter by the Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) in Barkhan. In a separate incident, another youth was found dead under suspicious circumstances in Awaran district after reportedly being summoned by security forces.

As per The Balochistan Post, early Monday morning, the CTD claimed to have conducted an operation in Tang Kiryar area of Barkhan district. The bodies of Abdul Rehman Buzdar, Fareed Buzdar, and Sultan Marri were

subsequently shifted to the Basic Health Unit (BHU) hospital in Rakni. All three had reportedly been victims of enforced disappearance for several months. A CTD spokesperson stated that the operation involved an exchange of fire with militants, resulting in fatalities and the recovery of weapons. However, families of the deceased and Baloch rights activists rejected the official narrative, asserting that the encounter was fake and the men were executed after prolonged illegal detention. In a related development, in Awaran's Kolwah tehsil, the body of a young man, Ghaus Bakhsh, was discovered hours after he was reportedly summoned to a local military

camp. His body bore signs of torture, further fueling claims of custodial death. Human rights groups allege that such incidents reflect a deepening pattern of state-led violence in Balochistan. Similar cases in Dukki, Ziarat, and Quetta have been reported in recent months, where previously disappeared individuals were later killed in disputed operations. Baloch activists argue that the growing number of such cases underscores a systematic campaign of enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings, demanding independent investigations and international attention to end impunity.

MI News Service, Dhaka: An adviser to former Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia said the sooner elections are held in Bangladesh, the better. The adviser also noted that the Army Chief has expressed concern about holding elections by December, as troops currently deployed for civilian and policing duties would prefer to return to their barracks. “No clear roadmap concerning when the election will be scheduled has been given. You know that the people of this country, for the last 16 years, have not had the scope to vote freely. The expectations of the people are very high. Today, those who are 35-36 years old have never voted in their lifetime. There is a big expectation that people must have the right to vote. I think the sooner, the better,” Retired Major General Fazle Elahi Akbar, Defence and Security Adviser to the Former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, said.

“I see the election is imminent. It is a matter of time, and people are expecting that there should be an election and there should be a party elected by the people who take into hand the problem that the country is facing,” he told ANI in an interview. The Army Chief and the three defence forces Chiefs of Bangladesh attended the inauguration of Akbar's Think Tank, Foundation for Strategic and Development Studies (FSDS), in a rare ceremony. He does not consider Army Chief General Waqar-uz-Zaman's recent speech on Army Officers' Address, expecting elections by December, as a power struggle with the interim government. “I think to say there is a power struggle is a little too much. After all, it's a government, the Army is an important institution, and the interim government is equally very important and very crucial. Army chief, I think the reason for his saying is that, after all, his troops are on the streets. No army in the world would like to do a job that is exclusively civil and policing in nature. In such a situation, the army chief has raised his voice concerning

the integrity and standard of discipline to preserve the discipline and the professional competence of the military. He would like his troops to get back into the barracks and go back to business as usual,” Akbar said.

Whether the election will be credible without the participation of the Awami League is a burning question that people have been discussing. However, Akbar believes that the Awami League is not in a position to participate in the vote.

“Is Awami League prepared to come and face the public and campaign for the election? I think this is an objective or the vision, the proposal is unattainable. Awami League is not in a position right now, even if the election is held within the next year or so. It is a utopic idea. It is better to let the Awami League rest and face the judiciary,” Akbar, the Chairman of FSDS, said. He said that overthrowing Sheikh Hasina's government was not the sole achievement of the students and that they would not be able to form a people's political party, keeping their representatives in the government. “The political parties in the last 16 years fought the battle and created the ground. But certainly it is the students who ultimately show up at the final. They share courage, share unity, and share spirit that brought the Hasina regime down. So I have full respect for them,” Akbar said. “But I would like to caution them, don't form a king's party by means with the support of the government. Historically, in Bangladesh, no king's party has survived. They must be very careful whether to form a king's party or the party of the people. The present demand is that the people who are in the cabinet and also part of the new party should not,” he added. When asked whether Bangladesh's economy has weakened since the removal of Sheikh Hasina as Prime Minister, Akbar said, “Statistically, the answer is yes. After all, the previous regime syphoned out USD 50 billion.

Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif “ready to talk” with India, says: “We want to resolve all disputes”

MI News Service, Tehran: Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said that the country is ready to talk with India “to find solutions” to “longstanding problems”, including Kashmir, water-sharing and trade. He made the remarks during a joint press conference during his visit to Tehran. Addressing a joint press conference with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Sharif said as per a report in Pakistani media outlet Dawn said, “We are ready to talk, for the sake of peace on water issues with our neighbour.” He continued, “We are ready to talk to promote trade and also, counter-terrorism...” “We wanted peace,

we want peace and we will work for peace in the region through talks, on the table, and resolve our outstanding issues,” Sharif said. The Pakistan PM said, “But if they accept my offer of peace, then we will show that we really want peace, seriously and sincerely.” Sharif was in Iran on Monday, after a visit to Türkiye. After Iran, he is scheduled to visit Tajikistan and Azerbaijan. Iranian state media IRNA reported that President Masoud Pezeshkian has voiced Iran's support for a durable ceasefire between India and Pakistan, calling for dialogue between regional countries to resolve disputes and promote peace.



The Indus Water Treaty was put into abeyance after the dastardly Pahalgam terror attack, which saw the death of 26 innocent civilians. In the wake of the attack,

the government took up a series of actions against Pakistan, of which one was putting the Indus Water Treaty into abeyance.

Previously, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had also reiterated that the Indus Water Treaty, signed in 1960, is currently on hold due to Pakistan's cross-border terrorism. The treaty governs the sharing of water resources from the Indus River and its tributaries between India and Pakistan. Previously, MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal had said that climate changes and demographic shifts have created new realities on ground. “Now, as per CCS deci-

sion that I referred to of 23rd April, India will keep the treaty in abeyance until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably, abjures its support for cross-border terrorism. Please also note that climate change, demographic shifts and technological changes have created new realities on ground as well,” Jaiswal said.

India had imposed an immediate ban on the direct or indirect import and transit of all goods originating in or exported from Pakistan, regardless of their import status, effectively halting bilateral trade flows, according to a notification by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry



Royal Challengers Bengaluru's Romario Shepherd bowls during the match against Lucknow Super Giants in the Indian Premier League 2025, at Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium in Lucknow on Tuesday. (ANI Photo)

"CHAPTER IS OVER": CRISTIANO RONALDO HINTS AT AL-NASSR EXIT

AL-AHSA [SAUDI ARABIA] : Cristiano Ronaldo scored, but Al Nassr lost what could be his last-ever game for the club by 2-3 to Al Fateh on Monday in the Saudi Pro League. Following the match, the football icon hinted at an exit from the Saudi club, which he joined from Manchester United in 2023. With his goal, Ronaldo took his goal tally in the Saudi Pro League 2024-25 season to 25, earning him the second successive 'Golden Boot' award after he got the honour in the 2023-24 season with 35 goals, as per Goal.com. After the match, he hinted at leaving the club but continuing as a footballer, posting on his Instagram, "This chapter is over. The story? Still being written. Grateful to all." In 111 appearances for the club since 2023, he has scored 99 goals, with 74 of them coming in 77 appearances in the Saudi Pro League. He joined the club in January 2023, becoming the world's richest footballer in the process. He won the Saudi Pro League 'Player of the Month' during February 2023 with eight goals and two assists. In the 2023-24 season, with his tally of 35 goals, he created a new goal-scoring record in the Saudi Pro League, outdoing 34 goals by Abderrazak Hamdallah in 2019, as per Olympics.com. Al Nassr in 2023 secured their first Arab Club Champions Cup thanks to a brace by the legend in the title clash against arch-rivals Al Hilal. Al Nassr is Ronaldo's fifth club after stints with Sporting CP, Manchester United, Real Madrid and Juventus, which saw him secure several titles and accomplishments across the world. As per Goal.com, his next move could take him to the USA's Major League Soccer or his first-ever club, Sporting CP.



Gujarat Titans continue to champion sustainability at world's largest cricket stadium during IPL 2025



AHMEDABAD (GUJARAT) : Continuing their unwavering commitment to sustainability, the Gujarat Titans have shown excellence in managing waste from the world's largest cricket stadium, the Narendra Modi Stadium, for the third consecutive year. The Gujarat franchise have collected and processed an impressive 93,385 kilograms of waste in the seven home matches of the IPL 2025 season. This adds on to the Titans' holistic efforts in maintaining a sustainability-first approach across and beyond the IPL. Gujarat Titans started this initiative in 2023 aligning with their larger goal of sustainability, and ever since, thousands of kilograms of waste have been collected, processed and repurposed through their concentrated all-round efforts. In the 2024 season, the initiative resulted in a total of 1,04,777 kilograms of waste being efficiently processed through

recycling, composting, upcycling, reuse, or donation across the Titans' home fixtures. With a capacity exceeding 100,000 spectators, the Narendra Modi Stadium presents a unique opportunity and responsibility for scaling sustainable practices. Gujarat Titans are harnessing this platform to execute a comprehensive, end-to-end waste management program that ensures environmental impact is minimised without compromising the fan experience. The current season's waste collection includes 83,761 kilograms of dry waste and 9,624 kilograms of wet waste, all of which are being processed using decentralised sorting, recycling, and composting systems. Excess food and materials are directed to donation channels, contributing to both environmental and social impact. Gujarat Titans' partnership with NEPRA Resource

Management Pvt. Ltd. (NEPRA), enables them to manage the entire waste lifecycle from on-ground collection and segregation to transportation and final processing. The collective efforts also cater to stadium-wide sensitization campaigns, and ensuring hygiene and waste practices among food stall operators. Visual communication via banners, posters, and bin signage enhances public awareness, supported by social media outreach amplifying the initiative's goals. Colonel Arvinder Singh, Chief Operating Officer, Gujarat Titans emphasized the team's vision and said, "At Gujarat Titans, it is our endeavour to do our part to contribute towards a cleaner, greener future. With the help of our partners, we're able to turn waste into resources from each of our home games at the Narendra Modi Stadium. We're proud that our fans extend their consistent support to this initiative and continue to embrace and drive this mission forward." This campaign has not only transformed how waste is managed at scale but has also empowered local waste workers, including many women, thus contributing to both environmental sustainability and social equity through a circular economy framework. As the IPL 2025 progresses, the Gujarat Titans remain committed to making meaningful change leading by example on and off the field.

Stunning Seven: How PBKS' batters transformed franchise's fortunes

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Shreyas Iyer and Ricky Ponting scripted what plenty of captain-coach duos had failed to do for Punjab Kings since the glory days of George Bailey and Sanjay Bangar in 2014, helping their side towards not only a playoff qualification for the first time in 11 years, but also sealing the top spot in the points table to play the qualifier one, which will give their team a double shot at the title clash.

PBKS' unit has felt really different this year. The aura and legend of coach Ponting, proven top-class leadership of Shreyas Iyer and fearless batting by its Indian core and timely contributions by overseas talent have come together nicely to present the team as a team meant to be feared. Once considered by many a team that could give "two free points" to several fan favourite teams, a fixture against PBKS this year has been a box-office affair, which demands other teams work extremely hard and be at their absolute merciless with both bat and ball. The result is, that fans have been treated to some great cricket, and Indian cricket has unearthed some stars that could serve them well in future. PBKS has been absolutely stunning as a batting unit this season, featuring seven batters who have scored at least 100 runs at an average of 30 or more and a strike rate of above 149. ' Be it the fiery opening stands of breakout stars Priyansh Arya and Prabhsimran Singh, the consistent and reassuring anchoring of skipper Shreyas Iyer or timely blasts from the Australian stars, there is a lot to love about this team.

A look at PBKS's 'Stunning Seven': -Shreyas Iyer: The 'Sarpanch Sahab' seems to have a Midas Touch which turns potential into absolute gold. In the course of these 14 league stage matches, PBKS appears to be as intimidating as a consistent championship-winning team. Iyer has been at its helm with the bat, top scoring with 514 runs at an average of 51.40, with a strike rate of 171.90 and five half-centuries. His best score is 97*. Iyer has been sensational away from home, having made 444 runs in nine innings with all five half-centuries at an average of 88.80. -Prabhsimran Singh: For four seasons, Prabhsimran struggled to break into the playing XI. For the next two years, his battle with inconsistency became a matter of frustration as he could not convert his promising starts



into something substance. But under Ponting and Iyer, Prabhsimran might have stunned even himself with his remarkable consistency. This season, he has made 499 runs at an average of 35.64 and a strike rate of 165.78 in 14 innings, with the best score of 91. -Priyansh Arya: The journey from Delhi to Punjab has been one to remember for this tidy left-hander. An unbelievable puller of the ball, Priyansh has been brilliant at the top along with Prabhsimran. He is the third-highest run-getter for the team with 424 runs in 14 matches at an average of 30.88, with a strike rate of 183.54. He scored a counter-attacking 39-ball ton against CSK and scored two half-centuries, including a clean 62 against five-time champions Mumbai Indians (MI), which sealed the team's top spot finish. With a temperament for big games on display, the sight of Priyansh wearing Team India's blue colours would not be a surprising one. Headaches galore for Indian selectors already spoil with options at the top. -Nehal Wadhwa: Another promising southpaw coming from Punjab, which has been producing some sensational T20 cricketers as of late. Having played some cameos for five-time champions Mumbai Indians (MI), Wadhwa has unlocked his true potential with PBKS. So far, he has made 298 runs in 12 innings at an average of 33.11 and a strike rate of 152.04, which includes two half-centuries.

Be it his calculated 33* in 19 balls against Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in a rain-hit match on a tough surface or his ruthless 37-ball 70 against Rajasthan Royals, the 24-year-old has produced some serious gems for PBKS this season. -Shashank Singh: From an

'accidental buy' during the 2023 auction to a prized finisher with all the shots in his repertoire, Shashank has lived a dream with PBKS. Ramps, proper cricketing shots and a remarkably calm composure, the 33-year-old is everything one demands in the modern T20 landscape. In another stunning season so far, he has scored 284 runs at an average of 56.80 and a strike rate of 149.47, with two half-centuries in 11 innings. His best knock, a thunderous 59* in 30 balls laced with five fours and three sixes, came against RR recently. -Josh Inglis: The Australian wicketkeeper-batter has enjoyed a great year so far. A century on Test debut, a century in the ICC Champions Trophy and now his first taste of IPL under the guidance of legendary Ponting and skipper Iyer. Having got some fine starts so far, the Aussie saved his best for the clash, on which hinged their hopes for a top-two finish. Possessing a bat swing that could send the ball into the orbit with the least amount of effort, Inglis made a quickfire 73 in 42 balls, with nine fours and three sixes, helping PBKS chase down 185. In seven innings, Inglis has made 197 runs at an average of 32.83 and a strike rate of 164.16, with a half-century and some important cameos. With PBKS guaranteed at least two matches, it is going to get better for him from here on. The 'Aussie' mentality could finally produce a season-best effort in the playoffs! -Marcus Stoinis: The seasoned Australian all-rounder brings to the franchise much-needed firepower, experience and versatility. Whenever he has had a chance to bat, he has responded with just what his team wanted, scoring 126 runs in seven innings at an average of 31.50, strike rate of 193.85.

Real serious stuff starts now: Ponting lauds team's efforts as Punjab Kings gear up for knockouts after securing top-two spot in IPL

JAIPUR (RAJASTHAN)[INDIA] : After a wait of 11 years, Punjab Kings have secured a spot in the playoffs in the ongoing edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL). Further adding to their success, the side led by captain Shreyas Iyer managed to confirm a spot in the top two after a 7-wicket win over Punjab Kings at Saiwari Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur on Monday. After electing to bowl, left-arm speedster Arshdeep Singh, Marco Jansen and Vijaykumar Vyshak picked up two wickets each to restrict the opposition to 184/7 in 20 overs. Priyansh Arya (62 off 35 balls) and Josh Inglis (73 off 42 balls) scored half-centuries each to help

their side get the win in 18.3 overs with seven wickets to spare, as the Kings finished with 19 points in 14 games, guaranteeing themselves a spot in the top two. Speaking after the match, Ricky Ponting praised the team for bouncing back after a loss to Delhi Capitals on Saturday, but also stressed the importance of the upcoming matches. "Great team always find ways to respond and bounce back. Awesome result, great result for this group. We qualified 10-12 days ago. That was a big milestone for us. We talked about making sure of giving ourselves the best chance of finishing in the top two, and we have gone ahead and done that," Ponting said in the



dressings room. "Awesome run chase, great win, really happy for all of you. But what you have done today has been outstanding. The real serious stuff starts now. Enjoy the moment for what it is. Lot of big

support. "It feels surreal and very satisfying. We manifested this as a team. This year we will win the title. Our first aim was to finish top two. So, we passed the first hurdle. We believed, we manifested, and we worked hard. The credit goes to the management. Every single individual, including the players and the management. We had 4-5 camps before the IPL, and you can see the results, which is not easy in IPL," Shashank said at the post-match press conference. Iyer further added that the team's mindset was always focused on the title. "Right from day one, our mindset was to go out there and win. We are not thinking about going through the

playoffs. We are winning about winning the Championship," the Punjab skipper said. "I personally feel everyone stepped up at the right time. We have been in that mindset that we have to win no matter what situation. Kudos to everyone and the management. Ricky has been fantastic, and for me, it was about gaining the trust of every individual. And that happened by winning matches, and I personally feel we need to maintain that relationship throughout," he signed off. Punjab Kings will next compete in the first qualifier on May 29 at the New PCA Stadium in New Chandigarh from 7:30 PM IST onwards.

From Head's counter-attack to Jamieson's pace masterclass, top moments in World Test Championship finals history

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The ICC World Test Championship final clash between Australia, the defending champions and South Africa will take place at the 'Home of Cricket', the Lord's from June 11 onwards, marking the end of third cycle of an exciting competition which has given the format a new lease of life and provided each match with plenty of context and meaning. Few events in cricket ignite both passion and prestige quite like the World Test Championship Final, the Ultimate Test for supremacy in the game's purest format. Since its announcement in 2019, followed by a dramatic debut in 2021, the World Test Championship Final has delivered edge-of-the-seat thrillers, career-defining performances, and moments that have reverberated across the cricketing world. As the world inches closer to the 2025 Final, it is only right to look back

at some of the magical moments from the previous editions. -Kyle Jamieson's fiery 5/31 v India, 2021 The Kiwi quick was in incredible form at Southampton, exploiting the English conditions masterfully as he struck the first blow to India's batting effort on Day 2, outfoxing Rohit Sharma with a full-length delivery which the India batter nicked to third slip. Jamieson followed this up with the prized wicket of the Indian skipper Virat Kohli, trapping him LBW and denting India's batting effort, as per the ICC. He went on to pick up the wickets of Rishabh Pant, Ishant Sharma and Jasprit Bumrah as he cleared out the India batting unit, putting New Zealand in a commanding position as India were bowled out for 217 in the first innings. -Ross Taylor and Kane Williamson's stand v India, 2021

After years of heartbreak in global finals, New Zealand's 2021 team stood on the brink of history. The Kiwis were chasing down a modest target of 139, though on a wearing pitch facing the likes of Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami and seasoned spinners Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja. After losing openers Tom Latham and Devon Conway to Ashwin's spin, Kane Williamson and Ross Taylor found themselves at the crease still with 95 runs to get on the final day. Williamson and Taylor played measured innings of 52* (89) and 47* (100), as Taylor's iconic whip through mid-wicket for four sparked emotional celebrations. It was a moment of redemption, resilience, and reward for New Zealand cricket as they were crowned Test champions. -Travis Head's superb century v India, 2023

A complete contrast to the overcast skies at the 2021 Final, the 2023 Final at The Oval witnessed one of the best counter-attacking batting performances from Travis Head. The left-hander walked in at 76/3 as the Aussies had lost David Warner, Usman Khawaja and Marnus Labuschagne relatively quickly. Along with Steve Smith, Head put on a show of aggressive batting as he powered his way through the Indian bowling unit. His knock of 163 off 174 deliveries consisted of 25 fours and a six as he brought his side back into the game and into the ascendancy, putting up 285 runs for the fourth wicket. His century was the first ever in a WTC Final and ultimately proved match-defining, giving Australia a commanding first-innings total that India struggled to recover from. -Composed Rahane leads fightback v

Australia, 2023 While Australia held the upper hand, Ajinkya Rahane stood tall amidst the ruins in India's first innings. Rahane entered the fray with India at 50-3, and soon witnessed Virat Kohli's dismissal as India were left stranded at 71-4. Having returned to the India Test side after 18 months out of the team, Rahane displayed immense grit and resilience as he stood tall to Australia's devastating pace attack of Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins and Scott Boland. His knock of 89 off 129 deliveries consisted of 11 fours and a solitary six that brought up his half century. His composed knock was filled with classical strokes and steely temperament, and kept India in the contest. It was a reminder of Rahane's big-match temperament and a symbol of resistance in the face of scoreboard pressure and world-class bowling.

