

Accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary, Abdullah inaugurated the Chief Minister's Public Service and Outreach Office at Canal Road in Jammu.

2 held for duping jewellery shop owner with fake gold in Haringhata

MI News Service, Nadia: Two persons were arrested on Wednesday for allegedly cheating a jeweller by selling him counterfeit gold ornaments worth over 3 lakh at Jamunapar under Haringhata police station in Nadia district. According to police, on June 13, the accused had approached a jewellery shop and sold ornaments weighing around 24 grams, claiming them to be 22-carat gold. The shop owner, after a routine check, purchased the items for 3 lakh. The shop owner said, "Four persons came to my shop including a female. One of them was a little known to me. They told that they would go to Bangalore for treatment and that's why they want



to sell the golden bangles. I generally don't buy gold in this way. But on compassionate ground, I purchased the gold bangles." On June 18, the same duo returned to the shop with another pair of bangles (approximately 46g) and a broken ornament (24g), along with fake gold purity certificates.

Sensing irregularities, the jeweller decided to conduct a proper assay of the earlier items. Tests revealed that the ornaments were gold-plated fakes containing hidden copper balls and metal cores. Realising the fraud, the shopkeeper locked the duo inside his shop and informed police. Police

rushed the shop. Subsequently he lodged a complaint that day (on June 19). Following a prompt investigation, police arrested both the accused on the same day. The arrested were identified as Debraj Dutta, a resident of Khardah, and Intadul Mondal alias Bishu from Duttapara, Haringhata. According to the shop owners, during first day saling the bangles, 4 persons came including a female from Baguihati. "She is the main culprit," the shop owner added. Further investigation by police is underway to ascertain if the duo is linked to similar offences elsewhere and who are the associated behind the miscreations.

2 snatchers arrested, 3 gold chains recover in Kalyani, miscreants taken to police remand

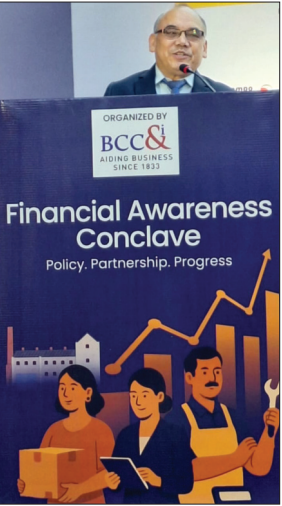
MI News Service, Kalyani : Due to snatching, the morning walking women in Nadia's Kalyani turned fear to come out. Amid the situation, the Kalyani police launched a tight Naka Checking and arrested 2 snatchers who were found outsiders. Investigation has been going on to find the other associates, the Additional SP, (HQ), Siddharth Dhapola said. According to ASP, in Kalyani, three back-to-back incidents of gold chain snatching took place targeting elderly women during morning walks. The attackers used to throw chilli powder into the eyes of the victims and fled on a black motorcycle without a number plate after snatching gold chains from their necks. Kalyani Police responded with



CCTV analysis and checkpoints, leading to the arrest of two suspects, on 15 June while they were allegedly preparing to strike again. The suspects are now in police remand. 3 gold chains have been seized from them. Debasish Panda, the IC, Kalyani said that the especial naka was arranged by a dedicated team under the leadership of police officer Rajkumar.

They arrested the two miscreants. However, the accused persons were identified as Ahid Mondal of Amdanga, and Sukhen Mondal of Jethia, both in North 24 Parganas. A police sources said that recently three snatching took place. While one incident happened at Kalyani B -15 area on May 19, the next snatching happened at B-1 area on May 23 and the last

snatching occurred at Central Park area on June 9. Police were keeping a tight watch and on June 15, the personnel observed two youth on a bike without a number plate were loitering with suspicion. Police intercepted, interrogated and their replies were unsatisfactory. The duo were taken to police station and next phase interrogation took place. On pressure, they confessed their crime of 3 snatchings mentioned above. Subsequently police recovered three gold chains from them. They were produced in Kalyani court on June 18. The TI parad also done. Consequently police took them for 5 days' remand. The more investigation is under progress, Additional SP, Siddharth Dhapola said.



20th June 2025, Kolkata: Zonal Manager Sri Jagat Singh Tolia is giving speech in the Financial Awareness Conclave event, organized by Bengal Chamber of Commerce. He specially highlighted on the main topic of the event Transforming MSME through Finance. He also mentioned LIC's positive role in this regard. Former Finance Secretary Mr. Sumit Bose and many other distinguished persons were present at the event.

BCC organises Financial Awareness Conclave

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Just 6 months after wedding, 'Nightie' clue leads to tragic end

MI News Service, Howrah: Tragedy struck in Belur as the body of 26-year-old Alankita Sinha, also known as Megha, was found hanging at her in-laws' residence in the Gollabari area of Howrah on Thursday — just six months after her marriage to Shubham Ghosh. Both Alankita and Shubham were IT professionals working in Salt Lake, where their relationship began. Following approval from both families, the couple tied the knot. However, Alankita's family alleges that marital life soon turned turbulent. According to the victim's father, Alankita was repeatedly harassed by her in-laws, barred from speaking to her family, and was not allowed to visit her parental home. The family also claims there were disputes regarding the wedding gifts. Adding to the suspicions, Alankita's relatives allege she had recently learned of her husband's extramarital relationship. She had reportedly told her family that Shubham had bought intimate clothing for another woman — a revelation that may have escalated tensions between the couple.

Juyel Sarkar wins Silver for India in Asia Cup Archery Team Event

MI News Service, Kolkata: Under the initiative of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, eight academies—Football, Archery, Table Tennis, Tennis, Rifle Shooting, Badminton, Swimming, and Women's Football—have been established. The students of these academies have consistently brought success to the state and the nation in the field of sports. Adding another feather to this crown of achievements is Juyel Sarkar, a



student of the Bengal Archery Academy in Jhargram. Today, at the Asia Cup Stage 2 held in Singapore, the Indian team won silver in the Recurve Team Event, with Juyel Sarkar being one of the key members of the team. Heartfelt congratulations to Juyel Sarkar, the coaches and officials of the Bengal Archery Academy, the players of the Indian archery team, and the coaches and officials of Team India for this remarkable success.

Bharat Sevashram Sangha distributes tailoring machines to empower rural communities



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a commendable initiative aimed at empowering poor and underprivileged individuals in rural areas, Bharat Sevashram Sangha has been providing training in tailoring, handicrafts, and other vocational skills across

various villages. To help trainees become self-reliant and earn a livelihood after completing their training at different branch centers of the Sangha, tailoring machines were distributed with the support of the State Bank of India. As

part of the same program, wheelchairs were also distributed to specially-abled individuals. The tailoring machines were handed over at a special ceremony held at the Bharat Sevashram Sangha headquarters in Ballygunge, Kolkata. The machines were distributed by Swami Biswatmananda Maharaj, General Secretary of the Sangha. The event was also attended by Soumen Kumar Roy, Assistant General Manager of the State Bank of India, and Amarnath Naskar, Chief Manager (HR & Admin), SBI Kolkata.

Kotak Securities introduces Kotak Stockshaala - A free Multilingual Video and Text based learning platform

MI News Service, Kolkata : Kotak Securities, one of India's leading brokerage house, has announced the launch of Kotak Stockshaala - a free multilingual learning platform offering capital market education to investors and traders across the country. The platform, also accessible via Kotak Neo App, offers learning in two formats. Video-Based Courses: Three structured courses featuring short, snackable chapters that cover both basic and advanced concepts. These are currently available in Hinglish. To be launched in English soon. Text-Based Courses: Five comprehensive courses divided into over 200 easy-to-understand chapters, available in English and Hindi. Additional regional languages will be introduced soon. With over 4.92 crore active demat accounts in India as of March 2025, there is a growing need for structured, practical learning solutions. Kotak Stockshaala addresses this demand by offering high-quality, accessible content on financial literacy and capital markets to aspiring market participants from across the diverse landscape of India. Speaking on the launch of the innovative learning platform, Shripal Shah, MD and CEO, Kotak Securities, has emphasized that, "At Kotak Securities, we believe that financial empowerment begins with knowledge. With the launch of Kotak Stockshaala, our new learning platform—featuring free, comprehensive video and text-based content—we're making investing education accessible to every Indian, regardless of their background or experience. Our goal

is to nurture confident investors by breaking down complex concepts into easy, engaging lessons that anyone can understand and apply." Kotak Stockshaala is designed to democratize capital market knowledge, enabling every investor and trader to deepen their understanding and enhance their investment journey. The firm aims to expand the platform to include 10 courses by the end of the year. Ashish Nanda, President and Chief Digital Business Officer, Kotak Securities, says, "In today's dynamic financial landscape, continuous learning is not just an advantage—it's a necessity. Our new platform is designed to serve both newcomers and seasoned traders. For beginners, we offer structured, easy-to-understand content to build a strong foundation. For experienced traders, we plan to create advanced modules to refine strategies and stay ahead of market trends. This initiative reflects our commitment to empowering every investor with the knowledge they need to succeed." The learning module is designed for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels covering the entire spectrum of financial literacy and capital markets for investors and traders. Kotak Stockshaala is open and accessible to all at: <https://www.kotaksecurities.com/stockshaala/> Video courses are also available on the Kotak Stockshaala YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@KotakStockshaala> For daily learning tips, follow Kotak Stockshaala on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/kotakstockshaala/>

TMC Leader rushes to cops after 'The Bengal Files' teaser

MI News Service, Baharampur: Controversy has erupted even before the release of Vivek Agnihotri's upcoming film 'The Bengal Files', scheduled to hit theatres on September 5. A formal police complaint has been lodged against the filmmaker in Baharampur, sparking fresh political and cultural debate. Biplob Kundu, deputy head of the Trinamool Congress-run Bhakuri Gram Panchayat, filed a written complaint at Baharampur Police Station on Wednesday night. He accused Agnihotri — known for controversial films like 'The Tashkent Files' and 'The Kashmir Files' — of promoting hate speech and allegedly insulting Hindu deities through the teaser of 'The Bengal File'. According to Biplob Kundu, the teaser—widely circulated on

social media—contains inflammatory language that could disrupt communal harmony and hurt religious sentiments. He demanded immediate legal action against both the director and producer. The teaser features well-known Bengali actors Mithun Chakraborty, Saurabh Das, and Shashwat Chatterjee, and has already sparked heated discussions across political and cinematic circles in Bengal. With tensions mounting and the film still weeks away from release, the controversy threatens to deepen in the coming days. Despite repeated controversies surrounding his past projects, Agnihotri appears undeterred, once again placing himself at the center of national debate with 'The Bengal Files'.



Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (AMURT/AMURTEL) has distributed sarees to about 100 poor families in and around the Ananda Marga Ashram, at Vip Nagar, in Kolkata.



SC women workers stage a protest march from Subodh Mallick Square to Dharmatala, followed by the submission of deputations at Nabanna and Raj Bhavan, in Kolkata on Friday.

"Kesari: Chapter 2" Hindi movie insults Bengali revolutionaries, protests Bangla Paksha

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A Hindi movie titled "Kesari: Chapter 2" has intentionally distorted the bright history of the armed struggle of India's freedom struggle and the identity and role of the brave Bengali freedom fighters, presenting a fabricated and false history, claimed Bangla Paksha. A protest meeting of the organization was held at the Ranuchaya Manch of Rabindra Sadan on Thursday. The top leader of the organization said that the lead actor of the cinema, Akshay Kumar, has insulted history by distorting the name of Bengali revolutionaries like Khudiram Bose as Singh. He said that the aim of BJP and Bollywood is the same, to erase the history of Bengalis. Similarly, in the cinema it has been shown that two revolutionary British policemen "Barindra Kumar" tried to kill Kingsford by bombing them, and that "Kripin Singh" trained them to make bombs, which is a crime under the law. He thinks that in India's freedom struggle, it is a part of the conspiracy of Hindi imperialists to erase the role of the brave Bengali. He gave an example and said that the brave Bengali Khudiram Bose and his other Bengali companion Prafulla Chaki tried to kill District judge Kingsford by throwing a bomb. In the Hindi movie in question, Bose is played by Singh and Prafulla Chaki's name is not mentioned at all. He presented history that the bombs were supplied to them by Hemchandra Kanungo, who learned bomb making from Europe and set up a bomb making workshop for armed revolution in the Muraripukur area of Kolkata. His comments



highlighted the attempt to kill Kingsford and the Muraripukur bomb case - two significant and important events in the history of the freedom struggle. Other leaders of the organization said that this conspiracy is to make people forget the history of the anti-British freedom struggle of India, especially the brilliant role of the Bengalis.

Even before it, Bollywood had portrayed brave martyrs like Khudiram Bose in the "Abhay 2" series as a criminal and a terrorist. The Bangla Paksha then had given a legal notice to Zee5 and protested at Zee5's office in Salt Lake. Later, Zee5 was forced to apologize and remove that part.

The organization clearly said that they will not accept this insult to Bengalis. It would be a sin to accept the insult to Bengali freedom fighters. It is the responsibility of every Bengali to protest. The organization has demanded that the makers of the movie "Kesari: Chapter 2" apologize and change those scenes and apologize publicly.

Seminar on Safai Karamchari issues held in Rishra

MI News Service, Hooghly: A seminar addressing the issues faced by Safai Karamchari (sanitation workers) and discussing future action plans was organized at Ambedkar Bhavan in Ward No. 2 of Rishra Municipality by the Safai Karamchari Mahasangh (Scheduled Caste). The event was graced by Tanmoy Chakraborty, President of the Self Employment Scheme, Government of West Bengal, as the Chief Guest. Other distinguished attendees included E.V. Raju, President of the Dalit Bandhu Welfare and Development Board under the BCW Department, West Bengal; Mrutunjoy Mallik, National President of the Mahasangh, who delivered the keynote address; and Jyoti Das, Ward Councillor. Brahmadev Ravidas, State President of the Safai

Karamchari Mahasangh, was also present. The programme commenced with floral tributes to the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, following which speakers addressed the long-standing challenges faced by Safai Karamcharis and urged the government to take immediate action. In his remarks, Brahmadev Ravidas highlighted that while there are lakhs of Safai Karamcharis across the state, over 400 sanitation workers are engaged in Rishra alone. Despite their dedicated service, they continue to suffer from inadequate salaries and lack of post-retirement benefits. He pointed out that these workers, who carry out vital cleaning duties with sincerity and commitment, deserve fair compensation and dignity.



Declaration of International Mother Tongue Journalist Conference handed over to Bangladesh Ambassador in Nepal

MI News Service, Kathmandu: The declaration of the Second International Mother Tongue Journalist Conference, recently held in Kathmandu, was formally handed over to Bangladesh Ambassador to Nepal, Md Shafiqur Rahman. A delegation comprising representatives from the SAARC Journalist Forum (SJF) and the National Forum for New Journalists (NFNJ)—co-organisers of the conference—visited the Bangladesh Embassy in Kathmandu to present the declaration during a courtesy call on the ambassador. The delegation



included SJF Central President Raju Lama, Secretary General Md Abdur Rahman, NFNJ President Nripendra Lal Shrestha, SJF Bangladesh Chapter leader Rafiqul Islam Azad, and NFNJ leader Prajit Shakya. The declaration outlined key resolutions and commitments focusing on the promotion of linguistic diversity, cross-border media collaboration, and protection of journalists working in mother tongues throughout the South Asian region. The conference, held on June 13-14, brought together over 100 journalists, including more than 50 participants from SAARC nations, and was organised to commemorate 101 years of mother tongue journalism.

Fake Gold Loan Scam Worth ₹3 Crore Busted in Tarakeswar, Four Arrested

MI News Service, Tarakeswar: A major gold loan fraud racket involving specially crafted fake jewellery has been uncovered by Tarakeswar Police, leading to the arrest of four individuals. The accused allegedly duped multiple banks of over 3 crore by securing loans against counterfeit gold ornaments. The investigation began in 2023 after a state-owned bank's Tarakeswar branch lodged a complaint, alleging that several individuals had availed loans using fake gold as collateral. Further complaints followed from other state-owned and private banks, prompting police to launch a detailed probe. According to police sources, the accused operated as a coordinated group. A key part of the scheme involved collusion between a bank loan agent and a gold valuer. The valuer reportedly certified fake or substandard gold jewelry as genuine, while the agent facilitated the loan applications.

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was "arbitrarily" increased to 7,180 equivalent classrooms and, subsequently, to 12,748 rooms "without" proper sanction or approvals, resulting in "massive" cost escalations, the agency said.

It said there was an "unjustified" adoption of richer specifications proposed by the executing company named Babbar and Babbar Associates and execution of duplicate and inflated works.

"Cost escalations of up to 49.03 per cent were observed across priority-I and priority-II phases," it said.

The agency also claimed to have found "several dummy firms during the searches, which had no real infrastructure, documentation or operational legitimacy, but were shown to have received substantial payments for construction activities relating to the additional classrooms".

The AAP said on June 18 that the "so-called raids are nothing but a desperate attempt to divert

public attention from the reality. The allegations are baseless, politically motivated and timed only to distract from the BJP's anti-people actions".

Sisodia and Jain have been questioned by the ACB in the case.

The ACB FIR came about after alleged lapses in the case were flagged by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders like Kapil Mishra, Harish Khurana and Neelkant Bakshi had, in 2019, filed a complaint with the ACB alleging serious financial irregularities in the construction of classrooms across three zones of Delhi.

The ACB alleged that the total expenditure incurred on the project amounted to Rs 2,892 crore, pushing the per-classroom cost to Rs 24.86 lakh, compared to the estimated Rs 5 lakh under standard norms.

It claimed that the project was awarded to 34 contractors, most of whom were allegedly linked to the AAP.

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Charan Majhi and Leader of Opposition in the state Assembly Naveen Patnaik also wished Murmu on her birthday.

In a post on X in Hindi, Adityanath said Murmu was the "symbol of service and simplicity". "I pray to Lord Shri Jagannath for your long, healthy and glorious life," Adityanath posted on X.

Mamata Banerjee also extended birthday greetings to the president.

"May she be blessed with a long life, good health, and profound happiness as she continues to serve the nation with grace and dedication," the West Bengal Chief minister said.

In his message, Majhi described Murmu as the symbol of women power and pride of Odisha.

"Your life is an extraordinary example of struggle, dedication and success. Your journey from a common tribal family to Rashtrapati Bhavan is an inspiration for all people of India. Your simplicity, responsibility and dedication for the country are a model for all of us," Majhi wrote on X.

May India continue to progress under her leadership, he said.

Former Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik expressed warm birthday wishes to the president, praying for her good and long life.

The Congress said it hoped President Murmu's unwavering dedication to the nation's progress, welfare and justice continues to lead the country on the path of truth and virtuousness.

Israel-Iran conflict : Iran to...

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Atomic Energy Agency has confirmed damages to building at the Khondab Heavy Water Production Plant including its distillation unit, a day after stating that no damages were "initially visible"

In fresh strikes, Iranian missiles targeted a hospital and residential structures in Tel Aviv, wounding over 200 people on Thursday night. Israel's air campaign has targeted several nuclear and military sites, killing senior generals and nuclear scientists. A Washington-based Iranian human rights group reported that at least 639 people have been killed in Iran, including 263 civilians, and over 1,300 injured. In retaliation, Iran has launched around 400 missiles and hundreds of drones, killing at least 24 people in Israel and wounding hundreds.

After his ominous statement regarding

launching strikes against Iran, US President Donald Trump said that he will decide in two weeks whether the US military will directly get involved in the Israel-Iran conflict or not, given the "substantial chance" for renewed negotiations over Tehran's nuclear program. Earlier, Trump left the G7 summit in Canada a day early as the conflict between the two Middle Eastern countries deepened, but said that his hasty exit from the summit had nothing to do with negotiating a ceasefire between the nations.

Meanwhile, a senior Iranian official said that zero enrichment will be rejected, especially after Israeli strikes, news agency Reuters reported.

He added that the role of European powers is now more prominent as Tehran is unwilling to engage with Washington owing to its position on Israel's campaign and Iran's uranium enrichment programme.

State strengthens administrative framework for women and child safety: Shashi Panja

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government is reinforcing its administrative framework to ensure the safety and empowerment of women and children, Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Minister Shashi Panja informed the State Assembly on Friday. During discussions on various issues, Panja highlighted the significant progress made in women's welfare under several government initiatives.

She stated that over 2.15 crore women in the state are currently receiving benefits under the flagship LakshmiBhandar scheme, which has significantly improved the socio-economic empowerment and awareness of women. The government has also taken legal steps such as passing the Aparajita Bill last year to address domestic violence.

To combat domestic violence, 28 Protection Officers have been

appointed across 23 districts, with additional officers deployed in larger districts. The state has also established 37 Shakti Sadan shelters for distressed women, which are being managed in collaboration with NGOs.

Minister Panja further highlighted a decade of achievements under Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's leadership, including pioneering schemes like Kanyashree, Rupashree, widow and old-age pensions, and the

Manabik scheme. These initiatives have empowered millions of women across the state and enhanced their social status.

She noted that more than 93 lakh women are currently engaged with Self-Help Groups (SHGs), contributing to grassroots economic participation and development. "These initiatives are not just about financial aid; they are about ensuring women's dignity, security, and social recognition," she said.

The Minister also addressed the evolving gender parity in the state's electorate. In 2023-24, there was a 13 lakh difference between male and female voters. That gap has narrowed to 11 lakh in 2024-25, indicating rising female participation in democratic processes.

The state government reiterated its commitment to inclusive development and women's empowerment as a cornerstone of its welfare agenda.



Purnendu Basu, along with Industrialist Chandra Kumar Dhanuka, Economist Abhirup Sarkar, Film director Haranath Chakraborty, Singer Saikat Mitra, Writer Abul Bashar, and other literary figures, attended a press conference organized by Desh Bachao Ganamancha to protest ongoing efforts to humiliate Bengal and malign Bengali identity. The press conference was held at the Press Club in Kolkata on Friday.

Flood alert as monsoon intensifies; State administration steps up emergency measures

MI News Service, Kolkata: The monsoon has fully set in across West Bengal, bringing with it relentless rainfall that has caused rivers across the state to swell dangerously. With the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) releasing large volumes of water from its reservoirs, the flood threat in several districts has escalated significantly. In response, the state's Chief Secretary convened an emergency meeting with District Magistrates of western Bengal to assess the situation and issue precautionary directives.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast continued rainfall due to the impact of a low-pressure system and active monsoon troughs. With rising water levels in major rivers, the DVC has begun discharging thousands of cusecs of water—20,000 cusecs from Maithon

and 17,000 cusecs from Panchet. As a result, low-lying and riverine areas are already experiencing waterlogging and inundation.

Administrative sources confirmed that several parts of Asansol have been waterlogged following three days of continuous rain. Areas such as Jhanpura, Kabristan Mahalla, and Fari Road near the Barakar river have seen water entering homes, forcing many families to evacuate. A tragic incident also occurred in Ward 3 of Asansol Municipal Corporation, where a 67-year-old man, Umapada Mondal, died after a mud-wall house collapsed on him during the storm. He was rushed to the hospital but declared dead upon arrival.

Meanwhile, in Bankura district, the rising water level of the Dwarkeshwar river stranded 10-12

trucks in Joypur Block. Drivers and locals were caught off guard by the sudden surge. The district administration immediately launched rescue operations, and several vehicles have already been recovered.

Anticipating worsening conditions, the state government has advised district administrations to intensify preparations. Instructions have been issued to monitor riverbanks, vulnerable zones, and inundated areas, and to be prepared for evacuations if necessary.

Nabanna, the state secretariat, has warned that the window for preventive action is still open—but rapidly closing. Officials have been told to remain on high alert, ensure temporary shelters are ready, and coordinate disaster response efforts across the region to minimize human and material loss.

As per official records, a total of 2,711,708 foreign visitors have travelled to West Bengal so far. "International tourists are showing increased interest because of our eco-conscious infrastructure, availability of preferred global cuisines, and safe travel experiences," Sen remarked.

He also credited Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's leadership for transforming Bengal's tourism landscape. "Political unrest had earlier discouraged tourists from visiting North Bengal. Since 2011, peace and safety have been restored, and now Darjeeling, the Dooars, and other northern destinations are drawing a

large number of international visitors," he said.

Sen highlighted that even coastal destinations like Digha are seeing growing foreign interest, particularly after the inauguration of the Jagannath Temple. While exact data is still being compiled, the Minister confirmed that the trend shows a rising curve in overseas arrivals.

In a key development, the Minister informed that in April 2024, a new eco-tourism hub was inaugurated in Jangalmahal. The destination already enjoys 87% average occupancy and is situated just 30 minutes from the Ayodhya Hills. "We are providing 100% assistance to local entrepreneurs to grow tourism-related businesses," he said, adding that tourism is playing a vital role in rural development. Further strengthening the sector, the state has trained and certified 1,022 tourist guides since 2021—the highest number across all Indian states. "This ensures that international tourists receive professional, knowledgeable assistance, enhancing their experience and satisfaction," Sen added.

With sustainable tourism, political stability, and a robust service framework, West Bengal is rapidly positioning itself as one of India's leading destinations for foreign travellers.

Monsoon traffic woes grip Kolkata; Police prioritize school hour congestion management

MI News Service, Kolkata: With the onset of monsoon and the reopening of schools, Kolkata's major arterial roads are witnessing severe traffic snarls during school dispersal hours. In response, Lalbazar—the city's police headquarters—has issued urgent directives to all traffic guards to prioritize managing school-related congestion and restore normal traffic flow efficiently. Police sources revealed that the primary bottleneck arises from a growing number of parents opting to drive directly to school gates to pick up their children. This practice has led to significant clustering of vehicles around school premises. Even delays of just 2-5 seconds on main roads are now triggering cascading traffic disruptions. Nevertheless, police have

reaffirmed that student safety remains their top priority amidst these logistical challenges. To manage the situation, traffic officers are switching automated signals to manual mode during peak congestion hours, allowing for real-time intervention. These manual overrides are monitored centrally and reported directly to Lalbazar for oversight. "We're creating micro diversions to ease the load," said a senior officer. "Instead of rerouting all vehicles down one road, we're establishing separate lanes for large buses and smaller vehicles." According to Kolkata Traffic Police, there has been a 20% surge in private vehicle movement around schools over the past three days. In areas like Park Street, Loudon Street, and AJC Bose Road, the rise is even

sharper, touching 30%. The worst-hit zones include Gariahat, Khidirpur, APC Road, AJC Bose Road, and Suhrawardy Avenue, where traffic has slowed to a crawl during school hours. Authorities fear that the situation may deteriorate further as monsoon rains intensify in the coming weeks. Waterlogging, narrow lanes, and poor visibility are likely to aggravate existing congestion, particularly during peak hours. Lalbazar's new strategy is being closely watched as a test of whether tactical interventions can ease the strain on city roads. With more rains forecast and school attendance returning to normal, managing school-time traffic will remain a top priority. For now, city residents are hoping the police's active measures will offer some relief in the coming days.

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant development, the Kolkata Police has formally requested the Regional Passport Office (RPO) to cancel all passports issued based on forged birth certificates. According to senior sources at Lalbazar, the city police headquarters, an official letter has already been sent to the RPO outlining the seriousness of the matter.

The police investigation has revealed that approximately 3,500 fake birth certificates were issued from the Pathankhali Gram Panchayat in Gosaba, located in South 24 Parganas district. Using these fraudulent documents, a large number of individuals applied for — and in many cases, successfully obtained — Indian passports. Alarmingly, intelligence inputs suggest that several recipients of these passports have already traveled abroad.

Similar cases have surfaced from other districts as well. Birth certificates allegedly issued from Basudevpur in Howrah and Manikchak in Malda have also come under suspicion. Kolkata Police has already compiled a list of forged birth certificates and linked passport applications, and is now moving to ensure that these passports are rendered invalid.

Lalbazar has not only

written to the RPO but has also alerted the state Health Department, seeking formal annulment of these birth certificates. According to police sources, local panchayat officials had previously informed them that while they can confirm the certificates are fake, only the Health Department has the authority to officially revoke them. Following this, the Health Department has reportedly initiated necessary steps to nullify the forged documents. This coordinated move marks a critical crackdown on fraudulent identity creation and misuse of government documentation for international travel. Officials believe that this may be part of a wider racket involving human trafficking and illegal migration networks. The police are now intensifying their investigation to trace both the beneficiaries and those responsible for issuing these false documents.

Authorities have indicated that further action, including criminal prosecution, may follow against individuals who knowingly submitted forged documents or facilitated such acts. The case underscores growing concerns around document forgery and highlights the need for tighter verification protocols in the issuance of passports and identity documents in India.

Kolkata Police seeks cancellation of passports issued on fake birth certificates

NMC cracks down on absenteeism in govt hospitals

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a decisive move to improve healthcare delivery in government hospitals, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has issued strict directives to ensure the regular presence of doctors. The commission has mandated that any doctor whose attendance falls below 75%, or who takes leave without prior approval, will face salary deductions.

The directive comes amid long-standing complaints that many government doctors spend more time in private nursing homes and personal chambers than at their assigned hospitals. This practice, ac-

cording to the NMC, is significantly affecting the quality of patient care in the public health infrastructure. A recent virtual meeting was held with all government medical colleges in West Bengal, attended by the State Health Secretary and Director of Medical Education, during which the NMC laid out its expectations. The commission emphasized that hospital services cannot function effectively without consistent doctor attendance. It clearly stated that unauthorized leave and sub-75% attendance would lead to financial penalties. Following this meeting, Murshidabad Medical College issued a circular imple-

menting the guidelines. The notice specifies that no leave will be allowed without prior approval, and any doctor falling below the required 75% attendance threshold will face pay cuts. Dr. Amit Dan, Principal of Murshidabad Medical College, confirmed that all medical colleges under the NMC are subject to biometric attendance tracking. "If out of 150 to 180 doctors, only 70 are present, it is impossible to maintain services such as surgeries, patient consultations, and teaching. The directive is aimed at ensuring at least 75% presence," he said. He further noted that a section of doctors report to the hospital

but do not perform their duties before leaving, while others take leave without following proper protocols. The college has 148 doctors, with some commuting from Berhampore and others from distant locations. The administration has now made it mandatory to apply formally for any leave. The NMC has stated that this measure is crucial to maintain the balance between patient care and medical education. It also warned that future decisions regarding new department openings or increases in MBBS seats would depend on verified doctor attendance records.

Young woman alleges drugging, rape, and attempted murder by friend and his family

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a deeply disturbing case reported from Kolkata, a young woman has alleged that she was drugged, sexually assaulted, and later nearly strangled to death by a male acquaintance and his parents. The incident reportedly took place last year in the Mukundapur area, but the victim recently lodged a formal complaint with the PurbaJadavpur Police Station, prompting an investigation. Ac-

cording to the complaint, the accused youth—identified as someone the survivor knew personally—invited her to his residence in Mukundapur under the pretext of spending time together. The complainant stated that she considered him a friend. While at his home, she was allegedly given a spiked drink containing narcotic substances, rendering her unconscious. She claims that the accused took advantage of her con-

dition and sexually assaulted her multiple times. Even more shockingly, the young woman has accused the youth's parents of being complicit in the crime. She alleged that when she attempted to protest or escape, they physically assaulted her and even assisted their son in trying to suffocate her. She described a harrowing sequence of events where she was beaten and subjected to an attempt on her life by strangulation.

Name Change
I, ASHOK PATWARI S/o Lt. Madan Lal Patwari R/o DB-47, Shastri Bagan Jora Mandir, Deshbandhu Nagar, Barasat Sadar, Dist.-24Pgs(N), Pin-700059 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ASHOK KUMAR PATWARI as declared before the Ld.1st class J.M. at C.J.M. Court Kolkata vide affidavit no.2344 dated 10.06.2025. ASHOK PATWARI and ASHOK KUMAR PATWARI both are same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Manoranjan Barai S/o. Late Mahendra Barai (Old Name) residing at 46/21, Rabindrapally, Roy Bahadur Road, P.O.-Naihati, P.S.-Bhatpara, Dist.-North 24 Pgs., W.B., Pin-743165 do hereby declared that mine & my father's actual name is Manoranjan Barai & Late Mahendra Barai which is recorded in my Aadhar Card No. xxxx xxxx 8776 and Voter ID Card. Due to inadvertently my name & my father's name has been wrongly recorded in my Passport as my name Monoranjan Barai & my father's name Late Mohendra Barai (New Name). Manoranjan Barai & Monoranjan Barai and Late Mahendra Barai & Late Mohendra Barai both are same and one identical person vide affidavit date 17.06.2025 before the Court of the Ld. Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Barrackpore, North 24 Pgs.

Name Change
I, Mohibulla Mohammad,S/O Late Sk Karim, Residing At Vill.+P.o.-Mollasimla, P.s.-Singur, Dist : Hooghly, Pin-712223, West Bengal Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Mohibulla As Declared Before The Notary Public Serampore Court Vide Affidavit No 98 Dated 13/06/2025 Mohibulla Mohammad And Sk Mohibulla Both Are Same And Identical Person.

Change of Name
I, Avishkek Kumar Ghosh (Old Name) S/o Pradip Kumar Ghosh Residing at 2A/2, Jamini Kabiraj Row, Ps-Ultadanga, District-Kolkata, Pin-700004, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Avishkek Ghosh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 10 Dated 09-04-2025. Avishkek Kumar Ghosh (Old Name) and Avishkek Ghosh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Anowar Khan alias Anwar Khan (Old Name) S/o Amjad Hossain Khan Residing at Musaman Para, Vtc - Jagadishpur, Po - J.P. Hat, District-Howrah, Pin - 711114 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anowar Hossain Khan (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 15/2025 Dated 20-06-2025, Anowar Khan, Anwar Khan (Old Name) and Anowar Hossain Khan (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Harsh Thakur (Old Name) S/o Pramod Thakur Residing at 48 8th Floor Shyama Sadan, Dobson Road, Howrah, Vtc - Haora (M.Corp), Po - Haora, District-Howrah, Pin -711011, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Harsh Kumar Thakur (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 16/2025 Dated 20-06-2025. Harsh Thakur (Old Name) and Harsh Kumar Thakur (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sambuddha Chatterjee, S/O- Sudhakar Chatterjee, Residing at 8/4/I, Birpara Lane, Ghughudanga, P.O.- Ghughudanga, Kolkata- 700030. Now I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Sambuddha Chattopadhyay as declared before Notary Public, Sealdah Court, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 4183 dated 17/06/2025 Sambuddha Chatterjee, Sambaddha Chatterjee and Sambuddha Chattopadhyay three are same and identical person.

Name Change
I Rabinra Nath Majumdar, S/O Kanai Majumdar, R/O, Mondalhath, PO- Panuhat, PS- Katwa, Dist Purba Bardhaman, PIN- 713502, WB. In due to mistake my name recorded as Rabindra Majumdar in my son's Passport No. N 1321724, which rectified by the affidavit before Notary Public at Katwa on 19/6/25. Do hereby declare that Rabindranath Majumdar and Rabindra Majumdar is same and single identical person.

Name Change
I Kaisan Bibi, W/o, Anisur Rahman R/o Vill.- Khidirpur, PO- Purandarpur, PS- Kandi, Dist.- Murshidabad, By Mistake My name recorded in Land Deed no.14672 dt 23/6/1986, as Kachhu Bibi, W/o Anechhur Rahman and other land Deed no. 11894, dt 25/3/1980, as Mosammat Kaifar Begam, W/o Anef Rahman, Do hereby declare that Kaisan Bibi W/o Anisur Rahman, Kachhu Bibi, W/o Anechhur Rahman and Mosammat kaifar Begam, W/o Anef Rahman is the same and single identical person vide affidavit on 17/6/25 in the court of Executive Magistrate SDEM(s) Berhampur, Murshidabad.

Name Change
I Ajmira Begum, W/O, Ayat Ali, R/o vill Khidirpur, PO : Purandarpur, PS- Kandi, Dist.- Murshidabad, In due to mistake my name recorded in my husband's Passport being N0706055, as Ajmira Bibi,which rectified by the affidavit on 30/5/25, in the court of Ld Executive Magistrate at Berhampur, Murshidabad, that Ajmira Begum and Ajmira Bibi is same and identical person.

Kolkata hosts Agro Food & Beverage exposition

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata recently became the host to ‘Agro food and beverage exposition and conference. It was organized by Bharat Chamber of Commerce. The effort was duly supported by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India. West Bengal has long enjoyed a comparative advantage in agri-horticultural production—being the country's top producer of vegetables, fish, and rice.

Name Change
I, ASHOK PATWARI S/o Lt. Madan Lal Patwari R/o DB-47, Shastri Bagan Jora Mandir, Deshbandhu Nagar, Barasat Sadar, Dist.-24Pgs(N) , Pin-700059 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ASHOK KUMAR PATWARI as declared before the Ld.1st class J.M. at C.J.M. Court Kolkata vide affidavit no.2344 dated 10.06.2025. ASHOK PATWARI and ASHOK KUMAR PATWARI both are same & one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Mosharab Hossain Gazi S/o Late Mir Hossain Gazi Residing at Vill - Fatullapur, Po - Punra, Ps - Baduria, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743427 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Mosarab Hossain Gazi. I declare that Mosharab Hossain Gazi and Mosarab Hossain Gazi is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 20-06-2025.

Change of Name
I, Mijanur Islam S/o Sk Mafidul Islam Residing at Vill - Salepur, Po+Ps - Baruipur, District- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700144 West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Mijanur Islam as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Baruipur, vide affidavit no 3947 Dated 13-06-2025. I declare that Mijanur Islam and Sekh Mijanur Islam both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Rupa Dibakar Chakrabarti W/o Dibakar Chakrabarti Residing at 1/208, Naktala, Po - Naktala, Ps - Netajinagar, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700047 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Rupa Chakrabarti. I declare that Rupa Dibakar Chakrabarti and Rupa Chakrabarti is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 20-06-2025.

Change of Name
I, Dibakar Sital Chakrabarti S/o Late Sital Chandra Chakrabarti Residing at 1/208, Naktala, Po - Naktala, Ps-Netajinagar, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700047 West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Dibakar Chakrabarti. I declare that Dibakar Sital Chakrabarti and Dibakar Chakrabarti is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 20-06-2025.

Change of Name
I, Itu Mondal/Itu Kabasi (old name) wife of Sathan Kumar Mondal, residing at Bagjola, Uttarer Uttarangsha, Baduria, PO- Kolsur, North 24 Parganas, Pin: 743438, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Itu Rani Mondal (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 19/06/2025. Itu Mondal/Itu Kabasi (old name) and Itu Rani Mondal (new name) all are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Shyama Mali son of Purnachandra Mali, residing at Bera Beri Ghosh Para, PO- Rajarhat Gopalpur, North 24 Parganas, Pin: 700136, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shyama Pada Mali as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 19/06/2025. Shyama Mali and Shyama Pada Mali both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mounita Halder (old name) W/O Uttam Ghosh & D/O Dilip Chakraborty, residing at 25/B, Shib Krishna Daw Lane, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mamoni Ghosh (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Mamoni Ghosh (new name) and Mounita Halder (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Christopher Hsin S/O Hsin Yuan Ming (father) & Yeager Hsin (mother), declare that my parents Hsin Yuan Ming Paul Hsin W/O Yeager Hsin Theresa Hsin (old name of my parents), residing at K/23/1003, S P Shukhobrishti Sparsh, Action Area 3, New Town, Bidhannagar, Pin- 700135, P.S.: Techno City, West Bengal, India, I have changed my parents name and they shall henceforth be known as Hsin Yuan Ming W/O Yeager Hsin (new name of parents), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. That Hsin Yuan Ming (new name) and Hsin Yuan Ming Paul Hsin (old name) both are same and one identical person (my father). That Yeager Hsin and Yeager Hsin Theresa Hsin both are same and one identical person (my mother).



West Bengal government has given special emphasis in this sector resulting in the establishment of over 400 active Farmer Producer Organisations across the State.

Canara HSBC Life Insurance inks deal with Bumrah & Ganesan

MI News Service, Kolkata: Canara HSBC Life Insurance Company Limited (“Canara HSBC Life Insurance”), has recently announced the onboarding of India's fast-bowling spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, exclusively represented by RISE Worldwide and his partner, acclaimed sports presenter, Sanjana Ganesan as brand ambassadors. This partnership brings to life the brand's core

In addition, 100 Vegetable Purchase Centres (VPCs) have been planned, with 46 already operational. These centres, managed by Self-Help Groups and Farmer Producer Organisations, are directly linked to the growing network of Sufal Bangla outlets—which currently includes over 493 permanent and 110 temporary stalls.

philosophy of being a ‘Promises Ka Partner’ — a dependable ally who stands by customers as they plan, protect, and pursue their life goals. In Jasprit and Sanjana, Canara HSBC Life Insurance sees a shared journey built on trust, responsibility, and commitment — values that lie at the heart of excellence in their on-field achievements as well as life insurance as a domain.

Gopalpur rape: Cong 5-memb team to probe sexual assault incident

MI News Service, Gopalpur: The 10 accused, who allegedly raped a college student at Gopalpur on June 15, also extorted 1,000 from the victim and her male companion after the sexual assault, investigators said.

All-India Congress Committee (AICC) on Thursday constituted a five-member fact-finding team to probe the Gopalpur gang rape case. Senior party leader from Bengal Deepa Das-munshi has been made the convener of the fact-finding team.

The team will visit Odisha and submit a comprehensive report to AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge. Other members of the committee are MPs Ranjeet Ranjan, Praniti Shinde, S. Jothimani and the party's prominent woman leader Shobha Oza.

In a press release, the AICC said: “In light of the horrific rape incident reported from Gopalpur, increasing cases of atrocities against women and the disturbing number of women reported missing, the Congress president has deputed a factfinding team to visit Odisha and submit a comprehensive report on the situation.”

Addressing a press conference in Bhubaneswar, Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) president Bhakta Charan Das announced that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi would visit Odisha in the second week of July. “AICC president AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge will also visit the state along with Rahul Gandhi.”

During the visit, they will highlight the issue of atrocities against women in Odisha.

Meanwhile, the Biju Janata Dal on Friday alleged that the law and order in the state has collapsed. “Crime against women has gone up. The state ranks eighth in the country in

terms of crime. It will be good if Prime Minister visits the state to improve the law and order situation,” said former minister Pramila Mallick. It may be mentioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi is visiting the state on Friday.

Bhubaneswar mayor Sulochana Das said: “The state government has completely failed in providing security to women and children. The state government should rise from its slumber and take effective steps to contain crime against women.” The BJD alleged that during the last one year as many as 3,054 rape cases have been reported.

In the Gopalpur gang rape case, police have arrested all the 10 persons including four juveniles. “We are going to do the ossification test of the four juveniles to determine their age. We have already collected the required DNA samples for the test,” said a doctor of the MKCG Hospital Berhampur. The gang rape of a 20-year-old college girl on the Gopalpur beach in Ganjam district, about 14 km from Berhampur town, has sent a shock wave across the country. A crime branch probe has been ordered into this incident.

The prime accused, a BTech dropout who was out on bail in an attempt to murder case, had come to Odisha from Bengaluru where he worked in a factory, investigators have said. The gang rape case, which sparked nationwide outrage, is currently being investigated by the CID Crime Branch.

Post-assault, the accused persons extorted 1,000 from the survivor and her male friend through cash and UPI, it said.

The police requested the Juvenile Justice Board treat the four minor boys involved in the crime be treated as adults for trial.

Bodies of trapped boys found after 22 hrs

MI News Service, Ranchi: Bodies of the two schoolboys who were trapped for over 22 hours under soil after a well collapsed due to heavy rain in Jharkhand's Khunti district were recovered, an official said.

A 10-year-old girl was also killed after a mud

CHANGE OF NAME
I. PINKY DEVI, W/o of SHAMBHU KUMAR, resident of Vill- GAWANDRI, Post-GAWANDRI, PS-TARAIIYA, Dist - SARAN, State - BIHAR, Pin-841424 have change my name from PINKI DEVI to PINKY DEVI vide Affidavit dated 11/06/2025 before Alipore Police Court, Kolkata-700027.

CHANGE OF NAME
I. GURIYA DEVI, W/o of ANIL KUMAR YADAV resident of VIL GHORHAT, Post - GHORHAT MATHIA, PS - MANUHI, Teh-CHHAPRA Dist - CHAPRA, State - BIHAR and PIN - 841313, have changed my Name and date of birth from GURIA DEVI to GURIYA DEVI and date of birth from 03 JAN 1982 to 01 JAN 1980 vide Affidavit dated the Affidavit in 17/06/2025 before Alipore Police Court, Kolkata-700027.

house in Ranchi district caved in during the day, police said.

As rain continued to lash various parts of the state, a bridge and an abandoned residential building also collapsed in different districts, while several rivers were in spate. No casualty was reported in these incidents. The two schoolboys, aged nine and 10 years, were near the under-construction well at Murhu panchayat under Murhu police station limits when it collapsed around 2 pm on Wednesday.

A team of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) had been deployed in the rescue operation, Khunti Deputy Commissioner R Ronita told PTI.

The rescue operation continued since Wednesday night and the bodies of the two boys were found around 12.30 pm on Thursday, an official said.

A 10-year-old girl also died after her mud house collapsed in heavy rain at Murpa village under Tamarpur police station area in Ranchi district.

She was alone in the house when it collapsed, police said.

Revised regulation of trains for maintenance work over Sealdah division

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to 7 hours Traffic & Power Block from 22:50 hrs. of 21.06.2025 to 05:50 hrs. of 22.06.2025 on Down main line at Dum Dum Jn. station limit over Sealdah Division for complete conversion of point no. 232B/233, Raliway has decided to regulate few trains which was informed earlier through Press Release, has been modified as under:

i) 22202 DN Puri-Sealdah Duronto Express (Journey commencing on 21.06.2025) which was earlier re-scheduled by 2 hours 30 minutes, will not be rescheduled. ii) 13148 DN Bamanhat-Sealdah Uttarbanga Express (Journey commencing on 21.06.2025) & 12344 DN Haldibari-Sealdah Darjeeling Mail (Journey commencing on 21.06.2025) which were earlier diverted via Bandel-Naihati-Sealdah will run on proper route, i.e., via Dankuni-Sealdah. All other information will remain unchanged.

Firefighting training organised at central park depot of green line

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

A firefighting training programme for the field staff was conducted under the supervision of senior officers today i.e. on 20.06.2025 at Central Park Depot of Green Line. In this training, Metro staff were imparted training on how to douse the flame through simulation of various fire and smoke conditions.

Staff from Electrical Department and RPF & Canteen personnel attended this training. It is expected that such training will sharpen the skill and alertness of the field staff to respond to any emergency situation and minimize the rescue time and restore normalcy at the earliest.

HPL goes for maintenance turnaround with tech innovations

MI News Service, Haldia: Haldia Petrochemicals Limited (HPL), a prominent player in India's petrochemical sector, has triumphantly completed its Maintenance Turnaround 2025 (TA25) at the HPL Complex in Haldia. Starting from 16 April, 2025 this meticulously planned 45-day maintenance and upgrade operation signifies a pivotal step in the company's pursuit of operational excellence, technological enhancement, achieving higher throughput on continuous basis and environmental sustainability.

The turnaround has yielded multiple advantages for HPL, including, improved infrastructure reliability, heightened safety standards, and a technological framework that supports future growth and innovation. Improvements in equipment and process efficiency will yield higher product output, reduced fuel consumption, and lower CO emissions, contributing to both operational excellence and sustainability. All statutory requirements for safety inspections and testing were met, ensuring compliance and long-term operational security.

The execution of TA25 was marked by outstanding planning and safety protocols, encompassing the deployment of over 11,000 workers at peak times. Extensive training initiatives contributed over 27,000 man-hours, ensuring all personnel were prepared for operations in high-risk environments. HPL prioritized the well-being of all participants, providing continuous medical support, access to clean drinking water, ORS supplies, and rigorous safety measures, including fire detection systems.

KIIT Tops in Odisha, Achieves Global Recognition in QS World University Rankings 2026

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: KIIT Deemed to be University has achieved a remarkable milestone by securing the No. 1 position among all private universities in Odisha in the QS World University Rankings 2026, released recently. It has also been ranked 9th among India's premier private higher education institutions and earned a respectable global rank, marking its debut in the prestigious global rankings. In its very first participation, KIIT has not only emerged as a strong contender on the international academic stage but also secured the 55th position in South Asia in the QS Asia

University Rankings. This feat underscores KIIT's rapid rise in the global higher education landscape and its unwavering commitment to excellence in teaching, research, innovation, and internationalisation.

The QS World University Rankings 2026 evaluated over 1,500 top universities worldwide based on rigorous parameters such as Academic Reputation, Employer Reputation, Faculty-Student Ratio, Citations per Faculty, International Faculty and Student Ratio, Research Network, Employment Outcomes, and Sustainability.

Reacting to the achievement, Dr. Achyuta Saman-

ta, Founder of KIIT & KISS, said, “This recognition is the result of our consistent efforts towards academic excellence, social commitment, and global engagement. KIIT, though only 21 years old, has outperformed many long-established institutions. I congratulate all our teachers, staff, and students who have contributed to this proud moment.”

The entire KIIT and KISS community has expressed heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Samanta, whose visionary leadership and inclusive approach to education continue to inspire generations and place Odisha prominently on the global academic map.

One additional vistadome coach to be augmented in Howrah - New Jalpaiguri - Howrah Shatabdi express

MI News Service, Kolkata: For better comfort & to accommodate more passengers, Railway has decided to augment one(01) additional Vistadome coach (AC Chair Car) with 12041/12042 Howrah – New Jalpaiguri – Howrah Shatabdi Express on permanent basis leaving Howrah & New Jalpaiguri on & from 01.07.2025. Thus, Howrah – New Jalpaiguri – Howrah Shatabdi Express will run with 15 coaches instead of 14 Coaches. Vistadome coaches are equipped with state-of-the-



art amenities designed to elevate the journey for passengers. These coaches feature 360-degree rotatable luxury pushback chairs, allowing passengers to adjust their seating for maximum comfort. The coaches also boast large windows and transparent roofs, providing passengers with panoramic views of the scenic landscape along the route. In addition to the expansive views, Vistadome coaches are equipped with self-operated sliding doors, a glass back, and advanced facilities such as WiFi and GPS connectivity. Passengers can stay connected throughout their journey and enjoy seamless navigation with the onboard GPS system. Furthermore, an infotainment system is available onboard, offering passengers entertainment options to make their travel experience even more enjoyable.

Malda Division Gears Up for International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025 with Enthusiastic Participation

MI News Service, Malda: In alignment with the nationwide celebration of International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2025, Malda Division of Eastern Railway is taking significant steps to promote the spirit of yoga among railway employees and their families. The theme of this year's observance is “Yoga for One Earth, One Health”, reflecting the universal benefits of yoga for individual well-being and environmental harmony.

Today, on the eve of IDY 2025, a special pledge ceremony was held across various offices and stations of Malda Division. Railway officers and staff took the “Yoga

for Health and Environment” pledge, committing themselves to the practice and promotion of yoga in daily life. Participation certificates were issued to all the pledge takers to recognize their commitment to this initiative.

To mark the occasion, Mass yoga awareness programs and practical sessions are being organized at multiple locations on 21st June, 2025 including major railway stations, coaching depots, divisional offices, and workshops. These programs aim to create awareness about the physical and mental health benefits of yoga among the workforce.

Further, community-level events are planned at Railway Colonies and Railway Institutes, where railway employees along with their family members will actively participate in yoga demonstrations and wellness talks to commemorate the day in a holistic manner.

This celebration not only highlights Malda Division's active participation but also aligns with the Ministry of AYUSH's vision of ‘Yoga for One Earth, One Health’, reaffirming Indian Railways' commitment to promoting health, well-being, and environmental consciousness among its employees.

Howrah division launches “dharti saathi on wheels” – a mobile environmental awareness unit

MI News Service, Howrah: The Howrah Division of Eastern Railway, under the leadership of Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager, has launched “Dharti Saathi On Wheels”, a mobile awareness unit aimed at promoting environmental responsibility and ending plastic pollution. Developed by the Environment and Housekeeping Management (EnHM) department in collaboration with Garbage Free India, this initiative brings sustainability education directly to railway



colonies and nearby communities.

The van, equipped with interactive displays, educational materials, and smart dustbins that alert when full, demonstrates real-time

waste management practices. It focuses on educating frontline waste workers, schoolchildren, and residents through experiential learning and community engagement.

As part of the My Environment My Responsibility campaign, this grassroots initiative seeks to foster long-term behavioral change and make railway colonies models of civic responsibility. Eastern Railway officials believe this innovative approach will pave the way for a cleaner, greener future.

Sealdah Division Accelerates m-UTS Digitization for Enhanced Passenger Convenience in Halt Station

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant move to boost passenger convenience and promote digitization, the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager of Sealdah Sri Jasram Meena, today held a crucial meeting with all halt contractors. The primary objective of this meeting was to ensure the swift implementation of m-UTS facilities at all halt stations.



During this productive session, Mr. Meena emphasized the urgency of this initiative, directing all contractors to launch m-UTS services within a strict 15-day deadline. Recognizing potential hurdles, the meeting also served as an open forum for contrac-

tors to discuss and resolve any challenges or issues they might encounter during this rapid deployment. This proactive approach aims to minimize disruptions and ensure a seamless transition to the digital ticketing system. This marks the first time in many years that contractors' issues have been addressed in a face-to-face setting.

This strategic step is a testament to the Sealdah Division's commitment to facilitating a

hassle-free travel experience for passengers. By digitizing the ticketing process at halt stations, m-UTS aims to eliminate passenger inconveniences and provide modern, efficient services in Halt station. This initiative, under the vital guidance of General Manager/Eastern Railway, Shri Milind Deouskar, is an unprecedented and progressive step towards broader digitization within the division.

Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah , Shri Rajiv Saxena, is confident that the expedited implementation of m-UTS will significantly benefit passengers by providing them with greater ease and accessibility in obtaining unreserved tickets.

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Branch Office: ICICI Bank LTD Office Number 201-B, 2ND Floor, Road No 1 Plot No –B3 , WIFI IT PARK,Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane (West)- 400604.				
The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.				
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.				
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1.	Borrower Bhakta Traders & (Guarantor) Subir Bhakta & Bikash Bhakta & (Mortgagor) Bikash Bhakta / Represented By Proprietor Subir Bhakta B-8, Shop No 83, 2 No Market District Nadia West Bengal Kalyani- 741235/ 042105500389	Plot No. 108 (L.I.G), Sub-Block No. 17, Block No. B, Kalyani, Developed By The Government of West Bengal In The Sub-division Kalyani, District Nadia, Thana Kalyani, Sub-registration Office Kalyani, Krishnanagar Collectorate (Admeasuring an area of Land Measuring 1273.5 Sq. Ft. Along With Pucca Construction of 500 Sq Ft)/ Date of Symbolic: 17/06/2025	18/03/2025 Rs. 20,23,379.39/-	Kalyani
The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.				
Date: June 21, 2025, Place: Kalyani Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.				

PM Dedicated and Laid Foundation for Key Rail Infrastructure Projects in Odisha Worth Over ₹2,750 Crores

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: In a landmark occasion to enhance rail infrastructure and regional connectivity in Odisha, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today laid the foundation stone, inaugurated and dedicated to the Nation several vital railway projects worth over ₹2,750 crores during a special programme held at Bhubaneswar. Apart from this, he also flagged off new trains from Boudh and Purnakatak through video conferencing from Bhubaneswar.

Major Railway Projects Inaugurated, Dedicated, and Laid Foundation:
Foundation Stone Laid: 3rd & 4th Rail Line between Sarla – Sason (16 KM)

EASTERN RAILWAY
The following E-tenders are invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ (General), Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd floor, Remote Control Building, Kolkata-700014 for the following works:
Sl. No. 1, Tender No.: ELEG-OT-714-2025-26 dtd. 18.06.2025. Particulars of the Work : At Magrahat - Provision of FOB in connection with the sanctioned work. PB-ER18-19(706).
Sl. No. 2, Tender No. : ELEG OT-1199-2024-25 dtd. 18.06.2025. Particulars of the Work : Maintenance kit for M/s Koel make Diesel engine (Class code DVO.9019, DVO90921, DVO9026, DVO9027) of power cars.
Sl. No. 3, Tender No. : ELEG OT-1217-2025-26-R dtd. 18.06.2025. Particulars of the Work : At New Kolkaghat Building - Operation of Central type AC plant of capacity 2x40 TR at EDTP Centre for 3 years. **Sl. No. 4, Tender No. : ELEG OT-1234-2025-26 dtd. 18.06.2025. Particulars of the Work :** Upgradation of Nigelnagar substation under jurisdiction of SSE/E/ G/NH. **Sl. No. 5, Tender No. : ELEG OT-1092-2024-25-R1 dtd. 18.06.2025. Particulars of the Work :** Electrical works in connection with Fire safety works at New Kolkaghat Building. **Sl. No. 6, Tender No. : ELEG OT-1227-2025-26 dtd. 18.06.2025. Particulars of the Work :** Provision of Smart Reading facilitated Energy meter in different Railway colonies over Sealdah Division (Phase-II). **Tender Value:** Rs. 10,80,462/- (for Sl. No. 1), Rs. 6,76,421.25 (for Sl. No. 2), Rs. 21,36,076/- (for Sl. No. 3), Rs. 1,08,51,419/- (for Sl. No. 4), Rs. 30,36,591/- (for Sl. No. 5) & Rs. 2,09,85,506.46 (for Sl. No. 6). **Earnest Money :** Rs. 21,600/- (for Sl. No. 1), Rs. 13,500/- (for Sl. No. 2), Rs. 42,700/- (for Sl. No. 3), Rs. 2,04,300/- (for Sl. No. 4), Rs. 60,700/- (for Sl. No. 5) & Rs. 2,54,900/- (for Sl. No. 6). **Cost of Tender document:** Nil for each. **Completion period :** 15 months for Sl. No. 1, 12 months for Sl. No. 2, 36 months for Sl. No. 3, 8 months for Sl. Nos. 4 & 5 & 9 months for Sl. No. 6. **Tender closing date & time:** 14.07.2025 at 14.00 hrs. for each. **Tender bid opening date & time :** 14.07.2025 after 14.00 hrs. for each. **Tender bidding start date:** 30.06.2025 for each. Details of tender notice and corrigendum issued from time to time are available at website www.ireps.gov.in (SDAH-92/2025-26)
Tender Notices are also available at Website www.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in
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EASTERN RAILWAY
Abridged Tender Notice No. EL-SDAH-CON-TRD-176-2025-NIT, dated 18.06.2025. Open tenders are invited by the Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Con), Eastern Railway, Sealdah, RMS Building, 3rd floor, Kaizer Street, Kolkata-700014 through e-tendering procedure from experienced Electrical Contractors, Partnership firms etc. holding valid Electrical Contractor's license with adequate financial capability and sufficient experience for the following work : **Tender No. : EL-SDAH-CON-TRD-176-2025. Name of work :** Design, Drawing, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 25 KV AC single phase overhead equipment, LT supply Transformer for Yard modification of Berhampore Court station in Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway. **Tender Value :** Rs. 85,02,784.60. **Earnest Money :** Rs. 1,70,100/-. **Cost of tender document :** Nil. **Completion period:** 4 months. **Date & time of closing :** 16.07.2025 at 12.30 hrs. Tender documents can be downloaded and bids can be submitted at www.ireps.gov.in after online payment of cost of Tender document and Earnest Money as mentioned above against this tender on or before the tender closing date and time mentioned above. Tenders complete in all respects and with all documents as stated above should be uploaded at www.ireps.gov.in against this tender. Bidding for the tender is to be submitted through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected. Tender Documents, details of tender notice, corrigendum(s) issued from time to time (if any) and other basic information are available at www.ireps.gov.in. Detailed tender notice can also be seen in the notice board of Dy.Chief Electrical Engineer/Con, Sealdah, 3rd Floor, RMS Building, Kaizer Street, Kolkata-700014. (CON-14/2025-26)
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Cost: ₹252 Crores. This project aims to decongest the busy Jharsuguda-Sambalpur Rail section and foster industrial development in the region.
Inauguration: New Railway Line between Sonepur – Purnakatak (73 KM)
Part of the Khurda Road – Balangir Rail Project (301 KM)
Cost: ₹1376 Crores. With this, the Boudh District Headquarters is connected to the national railway network for the first time, fulfilling a long-standing aspiration of the people.
Dedicated to the Nation: Freight Train Maintenance Facility with Routine Overhauling of Wagons at Sarla (₹165 Cr)
Subway in Bamra-Dhuruadihi section (₹10 Cr)
Link C-Dumetra section (5 KM) of Bondamunda-Ranchi Doubling (₹98 Cr)
Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Jaleswar (₹89 Cr)
4th Rail Line between Jharsuguda – Jamga (53 KM) (Part of the 206 KM Jharsuguda-Bilaspur Project)
These projects significantly enhance operational capacity, logistics efficiency, and safety, while also facilitating smoother passenger and freight movement.
Launch of New Train Services
The Hon'ble Prime Minister also flagged off new train services, heralding a new era of rail connectivity for Boudh District in Western and Central Odisha:
18313/18314 Boudh – Bhubaneswar New – Boudh Weekly Express
18311/18312 Sambalpur – Boudh – Sambalpur Weekly Express
Transformative Benefits for Odisha
These projects and new train services represent a major step in realizing the vision of 'Viksit Bharat – Viksit Odisha'. This visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister coincides with the completion

Black box: Probe agency to decide decoding location says govt

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) has kept open the option of getting the crashed Air India plane's black box analysed abroad.
The ministry of civil aviation said the AAIB will decide on where the decoding of the AI171 flight recorders will be done after an assessment of technical, safety and security considerations.
The ministry's clarification came after some media outlets reported that the black box of the aircraft would be sent abroad for retrieval and analysis.
"The decision regarding the location for decoding the flight recorders will be taken by the AAIB after due assessment of all technical, safety and security considerations," the ministry said.
The AAIB, which is investigating the crash, is being assisted by a team from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) of the US. The AAIB has recovered key evidence and site documentation, and their analysis is underway.
The black box of the crashed Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner has two sets

tion of 11 years of Service, Good Governance and Garib Kalyan, and marks a year of progress under the current Odisha Government.
Key benefits include:
Economic Development: Enhanced freight movement and improved logistics will stimulate industrial and SME growth in the region.
Agriculture & Rural Prosperity: Farmers in Boudh and adjoining districts gain access to bigger markets, better prices, and essential agri-resources.
Healthcare Access: Direct rail links to major hubs like Bhubaneswar and Sambalpur will ease access to advanced medical care.
Education Opportunities: Easier connectivity will help students from remote regions reach reputed institutions across the state.
Social & Cultural Integration: Improved mobility will promote cultural exchange, community participation, and regional harmony.
The launch and dedication of these mega rail projects not only mark the strengthening of Odisha's railway infrastructure but also symbolize the Centre's strong commitment to inclusive growth, regional development, and a better-connected India. This day marks a historic milestone for the people of Odisha as long-pending dreams are finally turning into reality.

— the digital flight data recorder (DFDR) and the cockpit voice recorder (CVR). These devices record and store data like aircraft parameters and voice conversations of the pilot, co-pilot, radio communications and cockpit ambient noise. The black box, however, is not black but a bright orange device with reflective strips for easier detection among wreckage.
Following the June 12 Ahmedabad-London Gatwick plane crash, the hunt for the black box began to find out what went wrong that led to the death of 241 people on board and many others on the ground.
The next day, the DFDR was found on the rooftop of the hostel into which the plane had crashed. On June 16, the CVR was also recovered from the site.
The black box is crucial in the probe as it records conversations in the aircraft till the last second of the crash.
Reacting to the speculation on sending the flight recorders abroad, the Airline Pilots' Association (ALPA) of India managing committee said it believed that if the black box was decoded abroad, an accurate copy of the DFDR and CVR must be obtained in the presence of neutral third parties before being handed over to the original equipment manufacturer. "This will instil confidence in the sanctity of the investigation," ALPA India said.
The device, which is crash-protected up to a certain level and resistant to fire and explosion, among other impacts, is being suspected to have suffered damage in the explosion.
According to Sanjay Lazar, aviation expert and CEO of Avialaz Consultants, if the black box is damaged beyond retrieval, it would have to be sent abroad for decoding, keeping in mind that the AAIB would have to ensure no compromise on data during the retrieval of the flight recorders. But other experts believed that the country has efficient professionals and advanced technology to decode the black box data.
"The professionals in our country are competent enough to decode the black box. It would not be a good decision to send the device to any foreign country, including America," said Mark D. Martin, CEO of Martin Consulting, expressing the fear of jeopardising the ongoing probe. "I am totally against it," Martin said.
Subhash Goyal, chairman of the Aviation and Tourism Expert Committee of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, said: "Normally, they shift the blame on pilots. They can say it is the pilots' error. A lot of times, Boeing tries to cover up its faults. The black box should be analysed in India only. We have the technology to do it. We are efficient at decoding black boxes."

Hosting 2036 Olympics will be win-win situation for India: Min of sports

MI News Service, New Delhi: India's bid to host the 2036 Olympics is not merely an attempt to make a statement internationally but also a well thought out plan to create world-class infrastructure, bolster the economy and tackle pressing social issues affecting the country's youth, says Minister of State for Sports Raksha Khadse.
The 38-year-old three-time Lok Sabha MP from Maharashtra's Raver constituency, dismissed criticism from some quarters that the country needs to focus more on becoming a sporting powerhouse before aiming for something as expensive as hosting the Olympics.
"Preparing to host events like the 2036 Olympics or the 2030 Commonwealth Games is about creating world-class infrastructure, economic investment, and legacy systems that directly benefit athlete development," she asserted in the interaction at her office here.
"Sports is also a way to deal with so many issues such as depression and even drug addiction. And keeping all this in mind, when you bring an event like the Olympics to the country, it becomes a galvanising force even socially. It creates a fitness movement of its own and enhances the output of a nation. It's a win-win for all," explained the deputy to union minister Mansukh Mandaviya.
India's bid to host the Games will pick up pace next month when a delegation comprising officials from the sports ministry, and the Indian Olympic Association heads to Lausanne for discussions with the International Olympic Committee after submitting its letter of intent last year.
"There is no denying that by hosting an Olympics, we will make a statement. It's a sign that you are a developed country. But at the same time, it also gives the youth an opportunity to take the lead as nation-builders."
To drive home the point that hosting the Games and developing Indian sports need not be seen in isolation, she cited the World Para-Athletics Championships in Delhi later this year because of which the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium is being renovated with a MondoTrack, the most advanced surface for track events currently in use globally.
"We are ensuring that every rupee spent has a long-term multiplier impact," Khadse, only the second woman and the youngest to be assigned the sports ministry, assured.
The 2024 Paris Olympics cost over USD 9 billion while the upcoming 2028 Games in Los Angeles are estimated to require a spending of more than USD 7 billion. More often than not, the projected cost exceeds the final expenses by a significant margin. The 2016 Rio Summer Games have been the most expensive so far, costing USD 23.6 billion.
The ambitious Olympics bid would also require a cohesive administrative system to work seamlessly, but India's National Sports Federations (NSFs) have often been mired in turf wars and one-upmanship, leading to court cases that end up hurting the prospects of athletes.
Khadse said the ministry is focussing on accountability without compromising on autonomy of the administrators to ensure

better coordination.
"There should not be politics and athletes should be the focus, their growth should be priority. The federations should have their autonomy but there should also be greater harmony between NSFs and the ministry," she said.
"It is very important to achieve this given that we are aiming to host the 2036 Olympics. It would require a cohesive approach. The ministry, NSFs and the IOA cannot pull in different directions, their goal has to align," she added.
The ministry and the IOA have differed on the subject of autonomy. IOA President P T Usha has stated that plans to have a regulatory body to oversee NSF functioning, as proposed by the draft sports bill, would undermine the IOA and be construed as government interference by the IOC.
"Mansukh bhai has spoken to all NSFs, and tried to understand their difficulties and issues. We are also working towards reducing litigation so that administration does not suffer. Our aim is to ensure that athletes get the best. The ministry is guiding the NSFs on this goal and they are responding positively to it."
Another thorny issue for Indian sports is the menace of doping. The country continues to rank high in the global list of dope offenders and has struggled to tackle the problem despite increased awareness.
Khadse said while she supports penal action against those who encourage doping among minors, it is not prudent to criminalise it.

Srinagar sees hottest June day in 20 yrs

MI News Service, Srinagar: The heatwave gripping Kashmir is on a record-breaking spree, as several parts of the Valley, including Srinagar, on Thursday witnessed the hottest June day in 20 years, officials said.
According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Srinagar recorded a maximum temperature of 35.2 degrees Celsius, the hottest in June in 20 years, and seven notches above the seasonal average.
The hottest June temperature in Srinagar was recorded on June 25, 2005, when the mercury soared to 36.5 degrees Celsius.
Qazigund, the gateway town to Kashmir in Kulgam district, recorded the hottest day in 37 years, as the mercury rose to 34.7 degrees Celsius, IMD data showed. On June 26, 1988, Qazigund recorded a high of 35.7 degrees Celsius. Koenarg in south Kashmir's Anantnag district recorded the second-hottest June day at 33.8 degrees Celsius, after recording a high of 34.9 degrees Celsius on June 25, 2005, according to IMD data.

Sugandhya Gram Panchayat
Sugandhya, Polba-Dadpur, Hooghly, 712102
Notice Inviting e-Tender
Sealed Tender is invited from Reputed & Bonafied Tenderer vide e-NIT No.: 09/2025-26, 10/2025-26 & 11/2025-26. Date: 20.06.2025. Bid Submission End Date (Online): 27.06.2025 up to 17:00 Hrs. Bid Opening Date (Online): 01.07.2025 at 11.00 Hrs. For detailed information visit: <https://wbntenders.gov.in/> or <https://tender.wb.nic.in/> & undersigned GP Office.
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KULPI PANCHAYAT SAMITY
KULPI, SOUTH-24 PARGANAS
e-TENDER NOTICE
E-Tenders are hereby invited by the E.O, Kulpi vide NIT No- 121/ KLP/SEUP/ 2025-2026 & Tender ID : 2025 ZPHD_866785_(-125). Bid Submission Last Date: 28/06/2025. For details visit Website: <https://wbntenders.gov.in>
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Executive Officer
Kulpi Panchayat Samity

Serampore-Uttarpara Panchayat Samity
21, Rabindrabhaban Road, Serampore, Hooghly, 712201
Notice Inviting e-Tender
e-Tender has been invited by the undersigned for 03 (three) nos. schemes under 15th CFC(24-25) bearing NIT No- 04/SU/ 2025-26, Office Memo No-579/PS, dt. 20.06.2025 (Tender ID: 2025 ZPHD_867758_1-3) for installation of high mast street light. Online bid submission will end on 27.06.2025 at 5:00 PM. For more details please visit www.wbntenders.gov.in
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Executive Officer
Serampore-Uttarpara Panchayat Samity

MAKARDAHA-II GRAM PANCHAYAT
JOTGIRI, LAKSHMANPUR, HOWRAH
e-Tender Inviting Notice
Electronic Tenders are hereby invited from the bonafied and resourceful bidders for different development works vide Tender Reference No.:- (i) HOW/DOMJUR/MAK-II/NIT/4/2025-26, dated 17.06.2025 & (ii) HOW/DOMJUR/MAK-II/NIT/5/2025-26, dated 17.06.2025. Fund: 15th FC. Bid submission start date: 18.06.2025 at 09.00 AM. Last date of bid submission: 25.06.2025 up to 06.00 PM. Date of opening: 28.06.2025 at 11.00 AM. Details are available in <https://wbntenders.gov.in> & <https://tender.wb.nic.in> and Office Notice Board.
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Makardaha-II Gram Panchayat

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e-Tender is invited from reliable and bonafied Tenderer for development works vide NIT No.: 270/GP/Champa/2025, Date : 19.06.2025. Bid Submission Start Date : 20/06/2025 at 12.00 PM. Bid Submission End Date (Online): 26/06/2025 at 12.00 PM. Technical Bid Opening Date : 30/06/2025 at 12.00 PM. For details please visit www.wbntenders.gov.in & undersigned G.P. Office.
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Prodhon
Champadanga Gram Panchayat

Memari-II Panchayat Samity
Paharhati, Purba Bardhaman
e-Tender Notice
e-Tender is invited vide NIT No.: 96/2024-25 & Memo No.: 663, Date: 19.06.2025, for 16 nos. scheme under Memari-II Panchayat Samity. Documents download/sell end date (Online) for Bid Submission up to 27.06.2025 for detail information please contact with Memari-II PS office notice board/SAE Section and go through e-Tender site www.wbntenders.gov.in
Sd/-
Executive Officer,
Memari-II Panchayat Samity

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আমোক্তার ন্যায়
এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে ১) হাজেরা খাতুন, হাশী - বিকান্দর আলি, ২) মালকা খাতুন হাশী - রাজ মহেন্দ্র সান্নিহ - চকরাপেড়িয়া, পোঃ - বাঁশবেড়িয়া, থানা- মারগা, জেলা-হুগলী, পিন - ৭১১০০১, বিগত ১১/০৬/২০২৫, তারিখ ডি.এস.আর. হুগলী অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ২৭১৫ নং আমোক্তার ন্যায় দলিল মূলে আমার মজল্লি ক্রী দেবশিখ চৌধুরী, পিতা - অরুণী চৌধুরী, সান্নিহ - শম্ভুদেব, পোঃ - বাঁশবেড়িয়া, থানা- মারগা, জেলা - হুগলী, পিন - ৭১১০০১, মহাশয়কে ১ কাঠা ০৫ হুটাক ৩৬ বর্গফুট জমির এ.ডি.এস.আর. চুচুড়া হুগলী অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ০৬০০-০৫৭১০ দলিল মূলে ১) সাবির খান ২) সাদাম খান উত্তরের পিতা - আমির খান ৩) সান্নিহ - পোঃ - বাঁশবেড়িয়া ৩ নং ওয়ার্ড, থানা - মারগা, জেলা - হুগলী, পিন - ৭১১০০১, মহাশয়কে ১ কাঠা ০৫ হুটাক ৩৬ বর্গফুট জমির এ.ডি.এস.আর. ও মারগা, চুচুড়া হুগলী অফিসে আমানদ করিয়েছেন। ইহাতে কাছারও কোন আইনগত আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচারের একাধারে মরো সংশ্লিষ্ট অফিসে আমদেব জানাইতে পরিবেন। অন্যথায় নিম্ন অনুসার কার্য করা হইবে।
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P.O.: Amarargarh, Purba Bardhaman
Abridged Tender Notice
1. NIT Memo No. 685, Dated- 18.06.2025 (e-NIT No- 02/AMU/ EO/15th FC (Tied)/2025-26).
2. NIT Memo No. 686, Dated- 18.06.2025 (e-NIT No- 03/AMU/ EO/15th FC (Un-Tied)/2025-26).
Date of Closing of Submission of Technical and Financial Bid-Sl. No. 01 & 02- 26.06.2025 at 18.00 IST. For any more details contact the office of the undersigned or visit website: <http://wbntenders.gov.in>
Sd/-
Executive Officer
Ausgram-II, Purba Bardhaman

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Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, Sector V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal- 700091
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The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Mirajuddin Sekh/ Nilufa Begum Sekh/ Jahir Uddin Sekh/ Vill Khatnaga, Gopikantapur Thana And Sub Registry Jamalpur, District Bardhaman, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area of Sale Deed No. I 2043- Sold Area- East Side- 03/5 Satak More or Less And Sale Deed No. I 528 Sold Area Southern Side East West Side- 02 Satak More or Less. North: Jordan Bibi Jaridan Bibi South: Sekh Jahiruddin Sekh Jahiruddin East: Late Makar Mandi/ Late Makar Mandi West: Noor Islam/ Noor Islam/ Date of Symbolic 17-06-2025	Sabek Dag No. 890, Hal Dag No. 1119, Sabek Khatnag No. 646, Hal L.R.R Khatnag No. 707, J.L. No. 56, Mouza Gopikantapur, Thana And Sub Registry Jamalpur, Collector Bardhaman, B.L. And L.R.O. Jamalpur, District Bardhaman, West Bengal (Admeasuring An Area of Sale Deed No. I 2043- Sold Area- East Side- 03/5 Satak More or Less And Sale Deed No. I 528 Sold Area Southern Side East West Side- 02 Satak More or Less. North: Jordan Bibi Jaridan Bibi South: Sekh Jahiruddin Sekh Jahiruddin East: Late Makar Mandi/ Late Makar Mandi West: Noor Islam/ Noor Islam/ Date of Symbolic 17-06-2025	March 15, 2025 Rs. 24,22,224.96/-	Purba Bardhaman
2.	Azhar Ali/ Razing Sultana/ Vill Arjuna Purbapara P.O. Arjuna, Thana Kalna, District Purba Bardhaman West Bengal Ulsoba Mondir- 712145/ LBBDN00006540981/ TBBDN00006440481	R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 762 & 763, Sabek Khatnag No. 229 & 334, L.R. Khatnag No. 266, Tazui No. 26, Re. Sa. No. 1024, J.L. No. 209, And R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 762/1434, Sabek Khatnag No. 16, D.R. Khatnag No. 314, Village And Post Singarone, Mouza Arjuna, Anchal Pindira, Pargana Ambora, P.S. & A.D.S.R. Office Kalna, B.L. And L.R.O. Kalna 2, District Purba And District Registry Office Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal Admeasuring an Area of in 1st Part R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 762- Land Measuring 1 Satak R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 763- Land Measuring 2 Satak In 2 Dag Total Area 3 Satak With 2 Storied Building Thereon Where Ground Floor 27 Sq. Ft. And 1st Floor 370 Sq. Ft., and in 2nd Part R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 762- Land Measuring 2 Satak, in Part 1 And Part 2 Schedule Total Land Measuring 5 Satak. North: Property of Badrudin Jamal South: Concrete Road & Owners Other Property East: Pond West: Property of Abdul Awal/ Date of Symbolic 17-06-2025	March 15, 2025 Rs. 21,50,766.02/-	Purba Bardhaman

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: June 21, 2025, Place: Purba Bardhaman
Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Study reveals how infertility treatment can double risk of postpartum heart disease

NEW JERSEY : Infertility treatment patients were twice as likely to be hospitalised with heart disease in the year following delivery as spontaneously conceived patients, according to a study conducted by Rutgers Health experts using more than 31 million hospital records.

Infertility patients were 2.16 times more likely to be hospitalised for hypertension, or dangerously elevated blood pressure than normally conceived patients. "Postpartum checkups are necessary for all patients, but this study indicates they are particularly important for patients who undergo infertility treatment to achieve a conception," said Rei Yamada, an obstetrics and gynecology resident at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and lead author of the study.

The study authors say their results support standards of care that now call for an initial postpartum checkup three weeks after delivery, standards that some health systems have yet to adopt. Much of the elevated risk came in the first month after delivery, particularly for patients who developed dangerously high blood pressure. "And these results aren't the only ones to indicate



that follow-up should occur early," said CandeAnanth, chief of the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and senior author of the study. "We have been involved in a series of studies over the past few years that have found serious risks of heart disease and stroke to various high-risk patient populations within those initial 30 days after delivery - risks that could be

mitigated with earlier follow-up care." The study analyzed the Nationwide Readmissions Database, which contains nationally representative data on about 31 million hospital discharges and readmissions per year. The database contains diagnosis codes, which let researchers find specific populations and identify reasons for readmission.

The researchers used data from more than 31 million patients who were discharged following delivery from 2010 to

2018, including 287,813 patients who had undergone any infertility treatment.

Although infertility treatment predicted a sharply elevated risk of heart disease, the study authors said the relative youth of infertility treatment patients kept their overall risk fairly low. Just 550 of every 100,000 women who received infertility treatment and 355 of every 100,000 who conceived naturally were hospitalized with cardiovascular disease in the year after delivery.

The cause of the elevated risk of heart disease associated with infertility treatment remains unclear. The increase in heart disease could stem from the infertility treatments themselves, the underlying medical issues that made patients infertile or some other cause.

"Looking forward, I'd like to see if different types of infertility treatment and, importantly, medications are associated with different risk levels," said Yamada. "Our data gave no information about which patients had undergone which treatment. More detailed information might also provide insight into how infertility treatment impacts cardiovascular outcomes."

Global study predicts significant increase in life expectancy by 2050

LIFE expectancy around the world is projected to improve by almost five years in men and by over four years in women between 2022 and 2050, according to a global study published in The Lancet Journal.

Researchers said that the improvements are expected to be the highest in countries where life expectancy is lower, thereby contributing to an overall enhancement of life expectancy across geographies. Public health measures preventing and improving survival rates from cardiovascular diseases, COVID-19, and a range of communicable, maternal, neonatal, and nutritional diseases, are largely driving the trend of increasing life expectancy globally, the authors said.

"In addition to an increase in life expectancy overall, we have found that the disparity in life expectancy across geographies will lessen," said Chris Murray, director of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), University of Washington, US.

"This is an indicator that while health inequalities between the highest and lowest income regions will remain, the gaps are shrinking, with the biggest increases anticipated in Sub-Saharan Africa," said Murray. The IHME coordinates the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) study, the "largest and most comprehensive effort to quantify health loss across places and over time."

However, the researchers from the GBD 2021 Forecasting Collaborators said that the ongoing shift

in disease burden to non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular ones, cancer and diabetes, and exposure to associated risk factors including obesity and high blood pressure, will have the most impact on the next generation.

This shift was analysed to increase an individual's years lived with disability or YLDs. Disease burden is the impact of a health problem on a given population, measured through varied indicators such as deaths, disability, or financial costs. Therefore, as the disease burden shifts from that of communicable ones to non-communicable health problems, people are expected to live longer, but with more years spent in poor health, the researchers said.

They said that healthy life expectancy around the world, referring to the number of years one could expect to live in good health, will increase by 2.6 years in the coming years - from 64.8 years in 2022 to 67.4 years in 2050.

For India, the study has projected that by 2050, on average, men could have a life expectancy of over 75 years, while that for women could be almost 80 years. Healthy life expectancy, however, was projected to be over 65 years for both men and women in India. Drawing on the work of more than 11,000 collaborators, the GBD 2021 includes more than 607 billion estimates of 371 diseases and injuries and 88 risk factors in 204 countries and territories, according to the IHME.



Researchers discover new biomarker to diagnose Alzheimer's in asymptomatic stages



BARCELONA, SPAIN : A novel biomarker for Alzheimer's disease in its asymptomatic phases has been discovered by a recent study headed by the Molecular and Cellular Neurobiotechnology group at the Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia (IBEC) and the University of Barcelona.

The molecule is called miR-519a-3p, and it is a microRNA that has been directly connected to the expression of the cellular prion protein (PrP^C), which is dysregulated in patients with Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative illnesses.

The hunt for stable, readily observable biomarkers in biofluids, such microRNAs, presents a chance to identify Alzheimer's early on when the disease is asymptomatic. This condition, which affects over 35 million people globally, might be diagnosed and treated far more effectively with early detection.

The expression of some microRNAs is known to be deregulated in Alzheimer's patients. However, this is the first time that this microRNA has been specifically linked to the decrease in cellular prion protein production during disease progression.

"Currently, tests to diagnose Alzheimer's disease are usually carried out after the onset of symptoms, when there is already underlying cognitive impairment. We believe that the detection of this microRNA may help to establish additional criteria for a more accurate diagnosis in the early stages of the disease," explains IBEC principal investigator Jose Antonio del Rio, full professor at the Faculty of Biology and the Institute of Neurosciences of the University of Barcelona (UB) and co-leader of the study.

The study also comparatively analyses the presence of the biomarker in samples from other neurodegenerative diseases:

If our goal is to use miR-519a-3p as a biomarker to detect Alzheimer's dementia in hypothetically healthy people, it is essential to ensure that its levels are not altered in other neurodegenerative diseases. In our study, we compared the levels of this biomarker in samples from other tauopathies and Parkinson's disease, confirming that the changes in miR-519a-3p are specific to Alzheimer's disease," said IBEC senior researcher Rosalina Gavin, UB associate professor and co-leader of the study.

Researchers find association of autism spectrum disorder, disrupted developmental dopamine

PENNSYLVANIA : According to recent research, dopamine is essential for the growth of neurons. Researchers have shown that autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and disrupted impaired developmental dopamine signalling are related.

Their findings open the door for future targeted therapies by highlighting the significance of researching developmental signalling pathways to comprehend the aetiology of ASD. Their research is published by Elsevier in The American Journal of Pathology. Lead investigators Lingyan Xing, PhD, and Gang Chen, PhD, Key Laboratory of Neuroregeneration of Jiangsu and the Ministry of Education, Co-innovation Center of Neuroregeneration, NMPPA Key Laboratory for Research and Evaluation of Tissue Engineering Technology Products, Nantong University, explained, "While dopamine is commonly recognized as a neurotransmitter, its significance in the developmental aspects of autism is largely unexplored. Recent studies have highlighted the crucial roles of dopamine and serotonin in development and their importance in the construction of neural circuits."

"In addition, studies have indicated that the use of dopamine-related drugs during pregnancy is associated with an increased risk of autism in children. Armed with these tantalizing clues, we embarked on a mission to bridge the gap between dopamine's known functions and its potential impact on neurodevelopmental disorders, particularly autism. Our quest was to uncover a novel therapeutic target that could revolutionize the way we approach autism treatment." Investigators studied the role of disrupted dopaminergic signaling in the etiology of ASD by integrating human brain RNA sequencing transcriptome analysis and a zebrafish model, recognized for its high degree of conservation with humans. To analyze the developmental deficits in ASD systematically, two large publicly available data sets were retrieved from



the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Gene Expression Omnibus database and RNA sequencing data from Arkinglab. Transcriptome analysis of human brains revealed significant correlations between changes in dopaminergic signaling pathways and neural developmental signaling in patients with autism. This suggests a potential link between disrupted developmental dopamine signaling and autism pathology. To explore this link further researchers used the zebrafish model to study the effects of disrupted dopaminergic signaling on neural circuit development. They found that perturbations in developmental dopaminergic signaling led to neural circuit abnormalities and behavioral phenotypes reminiscent of autism in zebrafish larvae. The study also uncovered a potential mechanism by which dopamine impacts neuronal specification through the modulation of integrins. Dr. Chen commented, "We were surprised by the extent of the impact that dopaminergic signaling has on neuronal specification in zebrafish, potentially laying the groundwork for circuit disruption in

autism-related phenotype. Furthermore, the unexpected involvement of integrins as downstream targets of dopaminergic signaling provides new insights into the mechanisms underlying neurodevelopmental disorders." Dr. Xing concluded, "This research sheds light on the role of dopamine in neural circuit formation during early development, specifically in the context of autism. Understanding these mechanisms could lead to novel therapeutic interventions targeting dopaminergic signaling pathways to improve outcomes in individuals with autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders."

ASD is a developmental disorder that usually manifests itself in early childhood. Although clinical outcomes vary greatly from case to case, autism is characterized by both a restricted interest in social interaction and repetitive behavior. This coincides with disruptions in brain connectivity shown by diffusion tensor imaging. Studies have shown that several neurodevelopmental processes may be affected in ASD, including neurogenesis, neural migration, axon pathfinding, and synaptic formation, all of which can lead to neural circuit disruption.

High folic acid, low B12 may affect fetal brain development in mice: Study

Washington : Folate is a B vitamin that is essential for preventing neural tube abnormalities such as spina bifida. Folic acid, a synthetic version of folate, has been added to vitamins, breakfast cereals, and other items in the United States and more than 80 other countries to guarantee that pregnant women get enough of it. However, new research reveals that there might be such a thing as too much folic acid.

In a study published in Communications Biology, a Nature publication, researchers from the UC Davis School of Medicine and the UC Davis MIND Institute showed that imbalances in folic acid and vitamin B12 can alter brain development in mice.

"There's no doubt the introduction of folic acid diet fortification has been beneficial, substantially lowering the incidence of neural tube defects," said Ralph Green, distinguished professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and co-senior author of the study. "However, too much folic acid may have detrimental impacts on brain development, and that's something we need to sort out."

Concerns about folate deficiencies and neural tube defects, which can lead to stillbirths, paralysis, cognitive disabilities and other issues, peaked in the 1990s. At the time, the Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention revised guidelines to ensure people who were pregnant got the necessary amounts. Green played an important role in developing these standards.

However, the timing of folate during pregnancy is tricky. The neural tube forms early in pregnancy and usually closes about 28 days after conception. This meant targeted folate supplements would likely arrive too late.

The solution was to fortify foods and vitamins with folic acid, the synthetic form of folate, to ensure pregnant people received enough. In the decades since folic acid fortification began, neural tube defects have declined dramatically.

During that same time, the prevalence of neurodevelopmental conditions such as autism and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) increased. Epilepsy rates rose as well. The



researchers wanted to explore whether there is a possible link between these increases and excessive folic acid. Green notes that folic acid fortification may be an imperfect solution.

"The food industry has been adding folic acid to breakfast cereals, snack foods, and vitamins, and that has likely increased intake above recommended guidelines," Green said. "The safe upper limit for folate is 1,000 micrograms per day. The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey data showed that a substantial percentage of women's diets were above that limit."

The consequences of high folic acid and low B12

Green and colleagues have been studying this issue for several years. In a 2020 paper published in Cerebral Cortex, the group showed that both folate overabundance and deficiency could cause neurodevelopmental issues in mice.

In the new study, the team investigated the effects of high folic acid intake, B12 deficiency and high amounts of a natural folate -- folinic acid -- that may act differently than folic acid. The body needs B12 to recycle and adequately use folate.

The investigators supplied a group of mice before and during pregnancy with a controlled diet containing normal levels of folic acid and B12 and four separate groups with diets that either included:

- high folic acid
- low B12
- high folic acid with low B12
- high folinic acid

Using multiple imaging techniques, the offspring of these pregnancies were examined with a focus on the development of the cerebral cortex, the primary brain structure associated with important cognitive and emotional func-

tions. The cerebral cortex is central to a range of psychiatric disorders, particularly those that first appear in childhood.

"These different dietary conditions appear to influence the way neurons arise in the developing brain," said KonstantinosZarbalis, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, faculty member of the UC Davis MIND Institute and co-senior author.

"With high levels of folic acid or B12 deficiency, there was a change in neural development. Cortical neurons that usually emerge during a later stage of brain development were produced over a longer period of time and required a longer period to settle in and assume their proper position in the developing brain. In addition, both high folic acid and B12 deficiency appear to cause many neurons to develop fewer interconnections," Zarbalis said.

The exception was folinic acid, the natural folate. Even though it was given at the same high levels as folic acid, there were virtually no consequences to developing mouse brains. As researchers expected, the group given a diet

that combined high folic acid with low B12 showed the most pronounced neurodevelopmental abnormalities.

While these results are intriguing and may eventually be linked to human pathology, the authors stress the need for abundant caution. Animal models differ from humans in key ways, including metabolic rates and the efficiency with which they process folic acid. In ongoing work, the team is investigating the effects of folic acid and B12 in human brain organoids (3D cell clusters that incorporate several neural cell types). This research may provide better insights into how these nutrients affect human biology.

"There's a lot of complexity in how the body responds to folic acid, vitamin B12 and folinic acid. We are at the early stages of determining how these elements interact," Zarbalis said. "Ultimately, we would like to find a definitive answer for how much folate, and what form, is optimal to avoid neural tube defects and other potential brain health issues."

On the same day in a case

Two Rohingya Refugee is filed a petition requesting India's Supreme Court to

According to the Amnesty International India's non-ratification of the UN Refugee convention cannot be used as an excuse to force people to live in conditions of danger persecution and statelessness. India must reference from forcing deportations under the principle of 'non-refoulement' in customary International law and it's also a legal application in India under the international covenant on civil and political rights to avoid the risk of the refugees being subjected to serious human rights violations.

Eslami called on the IAEA to immediately end its "inaction" and condemn Israel's actions, which are in contradiction with international law.

According to the IDF, more than 50 Israeli fighter

It noted that in recent days, its fighter jets had also attacked Iranian missile and radar systems in the Isfahan and Tehran areas.

In this scam, elderly Americans lost around 6 million.

A group of 89 Bulgarians was evacuated from Israel by plane to Sofia, along with 59 nationals from Slovenia,

Eva Hrnčirova told a regular press conference in Brussels on Wednesday.

The administration allegedly demolished the school's gate and several classrooms on May 15 causing the damage of at least 30 lakh. The administration also oc-

tioner had filed the instant read petition on absolutely baseless apprehension" and mentioned that there was no plan to demolish the school building.

PM Narendra Modi inaugurates, lays foundation stone of development works worth over Rs 5,200 crore in Siwan, Bihar

Emphasising that for every resident of Bihar, self-respect is paramount, the Prime Minister remarked that the Bihar brothers and sisters demonstrate remarkable resilience, succeeding even in the most difficult circumstances. He asserted that they never compromise on their self-respect. However, the Prime Minister noted that the previous regimes severely hurt

The Prime Minister remarked that while the country has long heard slogans about eradicating poverty, their government has demonstrated that poverty can indeed be reduced. "In the past decade, a record 25 crore Indians have overcome poverty", highlighted Shri Modi, pointing out that globally renowned institutions like the World Bank have praised India's achievement. He noted that Bihar and particularly the Government under Shri Nitish Kumar has played a significant role in this na-

“Over the past 11 years, our government has remained committed to removing every obstacle from the path of the poor. As a result, visible and impactful outcomes are now emerging”, said Shri Modi. He remarked that over the last decade, more than 4 crore poor families across

Highlighting that the government is providing not only housing but also free ration, electricity, and water facilities to the poor, the Prime Minister remarked that over the past years, more than 12 crore new households across the country have been connected with tap water. He noted that in Siwan district alone, over 4.5 lakh families received tap water for the first time. Shri Modi stated that the government is working with the objective of ensuring tap connections in every rural household and adequate drinking water in urban areas. He pointed out that in recent years, multiple pipeline and sewage treatment projects have been executed in various cities of Bihar. He added that new pipeline and sewage treatment plants have now been approved for dozens more towns. "All these projects will significantly enhance the quality of life

stalling Bihar's growth engine, the Prime Minister highlighted that an engine made in Bihar will power trains in Africa, calling it a moment of immense pride. The Prime Minister expressed strong confidence that Bihar will emerge as a major hub for 'Made in India' manufacturing. He added that not only will local produce like makhana, fruits, and vegetables reach international markets, but goods manufactured in Bihar's factories will also find global demand. "The prod-

Affirming that the spirit of the Constitution is to ensure equal opportunities for all and eliminate discrimination, Shri Modi reiterated the government's commitment to this principle through the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. He contrasted this with the approach of the previous regime, stating that their politics is centered around 'family-first' development, serving only their own interests. He criticised them for harming the interests of millions of families in Bihar

The Governor of Bihar, Shri Arif Mohammed Khan, Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Nitish Kumar, Union Ministers Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Shri Jitan Ram Manji, Shri Giriraj Singh, Shri Chirag Paswan, Shri Nityanand Rai, Shri Ram Nath Thakur, Dr. Raj Bhushan Choudhary, Shri Satish Chandra Dubey were present among other dignitaries at the event.

