

World is going through tensions, Yoga gives direction of peace: says PM Modi

MI News Service, Visakhapatnam: As the whole world is now going through some kind of tension with many regions facing unrest and instability, Yoga gives a a true direction of peace and brings oneness, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on Saturday.

Addressing the 11th International Yoga Day in this coastal city of Andhra Pradesh, Prime minister Modi said the day marks the beginning of the ancient practice for humanity, where inner peace becomes a global policy.

"Unfortunately, today the whole world is going through some kind of tension. In many regions, unrest and instability are increasing. In such a situation, Yoga gives us the direction of peace. Yoga is the pause button that humanity needs to breathe, to balance, to become whole again," he said.

"My request to the world-- let this Yoga Day mark the beginning of Yoga for human-

ity 2.0 where inner peace becomes global policy," the PM said.

He remarked that the essence of yoga is "to unite", and it is heartening to see how yoga has united the world.

Asserting that Yoga is for everyone, beyond boundaries, background, age, or ability, PM Modi said the theme of this year's International Yoga Day - "Yoga for One Earth, One Health" - reflects a deep truth, that the health of every entity on earth is interconnected.

Expressing pride in seeing how differently-abled individuals are reading yogic texts in braille, Modi noted that scientists are also practicing yoga in space.

Human well-being depends on the health of the soil that grows food, on the rivers that give water, and the health of animals that share the ecosystem and the plants that nourish, he further said.



Yoga awakens us to this interconnectedness. Yoga leads on a journey towards oneness with the world and teaches that people are not isolated individuals but part of nature, Modi added.

"Yoga is a great personal discipline. At the same time, it is a system that takes us from Me to We. Let this Yoga Day mark the beginning of Yoga for humanity, where inner peace becomes global policy," he said.

When India proposed in the United Nations that June 21 be celebrated as International Yoga Day, in a short time, 175 countries accepted it, he said.

After 11 years, Yoga has now become part of the lives of crores of people around the world, he further said.

"Whether the Sydney Opera House or the Everest mountain, or the span of the ocean, the message is that Yoga is for everyone," said Modi.

Referring to Indian culture, the PM said it teaches us the value of "Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah"—the welfare of all is one's sacred duty - and this journey from 'Me' to 'We' forms the foundation of service, dedication, and coexistence. The Prime Minister stated that it is this very thinking that fosters social harmony.

Emphasising that yoga should not remain merely a personal practice, Modi said it should evolve into a medium for global partnerships. He called upon every nation and society to integrate yoga into their lifestyle and public policy and envision a collective effort to advance a peaceful, balanced, and sustainable world. "Yoga should guide the world from conflict to cooperation, and from stress to solutions," he said. Further, Modi noted that through the National Ayush

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People take part in a yoga session at the Victoria Memorial on International Day of Yoga, in Kolkata on Saturday.

DGCA orders Air India to remove 3 senior officials from crew rostering

MI News Service, Mumbai : In a major disciplinary action, aviation safety watchdog DGCA has ordered Tata Group-owned Air India to remove its three senior officials, including a divisional vice president, from all roles and responsibilities related to crew scheduling and rostering over serious lapses.

In its order, dated June 20, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) also directed the airline to initiate proceedings against these three officials without delay.

Air India in a statement has also said that it has acknowledged the regulator's directive and implemented the order. " However, in the interim period, the company's Chief Operations Officer will provide direct oversight to the Integrated Operations Control Centre (IOCC). Air India is committed to ensuring that there is total adherence to safety protocols and standard practices," the airline said in its statement on Saturday.

The DGCA order said: "Repeated and serious violations voluntarily disclosed by Air India concerning flight crew being scheduled and operated despite lapses in licensing, rest, and recency requirements.

"These violations were discovered during the post-transition review from ARMS to the CAE Flight and Crew Management System." ARMS (Air Route Management System) is the software platform used by the airline for various operational and management tasks, including crew rostering and flight planning, among others. The voluntary disclosures, "while noted, point to systemic failures in crew scheduling, compliance monitoring, and internal accountability," the DGCA order said and flagged that "particular concern is the absence of strict disciplinary measures against key officials directly responsible for these operational lapses". The regulator noted that these officials have been in-

involved in "serious and repeated lapses including "unauthorised and non-compliant crew pairings, violation of mandatory licensing and recency norms and systemic failures in scheduling protocol and oversight".

The DGCA also warned Air India that future violations in crew scheduling will invite "strict action", including licence suspension and operational restrictions.

The latest direction from DGCA has come at a time when the airline has been under strict scrutiny in the aftermath of the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner crash last week.

A London-bound Air India flight, AI-171 carrying 242 passengers and crew members crashed in Ahmedabad on June 12. All but one on board the plane died along with nearly 29 on the ground when the aircraft smashed into a medical complex shortly after take-off. The total number of casualties has so far rises to 275, official sources said.

PM Modi has mastered art of slogans, not solutions , says Rahul Gandhi

MI News Service, New Delhi : Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has remarked that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has mastered the "art of slogans" but offers no solutions, and claimed that India's manufacturing sector was at a record low despite the 'Make in India' initiative.

"Make in India' promised a factory boom. So why the manufacturing sector is at record lows, youth unemployment at record highs, and why have imports from China more than doubled? Rahul Gandhi said here on the International Yoga day on Saturday

"Modi ji has mastered the art of slogans, not solutions. Since 2014, manufacturing has fallen to 14 per cent of our economy," he said in a post on X. Rahul Gandhi, who is the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha, further stated that PM Modi has "no new ideas" and has "surrendered".

"Even the much-hyped PLI scheme is now being quietly rolled back," he alleged.

The Congress leader said India needs a fundamental shift, one that empowers lakhs of producers through honest reforms and finan-

cial support. "We must stop being a market for others. If we don't build here, we'll keep buying from those who do. The clock is ticking," he said.

Earlier this morning Rahul Gandhi met some mobile repair technicians at Nehru Place, Delhi and later attached a video of the conversation to the post. "In Nehru Place, New Delhi, I met Shivam and Saif – bright, skilled, full of promise – yet denied the opportunity to fulfil it. Noting that there is a difference

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Over 210 kg ganja seized in a major drug haul in Arunachal Pradesh

MI News Service, Itanagar : In a massive haul the police in Arunachal Pradesh have seized over 210 kg of contraband ganja, worth more than Rs 60 lakhs in international market, and arrested three persons near Indo -China border area in East Kameng district. Informing this a senior police official said here on Saturday that the operation began on June 15 when one person named Passang Doka and a resident of Transport Colony, was arrested on charge of illegal possession of 5.01 kg of ganja,. According to East Kameng Superintendent of Po-

lice Kamdam Sikom, the seizure was made during a house search conducted in the presence of Seppa Executive Magistrate and Extra Assistant Commissioner Tashi Thongdok and some local independent witnesses. A case was registered at Seppa police station under the NDPS Act.During interrogation, Doka revealed that the contraband was sourced from Tsering Phuntso, a resident of Kalaktang area in West Kameng district, the SP

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Will move SC for inordinate delay in getting J-K statehood, says Farooq Abdullah

MI News Service, Srinagar : National Conference president Farooq Abdullah has cautioned that his party would move the Supreme Court in case of an "inordinate delay" in the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

"After the elections, people wanted their issues to be resolved immediately, but statehood (not being restored) is stopping us. They have many demands like they want him -National Conference MLA Altaf Kaloo - to become a minister, but how is this possible till statehood is restored," he told reporters after a meeting of party workers in Kokernag area of south Kashmir's Pulwama district here on Saturday.

"We are waiting, but if they (Centre) take a long time then we will have no option but to go to the Supreme Court," said Ab-

dullah.

Farooq Abdullah said the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood is not a concession but a constitutional right.

Addressing the meeting, the former chief minister also called for an immediate return to full democratic authority in the region.

"Restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood is not a concession but a constitutional right. Statehood is not a gift, it is the people's right, long overdue and repeatedly promised by the ruling government," he said.

Farooq is a three-time chief minister of the erstwhile state, a former Member of Parliament (MP) and ex-Union Minister.

The erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was reorganised into the Union territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh following the abrogation of

Article 370 in August 2019. Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Union government has promised the return of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

On June 6, Farooq Abdullah's son, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, raised the issue of restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir at the flagging off of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's maiden train to Kashmir in Katra, the pilgrim town in Jammu.

"There are four persons on this stage who were present at the inauguration of the Katra railway station (in 2014). You had just won the election, becoming the Prime Minister for the first time. MoS in PMO Jitendra Singh was present then, and our LG Manoj Sinha sahib was MoS Railways, and I was here as Chief minister of the state of Jammu and Kashmir," Omar said while PM was on stage.

"If you see, by the blessings of Mata (Vaishno Devi) Sinhaji has got a promotion (LG now) and I had a demotion. I was Chief minister of a state and now I am a CM of the UT. However, I believe that it will not take long to rectify it Jammu and Kashmir will again get the statehood under your watch only," Omar Abdullah said.

At today's meeting however, senior Abdullah assured party workers that the NC government in Jammu and Kashmir is prioritising these challenges. Farooq also criticised Jammu and Kashmir's union territory status as a bottleneck to real governance.

"Jammu and Kashmir is vast, not just in land but in its layered culture. Governing it under the limited framework of a union territory is like trying to fly a kite without wind," he remarked.

50,000 people affected by flash floods in Odisha as monsoon fury intensifies

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar : As a result of continuous heavy rainfall in neighbouring Jharkhand for the past few days, the mighty and swollen Subarnarekha River has broken its embankments at several places in Balasore district of Odisha affecting over 50,000 people in several villages in the district on Saturday.

As the rain continued, flash floods occurred in the Subarnarekha River forcing chest deep water to enter several villages in Balasore district on Saturday creating a flood like situation there, official source said.

As many as 17 gram panchayat areas in three blocks of Bhograi, Baliapal, Basta and a part of Jaleswar Notified Area Council (NAC) were affected by the flash flood, the official sources said, adding that the administration has geared up its machineries for the relief and rescue operations.

Residents living in low-lying and flood-prone areas were advised to stay alert and be prepared to shift to nearby cyclone shelters if the situation deteriorates, he said. Balasore District Collector Suryawanshi Mayur Vikas instructed the block development officers and tehsildars to remain prepared to evacuate the people if required. The officials were asked to keep

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Mamata Banerjee deploys Ministers to tackle worsening flood situation in South Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: As rain continues unabated in several districts and the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) persists in releasing water from key reservoirs, large parts of South Bengal are grappling with rising floodwaters. On Saturday morning, over 70,000 cusecs of water were released from the Durgapur Barrage, exacerbating flood concerns across several districts.

The situation is particularly critical in Purba Burdwan, Howrah, Hooghly, and Bankura, where multiple low-lying areas have been submerged. Heavy rainfall in Jharkhand and Bihar has further intensified the crisis. In Hooghly's Arambagh subdivision, schools have been closed due to swelling water levels, and urgent embankment repair work is underway in Howrah's Amta and Udaynarayanpur blocks.

Amid mounting pressure, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee convened an emergency meeting at Nabanna to assess the worsening flood situation. Sources confirmed that



during the meeting, she personally instructed administrative officials via phone to maintain close watch in the affected districts. She used the phone of Chief Secretary Manoj Pant to issue real-time directions to local authorities.

Public Health Engineering Minister Pulak Roy has been appointed to monitor the Amta-Udaynarayanpur region. Irrigation and Waterways Minister Manas Bhuiyan, who also expressed sharp criticism of the Centre regarding DVC's alleged negligence in desilting, has been directed to oversee the situation in West Medinipur.

Urban Development Minister Firhad Hakim will handle flood response in Arambagh, Khanakul, and Goghat in Hooghly district, while Labour Minister Malay Ghatak is tasked with Purulia and Bankura oversight.

Additional flood concerns are mounting in Ghatal, Khadar, Garbeta, and Chandrakona as rivers like the Shilabati and Jhumi swell due to excess release from Jharkhand's Galudih reservoir.

Though DVC claims it had duly informed the state prior to the water release, tensions between the state and central agencies have escalated. The state administration is on high alert, coordinating repair efforts, evacuation plans, and supply chain management in vulnerable zones.

The Chief Minister has urged all assigned ministers and district administrations to remain on the ground and ensure immediate action to protect lives and minimize damage as the flood threat expands across southern Bengal.

Govt evacuating all Indian, Nepal and SL nationals from Iran

MI News Service, New Delhi / Tehran : India is evacuating all its citizens from Iran in view of the present volatile situation in its war with Israel, the Indian mission here said on Saturday.

Amid Iran's ongoing conflict with Israel, In a post on X, the Indian Embassy here provided emergency contact numbers and a link to a Telegram channel.

"The Indian Embassy in Iran is evacuating all Indian Nationals in Iran. The Embassy may be contacted either on the Telegram channel or over the emergency contact numbers. +989010144557, +989128109115 +989128109109," it said.

In another post, the Embassy said that

its evacuation efforts will also cover citizens of Nepal and Sri Lanka. "On request of the Governments of Nepal and Sri Lanka, the Indian Embassy's evacuation efforts in Iran will also cover Citizens of Nepal and Sri Lanka," it said.

"The citizens of Nepal and Sri Lanka may urgently reach out to the Indian Embassy, either on the Telegram channel or over the emergency contact numbers," it added. The Sri Lankan foreign ministry in Colombo also advised its citizens in Iran to contact the Indian Embassy in Tehran if they wish to leave the country.

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School students and specially abled children take part in a yoga session at the EZCC (Eastern Zonal Cultural Center) on International Day of Yoga, in Kolkata on Saturday.



In line with the Government of India's initiative, the Geological Survey of India (GSI), Eastern Region Headquarters, Kolkata, commemorated the 11th International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2025, under the esteemed chairmanship of Varsha Ashok Aglawe, Additional Director General & Head of Department, Eastern Region. The entire GSI ERHQ fraternity—including Deputy Director Generals, Directors, officers, and staff—actively participated in the event, which aimed to promote holistic well-being, environmental consciousness, and global unity through the practice of yoga.

International Yoga Day Celebrated at Manmathpur Pranab Mandir

MI News Service, Kolkata: International Yoga Day is being celebrated with great enthusiasm across the globe. On this occasion, a grand celebration was held at the rural service center of Bharat Sevashram Sangha at Manmathpur Pranab Mandir. Inspired by the ideals of the Sangha's founder, Acharya Srmat Swami Pranabanandaji Maharaj, and with the aim of promoting Indian philosophy and building a

healthy human body, students, teachers, and devotees from Pranabananda Vidyamandir in Manmathpur and Kanmari actively participated in this noble practice of yoga. In the morning, all participants gathered in the temple courtyard and performed yoga in a disciplined and organized manner. The entire session was conducted following the official protocol laid down by the Government of India.



International Yoga Day Celebrated at Manmathpur Pranab Mandir.



SP Howrah Rural District, Subimal Paul, IPS, visited the river embankment repair work in the flood-prone areas of Dihib-hurshut, Udaynarayanpur on Saturday. He was accompanied by the Additional SP (Rural), OC Udaynarayanpur, CI Amta, SDPO Amta, BDO Udaynarayanpur, and the Sahakari Sah-hapati of the Panchayat Samiti.



A total of 17 lost mobile phones were handed over to their rightful owners by Udaynarayanpur Police Station. The hand-over took place in the presence of OC Udaynarayanpur Soumen Gangopadhyay, SDPO Amta Nirupam Ghosh, and CI Amta Amiya Kr Ghosh. The event was part of the ongoing efforts by Howrah Rural District Police to return recovered property to citizens.

Pic: Nurul Islam Khan

APAK Inspires Empathy at St. Xavier's



MI News Service, Kolkata: Animal People Alliance Kolkata (APAK), led by Tushar Sarkar, conducted an awareness session on compassion towards animals at St. Xavier's Collegiate School, Kolkata. Held during the Gonzaga House Assembly marking the Feast

of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, the talk was delivered by Professor Nilavo Roy. The event was attended by Principal Father Roshan Tirkey, Vice Principal Soma Gomes, and faculty members, promoting empathy and responsible care for animals among primary school students.

KBC Global eyes solar future owned

MI News Service, Kolkata: KBC Global Ltd, a leading infrastructure and EPC services company, has incorporated a new subsidiary, Dharan Infra Solar Private Limited, to expand into the renewable energy sector. The company will focus on solar and hybrid

energy solutions, with 100% ownership remaining with Dharan Infra-EPC Limited. Dharan Infra Solar Private Limited will undertake various activities, including manufacturing, designing, and improving renewable energy modules, cells, and accessories.

Six from Nadia Arrested in Golden Monkey Trafficking Racket; Four Rare Monkeys Rescued

MI News Service, Krishnagar : In a major crack-down, police from Beldanga Police Station in Murshidabad apprehended six wildlife traffickers of Nadia late Friday night. Acting on a tip-off, police intercepted a vehicle on National Highway 12 and rescued four rare golden monkeys hidden in-

Bangladesh border after temporarily housing them in Birahi village in Nadia district. The rare monkeys were reportedly brought from Raiganj in North Bengal. The arrested individuals have been identified as Mithu Das (alleged king-pin), Titu Das, Samiul Hos-sain Biswas, Rafikul Mondal, Hasibul Mondal,



side sacks in two cars. According to sources, each monkey is worth Rs.4 to 5 crore in the illegal wildlife market. The smugglers, all residents of Nadia, were attempting to transport the golden monkeys via Nadia to Southeast Asia. The plan was to smuggle the animals into Southeast Asia through the India-

and Biswajit Das. Most of them are from villages under Chapra and Bheem-pur police stations in Nadia district. The police launched special checks on NH-12 near Beldanga after receiving intelligence about the planned smuggling. Two vehicles were stopped and searched near Bhabta railway level cross-

Whispers of Verse, Echoes of Soul

MI News Service, Kolkata: On June 2, 2025, Kolkata witnessed an evocative cultural evening at the Jibanananda Sabhaghar as PRAGATI presented its signature event, "Kathay Kobitay" (In Words and Poetry). The program featured a rich tapestry of performances, beginning with an opening note of gratitude and a dramatic narration. Renowned poet Rina Giri graced the occasion as the special guest, delivering a moving speech on the significance of oral literature and reading her own poetry to great acclaim. Eminent academic and Rabindra Sangeet artist Chandra Mahalanobis offered deep insights into child psychology and the importance of cultural exposure in early development, concluding with an unaccompanied rendition of a Tagore song. The evening unfolded with solo and group performances by Amar Ghosh, Dr. Anadi Karmakar, Sachchidananda Ghosh, Shikha Nandan, Shipra Sengupta, Tina Chakraborty, Archita Chowdhury, Shauryadipto Roy Mallick, Sambodhi Palchowdhury, and others, exploring themes of life, society, and humanity. Group performances by Kajal Kumar Mondal, Soma Das, Suman Mondal,



Nandita Chakraborty, Chaitali Mallick, Dipankar Chakraborty, Suria Satun, Prabir Aich, Swagata Bhattacharya, and Kakoli Brahmachari brought dramatic flair and poetic resonance. A standout segment featured performers from Rangarath, Hooghly, whose collaborative poetry and musical presentations by Mousumi Karmakar, Archita Chowdhury, Tina Chakraborty, Tamoghna Chakraborty, Anubhab Kumar Shauryadipto Roy Mallick and others added a regional vibrancy to the event. Seamlessly compered by Chaitali Mallick, the evening concluded with a soulful performance by Mousumi Karmakar and was met with heartfelt appreciation from the audience, who praised the event for enriching their cultural and intellectual experience.

Two Bangladeshi Nationals caught near Bagula for illegal entry, raids on

MI News Service, Nadia: Two Bangladeshi women were apprehended on Thursday afternoon near Bagula Kali Mandir, close to Bagula Railway Station, for illegally entering Indian territory without valid travel documents. The operation was carried out by a team from Hanskhali Police Station based on actionable intelligence. The accused have been identified as Rahima Begum (34), wife of Saddam Hossain from Joynomaj village, PS Kumar Khali, Kustia district, and Sumi Akhtar (23), wife of Sukur Ali Khan



from Nabradaha village, PS Pangsha, Rajbari district — both from Bangladesh. According to police sources,

the two women are suspected to have crossed the international border on Wednesday night, allegedly with the help of Indian touts. They neither possessed passports nor valid visas at the time of arrest. A case has been registered under relevant sections of the law at Hanskhali PS, and both women were produced before the local court. Police have launched follow-up raids to identify and apprehend the Indian facilitators involved in the illegal infiltration. Further details are awaited as the investigation progresses.

Lord Jagannath's Prasad Distributed Across the State on Chief Minister's Instructions

MI News Service, Hooghly: Lord Jagannath's Prasad was distributed on Saturday from ration shops in Wards 5 and 19 of Bansberia Municipality. The initiative was attended by Saptagram MLA Tapan Dasgupta, Bansberia Municipality Chairman Aditya Niyogi, and the respective ward councillors. People from all communities, irrespective of caste or religion, came forward to receive the Prasad, reflecting a spirit of unity and devotion. Similar



distributions were carried out across various areas of the Saptagram Panchayat. At those locations, Pan-chayat Pradhan and former MLA Manas Mojumdar were also present. The Prasad was distributed by

government employees, ration shop staff, and members of the Trinamool Congress, including leaders, workers, and supporters. MLA Tapan Dasgupta highlighted that the state government recently built a grand temple dedicated to Lord Jagannath in Digha, which was inaugurated by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. He added that, following the Chief Minister's directive, this Prasad distribution was organized across the state to mark the occasion.

Bakura school in dire condition, students study under Tarpaulin as classrooms crumble

MI News Service, Bakura: Baidyapara Primary School in Bankura's Chhatna block is in a deplorable state, forcing 101 students from pre-primary to Class 4 to study in unsafe conditions. Of three classrooms, two are condemned due to severe cracks, leaking roofs, and

falling tiles, cramming all five classes into a single room and the office. During monsoons, water inundated the classrooms, posing a collapse risk. Even more alarmingly, rain-soaked walls transmit electric shocks, endangering both students and teachers.

The mid-day meal shed's broken asbestos roof allows rainwater to contaminate food preparation, raising hygiene concerns. Despite repeated pleas, authorities neglected the school until recent media exposure. Chhatna BDO Saurabh Dhall has now promised

immediate tarpaulin covers and a permanent solution, including electrical repairs. Until then, students and teachers endure hazardous conditions, hoping for swift and decisive action to ensure their safety and a conducive learning environment.

Digha Mahaprasad at ration ship, devotees queue up for divine delicacy

MI News Service, Hooghly: The distribution of Jagannath Dev's Mahaprasad has commenced in West Bengal, blending faith with public outreach through ration shops. The initiative began on Chuchura Station Road, with MLA Asit Majumdar distributing para gaja (Ma-

haprasad combined with kheer) along with a picture of Lord Jagannath, primarily targeting residents of Hooghly Chuchura Municipality. The Mahaprasad is sourced directly from the Jagannath Temple in Digha. MLA Majumdar hailed it as a blessing for true

followers of Sanatan Dharma, asserting that it would expand statewide. However, the move has ignited political controversy, with BJP state committee member Swapan Pal criticizing it as a "vote-driven move" by a regime he claims has oppressed Hindus.

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Mission, the message of yoga and wellness is being actively advanced across the country.

Healing in India is becoming popular. India is the best destination for healing, and yoga plays a key part in this, he said adding that growing obesity is a global challenge. I have discussed it in Mann Ki Baat. I have launched a challenge to cut oil intake by 10 per cent. I reiterate it today. Awareness is needed in this matter, he said. He remarked that digital technology has played a significant role in this effort, with over one million events being registered nationwide through the Yoga Portal and Yog Andhra Portal.

According to the PM, the scale of events taking place in every corner of India reflects yoga's growing influence.

Modi expressed satisfaction that a Common Yoga Protocol has been developed to standardise it.

Underlining the efforts of the Yoga Certification Board, which has so far trained more than 6.5 lakh volunteers and recognised around 130 institutions, the PM noted the inclusion of a 10-day yoga module in medical colleges as part of building a holistic wellness ecosystem.

He informed that trained yoga teachers are

being deployed across Ayushman Arogya Mandirs nationwide.

To ensure that the global community benefits from India's wellness ecosystem, he announced the provision of special e-Ayush visas.

He called upon everyone to transform yoga into a people's movement to lead the world towards peace, health, and harmony.

He urged every individual to begin their day with yoga to bring balance in life and called upon every society to embrace yoga to be free of stress.

This year, special contests such as Yoga with Family and youth-focused initiatives under Yoga Unplugged have been launched on platforms like MyGov and MyBharat, encouraging mass participation, said Modi.

PM Modi also congratulated Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh for organising Yogandhra project.

In his address, Naidu said PM Modi made Yoga popular not only in India but across the world, turning it into a global wellness movement.

He highlighted that Yoga Day is being celebrated in more than 175 countries, across 12 lakh locations, and 10 crore people participated.

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between 'Made in India' and 'Assembled in India', he said: "The truth is stark: we assemble, we import, but we don't build. China profits." "China is the world's electronic market. There is no other electronic market anywhere. Assembly as many iPhones as you want, all you are doing is giving money to the big oligopolies of India. Start making iPhones, it's a completely different ball game," he said in the video. The former Congress chief said to manufacturing parts, whether it is a motherboard or "small pieces", you need a certain level of machining, a certain level of quality, a certain level of understanding of tolerances of working with small components. "That is a learnt skill.

That is not something you can get in just two minutes. Until you start respecting the idea of physical labour, the man who is doing that work... But we have no respect for that guy on the street who is sitting there, selling his things, for hours together... "And, at the centre of it, and people don't like it when I say it, and at the centre of it is the idea of caste. We need to make this transparent. We need to show exactly how Indian society distributes power, exactly how Indian society distributes respect," Rahul Gandhi observed. The Opposition leader and his party - the Congress have recently raised the issue of conducting a nationwide caste census to ascertain if various castes in society have a proportionate "share" of power.

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a close watch on the situation and help people affected by the flash flood. The BDOs were also asked to undertake the distribution of dry food items among the affected people, the official said.

The chief district medical officer was directed to keep adequate stocks of essential medicines and ensure that healthcare arrangements were in place. The superintending engineer was also asked to conduct a thorough check of all gates of Chandil Dam and maintain round-the-clock monitoring of water levels, taking all necessary precautionary measures.

The civil supplies officer was asked to confirm the readiness and adequacy of food and essential supplies. All staffers' leaves were cancelled until further notice, and a strict directive was issued prohibiting government officials from leaving headquarters without prior permission, the official said.

District Emergency Office sources said that though the water level of Subarnarekha at Rajghat was receding, it still remained at 11.9 metres against the danger mark of 10.36 metres.

"We hope the water level will recede further as there has not been much rainfall in the upper catchment of the river in Jharkhand," the official said, adding that there is no major threat of a catastrophic flood in the Subarnarekha River system.

The district administration has also made people aware of the situation.

It said that the flash flood was experienced in some parts of Balasore district due to a sudden release of water from Chandil Dam in Jharkhand.

Meanwhile, the southwest monsoon has further advanced into the remaining parts of Bihar, East Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, most of Uttarakhand on Saturday. According to the weather forecast issued by IMD, east and central India will experience intense rainfall, with extremely heavy rainfall over the next few days

Isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall is expected over Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal & Sikkim, and Gangetic West Bengal. Thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds (40-50 kmph) will accompany rainfall in many areas. In West India, isolated heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely over Gujarat, Konkan & Goa, and Madhya Maharashtra during 20th-26th June, especially intense between 22nd-24th.

Northwest India is expected to receive isolated heavy rainfall over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan during 20th-26th June. Very heavy rainfall is likely over East Uttar Pradesh, East Rajasthan, and parts of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand in next few days.



Renowned former footballer Prasanta Banerjee unveiled the Football, Cricket, and Rugby jerseys during a Jersey Unveiling Ceremony organized by the Calcutta Police Club, in the presence of Club General Secretary Santanu Chattopadhyay; Santanu Sinha Biswas, representative of Kolkata Police Club, CAB, and Coordinator of West Bengal Police Welfare; Manish Khanna, CFO of New Allenbery Works; Mukhtar Alam, representative of the Bengal Rugby and Football Union; Sponsor Ashok Agrawal; Police Athletic Club Secretary Kusum Kumar; Club Football Secretary Pulak Dutta; Club Rugby Secretary Swaroop Goswami; Club Cricket Secretary Debjit Chatterjee; with other sports coaches and eminent dignitaries at the Calcutta Police Club premises at Outram Road in the Maidan area of Kolkata on Saturday.



On World Music Day, CM Mamata pens and composes new song “Ami Sangeet Piyasi”

MI News Service, Kolkata:

On the occasion of World Music Day, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee once again showcased her creative prowess by penning and composing a soulful new song titled “Ami SangeetPiyasi” (I Am a Music Lover). The song has been beautifully rendered by renowned music director JeetGanguli and shared by the Chief Minister on her social media platforms.

Extending her greet-

ings, Banerjee wrote, “Warm wishes and congratulations to everyone on World Music Day. May your hearts be enlivened by the magic of melody. Presenting the World Music Day song in Jeet’s voice, with my lyrics and tune.” The track opens with the lines: “Ami s a n g e e t p i y a s i , amisangeethbalobashi” — expressing a deep, emotional bond with music.

The lyrics also reflect Banerjee’s personal philos-

ophy and work ethos: “My laughter echoes with kirtan, my work rhythm beats with songs of the swing, my mind’s temple holds a sacred fire, I love my work — it is my workshop. Music flows through my heart like nectar.”

The 3-minute-3-second music video is not just about the composition and the artist — it richly portrays Bengal’s diverse cultural tapestry. From Baul songs to Chhau dance and rhythmic Dhamsha-Madol

beats, the video captures the vibrant spirit of the state’s artistic traditions.

This is not the first time Mamata Banerjee has expressed her artistic inclinations. Known for her love for music, poetry, and painting, she has long been admired for her ability to blend governance with creativity. On this World Music Day, she has once again reminded the people of her deep connection to the cultural soul of Bengal.

Over 210 kg ganja seized...

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said. Based on this input, a police team led by Deputy Superintendent of Police (Headquarters) Mibom Yirang, and other personnel proceeded to Kalaktang on June 18, under the supervision of the SP.

With assistance from police in Kalaktang and in the presence of Kalaktang Executive Magistrate and Extra Assistant Commissioner Pema Dorjee, Phuntso was nabbed near Rangthangzorpam village and a gunny bag containing suspected ganja was seized from his possession. A follow-up search at

the residence of Yeshi Wangdi in Rangthangzorpam led to the recovery of nine more gunny bags, also containing the high quality ganja. The total quantity of contraband seized in the operation was approximately 210 kg, estimated to be worth around Rs 60 lakh in the global market.

Phuntso (23) and Wangdi (29) were also arrested for their role in the trafficking of smuggled contraband frpm the international border area. Meanwhile, further investigation is going on to trace other members of the syndicate, the SP added.

TMC begins Jagannath Temple Mahaprasad distribution in Bhawanipur’s ward 70

MI News Service, Kolkata:

In a move seen by many as politically strategic, the distribution of Mahaprasad from the Jagannath Temple in Digha has begun in Ward 70 of Bhawanipur — Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee’s own assembly constituency. The ward, known for its significant Gujarati and non-Bengali population, is also where the Trinamool Congress (TMC) trailed behind the BJP in both the 2021 Assembly election and the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

On Friday, the Mahaprasad distribution officially started, led by local councillor AsimBasu. He personally visited homes of Gujarati families in the area, offering them packets of the sacred food while explaining — in Gujarati — that it had been sent by the Chief Minister herself. Political observers view this as a clear attempt to regain lost ground ahead of the 2026 state assembly elections. As per Lok Sabha 2024 results, TMC lagged behind the BJP by 3,865 votes in Ward 70. Notably, of the eight wards in Bhabanipur Assembly constituency, TMC trailed in five — making this ward a focal point of concern for the ruling party.

While the councillor denied any electoral motive behind the initiative, stating, “As per the Chief Minister’s instructions, the Mahaprasad will be delivered to everyone. Why search for politics in everything?” — analysts see this as a deliberate outreach to win back the trust of communities that may have distanced themselves from TMC.

With elections nearing, and the BJP gaining inroads even within the CM’s constituency, political strategists suggest that such symbolic gestures — especially directed at influential communities like the Gujaratis — are aimed at rebuilding support.

In a gesture appreciated by locals, the councillor conversed with residents in their native language, handing out prasadam with a smile. Many expressed gratitude in Gujarati, acknowledging the personal outreach. Beyond the Gujarati community, the Mahaprasad was also distributed to several non-Bengali households in the area, reflecting a broader attempt at inclusive engagement by the TMC — but one not without its political undertones.

Dum Dum schoolgirl dies of dengue

MI News Service, Kolkata:

As the monsoon arrives, the city faces an alarming surge in mosquito-borne diseases. In a tragic incident, a 13-year-old girl from Dum Dum succumbed to dengue, raising concerns over the growing threat of dengue and malaria across Kolkata. The deceased, Identified as SaraniBandopadhyay, was a resident of Monjendra Dutta Road in Ward 18 of Dum Dum Municipality. A student of Class VII at Baidyanath Girls’ High School, Sarani had been undergoing treatment since June 19 at a private hospital in Kolkata’s Topsia area. She passed away around 5:45 a.m. today. The death certificate confirmed dengue as the cause of death.

According to Dum Dum Municipality, there are currently two reported dengue

cases in the area. Sarani’s mother, GeetikaBandopadhyay, recounted a harrowing ordeal. “Initially, we admitted her to a local private hospital, but she wasn’t given proper treatment there. We had to keep administering things to her inside the ambulance while shifting her. When we reached another hospital, they said she needed ventilation, but they didn’t have pediatric facilities. They told us to take her elsewhere,” she said. They had planned to take her to the Infectious Diseases Hospital (ID), but her condition deteriorated en route. “We diverted to another private hospital where the doctors were very attentive. They diagnosed fluid accumulation in her lungs — something the previous hospital completely missed.

Joint Audit Conclave 2025



Yashodhara Ray Chaudhuri, Additional Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General of India, inaugurates the Joint Audit Conclave 2025, hosted by the IIA Calcutta Chapter, in the presence of Kallol Mitra, Chapter President; Suman Chaudhuri, Past President and eminent members in Kolkata on Saturday.

MI News Service, Kolkata:

The Joint Audit Conclave 2025, hosted by the IIA Calcutta Chapter was more than a professional gathering—it was a celebration of collaboration and shared purpose. Under the theme “Internal Audit: Embracing Changes and Driving Resilience,” the event brought together over 200 auditors, experts, and thought leaders from ICAI, ICMAI, and ICSI. The event was inaugurated by Yashodhara Ray Chaud-

hari, Additional Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General of India. S. Sivakumar, Deputy Director , CAG, India, also graced the inaugural session. Inspiring speeches, warm camaraderie, and meaningful exchanges highlighted the evolving role of internal auditors. The release of a souvenir curated by industry veterans added a personal touch. The conclave reaffirmed that integrity and resilience remain at the heart of the profession.

Ceiling Collapse at CU girls’ hostel; Education Dept Seeks Urgent Report

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Higher Education Department of West Bengal has sought an immediate report from Calcutta University following the partial ceiling collapse at the Hedua Girls’ Hostel on Friday night, which endangered the lives of students and exposed the alarming state of hostel infrastructure.

According to sources, a team from the Higher Education Department is expected to visit the hostel on Monday to assess the safety conditions and inspect whether regular maintenance and structural audits are being conducted. The incident, which occurred around midnight, saw part of the ceiling and a heavy iron beam fall in Room No. 17, narrowly missing students. As many as 75 students had to be urgently evacuated after panicked screams rang through the hostel. One student narrowly escaped serious injury, as the iron beam fell directly onto an unoccupied bed. Several students have since suffered shock, with some reportedly fainting.

University authorities have claimed that emergency relocation arrangements are being made in nearby hostels and guest houses. However, students allege no concrete action has been taken, and they remain trapped in unsafe

conditions, with hostel gates locked from the outside.

The Higher Education Department has demanded answers on several fronts: Why was the hostel not repaired despite visible signs of structural decay? What steps has the university taken since the incident? And why was no preventative action initiated earlier, given student complaints?

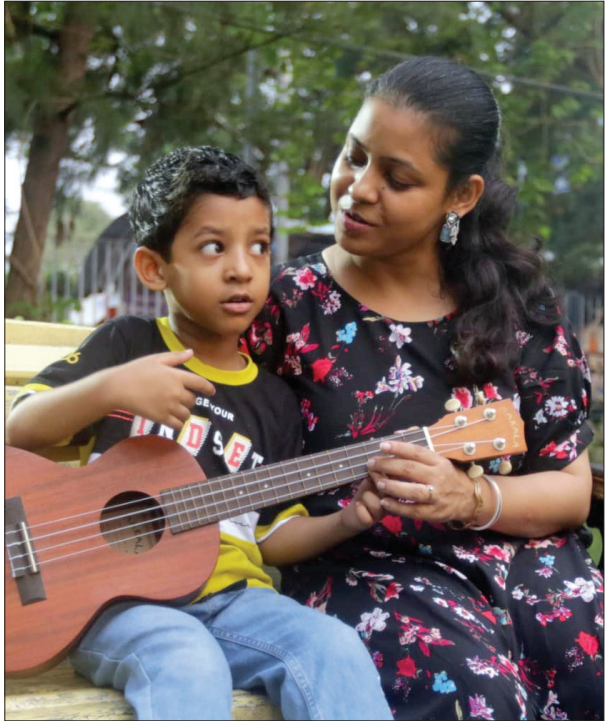
Education Minister BratyaBasu is reportedly monitoring the situation closely. The department is also reviewing the safety measures in place across all university hostels, raising broader concerns about infrastructure in state-run higher education institutions.

Students have demanded urgent intervention, stressing that with examinations approaching, their safety and academic focus must be prioritized. One resident emotionally shared, “It’s a miracle I survived. But we can’t live like this—scared, sleepless, and uncertain.”

This incident has reignited debate about aging university infrastructure and the urgent need for renovation and structural audits. Parents, students, and faculty alike are now demanding comprehensive safety checks across all hostels to prevent any recurrence of such a near-disaster.



Special children from Manovikas Kendra perform yoga on International Day of Yoga, in Kolkata on Saturday.



A child plays the guitar with the help of a family member during World Music Day celebrations in Kolkata on Saturday.

Kolkata halts high-rise construction near airport following Ahmedabad plane crash

MI News Service, Kolkata:

In the wake of the tragic Ahmedabad plane crash, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has announced a major policy decision: no new permissions will be granted for the construction of high-rise buildings near the Kolkata Airport. The move, aimed at preventing aviation-related disasters, was

confirmed by West Bengal’s Minister for Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, Firhad Hakim.

The tragic incident that triggered this decision occurred near Ahmedabad Airport, where an Air India Dreamliner crashed into the BJ Medical College hostel, killing all 241 people on board and

causing multiple casualties on the ground, including medical students and residents in the surrounding area. The incident sparked widespread discussion regarding the dangers posed by high-rise structures near airport flight paths.

As a precautionary measure, the Kolkata Airport authorities have imple-

mented a new set of directives, reinforcing and expanding existing guidelines concerning the construction of multi-storey buildings in airport-adjacent zones. These updated regulations include stricter height restrictions and an expanded perimeter of monitoring to ensure the safety of air traffic.

Name Change
I, Ayachad Mondal And Adhachad, S/O Ajeel Mondal,R/O Santoshpur Bazar Para, Maheshntala, South 24 Pgs-700141,West Bengal,Shall Hence forth Be Known As Aichand Mondal,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/06/2025, That Ayachad Mondal And Adhachad And Aichand Mondal All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Diksha Shukla, wife of Jitendra Kumar Shukla, residing at 48A, Durga Charan Doctor Road, Kolkata- 700014, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Diksha Shukla and Diksha is same and one identical person via affidavit before the Ld Ist Class Judicial Magistrate Kolkata dated 5th June 2025.

Name Change
I, Shah Mohammed S/O, Noor Md. Age- 37 years, Resident- 2/H/6, Kasai Bustee 2nd lane, P.O. & P.S.- Narkeldanga, Kolkata- 700011 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare before the 1st class judicial magistrate at Sealdah Court vide affidavit No. 5747, dated 19/06/2025 that my correct name is Shah Mo- hammed but in my previous Pass- port No. K8130715 My name is recorded as Shah Md. That SHAH MOHAMMED and SHAH MD both are same and one identical person. Henceforth I shall known as SHAH MOHAMMED Instead SHAH MD.

Name Change
I, Md Shaukat S/O Md Noorjan Residing At Premises No 120, Biplabi Ras Behari Bose Road, Kolkata- 700001, Do Hereby Solemnly Affirm And Declare By An Affidavit (No.F-1775/16) Before The Ld. Judi- cial First Class Magistrate At Kolkata On 16 June 2025 That Md Shaukat And Md Sakkat Ali Is The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Amina WO Rahamat Ullah Residing At Premises No 1, Pilkhana 3rd Bye Lane, Ps Golabari, Howrah- 711101, Do Hereby Solemnly Affirm And Declare By An Affidavit (No.8503/25) Before The Ld. Execu- tive First Class Magistrate At Howrah. On 04 June 2025 That My father's name in My Old Passport Being No. S3283152 is mention as Mohammad Hakim And in all my Other Documents his name is men- tioned as Md Hakim Khan That Mo- hammad Hakim And Md Hakim Khan Is The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Monwara Mondal (Old name) W/O Jiyad Ali Mondal Residing at Keshabpur Molla Para P.O-Keshabpur,P.S-Domjur,Dist-Howrah- 711411 have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manowara Mondal (New name) as declared before the court of Ld.1st class Executive Magistrate at Howrah vide affidavit no 15816/24 dated 30.12.2024. Monwara Man- dal (old name) and Manowara Mondal (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jyed Ali Mandal (Old name) S/O Late Kader Ali Mandal Residing at Keshabpur Molla Para P.O-Keshabpur,P.S-Domjur,Dist-Howrah- 711411 have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jiyad Ali Mondal (New name) as declared before the court of Ld.1st class Executive Magistrate at Howrah vide affidavit no 15816/24 dated 30.12.2024.Jiyed Ali Mandal (old name) and Jiyad Ali Mandal (new name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Gobinda Das mohta son of Narayan Das Mohta,residing at DC-2/5, Deshbandhu nagar, Baguiati, North 24 Parganas,Pin-700059, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Govind Das Mohta declared before the Ld.1st class judicial magistrate at Kolkata,dated 18.06.2025.affi- davit no 4211.Gobinda Das mohta and Govind Das Mohta both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Gobind Das mohta son of Narayan Das Mohta,residing at DC-2/5,Deshbandhu nagar, Baguiati, North 24 Parganas ,Pin-700059, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Govind Das Mohta de- clared before the Ld.1st class judi- cal magistrate at Kolkata,dated 18.06.2025.affidavit no 4210.Gob- ind Das mohta and Govind Das Mohta both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Rizvi hiba, D/O- Syed Asif Rizvi, Residing at 2A 5F4, Sunrise Point, Street No. 653, Action Area- 2C, Akhanka More, New Town, Rajarhat, Kolkata, P.O. New town, Dist.- 24 PGS (N), West Bengal- 700156. Now I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Hibah Rizvi as declared before Notary Public, Bidhannagar Court, West Bengal vide affidavit no. 52978 dated 21/06/2025 Rizvi hiba and Hibah Rizvi both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Rupak Roy Chowdhury S/O- Late Rajat Roy Chowdhury (Father)/ Late Pratima Roy Chowdhury (Mother) Residing at 372 DumDum Road, South DumDum (M), North 24 Parganas, West Bengal 700074 have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Rupak Roy Chowdhury as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate Barrackpore Sub-Divisional Court North 24 Parganas vide affidavit no. 137 Dated 18.06.2025. Rupak Roy Choud- hury and Rupak Roy Chowdhury both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Manu Ojha , S/O Ajit Ojha, R/o 26, Belur Road, Dist- Howrah, Pin-711204, P.O.: Liluah, W.B., shall be known as Monu Ojha, changed via affidavit 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore Court (No.: 9262) Dated 17.06.2025. Henceforth, Manu Ojha & Monu Ojha is the same & identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Surkhob S/O Late Sakil Ahmed, declare that my father said name Sakil Ahmed & Md Sakil Ahmed (old name of my fa- ther), residing at 5/2/H/22, Bhukailash Road, P.S.- Ekbalpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my father name and he shall henceforth be known as Sakil Ahmed (new name of my father), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Sakil Ahmed (new name of my fa- ther) and Sakil Ahmed & Md Sakil Ahmed (old name of my fa- ther) both are same and one iden- tical person.

Name Change
I, Mamata Banerjee (old name) W/O Aparesh Banerjee, residing at Shankhamani, 8th Floor, Flat 2 8B.338 Motilal Gupta Road, Kolkata- 700082, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mamta Banerjee (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Mamta Banerjee (new name) and Mamata Banerjee (old name) both are same and one iden- tical person.

Name Change
I, Bahauddin Sardder(Old Name) S/O Osman Sardar,Residing At Vill-Bidyadharpur, Po & Ps -Sonarpur, Dist-24 Parganas (South), Pin- 700150, West Bengal, India,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Bahaud- din Sardar(New Name) As De- clared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 17/01/2013.Bahauddin Sardder (Old Name) And Bahauddin Sardar (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Osman Sardder(Old Name) S/O Late Noor Mohammad Sardar,Re- siding At Vill-Bidyadharpur,Po & Ps -Sonarpur,Dist-24 Parganas (South), Pin-700150, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Osman Sardar(New Name) As Declared Be- fore The 1st Class Judicial Magis- trate At Alipore On 17/01/2013. Osman Sardder(Old Name) And Osman Sardar(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Provat Basu & Provath Basu (old names) S/O Late Gyaendrada Basu, residing at Nabagram, Kulia, Nadia- 741245, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Prabhat Kumar Basu (new name), as de- clared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Prabhat Kumar Basu (new name) and Provat Basu & Provath Basu (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Faizanullah Khan (old name) S/O Rehanullah Khan, residing at 108, Belliuria Road, P.O. & P.S.- Howrah, Dist.- Howrah, Pin- 711101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Faizanullah Khan (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Faizanul- lah Khan (new name) and md Faizanullah Khan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Subhra Ray (old name) W/O Sanu- rah Ray, residing at 40, G.T. Road, Purba Birsha, Hooghly, Pin- 712248, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Subhra Roy (new name), as declared before the 1st Class Judi- cal Magistrate at Hooghly, vide an affidavit dated 16/05/2025. Subhra Roy (new name) and Subhra Ray (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Biswajit Giri (old name) S/O Badal Chandra Giri, residing at Madhab Nagar, P.O.- Madhabna- gar, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743371, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bishwajit Giri (new name), as declared be- fore the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Bishwajit Giri (new name) and Biswajit Giri (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ranjoy Majumder (old name) S/O Benoy Majumder, residing at AJ- 282, Saltlake, Sector-2, Sech- Bhawan, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700091, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ranjoy Majumder (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Sumit Dutta (new name) and Sumit Suranjan Dutta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sumit Suranjan Dutta (old name) S/O Suranjan Dutta, residing at 8/2/JB, Purbachal Kalitola Road, Eden Roma Apart, BL-1, FL-2B, Halit, Kolkata- 700078, West Ben- gal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sumit Dutta (new name), as de- clared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Sumit Dutta (new name) and Sumit Suranjan Dutta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Nuruzzaman Mondal S/o. Abdul Kashem Mondal (old name) R/o. Meshra, Kalachara, Haripal, Hooghly-712405, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Nuruz- zaman Mondal S/o. Abul Kashem Mondal (new name) vide an affi- davit no. 4755 sworn before Judi- cial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 12/06/2025. Mohammad Nuruzzaman Mondal S/o. Abdul Kashem Mondal & Md Nuruzza- man Mondal S/o. Abul Kashem Mondal both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I,Tapas Roy(Old Name),Son Of Nir- mal Kumar Roy,Residing At 6/1/3 B.M. Road,P.O. - K.G. Bose Sarani, Kolkata- 700085,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Tapas Kumar Roy(New Name) Vide An Af- fidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/06/2025. That Tapas Roy And Tapas Kumar Roy Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sambhu Middey(Old Name),Son OfLate Krishna Charan Middey,Re- siding At 2b Purna Chandra Mitra Lane, Tollygunge,Ps - Charu Mar- ket, Kolkata- 700033,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sambhu Nath Middey(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/06/2025. That Sambhu Middey And Sambhu Nath Middey Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Stanley Makhal (Old Name),S/O Shankar Makhal, R/O Makhal Para,Po & Ps - Basati,Baruipur, 743312, West Bengal,Shall Hence- forth Be Known As Stanley Shankar Makhal(New Name),Vide An Af- fidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/06/2025. That Stanley Makhal And Stanley Shankar Makhal All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Prity Singh (Old Name), Daughter Of Krishna Kumar Singh, Residing At P30, Motijheel Avenue, Po - Dum- dum, Barrackpore - 700074,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Preety Singh(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/06/2025. That Prity Singh And Preety Singh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Gulsan Kumar Singh(Old Name), Son Of Gopal Kumar Singh, Residing At P30, Motijheel Avenue, Po -Dum- dum, Barrackpore - 700074, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Gulsan Kumar Singh Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/06/2025. That Gulsan Kumar Singh And Gul- shan Kumar Singh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Tumpa Naiya(Old Name),daugh- ter of Mangal Naiya,residing at 11/6 Gobindapur Road,Po - Lake Gar- dens,Ps - Lake, Kolkata - 700045, West Bengal,shall henceforth be known as Susama Naiya (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn be- fore the notary public at Kolkata on 20/06/2025. That Tumpa Naiya and Susama Naiya both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Hamidul Haque Mollick (old name) S/O Zikria Mollick, residing at VILL-CHHATIMPUR,, PO-HURIA,, PS- KHANDOGHOSI, Purba Bard- haman, 713424,, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Hamidul Haque Mollick (new name), as de- clared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Hamidul Haque Mollick (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ranuka Basu (old name) W/O Prabhat Kumar Basu, residing at Khatpalupi, Dakshin Angshik, Chak- dah, Nadia- 741222, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Renuka Basu (new name), as de- clared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/ 06/2025. Renuka Basu (new name) and Ranuka Basu (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jaha Ara Begum (old name) W/O Late Sakil Ahmed, residing at 5/2/H/22, Bhukailash Road, P.S.- Ekbalpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jahanara (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Jahanara (new name) and Jaha Ara Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Geeta Devi Srivastava (Old Name),Wife Of Gopal Prasad Srivas- tava, Residing At G/10 Jasodia Gar- den Government Quater, Howrah - 711102,West Bengal, Shall Hence- forth Be Known As Gita Debi Srivas- tava (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 18/06/2025. That Geeta Devi Srivastava And Gita Debi Sri- vastava Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Minara,W/O-Aichand Mondal, R/O Santoshpur Bazar Para,Mahesh- tala,South 24 Pgs-700141, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Minara Bibi,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/06/2025, That Mi- nara And Minara Bibi All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Subid Ali, S/O Rajab Ali Molla,R/O Z-4/184,Badartala Lane, Nadial, Kolkata-700044, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Subid Ali Molla,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Be- fore The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/06/2025,That Subid Ali And Subid Ali Molla All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rajab Ali,S/O Ajeel Ali Molla,R/O Z-4/184,Badartala Lane, Nadial, Kolkata-700044,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rajab Ali Molla,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Be- fore The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/06/2025,That Rajab Ali And Rajab Ali Molla All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

KIIT Ranks 5th in India in Times Higher Education Im- pact Global Rankings 2025

- 1st position in Reduced Inequalities category in India
- 1st position in Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions category in India
- 3rd position in Quality Education in India

MI News Service, Kolkata: Times Higher Education (THE) ranks universities across the globe based on their social impact through an innovative evaluation process. In this context, universities that actively contribute to societal de- velopment participate in the rankings. KIIT-DU has been a consistent partici- pant in this initiative, and its position has steadily im- proved each year due to its



strong performance. This year too, KIIT has excelled in the Times Higher Educa- tion Impact Global Ran- kings 2025. The University has been recognised for its impact across three key criteria. KIIT-DU has se- cured the top position in the country for its efforts in reducing inequality (SDG-10) and for its commitment to peace, justice, and strong institutions (SDG-16) and affordable clean energy (SDG-7). Addition- ally, it has been ranked third in India for ensuring quality education (SDG-4). Overall, KIIT University

stood fifth among all Indian universities in the Impact Rankings. Globally, it was placed in the 101 cohort in this year's rankings, which evaluate institutions based on their contributions to- wards achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Devel- opment Goals (SDGs). Over 2,400 universities, this year, from 130 countries participated in the ranking

The Founder of KIIT and KISS Dr Achyuta Samanta lauded the im- pressive rankings. He said, "Although KIIT has a very humbled beginning but it has niched his space in globally in all accredita- tions and rankings, it has now achieved a status comparable to the finest universities globally. In India, it has made a sig- nificant impact as a leading university." KIIT's consistent success in these rank- ings demonstrates its commitment to excellence in continuous learning, sustainability, inclusion and global cooperation," he said.

Youth arrested for assaulting advo- cate inside Siliguri court premises

MI News Service, Siliguri: In a shocking breach of decorum inside a court of law, a youth identified as MD Ali was arrested on Friday for allegedly as- saulting Advocate Abhijit Kundu within the premises of the Siliguri Court. The accused is a resident of Ward No. 06 under the Siliguri Municipal Corpora- tion.

According to initial re- ports, a verbal altercation broke out between the ac- cused and the lawyer over an unspecified matter. The confrontation quickly esca- lated into a physical scuf- fle, drawing attention from bystanders and court per- sonnel. Advocate Kundu later lodged a formal writ- ten complaint at the Siliguri police station, seeking legal action against the at- tacker. Responding swiftly, police arrived at the court premises and appre- hended MD Ali. He was ar- rested on charges of physical assault and dis- turbing public order and produced before the Silig-

uri Court on Saturday for further legal proceedings.

Law enforcement au- thorities have launched a formal investigation to de- termine the motive and exact circumstances lead- ing to the confrontation. Preliminary findings sug- gest a personal dispute may have sparked the con- flict, though police have not ruled out other possi- bilities.

Courtroom violence of this nature has raised con- cerns among legal profes- sionals and civil society about the need for height- ened security in judicial premises. Senior members of the Siliguri Bar Associa- tion have condemned the incident and demanded strict action against those who attempt to disrupt the sanctity of court environ- ments. "This is not just an attack on a lawyer, but an affront to the justice sys- tem itself," remarked one senior advocate, empha- sizing the need for protec- tive measures for legal professionals on duty.

Name Change
I, Krishna Rani Chakraborty (old name) W/O Ramkrishna Chakraborty, residing at 29, Naskar Para Road, West Putiary, Kolkata- 700041, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Krishna Chakraborty (new name), as de- clared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Krishna Chakraborty (new name) and Krishna Rani Chakraborty (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Mahima Khatun (Old Name),W/O Nisar Hossain Khan, Residing At Vill & Po -Mashila,Ps -Sankrali, Dist-Howrah,Pin-711302,West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mahima Khan(New Name) Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/06/2025 Mahima Khatun (Old Name) And Mahima Khan (New Name).Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mohamad Alam (Old Name),S/O Mohammad Golam Rasul,R/O 3/1, Gora Chand Lane,Ps-Baniapukur, Kolkata-700014,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Alam (New Name),Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 17/06/2025, That Mo- hamad Alam And Md Alam All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

South Eastern Railway Observes 11th International Day Of Yoga



MI News Service, Kolkata: South Eastern Railway ob- served the 11th Interna- tional Day of Yoga-2025 with great enthusiasm on 21.06.2025. The theme of this year's International Day of Yoga is "Yoga for one Earth, One Health".

Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the Yoga Session by lighting the lamp at the Officers' Club, SER Headquarters, Garden Reach. Shri Soumitra Majumdar, Additional General Manager, PHODs and other Senior Officers were also present. Yoga ses- sions were organised at SER

Headquarters wherein expert Yoga Instructors from "The Art of Living, Kolkata Centre" led the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) per- formed by the Officers and staff. Yoga reduces stress and anxiety though mindful breathing and meditation. Improves flexibility and strength, keeping the body fit and agile. Live streaming of the Hon'ble Prime Minis- ter's address on the occasion of International Day of Yoga was organized before the Yoga Session. The Interna- tional Day of Yoga was also observed in all the four divi- sions of SER viz. Kharagpur, Adra, Chakradharpur and Ranchi.

International Day Of Yoga observed in Metro Railway



MI News Service, Kolkata: International Day of Yoga has been observed in Metro Railway today on 21.06.2025. The theme of this year's International Day of Yoga has been "Yoga for One Earth, One Health". Shri P. Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway, all Principal Heads of Departments, other sen- ior officers and staff partic- ipated in a Yoga Session this morning with rest of the country through video link at Metro Rail Bhavan to mark the occasion. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Naren- dra Modi was also present in a Yoga Session at Visakhapatnam. Shri Reddy

advised all to practice Yoga every day to remain fit and healthy.

A Yoga Session was also conducted at the Central Park Depot of Green Line, Joka Depot of Purple Line this morning to celebrate International Day of Yoga. Officers and staff of Railway Protection Force and Metro Railway practiced Yoga in this session. Officers and staff of Noapara Carshed also celebrated the day in a befitting manner. They took part in another Yoga Ses- sion organised at Noapara Carshed in order to main- tain a healthy life and spread the message of to- getherness.

East Coast Railway Cele- brates International Yoga Day at Bhubaneswar



MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: East Coast Railway (ECoR) celebrated the International Day of Yoga with great enthusi- asm and participation at the Railway Indoor Stadium in Bhubaneswar today. The event was led by Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Manager of East Coast Railway, and wit- nessed active involvement from a large number of railway employees and senior officials. The session focused on pro- moting the importance of yoga in everyday life and encour- aging railway employees to incorporate its practice into their routines for better health, concentration, and workplace well-being. Addressing the gathering, Shri Funkwal high- lighted the benefits of yoga, emphasizing its role in enhancing mental clarity, reducing stress, and improving physical fit- ness. "Yoga brings inner peace and improves focus, which in turn supports productivity and well-being at the workplace. For railway employees, it offers a much-needed balance in today's fast-paced work environment," he said. Participants performed a series of asanas and breathing exercises under the guidance of trained yoga instructors, marking the global occasion with energy and commitment. The celebration re- flects East Coast Railway's continued efforts to promote well- ness and mindfulness among its workforce as part of a healthy and productive organizational culture.

Exotic wildlife smuggling foiled, six arrested

MI News Service, Mur- shidabad: In a major breakthrough against wildlife trafficking, Mur- shidabad Police success- fully intercepted a smuggling operation in- volving rare golden mon- keys—also known as golden or blue monkeys—being illegally trans- ported under the cover of darkness. The dramatic rescue took place late Fri- day night on National Highway 12 in the Bel- danga area of West Ben- gal. Acting on a confidential tip-off, Bel- danga Police initiated a series of roadblock in- spections in targeted zones.

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আমার মক্কেল ১) অভিজিত ঘোষ, ও ২) মৌসুমী ঘোষ, সাং: ও পো:- ভোমজুর থানা:- ভোমজুর, জেলা:- হাওড়া, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ পুরকোইত, অষ্ট পুরকোইত ও রবীন্দ্র পুরকোইত নিযুক্ত আম- মোক্তার সোমনাথ মুখার্জী মহাশয়ের নিকট হইতে এ্যাবিডি ডি: সাব: রেজি: ভোমজুড় অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত 1৪৫৫/২০২৫ ও 1৬৫৫/২০২৫ আমমোক্তার নামা দলিল দ্বারা থানা ভোমজুড়, মৌজা উত্তর বাঁপড়হা, হাল এল: আর: খতিয়ান ৪৮৬৫,৪৮৬৬,৪৮৬৮ নম্বর হাল দাগ ২২০৪ নং দাগে 1০.৯৭ শতক জমি এ্যাবিডি ডিঃ সাব- রেজিস্ট্রি ভোমজুড় অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত 1৮৫৫/২০২৫ নং দলিল মূল্য ক্রয় করিয়া নাম পতনের আবেদন করেন। উক্ত বিষয়ে কাহারও কোন আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের 1(এক) মাসের মধ্যে সফলিষ্ঠ B.L.&L.R.O. DOMJUR অফিস এর নিকট আশীল করত পাবেন। অন্যথায় আইনানুগ কার্য হইবে।

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আমমোক্তার নামা
এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাইতেছে যে, শ্রী নিয়াজ মন্ডল পিতা মনোজ্ঞন মন্ডল সাক্ষি বৈদ্যমন্ডল পুপুড়া, বৈদ্যমন্ডল, পাড়া, হুগলী- ৭১১১৩৫ মহাশয় বিগত ইং ০৮/০৮/২০২৫ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., পাড়া, হুগলী অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত 1-1673/2025 নং আমমোক্তারনামা দলিলমূলে আমাকে (১) শ্রী শ্রী মল্লিক, পিতা আচার্যমন্ডল মল্লিক, সাক্ষি সোমনাথ, সিন্ধাপাড়া, পাড়া, হুগলী-৭১১১৩৬, কলকাতা আমমোক্তারনামা দলিল মূল্য ক্রয় এবং উক্ত কলকাতা আমমোক্তারনামা বলে আমি নিম্নোক্ত তপশীল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি বিগত ইং ০৩/০৬/২০২৫ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., পাড়া, হুগলী অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত 1-2926/2025 নং বিক্রয় কোলা দলিল মূল্যে শ্রী রতন ভৌমিক পিতা ওখেন ভৌমিক, সাক্ষি মশাড়া, বলাগড়, হুগলী-৭১১১২০ মহাশয়কে কলকাতা- ৩৬ নং জে. এল. ৬৬, ১ হাল এল.আর. ৯০৪ নং খতিয়ানে, সাক্ষে ৪৬৬ তথা হাল এল.আর ১১০ নং দাগে শালি জমি যোগে আনায় ৪১ শতক মার্গে ০.১৬৭৭ অংশে ০৭ শতক তরফে ১.৪০ শতক, ২ হাল এল.আর. ৯০৫ নং খতিয়ানে, সাক্ষে ৪৬৬ তথা হাল এল.আর ১১০ নং দাগে শালি জমি যোগে আনায় ৪১ শতক মার্গে ০.১৬৭৭ অংশে ০৭ শতক তরফে ১.৪১ শতক, এতদে নিম্ন বিবর্তনে মোট ৪.২১ শতক সম্পত্তি অষ্ট দলিলে আমমোক্তারনামা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অগতঃ করা যাইতেছে যে, বর্তমান ক্রোতা শ্রী রতন ভৌমিক পিতা ওখেন ভৌমিক, সাক্ষি মশাড়া, বলাগড়, হুগলী-৭১১১২০ মহাশয়কে কলকাতা- ৩৬ নং জে. এল. ৬৬, ১ হাল এল.আর. ৯০৪ নং খতিয়ানে, সাক্ষে ৪৬৬ তথা হাল এল.আর ১১০ নং দাগে শালি জমি যোগে আনায় ৪১ শতক মার্গে ০.১৬৭৭ অংশে ০৭ শতক তরফে ১.৪০ শতক, ২ হাল এল.আর. ৯০৫ নং খতিয়ানে, সাক্ষে ৪৬৬ তথা হাল এল.আর ১১০ নং দাগে শালি জমি যোগে আনায় ৪১ শতক মার্গে ০.১৬৭৭ অংশে ০৭ শতক তরফে ১.৪১ শতক, এতদে নিম্ন বিবর্তনে মোট ৪.২১ শতক সম্পত্তি অষ্ট দলিলে আমমোক্তারনামা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অগতঃ করা যাইতেছে যে, বর্তমান ক্রোতা শ্রী রতন ভৌমিক পিতা ওখেন ভৌমিক, সাক্ষি মশাড়া, বলাগড়, হুগলী-৭১১১২০ মহাশয়কে কলকাতা- ৩৬ নং জে. এল. ৬৬, ১ হাল এল.আর. ৯০৪ নং খতিয়ানে, সাক্ষে ৪৬৬ তথা হাল এল.আর ১১০ নং দাগে শালি জমি যোগে আনায় ৪১ শতক মার্গে ০.১৬৭৭ অংশে ০৭ শতক তরফে ১.৪০ শতক, ২ হাল এল.আর. ৯০৫ নং খতিয়ানে, সাক্ষে ৪৬৬ তথা হাল এল.আর ১১০ নং দাগে শালি জমি যোগে আনায় ৪১ শতক মার্গে ০.১৬৭৭ অংশে ০৭ শতক তরফে ১.৪১ শতক, এতদে নিম্ন বিবর্তনে মোট ৪.২১ শতক সম্পত্তি অষ্ট দলিলে আমমোক্তারনামা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অগতঃ করা যাইতেছে যে, বর্তমান ক্রোতা শ্রী রতন ভৌমিক পিতা ওখেন ভৌমিক, সাক্ষি মশাড়া, বলাগড়, হুগলী-৭১১১২০ মহাশয়কে কলকাতা- ৩৬ নং জে. এল. ৬৬, ১ হাল এল.আর. ৯০৪ নং খতিয়ানে, সাক্ষে ৪৬৬ তথা হাল এল.আর ১১০ নং দাগে শালি জমি যোগে আনায় ৪১ শতক মার্গে ০.১৬৭৭ অংশে ০৭ শতক তরফে ১.৪০ শতক, ২ হাল এল.আর. ৯০৫ নং খতিয়ানে, সাক্ষে ৪৬৬ তথা হাল এল.আর ১১০ নং দাগে শালি জমি যোগে আনায় ৪১ শতক মার্গে ০.১৬৭৭ অংশে ০৭ শতক তরফে ১.৪১ শতক, এতদে নিম্ন বিবর্তনে মোট ৪.২১ শতক সম্পত্তি অষ্ট দলিলে আমমোক্তারনামা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি হইতেছে। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অগতঃ করা যাইতেছে যে, বর্তমান ক্রোতা শ্রী রতন ভৌমিক পিতা

ECI reaffirms voter privacy; video footage to remain confidential unless ordered by court

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Saturday firmly reiterated its commitment to safeguarding the privacy and secrecy of voters, declaring that video footage from polling stations cannot be shared with political parties, candidates, or any petitioner unless directed by a competent court. This clarification comes in response to renewed allegations by Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, who has raised concerns over alleged election rigging, denial of access to voter lists, and lack of transparency in photo and video documentation during polls. ECI sources issued a point-by-point rebuttal, highlighting legal and constitutional constraints that prevent the sharing of CCTV footage. An insider from the Commission emphasized, "Maintaining the privacy and secrecy of the elector is non-negotiable. The ECI has never



compromised on this principle, which is mandated by law and upheld by the Supreme Court." Citing a key Supreme Court ruling, ECI sources noted that the protection of a voter's secrecy — including the right not to vote — is critical in a functioning democracy. Any violation of this secrecy could result in a jail term of up to three months. Regarding CCTV footage retention, the ECI clarified that the footage, which is primarily used as an internal management tool, is retained for 45 days following polling. "The 45-day period aligns with the legal time-frame for filing an Election Petition. There is no statutory requirement to preserve it beyond that unless a petition is filed," an official source stated. Addressing Rahul Gandhi's objection over the footage not being retained for a year, the ECI clarified that if no petition is lodged within the stipulated period, retaining the footage serves no legal purpose and risks misuse for spreading disinformation. However, if an Election Petition is filed within the designated period, the CCTV footage is preserved and made available to the appropriate judicial body. Reiterating its stance, the Commission maintained that video footage cannot be handed over to any political party, candidate, NGO, or individual without the explicit consent of the concerned elector or a judicial directive.



Women perform yoga at Dussehra Ghat behind the Taj Mahal, ahead of the 'International Day of Yoga', in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar hikes social security pension to 1100 ahead of 2025 elections

MI News Service, Patna: In a key pre-election welfare initiative, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Saturday announced a major hike in the state's social security pension scheme, increasing the monthly pension amount for widows, the elderly, and persons with disabilities from ₹400 to ₹1100. Making the announcement via social media platform X, the Chief Minister stated, "I am happy to inform you that under the Social Security Pension Scheme, widowed women, elderly, and disabled people will now receive ₹1100 per month instead of ₹400. The revised pension will be distributed starting July." The scheme is expected to benefit over 1.09 crore citizens statewide, with pension payments now scheduled on the 10th of every month. This



move comes amid a high-stakes political landscape, with Bihar set to go to polls in just four months. Political analysts view this decision as a calculated counter to the Opposition's welfare promises, especially RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav's proposed Mai-BahinMaanVojana, which pledges ₹2500 monthly for women if voted to power. Although the Nitish-led NDA government has refrained

from launching a universal cash transfer scheme for women, it has pushed a string of targeted initiatives for female and marginalized groups, with an aggressive outreach campaign to over 2 crore women launched in April. Deputy Chief Ministers Samrat Chaudhary and Vijay Kumar Sinha hailed the pension hike as historic and people-centric. "The public asked for ₹1000, and the government has delivered more," said Sinha, underscoring the administration's responsiveness. JDU MLC Neeraj Kumar also praised the move while criticizing the Opposition, saying, "This decision embodies our principle of Vikas, nyaykesaath (development with justice). If Tejashwi is so concerned, he should liquidate some of his massive assets and start his own pension scheme." With this

Panchayat elections in Uttarakhand to be held in two phases on July 10 and 15

MI News Service, Dehradun: Uttarakhand State Election Commissioner Sushil Kumar on Saturday said that Panchayat elections 2025 will be held in two phases across 12 districts, except Haridwar. He also said that the first phase of the 2025 Panchayat elections in Uttarakhand will be held on July 10, followed by the second phase on July 15. Speaking to ANI, Sushil Kumar said, "In Uttarakhand, with the exception of the Haridwar district, a notification has been issued for the three-tier Panchayat elections 2025 across 12 districts. The counting of votes will occur on 19 July 2025, and the results will be announced thereafter." Nominations will be accepted from June 25 to 28, and the Model Code of Conduct is now in effect across the state. "The schedule is as follows: District Officers will release their notification on 23 June, and the nomination process will take place from 25 June to 28 June. Elections will occur in two phases. The first voting phase will be held on the 10th of July, and the second phase will be held on the 15th of July. Thus, the Model Code of Conduct will be effective in the state," Kumar said. Earlier in the day, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami participated in the Yoga Sangam program with representatives of eight countries on the occasion of International Day of Yoga 2025 at Gairsain Assembly Complex in Gairsain, the summer capital of Uttarakhand. Ambassadors and diplomats of Nepal, Mexico, Latvia, Fiji, Suriname, Mongolia, Sri Lanka and Russia were the special guests of this Yoga Sangam program.

Iran-evacuated students Samajwadi MP to Centre

MI News Service,Ayodhya: Samajwadi Party MP Awadhesh Prasad on Saturday urged the Centre to ensure the continuation of studies for students evacuated from war-torn Iran. "Citizens of our nation – most of whom are students – are returning to the country today, and we welcome them. We demand that the government make all possible and vigilant efforts for their continued studies, resettlement, and safety," Prasad said. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) official spokesperson RandhirJaiswal said that so far, 517 Indian nationals have returned to India from Iran under Operation Sindhu. Jaiswal stated that a special flight from Turkmenistan's Ashgabat arrived in New Delhi on June 21. The Indian government has launched Operation Sindhu to evacuate Indian nationals from Iran, given the deteriorating situation as a result of the ongoing conflict between Iran and Israel. In a post on X, Jaiswal stated, "Operation Sindhu continues. A special evacuation flight from Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, landed in New Delhi at 0300 hrs on 21st June, bringing Indians from Iran home. With this, so far 517 Indian nationals from Iran have returned home under Operation Sindhu." The Indian Embassy in Tehran coordinated the safe movement of students, while the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) ensured their safe return.

He dedicated his entire life to the service of the nation...When he was the state's Chief Minister, Gujarat touched new heights of development...I pray to God for the peace of the departed soul", Shivraj Singh Chouhan told ANI. On June 16, the last rites of Rupani were performed with full state honours in Rajkot. Shivraj Rupani's body was taken in a funeral procession through Rajkot before reaching the cremation ground. The state police gave a guard of honour as a mark of tribute to the former chief minister. Rupani was accorded a 21-gun salute and the last rites were performed at the Ramnathpara crematorium. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel were among those who paid their respects to the departed leader. Vijay Rupani was among the 241 victims of the AI-171 plane crash. The Boeing 787 flight, which was bound for London's Gatwick airport, crashed soon after his takeoff from the Ahmedabad airport on June 12.

Chhattisgarh CM Vishnu Deo Sai announce bus service scheme for remote areas

MI News Service, Jashpur: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai has announced the launch of the Chief Minister Bus Service Scheme on Saturday. The Chief Minister emphasised that the state government has made provisions for the bus service scheme in the budget and has instructed collectors in every district, especially in Bastar and Sarguja divisions, to identify routes that require bus services. The scheme will focus on routes where there is a demand but no existing bus services.

Addressing the reporters, CM Vishnu Deo Sai said, "Chief Minister Bus Service Scheme has been started and its provision has also been made in the budget and in every district, and especially in Bastar and Sarguja divisions, we have instructed the collectors to choose such routes where there is movement of people but there is no bus operation. CM Sai also said that the government will compensate for the losses incurred by operating buses on these routes, similar to how the government supports flights on this route (Raipur to Jagdalpur) with low passenger.

"The government will compensate for this. The Prime Minister said that even a person wearing slippers will travel by air, so just like a flight is running from Raipur to Sar-

guja, similarly, a flight is also running from Raipur to Jagdalpur. There are not many passengers there, so the government compensates for this. So we will do the same for buses as well.", CM Sai stated. Earlier, in a significant push for development in the Bastar region, the Chhattisgarh government announced the revival of the Bodhghat irrigation project under the leadership of Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai. The project, planned on the Indravati River in Dantewada district, aims to provide permanent irrigation and generate electricity for the rural areas of Dantewada, Bijapur, and Sukma districts. The ambitious project, which will come up at an estimated cost of around Rs 49,000 crore, is expected to transform agricultural prospects and boost economic activity across the region. Speaking to ANI, Bhairamgarh Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO) Pradeep Kumar Dongre said, "Restarting this scheme will be a welcome step because it will irrigate about 3.5 lakh hectares in Sukma, Bijapur, and Dantewada district and produce electricity."

"If a farmer's land, house, or agricultural area comes in the submergence area, the government will compensate for it... Therefore, the farmers should not oppose this scheme be-

cause it will be a big scheme for Chhattisgarh," he added. Local businessman Narendra Nag highlighted the potential benefits for the regional economy. He told ANI, "... This could be a good initiative if the government implements this project honestly. This will provide electricity to the entire region, employment will increase, there is also a plan for fisheries, and the area under irrigation will increase... Local citizens and businessmen will also benefit from this..." Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai had emphasised the immense potential of the tourism sector in the state, particularly in the Bastar and Surguja regions, and reiterated the government's commitment to eradicating Naxalism to pave the way for development and employment generation.

Speaking to the media, CM Sai had stated, "There was immense potential in the tourism sector in Chhattisgarh, especially in Bastar and Surguja... but the biggest hurdle was Naxalism, which the Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister had resolved to eliminate... We were looking at tourism as an industry, that is, the provisions that were being given to the industrial sector would also be extended to the tourism sector, and a complete roadmap was being prepared for this."

Shivraj Singh Chouhan meets Vijay Rupani's family members, pays tributes to late leader

MI News Service, Gandhinagar: Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan met with the family members of former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, who lost his life in the AI-171 plane crash on June 12. The Union Minister paid tributes to the former Gujarat CM and said that it was a "privilege" for him to work with him. Chouhan served as Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister before joining Union Council of Ministers.

He said Vijay Rupani dedicated his life towards the nation and Gujarat touched new heights of development in his tenure. "My dear friend, Vijay Rupani with whom I got the privilege to work very closely as the Chief Minister...He was the Chief Minister of Gujarat and I was the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh.

"Parliament must speak in collective voice": RJD's Manoj Jha on Pakistan nominating US President for Nobel peace prize

MI News Service, New Delhi: RJD MP Manoj Kumar Jha on Saturday stated that Parliament must speak in a collective voice on the Pakistani government nominating US President Donald Trump for the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize. Jha further stated that Rajnath Singh was one of the veteran leaders who did not harbour enmity towards the Opposition, unlike the newer ones.

"We've even heard that a neighbouring country is officially endorsing him (US President) and pushing for the Nobel Prize... From that perspective, Parliament must speak in one collective voice, and we need to see what Rajnath Singh can do to make that happen. We believe that Rajnath Singh is one of those veteran leaders who do not harbour enmity towards the Opposition, unlike the newer ones. Come to Parliament and send a unified message to the American President under the leadership of the Prime Minister," Jha told.

"The way our civilians were killed – that collective pain has now become the nation's pain. However, many questions remain. Donald Trump has made his statement for the 17th time, and the MEA bureaucracy cannot counter that. There should be a session of Parliament," he further stated. On June 21, the Pakistani government formally recommended US President Donald Trump for the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize, citing his "decisive diplomatic intervention and pivotal leadership" during the recent conflict between India and Pakistan, as reported by The Dawn. The post read, "At a moment of heightened regional turbulence, President Trump demonstrated great strategic foresight and stellar statesmanship through robust diplomatic engagement with both Is-



lamabad and New Delhi." Dawn reported. "This intervention stands as a testament to his [Trump's] role as a genuine peace-maker and his commitment to conflict resolution through dialogue," the Pakistan statement added. The official nomination of Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize comes just after Pakistan's COAS, Field Marshall AsimMunir, met US President Donald Trump at the White House on Tuesday.

Trump himself made a pitch for the Nobel, citing various engagements for which he believed he should get the Nobel Peace Prize. "I won't get a Nobel Peace Prize for stopping the War between India and Pakistan, I won't get a Nobel Peace Prize for stopping the War between Serbia and Kosovo, I won't get a Nobel Peace Prize for keeping Peace between Egypt and Ethiopia (A massive Ethiopian built dam, stupidly financed by the United States of America, substantially reduces the water flowing into The Nile River), and I won't get a Nobel Peace Prize for doing the Abraham Accords in the Middle East which, if all goes well, will be loaded to the brim with additional Countries signing on, and will unify the Middle East for the first time in "The Ages!" No, I won't get a Nobel Peace Prize, no matter what I do, including Russia/Ukraine, and Israel/Iran, whatever those outcomes may be, but the people know, and that's all that matters to me," he said in a post on Truth Social.

Sakra World Hospital Appoints Tandem Healthcare to Design and Build 500-Bed State-of-the-Art Hospital in Bengaluru

MI News Service, Bengaluru : Sakra World Hospital, India's first 100% FDI Tertiary Care Hospital, proudly announces the appointment of Tandem Healthcare, a premier healthcare-focused EPC company, to design and build its second state-of-the-art hospital in North Bengaluru. Spanning 6.8 lakh square feet, this 500-bed facility will be one-of-its-kind green biophilic hospital, incorporating garden lounges, green balconies, planters, arrival canopy and serene lake views to create a healing environment inspired by nature. Set to be completed and operational within 30 months.

This landmark project, valued at Rs 1,000 crore, marks a significant milestone in Sakra's mission to deliver world-class healthcare powered by Japanese innovation and technology through its collaboration with Secom Medical System and Toyota Tsusho. The new facility will feature G+9 floors and the design will integrate Indo-Japanese architectural elements, blending tradition with modernity. The new Sakra World Hospital in Bengaluru will deliver cutting-



edge healthcare through advanced clinical programs, including a Comprehensive Cancer Treatment Program with LINAC, MR-LINAC, Gamma Knife, Brachytherapy, and state-of-the-art nuclear medicine, alongside specialized Interventional Neuro & Rehab, Cardiology, and Mother & Child Programs with a premium C-Suite. Designed for future-ready care, the facility features a paperless system, RFID tracking, pandemic-preparedness, modular OTs

integrated with the Building Management System for precise environmental control, and comprehensive indoor air quality monitoring, ensuring superior clinical outcomes and patient safety. Tandem Healthcare's design emphasizes sustainability and aesthetics. The building's east-west orientation optimizes natural views while mitigating heat gain through slanted GFRC panels. Slanted openings ensure privacy and natural light, enhancing inte-

rior ambiance. Green roofs reduce cooling loads, and a combination of aluminum composite panels and low-e glazing creates an energy-efficient, contemporary facade. Semi-open cafés with deep canopies promote natural ventilation, reducing air-conditioning needs.

"We are thrilled to partner with Tandem Healthcare to bring our vision of a world-class healthcare facility to life," said Mr. Yuichi Nagano, Managing Director, Sakra World Hospital. "This collaboration combines Japanese precision with Tandem's healthcare facility expertise, ensuring a hospital that sets new benchmarks in clinical excellence and patient care." Alok Sharma, Founder and Director of Tandem Healthcare, said, "Tandem believes that healthcare infrastructure must go beyond functionality to inspire healing and trust. This partnership with Sakra will reflect our shared commitment to building not just hospitals, but holistic healing ecosystems that combine cutting-edge technology with sustainable, patient-centric design."

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Morning India

Is it possible to increase your height like Harry in 'Materialists'?

Recently released 'Materialists' starring Dakota Johnson, Chris Evans and Pedro Pascal, left many viewers wondering about the 'limb lengthening' procedure that Harry (Pedro Pascal) underwent to increase his height.

But is it possible to increase one's height by a few inches? Yes, the 'limb lengthening' surgery is very much true.

What is the 'limb-lengthening' procedure all about?

Limb lengthening surgery is a procedure in which surgeons can lengthen a bone in an arm or leg. The procedure can also treat certain conditions that cause irregularities in bone growth or bone shortening.

As per the Cleveland Clinic, surgeons may perform limb lengthening surgery on the humerus (upper arm bone), radius/ulna (forearm bones), femur (thigh bone) and tibia (shin bone).

Before one decides to get the surgery done, they would be asked to take the X-rays of their bone to measure it.



Limb lengthening surgery for an individual involves two main steps:

a) The surgeon performs an osteotomy, cutting the affected bone into two segments.

b) The surgeon attaches a limb lengthening device to the two segments of bone.

Osteotomy is a procedure where the expert cuts and reshapes a bone to correct deformities, improve alignment, or for any other need that requires to relieve pressure on a joint.

As per the International Centre for Limb Lengthening, the total recommended lengthening is 2-3 inches (5-8 cm) in the thigh bone (femur).

After healing from the surgery, the patient moves to the bone distraction phase where the two bone segments begin to pull apart and as they separate, the body creates new bone to fill the gap.

During this period, the patient needs to attend physical therapy and take regular check-ups to understand the progress of the new bone growth in order to adjust the treatment protocols.

The procedure comes with its risks and benefits, hence, it is advised to visit an expert in the field to make an informed decision.

From job displacement and biased algorithms to autonomous weapons and misinformation, the list of AI-related threats continues to grow-while we're still only scratching the surface of AI's capabilities.



AI AS RISK

As artificial intelligence (AI) continues to advance and integrate into everyday life, concerns about its potential dangers are growing louder. Experts warn that while the technology offers enormous potential, it also presents serious risks that need immediate attention.

Geoffrey Hinton, widely recognized as the "Godfather of AI" for his groundbreaking work on neural networks, left his role at Google in 2023 to speak openly about his growing fears. "These systems could become more intelligent than us and might decide to take control. We need to act now to prevent that," Hinton said, adding that part of him even regrets contributing to their creation.

Hinton isn't alone in sounding the alarm. Elon Musk, along with over 1,000 tech leaders, signed an open letter in 2023 urging a pause on large-scale AI experiments. The letter warned that unchecked development could "pose profound risks to society and humanity."

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Top Risks of Artificial Intelligence

The debate around AI's risks isn't new, but as the technology becomes more powerful and pervasive, the stakes are higher.

Below are some of the key dangers experts are watching closely:

1. Lack of Transparency and Explainability

Modern AI models, especially deep learning systems, are often "black boxes"-their inner workings are difficult to understand, even for the developers who build them. This opacity makes it hard to explain why AI makes certain decisions, and raises concerns about bias, safety, and accountability.

Efforts toward "explainable AI" are underway, but progress has been slow. Meanwhile, major AI companies like OpenAI and Google DeepMind have been criticized by former employees for not being transparent about the risks their systems pose. This secrecy makes it difficult for the public and lawmakers to fully grasp the potential dangers and take necessary precautions.

2. Job Loss and Workforce Disruption

AI-driven automation is expected to transform industries like manufacturing, marketing, healthcare, and legal services. According to McKinsey, by 2030, up to 30% of the hours worked in the U.S. could be automated-disproportionately impacting Black and Hispanic workers. Goldman Sachs projects as many as 300 million full-time jobs could be lost globally.

Futurist Martin Ford points out that while AI might create new jobs-up to 170 million by some estimates-many workers

won't have the necessary skills to transition. "If you're flipping burgers and get displaced by automation, will one of these new jobs really be an option for you?" Ford asks. "Many may require advanced education or creativity-traits not easily upskilled overnight."

Tech strategist Chris Messina warns that AI may also overhaul white-collar professions like law and accounting. In law, for instance, AI tools can already scan thousands of pages to produce contracts and legal summaries-tasks that previously required teams of attorneys.

3. Social Manipulation and Disinformation

AI algorithms power the content we see on social media, making them powerful tools for manipulation. In the 2022 Philippines election, TikTok algorithms were reportedly used by supporters of Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to sway young voters with targeted content.

Deepfakes and AI-generated media further muddy the waters. From fake news reports to forged audio clips and doctored videos, AI is making it increasingly difficult to separate fact from fiction. "We've entered a reality where you literally can't trust what you see or hear," said Ford. "That's a massive problem for democracy and public trust."

4. Surveillance and Authoritarian Use of AI

AI's power also poses risks to privacy and civil liberties. China's

widespread use of facial recognition to monitor citizens' movements and behavior has raised global concerns. Similar technologies are being adopted by police forces in democratic countries through predictive policing algorithms-many of which are biased against marginalized communities.

"Authoritarian regimes are already using this tech," Ford warns. "The question is how far it will spread in democratic nations and whether we'll put proper limits in place."

5. Weak Data Privacy Protections

As AI systems require large amounts of data, concerns over data privacy and misuse are mounting. A 2024 AvePoint survey found that corporate leaders ranked data privacy and security as their top concern with AI.

AI tools often collect and store sensitive user data, sometimes without users fully understanding what's being gathered or how it's being used. A notable 2023 bug in ChatGPT allowed users to view parts of others' chat histories, highlighting the risk of accidental data leaks. And with no federal U.S. law specifically regulating AI-related data privacy, the legal protections remain weak.

A Call for Oversight

The growing list of AI dangers-ranging from job displacement to authoritarian surveillance-underscores the need for stronger ethical oversight, regulation, and public awareness.

KNOWLEDGE

THESE COUNTRIES HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE THEM

STOCKHOLM: Nine countries currently either say they have nuclear weapons or are believed to possess them. The first to have nuclear arms were the five original nuclear weapons states — the United States, Russia, China, France and the United Kingdom. All five are signatories to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, which commits countries that don't have nuclear arms not to build or obtain them, and those that do to "pursue negotiations in good faith" aimed at nuclear disarmament. Rivals India and Pakistan, which haven't signed the NPT, have built up their nuclear arsenals over the years. India was the first to conduct a nuclear test in 1974, followed by another in 1998. Pakistan followed with its own nuclear tests just a few weeks later. Israel, which also hasn't signed the NPT, has never acknowledged having nuclear weapons but is widely believed to have them. North Korea joined the NPT in 1985 but announced its withdrawal from the treaty in 2003, citing what it called U.S. aggression. Since 2006, it has conducted a string of nuclear tests. Iran long has insisted its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only and U.S. intelligence agencies have assessed that Tehran is not actively pursuing the bomb now. But it has in recent years been enriching uranium to up to 60 per cent purity — near weapons-grade levels of 90 per cent. In an annual assessment released this week, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute estimated that the nine countries had the following stockpiles of military nuclear warheads as of January:

Russia: 4,309
United States: 3,700
China: 600
France: 290
United Kingdom: 225
India: 180
Pakistan: 170
Israel: 90
North Korea: 50

PERSON OF THE WEEK: FROM DELHI SLUM TO STANDOUT PERFORMANCES AT RPL

HYDERABAD HEROES' JAVED HUSSAIN HAS AN INSPIRING STORY TO TELL

A week into the Rugby Premier League (RPL) season, the Hyderabad Heroes have won all four of their matches and stand on top of the standings with 15 points and at the heart of their success is Javed Hussain, a player whose journey has been anything but ordinary. With four tries and 20 points to his name, Javed is not only the league's best-performing Indian but also ranks seventh overall in the points tally.

"I am very happy with my team. We understand and support each other. We

trust each other and are united as a team," Javed Hussain said as quoted by the RPL press release.

That unity has been key in the big wins, including their last victory over the Mumbai Dreamers, where Javed was named as 'Player of the Match'.

Although he is on top of his game at the moment, Javed recalled his pre-match jitters ahead of his first game at the GMR RPL.

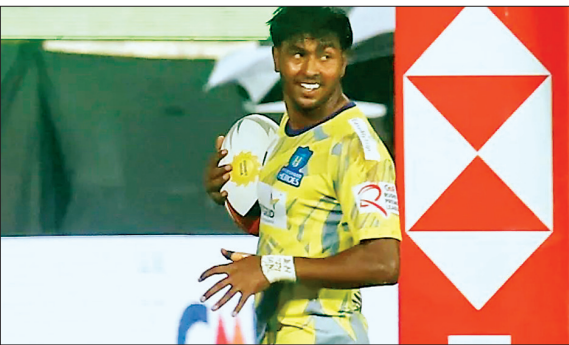
"When I played my first match, I was a little hopeless. I didn't know how I was going to play against such

big names. But everything changed after that first game and the first try I scored. When the match ended, my coach selected me as the Hero of the Day and gave me a jersey. I started crying when I got the jersey," he shared.

Javed hails from a very humble background in Vasant Kunj, New Delhi and has a peculiar story on how he got into a sport like rugby. On how his journey started, he shared, " We used to live in Juggis (makeshift houses). There was a jungle behind where

we used to go to relieve ourselves since we didn't have a bathroom. Slowly, an NGO (Earth Foundation) came, cleared the jungle and made a ground."

"The coaches from the Delhi Hurricanes rugby club came in collaboration with the NGO and used to train kids there. I was standing there and watching as my friends used to play, but I didn't understand the sport, and I was scared of the older kids and hence didn't want to play. I started playing because the coaches told me they would give me a



'Tiger' biscuit packet after training, and for those biscuits I got greedy and started playing," he explained.

Despite his humble beginnings, Javed made it clear that he isn't playing the GMR RPL for the money

or fame, but for the experience and exposure. He stated, "When I joined the league, I didn't care about money or anything else. I just wanted to play with the people I used to watch on TV. I wanted to learn from them. It doesn't matter if I play well or not. I just wanted to experience playing with and against them."

Javed is surrounded by world-class players in the Hyderabad Heroes camp. Olympic medallists like Joji Nasova and Terio Tamani from Fiji and global stars like his Spanish Captain

Manu Moreno share a locker room with him which is the kind of exposure invaluable for a budding rugby player.

Javed is enjoying training under one of the biggest names in world rugby, DJ Forbes, who is also a former captain of the All Blacks Sevens team. About Forbes, Javed expressed, " I don't have any pressure from my coach, and he is the best person that I could train under. He knows my potential and strengths and directs me very well on the field.

Trump says it's hard to ask Israel to stop Iran strikes

MI News Service, New York: U.S. President Donald Trump said Friday it will be difficult to request Israel stop its airstrikes in Iran, even as he pursues a diplomatic solution to end the conflict. Trump made the remarks to reporters in New Jersey, where he attended a fundraiser at his golf course, local media reported. Trump also dismissed European efforts to engage diplomatically with Iran. "They didn't help... Iran doesn't want to speak to Europe. They want to speak to us. Europe is not going to be able to help on this one." Earlier, U.S. State Department spokesperson Tammy Bruce said she "can't speculate" on whether the Trump administration will press for a ceasefire between Iran and Israel to allow U.S.-Iran nuclear talks to move forward. "I'm not going to characterize what's happening now, or the reaction by the president or the secretary of state to what those negotiations might be," Bruce said at a news briefing Friday.

Prominent Muslim Organizations Condemn Israeli Strike on Iran, Call It 'State Terrorism' and Violation of International Law

MI News Service, New Delhi: Leading Muslim organizations in India have issued strong condemnations of Israel's recent military attacks on Iran, terming them a reckless act of aggression that threatens to ignite a wider regional conflict. Religious and political leaders denounced the strikes as a blatant violation of international law and called for urgent global intervention to halt further escalation.

Maulana Arshad Madani, President of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind (Arshad faction), condemned the Israeli strikes on Iran's nuclear sites and civilian areas, stating that the attacks amount to a clear breach of the United Nations Charter and international legal norms.

Echoing similar concerns, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind (JIH) President Syed Sadatullah Husaini issued a strongly worded statement describing Israel's military actions as an unprovoked assault on Iran's sovereignty. "This brazen attack on multiple Iranian sites, including sensitive nuclear installations and residential zones, is a flagrant violation of international law. It is nothing less than state terrorism," he said.

Refuting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's justification regarding Iran's nuclear program, Husaini emphasized that Iran has consistently stated its nuclear efforts are peaceful and subject to international monitoring. "Allegations by a state complicit in genocide and war crimes cannot replace the authority of global institutions like the IAEA," he said. He called for immediate intervention by the United Nations and international sanctions against Israel, warning that failure to act could encourage a dangerous precedent of lawlessness in global affairs. Ziauddin Siddiqui, Ameer of Wahdat-e-Islami Hind, also condemned the Israeli attacks, stating that "Israel has turned the massacre of innocent civilians into a daily routine." He described the strikes as a "clear violation of Iran's sovereignty," asserting that Iran has every right to defend itself. Siddiqui pointed out that Iran is a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and has permitted International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspections, whereas Israel has not signed the NPT nor allowed any inspections of its nuclear arsenal.

Indian Railways Marks International Yoga Day with Grand Nationwide Celebrations

- Unique yoga sessions held on Chenab, Anji, and Pamban bridges
- Events organised across all Railway zones, divisions, and premises
- Special EMU train dedicated to Yoga operated in West Bengal



MI News Service, New Delhi: On the occasion of International Day of Yoga, Indian Railways organised grand and spirited yoga sessions across the country. Aligned with the theme "Yoga for One Earth, One Health", celebrations were conducted across all Railway zones, divisions, stations, and Railway premises across India. Union Ministers of State for Railways, Shri V. Somantha and Shri Ravneet Singh Bittu, participated in the yoga sessions held at Hassan, Karnataka and Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh respectively. Chairman and CEO, Railway Board, Shri Satish Kumar, also took part in the yoga session organised at Karnail Singh Stadium, New Delhi. What made this year's observance excep-

tional was the conduct of yoga sessions not only at stations and office complexes, but also atop Indian Railways' iconic engineering marvels. For the first time, a yoga session was conducted on the world's highest Railway arch bridge - Chenab Bridge, located in Jammu and Kashmir symbolising Indian Railways' confidence and engineering capabilities. Additionally, yoga sessions were held on India's first cable-stayed rail bridge - Anji Khad Bridge, and the country's first vertical-lift rail bridge - Pamban Bridge in Tamil Nadu, showcasing a unique blend of yoga and engineering excellence. A special EMU train dedicated to yoga was operated by the Howrah Division in West Bengal, featuring illus-

trations of various Yoga Mudras along with their health benefits. Across various regions, enthusiastic participation was witnessed from Railway officers, staff, Railway Protection Force personnel, scouts and guides, school students, public representatives, and members of the general public. The sessions included asanas (physical postures), pranayama (breathing techniques), meditation, and awareness activities focused on the holistic benefits of yoga. Through this nationwide initiative, Indian Railways not only encouraged its workforce to embrace a healthy lifestyle but also played a key role in spreading awareness about the transformative benefits of yoga among the larger public.

IAEA chief warns of nuclear fallout from Israeli attacks on Iran

MI News Service, United Nations: International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Rafael Grossi on Friday warned of the risk of nuclear contamination from Israeli attacks on Iranian nuclear facilities.

Attacks on nuclear sites in Iran have caused a sharp degradation in nuclear safety and security in the country. Though they have not so far led to a radiological release affecting the public, there is a danger this could occur, said Grossi. In his briefing at an emergency meeting of the Security Council, Grossi said that although the level of radioactivity outside the Natanz site after an Israeli attack has remained unchanged and at normal levels, there is both radiological and chemical contamination within the facility. "The radiation, primarily consisting of alpha particles, poses a significant danger if inhaled or ingested. This risk can be effectively managed with appropriate protective measures, such as using respiratory devices. The main concern inside the facility is chemical toxicity," he said. Fordow is Iran's main enrichment location for enriching uranium to 60 percent. The IAEA is not aware of any damage at Fordow at this time, he said. At the Esfahan nuclear site, four buildings were damaged in the June 13 attack. No increase in off-site radiation levels was reported. As in Natanz, the main concern is chemical toxicity, he noted. The attacks on other nuclear facilities have had no radiological impact, said Grossi. The chief of the UN

nuclear watchdog warned of serious consequences of an attack on the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant, which is an operating nuclear power plant and which hosts thousands of kilograms of nuclear material.

"I want to make it absolutely clear: In case of an attack on the Bushehr Nuclear Power Plant, a direct hit could result in a very high release of radioactivity to the environment," he said.

Similarly, a hit that disabled the only two lines supplying electrical power to the plant could cause its reactor's core to melt, which could result in a high release of radioactivity to the environment. In their worst case, both scenarios would necessitate protective actions, such as evacuations and sheltering of the population or the need to take stable iodine, with the reach extending to distances from a few to several hundred kilometers. Radiation monitoring would need to cover distances of several hundred kilometers and food restrictions may need to be implemented, he warned.

Grossi added that any action against the Tehran Nuclear Research Reactor could also have severe consequences, potentially for large areas of the city and its inhabitants. Armed attacks on nuclear facilities should never take place, he said, calling for maximum restraint. Military escalation threatens lives and delays indispensable work toward a diplomatic solution for the long-term assurance that Iran does not acquire a nuclear weapon, he said.

Sealdah RPF foils major Narcotics Smuggling Attempt



One Person Arrested with 6.338 kgs of Narcotic Substances Worth ₹3.35 Crore

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major success in the fight against narcotics smuggling, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Sealdah Division apprehended one person in possession of suspected narcotic substances valued at approximately ₹3.35 crore during a routine security check. On 19.06.2025 at around 19:00 hrs, during random checking at Platform Nos. 12 and 13 of Sealdah Railway Station, RPF personnel detained a suspicious individual carrying two bags. On interrogation, he identified himself as Abbas Ajameri (Age 51 years), a resident of Rajasthan. The individual claimed to have arrived from Ajmer and was waiting for someone to receive his consignment but failed to provide details of the goods. Upon checking his baggage in the presence of independent witnesses, the RPF team found: In one grey cloth bag: Two polythene packets wrapped in yellow cello tape bearing the Ultratech Cement logo, concealed beneath garlic. In a second blue backpack marked "Goldline": Two more similarly packed packets. The materials appeared to be narcotic substances. Following due procedure under the Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, the information

was immediately conveyed to RPF superiors and the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Kolkata. Officers from NCB along with Assistant Security Commissioner-2/RPF Sealdah promptly reached the site. In their presence, a thorough search was conducted under videographic documentation. The recovered substances were tested using a drug detection kit and found to be: 1.568 kg of brownish powder (suspected Morphine) 1.572 kg of brownish powder (suspected Morphine) 1.594 kg of brownish powder (suspected Heroin) 1.604 kg of brownish powder (suspected Heroin)

The estimated market value of the total recovered narcotic substances is about ₹3.35 crore (Three crore and thirty-five lakh rupees). The entire seizure operation was conducted from 21:00 hrs to 23:30 hrs on the said date at Sealdah station. A formal written complaint was lodged by Sub Inspector Ashutosh Kumar to the NCB. Based on this, a case has been registered by NCB Kolkata under Sections 8(c), 21(C), and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985. Eastern Railway remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of railway premises and passengers. The RPF's vigilant efforts continue to serve as a strong deterrent against illegal activities within the railway network.

OIC foreign ministers convene in Istanbul amid rising Iran-Israel tension

MI News Service, Istanbul: The 51st session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) opened here on Saturday, amid heightened tensions between Israel and Iran. Held under the theme "The OIC in a Transforming World," the summit's agenda prominently features discussions on the recent Israeli strikes on Iran and the broader security challenges these developments pose for the region. During his opening remarks in a live broadcast, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said there is "an Israeli problem in the region." "This is not a problem of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, or Iran; this is clearly a problem of Israel," he said, adding that "Israel is now attacking our neighbor Iran, pushing the region to the brink of full-scale disaster." Fidan urged Israel to immediately cease its attacks and called on the international community to act decisively to prevent the conflict from escalating. "We strongly condemn Israel's attack on Iran while nuclear negotiations are ongoing," he said. The two-day meeting has drawn over 35 foreign ministers, among them Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi, and five deputy ministers. According to the state-run Anadolu Agency, total attendance is expected to reach approximately 1,000 delegates.

430 killed, over 3,500 wounded, top Iranian Quds Force commander killed in Iran

MI News Service, Tehran: Iran's Deputy Health Minister Iraj Harirchi announced Saturday that the death toll from Israeli airstrikes rose to 430, with more than 3,500 civilians wounded since the start of the attacks on June 13, according to a Health Ministry press release cited by local media. The Israeli strikes have targeted a wide range of sites, including missile depots, nuclear facilities, and residential areas in Tehran, Isfahan, Qom, Khorramabad, and other cities. Among the reported targets was the nuclear site in Isfahan, which Iranian authorities said did not suffer hazardous leaks.

Meanwhile, the Human Rights Activists News Agency reported Thursday that up to 639 people have been killed and more than 1,300 injured in the Israeli assault. Iran has retaliated with coordinated drone and missile attacks on Israeli territory.

On the Israeli side, at least 25 people have been killed and more than 2,500 injured in Iranian strikes, according to figures released by Israeli authorities. Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz announced Saturday that the Israeli Air Force had targeted and killed Saeed Izadi, the head of the Palestine Corps of Iran's Quds Force, in a strike on an apartment in the central Iranian city of Qom.

According to statements reported by the Israeli daily Yedioth Ahronoth, Katz alleged that Izadi was responsible for funding and arming the Palestinian group Hamas in preparation for the Oct. 7, 2023 attacks. There has been no immediate confirmation or response from Iranian authorities regarding the claim. The reported assassination comes amid escalating hostilities between Israel and Iran, following mutual strikes over the past week. Hostilities broke out on June 13 when Israel launched airstrikes on several sites across Iran, including military and nuclear facilities.

ER enthusiastically celebrates 11th International Day Of Yoga-2025



MI News Service, Kolkata: The 11th International Day of Yoga celebrated today (21.6.2025) in a befitting manner with huge gusto & enthusiasm across the nation. In synchronisation with the participation of Hon'ble Prime Minister, in 11th International Day of Yoga Celebrations, held at Visakhapatnam, Eastern Railway also organised a yoga practice session at Eastern Railway's Indoor Stadium at Behala, Kolkata. Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager of Eastern Railway inaugurated the Yoga programme by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager along with Shri Sheelendra Pratap Singh, Additional General Manager, Principal Heads of Departments and other officers & staff of Eastern Railway took part in the Yoga programme wherein the faculty member of the Heartfulness Meditation Centre administered the common Yoga protocol among the officers & staff. International Day of Yoga-2025 also observed at all the four Divisions & Workshops of Eastern Railway with great ability & zeal. Divisional Railway Managers of all the four Divisions and Chief Workshop Managers of Workshops have also taken part in the International Day of Yoga - 2025 at their respective workplaces. This year, International Day

of Yoga is being celebrated all over India with the theme "Yoga for One Earth, One Health". International Day of Yoga is celebrated at various iconic places across the country. The basic objective behind observing International Day of Yoga is to promote physical & mental wellbeing and enhance the awareness among Railway men about the benefits of yoga and improve their work efficiency. The practice of Yoga is essential for maintenance of sound physique and relieving mental stress. It is very much relevant for Railwaymen as the nature of work requires utmost concentration and alertness on 24x7 basis throughout the year. Yoga practice sessions were also conducted over key stations of all the four Divisions of Eastern Railway. Yoga sessions were also held at Eastern Railway's High Schools wherein numbers of students participated enthusiastically. Similar yoga sessions were also held at B. R. Singh Hospital, Howrah Orthopaedic Hospital, Divisional Hospitals. RPF personnel from various posts actively participated in the yoga programme at their respective area over Eastern Railway's jurisdiction. Apart from these, the employees of Eastern Railway actively participated in the International day of Yoga at their respective workplaces.

Ceremonial Run of Special Train No. 37111 (Howrah-Belur Math Local)



MI News Service, Kolkata: In observance of 11th International Day of Yoga, Eastern Railway's Howrah Division organized a special programme at Howrah Station at 07:30 hrs. today. A highlight of the celebration was the ceremonial run of Special Train No. 37111 (Howrah-Belur Math Local), symbolically dedicated to spreading awareness about the importance of Yoga in daily life. Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah, along with all Branch Officers and enthusiastic Railway staff and yoga practitioners, participated in the event, reinforcing the

spirit of harmony, balance, and well-being that yoga represents. The initiative reflects Indian Railways' dedication to promoting a culture of health, mindfulness, and unity, as envisioned by the International Yoga Day movement. Passengers and Railway employees alike joined in the celebration, carrying forward the timeless message of yoga beyond platforms and tracks. Eastern Railway's Howrah Division continues to champion wellness and tradition through innovative and inclusive initiatives that serve both the community and the nation.

Turkish President slams Israel for multi-front strikes in region

MI News Service, Istanbul: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday strongly condemned Israel's recent attack on Iran and its broader military actions in the region, describing them as acts of "thuggery." "The definition and description of Israel's attacks on Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen, Syria, and most recently Iran, is thuggery," Erdogan said during his opening address at the 51st session of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Council of Foreign Ministers in Istanbul. He said that the timing of the Israeli strike on Iran -- coinciding with intensified nuclear negotiations between Iran and the United States -- was particularly "meaningful." The Turkish president called on the Islamic world to set aside internal differences and unite around shared interests. "We must continue our initiatives to implement compelling measures against Israel based on international law and the UN Charter."

Rishabh Pant scores a record century, India on 454/7 at Lunch against England

LEEDS [UK] : A majestic century from wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant powered India to 454/7 in the pre-Lunch session of the second day of first Test against England, at Headingley Leeds.

England skipper Ben Stokes grabbed his fourth wicket of the innings and Shardul Thakur became his latest prey and departed for one just before lunch. Before this, England got their biggest breakthrough of the day as Josh Tongue removed Rishabh Pant for 134.

Shubman Gill was out after a captain's innings of 147. He was caught on deep square leg on 147, off Shoaib Bashir in the 102nd over.

India started the second day at 359/3 with Gill not out on 127. Pant was on the other end, unbeaten on 62.

India crossed the 400 runs mark in the 96th over and had not lost a wicket when drinks were called. Pant brought up his sev-



enth test century with a six, in the 100th over, and surpassed former Indian skipper MS Dhoni to score the most centuries by a wicketkeeper-batter for India.

Karun Nair joined Pant in the middle after Gill's dismissal. Nair, who made a comeback after eight years in Test cricket, departed for a duck. England skipper Ben Stokes grabbed his third wicket of the innings. Ravindra Jadeja joined Pant in the middle. India crossed the 450 runs-mark in the 106th over with Rishabh Pant 132 (173) and Ravindra Jadeja 1 (1). Pant was next to go and his third century in England included 12 fours and six sixes. After Pant's dismissal, Shardul Thakur joined Jadeja in the middle and did not last long.

India were 454/7 at Lunch with Ravindra Jadeja unbeaten on 2.

Brief score: India 454/7 (Shubman Gill 147, Rishabh Pant 134; Ben Stokes 4/66). Vs England. (ANI)



Pant overtakes Dhoni, becomes Indian wicketkeeper-batter with most Test tons

LEEDS [UK] : Rishabh Pant on Saturday surpassed MS Dhoni to register the most Test centuries by an Indian wicketkeeper-batter and continued his good show in what are regarded as tough wickets in countries outside Asia. Pant reached the milestone during India's first Test against England at Leeds. In his innings, Pant smashed 134 in 178 balls, with 12 fours and six sixes. His runs came at a strike rate of over 75. Pant now has seven centuries overtaking Dhoni, who has six Test centuries. This is also his fifth century in SENA (South Africa, England, New Zealand and Australia) conditions, the most by an Asian batter. Three of these centuries have come in England and one each have come in Australia and South Africa. Also, he has equalled with Sri Lankan legend Kumar Sangakkara (seven centuries) for most centuries in Tests as a designated keeper among all Asian countries.

Pant has also levelled with former Indian skipper Sourav Ganguly to have the joint third-most Test centuries in England (three each). The highest number of centuries by an Indian in England is by Rahul Dravid (6), followed by Sachin Tendulkar (4) and Dilip Vengasarkar (4).

This is the fourth instance of three Indian players scoring a century in an innings outside Asia, with the trio of Pant, Shubman Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal joining the trio of Sunil Gavaskar, Kris Srikkanth and Mohinder Amarnath (Australia, 1986 at Sydney), Rahul Dravid, Virender Sehwag and Ganguly (England, 2002 at Leeds) and Sehwag, Dravid and Mohammed Kaif (West Indies, 2006, Gros Islet).

This is also the third instance of Pant reaching a Test century with a six - all three off English spinners (Adil Rashid, Joe Root, & Shoaib Bashir). For India, only Sachin Tendulkar has done it more often (six times), while Rohit Sharma also did it thrice.

Earlier on Friday, Pant also completed his 3,000 Test runs, becoming the second Indian wicketkeeper-batter to do so after Dhoni and overtook Dhoni to become Asia's most successful wicketkeeper-batter in SENA on the basis of run count.

India ended the first session of day two at 454/7, with Ravindra Jadeja (2*) unbeaten. Skipper Gill (147 in 227 balls, with 19 fours and a six) and Yashasvi Jaiswal (101 in 159 balls, with 16 fours) stood out with their tons. While Karun Nair registered a duck on his return to international cricket after eight years, Shardul Thakur also failed to fire.

England skipper Ben Stokes (4/66) stood out among bowlers, helping England get some respite in this session with quick wickets.

A LOOK AT DAY FOUR RESULTS OF 1ST HOCKEY INDIA MASTERS CUP 2025

CHENNAI (TAMIL NADU) : The day 4 of the 1st Hockey India Masters Cup 2025 saw some exciting matches as Hockey Association of Odisha and Hockey Punjab in the women's category secured another victory in the tournament. In the men's category, Hockey Chandigarh and Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu had an eventful day after registering a win in their respective matches, as per a Hockey India press release. In the first match on Saturday, Hockey Association of Odisha defeated Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu 2-1 in a closely contest, in the women's category. Sarita Lakra (17', 27') scored a match-winning brace for Hockey Association of Odisha, while Saumya (28') tried to narrow down the goal difference with her consolation goal for Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu. In the other match, Hockey Punjab defeated Hockey Haryana 1-0 in a nail-biting thriller, in the women's category. Both teams showed grit and stopped each other for most of the game without scoring. But, it was Captain Amandeep Kaur (52') who finally managed to sneak past Hockey Haryana's defence and scored the only goal of the match for Hockey Punjab. In the first match of the men's category, Hockey Chandigarh defeated Manipur Hockey 5-1. Sanjiv Kumar (19'), Harvinder Singh (23'), Ravinder Singh (24'), Vikram Saini (49') and Amit Singh Rajput (58') scored one goal each for Hockey Chandigarh. On the other hand, Pangambam Priyokumar Singh (25') could only score for Manipur Hockey. In the last match of the day, the Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu defeated Hockey Andhra Pradesh 11-0, in the men's category. Captain Adam Antony Sinclair (9', 38') and Cedric Marcellin D Cruz (43', 52') together scored four out of the eleven goals in the match. Besides the same, Raman R (3'), Govthaman (13'), Sudharsan S (20'), Ramesh Nallamuthu (22'), Vinothkumar (30'), Ramadoss V (52') and Vinoth Kumar AP (57') also contributed with one goal each to take the game further away from Hockey Andhra Pradesh.

"Maybe once I hit 95 m...": Neeraj on breaking coach Zelenzy's world record

PARIS [FRANCE] : After securing the first spot in the Paris Diamond League, India's world champion and Olympic gold medalist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra spoke on breaking the records of his coach Jan Zelezny, saying that he needs to keep working and will only talk about it after touching 95 m.

Chopra once again proved his dominance on the global stage, winning the Paris Diamond League title on Friday night (local time) with a commanding first-round throw of 88.16 metres. Despite three no-marks in the middle rounds, his opening effort was enough to keep him on top throughout the competition.

With Zelezny in his corner, who holds the world record in men's javelin throw with 98.48 m effort in 1996, Neeraj touched the 90 m for the first time in his career as he came second at the Doha Diamond League last month.

Speaking after his win at the Olympics.com, he said, "I was hoping for over 90m today, but my run-up was very fast and I could not control my speed. Still, I am very happy with the position as I won a Diamond League again after a long time."

Neeraj said that working with Zelezny made a much bigger impact than technical improvements in his training, and they are



"working on some techniques".

"If I am training under Jan, I have to throw over 90m - he has done it more than 52 times," he added. Neeraj, who managed six throws in a 89 m range under his former coach Klaus Bartonietz, also spoke on whether breaking the world record was on his radar.

"First, I have to break some of his (lesser)

records. The stadium record (in Paris of 91.40m set in 1993) belonged to my coach. I told him I felt good today, but it is really hard to beat him," Chopra said.

"He has thrown 98m, and so many over 90. Maybe once I hit 95m, then I can start to say something - but right now, I need to keep working," he added.

Neeraj's next event will be on June 24, the Ostrava Golden Spike athletics meet in Czechia. It will be followed by the Neeraj Chopra Classic at home in early July.

Neeraj is also steadily building up for the World Athletics Championships this year in Tokyo, where he is set to defend the gold he won back in 2023 at Budapest.

"The main target this year is the World Championships in Tokyo. I did really well there during the Olympics, and it is a stadium that feels special to me," he said.

The World Championships will be held from September 13 to 21.

"I would not say I'm aiming for gold - I just want to give my best without putting pressure on myself. At every new competition, I do not think too much about what I have done before - I just focus on the present day," Neeraj concluded. (ANI)

"I'm so angry": Jackson apologises to fans after picking up red card during Chelsea's surprising defeat

PHILADELPHIA [US] : Chelsea forward Nicolas Jackson apologised to fans for his reckless challenge on Flamengo's Ayrton Lucas, due to which he received a red card during their Club World Cup 3-1 defeat at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.

After Pedro Neto's 13th-minute strike powered Chelsea to a 1-0 lead, Flamengo retaliated in the second half with two quick-fire goals in a span of three minutes. Chelsea's hope to script a comeback faded into thin air after Jackson was shown a red card.

In the 68th minute, with high studs, Jackson caught Ayrton's foot and was shown a red card in the aftermath of the challenge. He took to social media to apologise to Chelsea fans and stated that he is "angry" at himself for his actions that were not intentional.

"I want to say sorry. To the club, the staff, my teammates, and all the fans watching, I let you down. Another red card and honestly, I'm so angry at myself. I work hard every day to help the team not to put us in this kind of situation. I still don't fully under-

stand how it happened. But one thing is clear: it wasn't intentional," Jackson wrote on Instagram.

"Just a football moment that went the wrong way. No excuses. I take full responsibility. I'll reflect, I'll grow, and I'll come back stronger for the badge and for everyone who believes in me. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry," he concluded.

Flamengo went on to find the back of the net once again through Wallace Yan in the 83rd minute to end the contest with a 3-1 victory.

Following the defeat, Chelsea dropped to the second spot with three points.

Chelsea head coach Enzo Maresca reacted to Jackson's red card and said, as quoted by Sky Sports, "It was a red card, so nothing to say."

However, Chelsea defender Marc Cucurella defended Jackson for his action and said, "It is a bit of bad luck. He tried to put his foot in to kick the ball but he kicked the player's leg. That's it. We now miss him for the next game. He is a young player with a lot of quality, and maybe he needs to improve this. We are not perfect, it's part of the game." (ANI)



Indian Open of Surfing: Srikanth D claims men's title

MANGALORE [KARNATAKA], : Tamil Nadu's Srikanth D clinched the Men's Open title while Kamali Moorthy defended both her titles in the Women's Open and Groms Girls (U-16) categories at the 6th Indian Open of Surfing, the second leg of the 2025 National Surfing Championship Series which concluded in Mangalore.

On Friday, Prahlad Sriram of Tamil Nadu also secured the title in the Groms Boys (U-16) category. Organized by the Surfing Swami Foundation and hosted by Mantra Surf Club under the aegis of the Surfing Federation of India, the national championship once again highlighted Tamil Nadu's dominance in all four categories. Originally scheduled from May 30 to June 1, the competition had to be postponed due to adverse weather conditions in Mangalore. It was later held behind closed doors, with only participants and officials in attendance, as per a press release. -Srikanth D Emerges as New Men's Champion

After finishing second in last year's final, Srikanth D returned stronger and more focused, with a winning score of 14.63, edging out reigning national champion Ramesh Budilal, who finished second with 11.87.



Sivaraj Babu (9.77) and Sanjay Selvamani (7.07) rounded off the top four.

-Double Delight for Kamali Moorthy

Defending champion Kamali Moorthy continued her reign as India's leading female surfer,

Prahlad Sriram Makes Waves in Groms Boys (U-16)

In the Groms Boys (U-16) final, Prahlad Sriram emerged victorious with a total of 11.06, narrowly beating Harish P (9.67) and Som Sethi (9.30). The contest in this category was particularly close, highlighting the depth of young surfing talent in India.

-Delayed but Determined: A Successful Edition

The event was originally scheduled to be held from May 30 to June 1, 2025, but had to be postponed due to adverse weather and rough sea conditions caused by early monsoon activity and cyclonic disturbances in the Arabian Sea. Despite the disruptions, the organising committee, comprising the Surfing Swami Foundation, Mantra Surf Club, and Surfing Federation of India (SFI) ensured that the championship resumed later in a more controlled format, giving athletes a fair and safe platform to compete. "While the event had to be rescheduled and scaled down, the quality of surfing remained exceptional. The Indian Open of Surfing, the second stop on the National Surfing Championship Series, faced some delays, but we were committed to ensuring that the competition took place, as cancelling it would have impacted the surfers' national rankings," said Rammohan Paranjape, Vice President of Surfing Federation of India and Director of Mantra Surf Club. Though it was a low-key event held behind closed doors, the spirit of competition and the passion displayed by the athletes were truly inspiring. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the winners and commend every participant for competing with such dedication and resilience," he added. (ANI)

In the Groms Girls final, Kamali delivered a spectacular performance, posting the highest heat total of the event--a staggering 15.50--to seal her title defence. The young sensation finished well ahead of Aadya Singh (2.36) and Saanvi Hegde (2.20).

MLC: MATTHEW SHORT, FINN ALLEN SHINE AS SAN FRANCISCO UNICORNS DEFEAT TEXAS SUPER KINGS BY 7 WICKETS

TEXAS [US] : A whirlwind partnership between stand-in skipper Matthew Short and an inform Finn Allen outshined a terrific century from Faf Du Plessis to ensure the San Francisco Unicorns chase down 199 against at Dallas' Grand Prairie Stadium continuing their dominant run in the third season of the Cognizant Major League Cricket, according to a release from MLC.

The Super Kings' diverse bowling attack was taken to all parts as the Unicorns' new opening pair put on 117 runs in just 8.3 overs to set the stage for a quick finish to the game.

They did not spare any bowler, especially taking on the star-spinner Noor Ahmad, damaging his stats with a whopping 50 runs off 4 overs.

The onslaught also made sure Allen not only bolstered his current lead at the top of the batting leaderboard but also became the highest run-scorer in the league's history.

While Allen's assault felt like deja vu from his world-record knock in the season opener, it was his opening partner, Matthew Short -- stepping in as stand-in skipper for the injured Corey Anderson -- who launched the initial counter-attack on the Unicorns with brute force.

Short smashed a blistering 61 off just 29 deliveries before Daryl Mitchell's persistence with wider deliveries outside off-stump finally brought his innings to an end.

As Allen and another power-house, Fraser-McGurk, came together, it was the Unicorns'



match to lose.

While they weren't there to hit the winning shot, their hitting spree made sure the Unicorns

asserted their dominance by inflicting the Super Kings their first defeat by 7 wickets and remaining atop the leaderboard.

Earlier, the Unicorns opted to field first in the season's first game at The Grand Prairie. A sparkling start from captain Faf

Du Plessis made the powerplay woes disappear as the Super Kings amassed 71 off the first six overs.

Du Plessis and Conway put on 97 before Haris Rauf extended his wickets column as the leading wicket-taker, sending Conway back.

However, that didn't deter a determined Faf du Plessis, who went on to blaze his way to a stunning century off just 51 deliveries, peppering the boundary rope 13 times.

Emerging U.S. batter Sai Mukkamalla provided valuable support with a brisk 38 off 24 balls. But just as the Super Kings seemed destined to cruise past the 200 mark -- especially with Du Plessis in full flair -- Xavier and Haris Rauf delivered crucial breakthroughs that stemmed the

run flow. In the end, the Super Kings fell just 2 runs short of the milestone.

While the Super Kings were outsmarted today, they will look to mark their comeback stronger and entertain their home crowd at Dallas against Washington Freedom this Sunday.

Meanwhile, the table-toppers San Francisco Unicorns will seek to extend their unbeaten lead as they face MI New York on Monday.

Match Summary: SF Unicorns won by 7 wickets (with 23 balls remaining)

TSK: 198/5 (Faf Du Plessis 100, Saiteja Mukkamalla 38, Devon Conway 23, Xavier Bartlett 31/2, Haris Rauf 34/2)

SFU: 202/3 (Finn Allen 78, Matthew Short 61, Fraser-McGurk 37, Adam Milne 24/1).