

the NIA said. The two men had provided food, shelter and logistical support to the terrorists, who selectively killed the tourists on the basis of their religious identity on April 22, making it one of the most gruesome terrorist attacks ever. The NIA has arrested the duo under Section 19 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

A delightful event organized by Daffodils in collaboration with Gitanjali

MI News Service, Kolkata: A special musical evening was held at Sharat Sadan, Howrah on Saturday, June 21, 2025. The melodious queen Aarti Mukherjee and popular vocalist Nachiketa Chakra barty were present at this wonderful event organized by Daffodils and in collaboration with Gitanjali. Joint Commissioner of the Revenue Department of the Government of West Bengal and renowned photo artist Anupam Halder was present at the event. He felicitated the renowned singer Raghav Chatterjee and handed over a special photograph taken by him to Aarti Mukherjee. Also present on the stage were the director of Iconic Event Planner and actress and model Sathi Sarkar. Rupankar Bagchi, Anvesha Banerjee and Jhumki Sen.

Four killed, 18 injured after MUV rams into dumper in Gokarna

MI News Service, Murshidabad: At least four people, including three women, were killed and 18 injured when a people carrier multi-utility vehicle hit a dumper from behind at Gokarna in West Bengal's Murshidabad district on Sunday, a police officer said. The driver of the hired vehicle also died in the accident that happened on the state highway that occurred at 10.30 am under the jurisdiction of Kandi police station, he said. Among the four dead, three were women, the police officer said. Among the 18 injured, 14 people were taken to Murshidabad Medical College and Hospital, a senior health department official said.

Major fire breaks out at paint unit in Barasat

MI News Service, Barasat: A fire broke out at a paint factory and its godown in Barasat in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district on Saturday evening, police said. At least 20 fire tenders were pressed into service to douse the blaze that erupted at the paint-manufacturing facility in Bamunmora area of Barasat, they said. There were no reports of any injury so far, a police officer said. "The fire broke out around 7.30 pm. It spread fast because of the presence of highly inflammable materials inside... 20 fire tenders and a large number of police personnel are at the spot," he said, adding, the adjacent area was evacuated.

Two killed, several injured in crude bomb blast during clashes in Birbhum

MI News Service, Birbhum: Two persons were killed when crude bombs, allegedly being manufactured by them, exploded in West Bengal's Birbhum district, police said on Saturday. A number of people were also injured in the blast, police added. The incident reportedly took place on Friday night during clashes between two groups over local dominance at Hatia village in the district's Labhapur block.

Push for new road to Darjeeling

Consultant to prepare DPR on alternative route

MI News Service, Darjeeling: The Centre has engaged a consultant to prepare a detailed project report for an alternative road to Darjeeling town from Teesta Bazar. "I am pleased to inform that I have received official communication from the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways, Shri Ajay Tamta, confirming that a consultant has been engaged to prepare Detailed Project Report (DPR) for alternative connectivity to Darjeeling town to Teesta, via Lebong and Dabai Pani," Darjeeling BJP MP Raju Bista said in a written statement on Saturday.

Darjeeling virtually crawls during peak tourism seasons, with commuters having to spend nearly 2.5 hours to cover an 8km stretch from Ghoom to Darjeeling. This is because all roads to Darjeeling from Gangtok/Kalimpong, Siliguri/Kurseong, Mirik or even fringe areas like Mungpoo and Takdah pass through the Ghoom-Darjeeling stretch. The preparation of the



DPR is considered the first concrete step towards setting up the alternative route to Darjeeling. Bista had raised the issue in Par-

liament on April 2, 2025, and informed that Darjeeling, one of India's major tourist destinations, was connected by NH110, which was heavily congested and difficult to expand.

"This road currently caters for nearly 14,000 vehicles daily, which is double the carrying capacity. So, it is essential to develop alternative routes to ensure smooth and safe travel for residents and tourists alike," said Bista. The proposal is to set up a 35km-long alternative route from Lebong. The route lies in the opposite direction to Ghoom. The Gorkhaland Territorial Administration (GTA) is also keen on developing the new road. The hill body also wants to complete another 13km-long stretch from Lebong to 3rd Mile via Pandam and Rangaroon tea gardens.

Industry leaders want Malda declared 'mango hub' of Bengal

MI News Service, Malda: The Malda Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MMCCI) has written to Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, urging the central government to officially declare Malda as the "mango hub" of West Bengal. In the letter, MMCCI president Ujjal Saha highlighted that Malda already has Geographical Indication (GI) tags for three prominent mango varieties—Laxmanbhog (111), Himsagar (112), and Fazli (113)—while a fourth variety, Aswina, is currently under GI registration. He informed the finance minister that the district produces nearly 5 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of mangoes annually, contributing to a total of approximately 15 lakh MT produced across West Bengal. "Malda is widely known as 'Mango City' due to its historic and commercial significance in mango cultivation, even earning mention during the Mughal era," Mr Saha said.

According to him, over 32,000 hectares of land in Malda are under mango cultivation this season, directly engaging around 5 lakh people, with another 5 lakh indirectly involved in allied activities such as processing, transportation, marketing, and packaging. MMCCI noted that the market for Malda mangoes is expanding globally with active support from the food processing industries and horticulture department of West Bengal and the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). Recently, the West Bengal chief secretary and the Malda district magistrate visited mango orchards and the Pack House in Malda, which has now received Rs 84 lakh for modernisation.

The MMCCI stressed that declaring Malda as a Mango Hub would facilitate infrastructure development for mango collection, storage, grading, and phytosanitary certification. "Setting up mango-based food processing and MSME units will strengthen the local economy, generate employment, and help reduce migration-related issues," Mr Saha added. The proposal also aims to benefit neighbouring districts such as Murshidabad and Nadia, while supporting Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and small enterprises engaged in mango-related products.

Three Workers from West Bengal Stranded in Iran

Amid Escalating Conflict, Families in tension



MI News Service, Shantipur (Nadia) : Amid the ongoing conflict between Iran and Israel, three migrant workers from West Bengal's Nadia district have been stranded in Iran, causing growing concern among their families back home. The individuals Amirul Sheikh, Ashrafur Sheikh, and Saber Ali Sheikh, all residents of the Gopalpur Mel Street area under Shantipur Police Station, had travelled to Iran over the past few years in search of livelihood. According to family members, one left around two and a half years ago, while the others followed roughly a year later. All three had been employed at gold jewellery shops in Iran. With the recent escalation of tensions in the region, they had made plans to return to India and had even booked flight tickets. However, due to the dete-

riorating security situation and air travel disruptions, their return journey had to be cancelled. Family members report that communication has been severely hampered in recent days due to unstable internet and mobile networks in Iran. "We last spoke to him a few days ago. Since then, we've had no contact," said a relative of Amirul Sheikh. "They wanted to come home. Tickets were booked. But the war has made that impossible." The families are living in constant fear, with little information about the safety and well-being of their loved ones. "We just want them to come back safe," said another relative, appealing for intervention. It remains unclear whether the State or Central Government has taken any official steps to assist in bringing the stranded workers back home.

270th Birth Anniversary of Samuel Hahnemann Celebrated



MI News Service, Kolkata: The 50th foundation celebration of the Homeopathic Medical Association of India (HMAI) commenced with an event organized by its Sealdah branch. On this occasion, the 270th birth anniversary of Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, the father of homeopathy, and the birth anniversary of eminent homeopath Dr. J. N. Kanjilal were celebrated at Nalban Food Park. The event was inaugurated by West Bengal's Fisheries Minister, Mr. Biplab Roy Chowdhury. Noted homeopathic physician Dr. Ashok Kumar Pradhan was specially felicitated for his significant contributions to homeopathic treatment. He was recently honored at the national level in Jaipur, Rajasthan, as the best doctor for practicing

single medicine treatment following Hahnemann's methods. Dr. Pradhan shared insights into that achievement during the event. Dr. Saidul Islam, Secretary of HMAI Sealdah branch, elaborated on Dr. Ashok Pradhan's contributions beyond medicine, highlighting his active involvement in social work and his support to institutions like the Ramakrishna Mission as a social reformer. Minister Biplab Roy Chowdhury, in his speech, described homeopathy as a scientifically valid system of treatment. He mentioned that historical figures such as Rabin-drath Tagore, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, and Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay practiced homeopathy, and he himself remains healthy at his age thanks to it.

From Darjeeling to Everest: Teenager summits world's highest peak

MI News Service, Darjeeling: She is all of 18 and has the world at her feet. Pratima Rai, a student of St Joseph's College, Darjeeling, and a resident of Ghoom, who was part of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) Mount Everest Expedition 2025, returned home on Saturday after successfully summiting the world's highest peak. She reached the summit of Mount Everest (8,848 metres above sea level) at 3am on May 18, accompanied by her Sherpa guide, and spent nearly 30 minutes at the peak.

"It was a tough expedition. We prayed at the summit, took photographs and began our descent. We reached base camp two days later (May 20)," Pratima told reporters in Siliguri on arriving at the

Bagdogra Airport from Delhi on Saturday. Pratima was received by officials of the NCC group headquarters of Darjeeling and Sikkim, who supported her throughout the training and expedition. "My next focus is on completing college. After that, I will think about my future plans," said Pratima, acknowledging the support she received from the NCC and her college. Pratima's journey to Everest was anything but easy. She was one of the 10 final climbers selected from an initial pool of 100 cadets. The pan-Indian selection process started in August 2024. The team underwent rigorous high-altitude training, including a preparatory climb of Mt Abi Gamin (7,355 metres) in Uttarakhand.



LGBTQ community people participate in a Pride rally demanding equal rights in Kolkata on Sunday .

Counting Arrangements Finalised for Kaliganj Bye-Poll



MI News Service, Krishnagar: The District Election Officer has issued detailed guidelines and arrangements for the counting of votes in the Bye-Election to the 80-Kaliganj Assembly Constituency, scheduled for June 23. As per official figures, the voter turnout stood at 73.36%. The counting will take place at Panigata Uma Das Memorial High School beginning at 8:00 AM. Two dedicated counting halls have been arranged one for EVM votes and Postal Ballots, and another for ETPBS scanning. A total of 9 tables per hall have been set up, with 23 rounds of counting expected. Officials clarified that each counting table for EVM votes will be staffed by one Counting Supervisor, one Counting Assistant, and one Micro Observer. Tables assigned to Postal Ballot counting will include an additional Counting Assistant. CCTV coverage has been implemented across the counting center for monitoring the movement of Electronic Voting

Machines (EVMs), VVPATs, and related documents. Strict eligibility criteria have been outlined for appointment as counting agents. Government employees, public representatives, and individuals with official security cover are barred from acting as agents. Contesting candidates have been advised to ensure that agents are over 18 years of age and carry valid ID cards issued by the Returning Officer. In total, 24 Counting Supervisors, 27 Counting Assistants, and 24 Micro Observers will oversee the counting process, backed by CAPF and armed police for law and order maintenance. Additional AROs have also been deployed for enhanced oversight. The counting process will be conducted under the watch of Hon'ble Observers appointed by the Election Commission of India. A Media Facilitation Centre has been set up at the venue, with access restricted to one print media person per outlet and two for each television channel.

Tension Grips Nadia's Tehatta as Over 100 Youths Stranded in War-Hit Israel

MI News Service, Tehatta (Nadia) : Amid the escalating conflict between Iran and Israel, anxiety is mounting in West Bengal's Nadia district as over 100 migrant workers from Tehatta remain stranded in various parts of Israel. Most of them had travelled to the Middle Eastern nation in search of better livelihood opportunities, working as construction labourers. With missile attacks intensifying and the region's safety deteriorating rapidly, their families back home are spending sleepless nights. According to sources, at least 30 workers from Lalbazar in Betai are currently in Israel, while more than a hundred youths from Betai 1 and Betai 2 Gram Panchayat areas are believed to be working across different cities in the conflict zone. Family members say they are maintaining contact with their loved ones through WhatsApp calls and video chats, but with each passing day, the fear grows stronger. "My two sons Sanjib and Sujit are working in Israel. They said missile alerts go off suddenly and they rushed into underground bunkers," said Goshto Charan Biswas, a resident of Betai. "We can do nothing but pray for their safe return," he added. Many of the workers had taken loans up to Rs 5 lakh to pay local agents for overseas jobs. Sadananda Halder, another youth from Lalbazar, had left for Israel three months ago. His mother, Aduri Halder, who borrowed heavily to fund his travel, said she checks in with him multiple times a day via WhatsApp, trying to ensure his safety. "My husband Debraj is stuck there. Every minute I fear for his life," said Bithika Bhakta, another resident of Betai. While the stranded workers report that they are safe for now and have access to food and water, the constant alerts and missile threats have made daily life a struggle.



College Girl Marries Outside Religion, Family Holds 'Shraddh' for Her in Nadia

MI News Service, Krishnaganj (Nadia) : In a shocking case of familial estrangement, a college student in Nadia district was declared "dead" by her own family after she married a man from another religion, allegedly against their wishes. The family not only conducted her symbolic shraddh (a Hindu death ritual) but also invited neighbours and relatives for a traditional feast to mark the occasion. The incident took place at the Khatara Uttarpara area in Krishnaganj, where the girl, a first-year undergraduate student, reportedly tied the knot with a youth from a different faith without her family's consent. The family had earlier selected a groom of their choice, and preliminary discussions regarding the alliance had begun. However, the girl chose to marry someone else, triggering strong resentment at home. According to sources, her father, who



works in Israel, was deeply distressed after hearing of her decision. Family members said that with his approval, they removed all of the girl's belongings, including clothes, books, and documents, and set them ablaze. On Saturday, 12 days after she left home, the family conducted a shraddh ceremony complete with rituals, head-shaving by male relatives, and distribution of food to invitees. "She left us with no choice. She dishonoured the family. So, as per our tradition, we consider her dead," said the girl's uncle, Somnath Biswas. "We had even brought her back once before, but she ran away again. We can't forgive that anymore." The girl's mother echoed the sentiment, stating, "She has humiliated us. This is our way of expressing protest." The bizarre act has left locals stunned, with many questioning the extreme step taken by the family.

Rugby passport
for city team to
explore French
cities & dreams

MI News Service, Kolkata: Many girls do not have the right to choose their future, but they have struggled to become independent, said a 24-year-old woman to an audience in Lille, France.

Sandhya Rai, a rugby player from Kolkata, is leading a group from the city on a 10-day visit to France, participating in the 20th anniversary celebrations of Decathlon Foundation that supports people in vulnerable situations through sport. Students from city NGOs Future Hope and Don Bosco Ashalayam, supported by the Foundation, have been invited to the 20th anniversary celebrations in Lille.

Sandhya, a former captain of the Indian Under-18 women's rugby team and current vice-captain of the senior national team, knows what it means to fight for space. Her father works in a tea garden near Siliguri, and she has overcome financial and social hurdles to carve a place in the world of rugby. "There are thousands of young people without shelter or parents. So many girls are denied the right to shape their future," she said during her speech last week. "Thanks to the Foundation, we now believe that sport can change lives, help us grow, and make us stronger." Sandhya received a scholarship for her higher studies from Future Hope, where she also interns as a physical training instructor. The girls from Future Hope who have accompanied Sandhya to France are also from families who struggle to make ends meet. Sport has been their passport to visiting Lille, Montreal and Paris. In Lille, the students not only attended the anniversary event but also showcased a performance and taught rugby skills — like passing and tackling — to French children. They have also been enjoying local delicacies like baguettes and croissants. The group is currently in Montreal.

One Class IX girl, whose father is a carpenter, shared her excitement: "It was my first flight ever."

The spirit of B2
Bomber Trump's
triumphant arsenal

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comparable to that of a small bird, 'allowing it to operate undetected by most enemy radar systems. RANGE

Powered by four General Electric F118-GE-100 turbofan engines, the B-2 can fly at high subsonic speeds with a service ceiling of 50,000 feet. Its range without refueling is approximately 6,000 nautical miles, extendable to about 10,000 with aerial refueling. This allows for intercontinental missions launched directly from the US — as was the case in past operations over Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and now, Iran.

A history
Built during the late 1980s at the peak of Cold War military planning, the B-2's production run was sharply curtailed after the fall of the Soviet Union. Of the 132 originally planned, only 21 were built. At a cost of \$2.1 billion per unit, it remains the most expensive military aircraft ever produced. Its deployment in the recent Iran operation demonstrated the strategic flexibility of the bomber. "Six bunker buster bombs were used on Iran's Fordow research site," reports said, confirming the aircraft's unique ability to engage high-value, heavily protected infrastructure. In addition to conventional missions, the B-2 is a part of America's nuclear triad. It can carry up to 16 B83 nuclear bombs, further solidifying its role as a core element of US strategic deterrence.



SUCI(C) activists took part in a anti-war rally 'march at the US Embassy' to protest the US attack on Iran, in Kolkata on Sunday.

13-yr-old girl from Dum Dum dies of dengue

MI News Service, Kolkata: A 13-year-old girl from Dum Dum Cantonment, who had been hospitalised for 10 days, died of dengue.

Saroni Banerjee's death certificate from the private hospital listed "septic shock and dengue shock syndrome" as the immediate cause of death. It also cited "multi-organ failure" and "disseminated intravascular coagulation". The girl's mother said the Class VII student returned from school with a fever on June 9. The family had visited Digba about a fortnight ago, she said.

The family consulted a local doctor, but when the fever persisted, they admitted her to a hospital run by the South Dum Dum Municipality on June 17. "Her condition kept worsening. Though

the hospital ran several tests, we were not shown the results. The doctors informed us on June 19 that she had further deteriorated and needed life support," Saroni's mother Geetika Dey Banerjee told The Telegraph. The family then took her to a private hospital in Dum Dum, and later shifted her to a "less expensive hospital" in Topsia. "The first hospital in Dum Dum charged us ₹3,000 in two hours. We would not have been able to afford it," said Geetika.

She works as a field-level health worker with the Dum Dum Municipality. Among her duties is monitoring and destroying mosquito breeding sites and counselling residents to keep their neighbourhoods clean.

Geetika's husband works as a plumber for a company in Mad-

hyamgram. Neighbours of the family in Gorabazar's Manujendra Dutta Road said they were not happy with vector control work in the area. Piles of solid waste lie strewn on vacant plots in the area and are rarely cleared, they alleged. Experts said even a small container can become a mosquito-breeding ground if rainwater is left undisturbed in it for seven days.

Harendra Singh, chairperson of the Dum Dum Municipality, said two dengue cases have been reported from the municipal area this year. "Saroni was one of the two dengue cases reported this year," he said. "We checked the surrounding areas after she tested positive for dengue, but could not find any mosquito larvae. But we are continuing with our vector-

control work," he said. Calcutta's mayor Firhad Hakim said in the Assembly on Thursday that 115 dengue cases had been reported from the city this year. The number was lower compared with the past few years, he said. But experts warned that any complacency would lead to a surge in cases, especially with the arrival of the monsoon and a rise in the volume of rainfall predicted by the Met office. The website of the World Health Organisation (WHO) says that dengue virus is transmitted to humans through the bites of infected female mosquitoes, primarily the Aedes aegypti mosquito. The WHO suggests "disposing of solid waste properly and removing artificial man-made habitats that can hold water" to prevent mosquito breeding.

Allowance on hold: School
staff plan to move court



MI News Service, Kolkata: The terminated Group C and Group D employees are planning to move court for their allowances, which were put on hold till September 26 by the high court.

The Bengal government had decided to provide sacked Group C and D employees of aided schools monthly allowances of ₹25,000 and ₹20,000, respectively. Interim stay came during a hearing of petitions filed by wait-listed candidates and those who failed the 2016 written tests conducted by the school service commission.

The petitioners contended that they were not hired due to alleged irregularities in the process, and therefore should also receive allowances.

Amit Mondal, a former Group C employee, said

they were seeking legal opinion on whether they could be a party to the case being heard by Justice Amrita Sinha. "If we don't receive the allowance, how will we survive? We want to be part of the case so we can present our grievances before the court. We want to ask the court to direct the state government to disburse the allowances fairly," said Mondal.

"There are thousands of candidates who were not fraudulently appointed, yet their jobs were scrapped by the Supreme Court... Why should we suffer because of the recruitment of some tainted candidates? If the state government could not protect our jobs, it is obligated to provide us with a monthly allowance."

More CCTVs: Councillors use
MPLADS funds for ward security

MI News Service, Kolkata: A councillor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) in central Kolkata has installed over 160 CCTVs in her ward using the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) fund assigned to the ward. Some other councillors are also planning to do the same. MPLADS funds are routed through the KMC. Usually, the funds are given for developing roads, footpaths, building bus shelters, developing water supply or drainage infrastructure. Funds for CCTVs show the changing priorities in a changing city, said KMC sources. A senior officer of Kolkata Police said they welcomed the step as it boosts police monitoring of their areas. Five monitors were installed in Muchipara police station to keep tabs on what the cameras were recording. Monalisa Banerjee, councillor of Ward 49 — where 167 CCTVs were installed over the last few months and became operational from end-May — said when the MP from North Calcutta asked her how she wanted to use the funds, she sought a couple of days. "I felt I needed to do something for which I would not get funds from the KMC," she said. The KMC provides funds for repairing footpaths, beautification and gardening, besides building or repairing infrastructure; but the civic body is not known for releasing funds to install CCTVs, she said. "Sudip Bandyopadhyay (the North Kolkata MP) lauded the idea," she said. Biswarup Dey, councillor of neighbouring Ward 48, is also exploring installation of more CCTVs in his ward, which includes the jewellery hub of Bowbazar. "The gold merchants of Bowbazar have already requested the installation of more CCTVs. I have also received a verbal request from Muchipara police station. I

will soon talk to police for a written request so that I can explore the possibility of MPLADS," Dey said. All MPs use a part of their annual funds for developing local amenities. For doing so, they seek proposals from councillors and MLAs in their constituencies. CCTVs will increase security for residents, traders and visitors to the ward, Banerjee said. Ward 49 covers areas bordering Sealdah station. It is bound by Surya Sen Street in the north, BB Ganguly Street in the south, APC Road in the east, and Amherst Street in the west. The area has many hotels and markets. Lakhs use Sealdah station every day. CCTVs can help record and detect any criminal activity, said Banerjee.

Once the MPLADS funds arrived early last year, she contacted Muchipara police station and informed them about the plan. "The proposal went to Lalbazar and the tenders for installing CCTVs were floated by the Kolkata Police headquarters. I handed over the money to the Police. The location of the CCTVs were decided in consultation with them," she said. "Our objective was to ensure that there were no blind spots," Banerjee said. Kolkata Police has already installed many CCTVs, most of them on arterial roads with heavy traffic. More CCTVs will add to the monitoring, police officers said. "We welcome this step. We also encourage residents to install CCTVs as it helps in policing and in detecting unlawful activities," said Indira Mukherjee, deputy commissioner of police (central division). No CCTV should be aimed at anyone's home, officers said. An officer of Muchipara police station said CCTVs had many functions. "It works as a deterrent for someone planning a crime because the person realises everything is being recorded," said the officer.

School education dept mulls new plan

MI News Service, Kolkata: The school education department has asked the district inspectors (DIs) of schools to verify the credentials of sacked schoolteachers and non-teaching staff seeking to return to their former government jobs.

The commissioner of the department, in a notice issued on June 20, asked the DIs to verify whether applicants had cleared the 2016 selection tests conducted by the school service commission, featured in the list of untainted candidates, and were in service till April 2 — the day before the Supreme Court terminated their jobs. The DIs have been asked to file their reports within three days. An educa-

tion department official said the Supreme Court, in its April 3 order, directed that the process of reinstating sacked but untainted candidates must be completed within three months of their application.

They had appeared for the 2016 recruitment tests for teaching positions in secondary and higher secondary government-aided schools. "We began receiving applications in mid-April. The verification process is underway through the DIs and should be completed within the deadline," said an education department official. A June 20 notice sent to the District Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education), or DISSE, said: "The

candidates who do not fall within the category of tainted candidates have been granted the opportunity to apply to their previous departments.... It appears that the candidates have submitted their applications to several authorities praying for joining in their previous services." "If the DISSE is satisfied (i) that the candidate was appointed under SLST (State Level Selection Tests) 2016/ RLST (Regional Level Selection Test) 2016 and (ii) that the candidate does not fall within the category of tainted candidates and (iii) that the candidate was in approved service in the school on 02.04.2025, then the DISSE will submit a report to the

(School Education) directorate in the attached format."

Teaching job aspirants took the SLST, and non-teaching candidates appeared for the RLST. Swapan Mandal, general secretary of the Bengal Teachers and Employees Association, said: "Although the Supreme Court allowed teachers 'not specifically found tainted' to return to schools until the end of the year and appear for fresh recruitment tests to retain their jobs beyond December 31, many are uncertain about clearing the tests. They want to return to their previous jobs." Sources in the department said that around 2,200 candidates have applied so far.

Ban on helicopter
services: Many Kolkatans
cancel trips to Amarnath



MI News Service, Kolkata: Several Calcuttans have cancelled their trips to Amarnath after the authorities banned helicopter services for this year's Yatra, citing security concerns. Tour operators said they had received multiple bookings for the Amarnath Yatra, but many were cancelled as the groups included elderly members who would need helicopter to reach the shrine.

The Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board recently announced there would be no helicopter services during the 2025 Amarnath Yatra, scheduled from July 1 to August 10. The ban applies to the Pahalgam and Baltal routes — the two main pathways to the Amarnath shrine in the south Kashmir Himalayas. The Jammu and Kashmir government issued a no-fly zone directive following recommendations from the Union home ministry. The restriction covers all forms of aviation, including helicopters, drones and balloons. As a result, pilgrims must now travel on foot or use ponies and palanquins to reach the shrine. The Amarnath Yatra is set to begin on July 3. The ban follows the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, where 25 tourists and a local pony handler were killed. Trips called off Dum Dum resident Amiya Kumar Sinha, 65, had booked the trip with his 60-year-old wife. "We have cancelled the trip and informed the tour operator. We had planned the Amarnath Yatra only because of the helicopter facility. Without it, travelling

on ponies or palanquins will be too difficult," said Sinha, a retired government employee. "This was our first Amarnath Yatra. We were looking forward to it." Joydeep Banerjee, 53, from Durgapur, also cancelled his plans. "I was going with elderly family members. Without helicopter access, it's not feasible," he said. His trip was scheduled from June 30 to July 7. G.P. Halder, who works for the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation, is going ahead with his plans, despite the inconvenience. "The helicopter ride would have been convenient. But I will go anyway. Too much money will be lost otherwise," said Halder, who is travelling with four family members. Tour operators said the ban on helicopter services had led to widespread cancellations from travellers in and around Calcutta. "The ban has led to several cancellations. We have suffered heavy financial losses," said Raktim Roy, managing director of Dolphin Travels. The travel agency had three groups of 35 people each for the Yatra this year. "Two groups have cancelled. Some members of a third group still want to go. We are yet to decide," said Roy. Yatrik Travels had bookings from two groups of 35. "Both groups have cancelled because the members were elderly. It will be difficult for them to travel by road, palanquins or ponies," said Nitish Chakraborty, proprietor of Yatrik Travels. Both groups were going on 10-day trips to Amarnath.

STF Kolkata & ATS Jharkhand bust
arms unit in Bokaro, 2 arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata/Bokaro: A joint team by the Special Task Force of Kolkata Police and the Anti-Terrorist Squad of their Jharkhand counterparts busted an improvised firearms manufacturing factory in a warehouse in front of a marriage hall in Bokaro.

Two persons were arrested during the raid. The team recovered six semi-finished pistols, nine pistol bodies, six pistol sliders, a lathe machine and several other items, including a grinding-polishing machine, 13 pistol barrel plates and ₹1 lakh in cash from the warehouse. The arrested duo have been identified as Keshav Prasad, 35 and Praven Kumar, 53. "No one had a clue what went on inside the warehouse in front of the marriage hall located at Jaridih Upper Bazar in Gandhinagar, Bokaro," a senior officer of Kolkata Police's Special Task Force said. "This was the 18th joint operation with the neighbouring states in the last three years, based on specific intelligence by the STF," he

added. Investigators said that of the two arrested, Praven hails from Munger in Bihar. Multiple police raids over the last few years across parts of Munger have allegedly forced manufacturers to shift their bases from Bihar to the neighbouring state of Jharkhand, which shares borders with Bengal, police officers said. Senior police officers said that the statements of some of those arrested earlier for allegedly supplying arms to dealers in Bengal revealed that arms made in Jharkhand were finding their way to Calcutta. The makers from Munger were in demand in some of the illegal firearms units that came up in Jharkhand, they added. Last month, the STF busted an illegal firearms manufacturing unit in Dhanbad with the help of their counterparts in Jharkhand Police and arrested five persons. "The joint raids are aimed at neutralising the manufacturing units in Jharkhand from where the improvised firearms reach Kolkata and its adjoining areas," the officer said.

USA STRIKES IRAN, AT LAST
3 NUCLEAR SITES DESTROYED

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(30,000 pounds). Bunker buster bombs can penetrate about 18 metres (59 feet) of concrete or 61 metres (200 feet) of earth, which a conventional bomb cannot reach. The B-2 Spirit, a US stealth bomber, is currently the only aircraft designed to deploy the GBU-57 and can carry two bunker buster bombs at a time, which the air force says can drop multiple bombs sequentially, allowing each strike to burrow deeper.

The US intervention is seen as critical at this point for the Israeli campaign against Iranian nuclear facilities, especially Fordow, due to its depth. Israeli attacks had failed to destroy the site. While nearly half a dozen B-2 bombers reportedly dropped a dozen 13,000kg bunker buster bombs on the Fordow site, navy submarines are said to have coordinated strikes by cruise missiles at the Natanz and Isfahan sites, according to media reports.

NAME CHANGE
I, Md Nadir Rais S/O Mohammed Rais Sadique and Hoore Talat, residing at 20,Marquis Street Po.Park Street,Ps. New Market, Kolkata west bengal - 700016, India, also known with name as Mohammed Nadir Rais, as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Mohammed Nadir Rais and Md Nadir Rais both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Khuku Mani Chakraborty (old name) W/O Sukumar Chakraborty, residing at 37/5, Harish Neogi Road, P.S.-Manicktala, Kolkata- 700067, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Khuku Chakraborty (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Khuku Chakraborty (new name) and Khuku Mani Chakraborty (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Jignesh Pankajkumar Trivedi (old name) S/O Pankaj Trivedi, residing at Clutbown Courtyard, Block-3, Flat-1D, Adarshapally Road, Gouranga Nagar, Post Office Newtown, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700162, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jignesh Trivedi (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Jignesh Trivedi (new name) and Jignesh Pankajkumar Trivedi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Khusboo Agarwal (old name) W/O Niraj Agarwal, residing at Shani Mandir Road, Near Shankar More, Siliguri, Darjeeling, Pin-734005, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Khushbu Agarwal (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Khushbu Agarwal (new name) and Khusboo Agarwal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Monica Ramesh Patel (old name) D/O Ramesh Patel, residing at BL-1, FL3B, 76/71 Golaghat Road, Natural Residency, Kolkata- 700048, West Bengal, India, has changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Monica Patel (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Monica Patel (new name) and Monica Ramesh Patel (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, (Old Name) MD RAHIM MOLLA S/O-ABDUL KARIM MOLLA, Residing at, -Natin Nowpara, Nowpara, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741140, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD RAHIM MOLLA To RAHIM MOLLA (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) RAHIM MOLLA in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 10 June 2025, RAHIM MOLLA and MD RAHIM MOLLA both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, (Old Name) LAYEB ALI SEIKH S/O- SUKUR ALI, Residing at, Vill- Murcha, Post- Sahi Sherpur, Ps- Khargram, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742159, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from LAYEB ALI SEIKH To SEIKH LAYEB ALI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SEIKH LAYEB ALI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 10 June 2025, SEIKH LAYEB ALI and LAYEB ALI SEIKH both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, (Old Name) NAHIDUL S/o- SEKH SAHABO, Residing at, Vill- Alinagar, Post- Bangura, Ps- Harishchandrapur, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732140, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from NAHIDUL To NAHEDUL ISLAM (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) NAHEDUL ISLAM in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 10 June 2025, NAHEDUL ISLAM and NAHIDUL both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sabrina Natasha Chater(Old Name) W/O Eric Douglas Guest,Residing At G-2/10,Picnic Garden Road,Kolkata-700039,West Bengal,India,have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sabrina Natasha Guest(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 20/06/2025.Sabrina Natasha Chater(Old Name) And Sabrina Natasha Guest(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Deepa Tiwari D/O. Anil Kumar Tiwari P.O. S. K. Banerjee Road, Near Gholo Panchayat, Purbanchal, Block-A, Panihati(M) 24 Pgs(N), W.B., Kolkata- 700 111 do hereby affirm that my name has been wrongly mentioned as Deepa Kumari in my Aadhar Card & Birth Certificate instead of Deepa Tiwari so, Deepa Tiwari & Deepa Kumari are same & one identical person as per affidavit of 1st. Class Judicial Magistrate at Barrackpore Court dated 28/04/2025.

6th All India Conference of GRP Chiefs Renew Focus on Crime Control and Passenger Safety in Indian Railways

MI News Service, Delhi: The 6th All India Conference of Government Railway Police Chiefs, organised under the aegis of the Railway Protection Force concluded successfully in New Delhi. The high-level conference, presided over by Director General, RPF, Shri Manoj Yadava, witnessed the participation of DGPs, ADGPs, and senior officers from the GRP of various states and union territories, alongside representatives from the Ministry of Railways.

This important gathering marked a concerted effort to address the growing challenges of crime control on Indian Railways and to strengthen collective mechanisms to ensure the safety and security of millions of railway passengers commuting daily through its vast network. The central theme of the conference revolved around enhancing intelligence-sharing, formulating joint operational strategies and fine-tuning inter-agency coordination to counter the evolving modus operandi of criminal elements exploiting the vast railway network.

A key focus area was the intensification of passenger awareness campaigns to educate travellers on common tricks and traps employed by thieves and fraudsters. The conference resolved to push for the seamless conversion of passenger property theft complaints lodged on the Rail Madad portal into formal FIRs, thereby boosting detection rates and discouraging repeat offences.

In a bid to dismantle organized interstate criminal networks targeting high-value passenger belongings, detailed



deliberations were held on deploying proactive surveillance, coordinated operations across states and leveraging technology-backed solutions including Facial Recognition Systems. The necessity of a unified response system among GRP units of different states and UTs was strongly emphasized to prevent jurisdictional gaps that are often exploited by offenders.

Special attention was devoted to the worrying trends of crimes against women passengers, with the participants agreeing on robust preventive measures including targeted patrolling, CCTV cameras in stations and coaches and deployment of Meri Saheli teams to enhance the sense of security among women travellers.

The misuse of railway premises by drug traffickers and smugglers also came under the scanner, with strategies being discussed to curb such illegal activities through intensified checks and real-time intelligence inputs. A critical presentation by the Intelligence Bureau highlighted potential terrorist threats to sensitive railway installations and the urgent need for vulnerability

assessments and fortified security protocols.

Additionally, the issue of child safety on railway premises was deliberated, focusing on mechanisms for timely identification and rehabilitation of vulnerable children being rescued from trafficking and exploitation risks.

Speaking at the conclusion of the conference, DG RPF Shri Manoj Yadava remarked,

"Crime control on the vast Indian Railways is not the responsibility of any single agency but a collective mission that demands synergy, coordination and shared intelligence. The resolve shown by GRP and RPF leadership across the nation today assures our commitment to making railway travel safer, more secure, and free from the threat of criminal elements. We stand united in our effort to protect every passenger, every child, and every corner of our railway network from harm."

The conference reaffirmed the joint commitment of RPF and GRP forces to transform Indian Railways into a zero-tolerance zone for crime, safeguarding its status as the lifeline of the nation.

Metro staff help an indisposed lady passenger

MI News Service, Kolkata: On 21.06.2025 at about 10:00 hrs., a lady commuter aged about 49 years suddenly started to feel unwell at Masterda Surya Sen Metro station. Her husband, who was accompanying her, sought help from the station staff and RPF. They immediately rushed to her help. Considering the seriousness of the situation, she was brought to the Station Master's Office on a stretcher and given first-aid. She was later sent to M.R.Bangur Hospital with her husband for further treatment. RPF and station staff also accompanied them to the hospital.

She and her husband thanked Metro Railway authorities for the kind co-operation and help.

City hosts inter-school debate & singing contest



MI News Service, Kolkata: Inter-school debate and singing competition that was held in city recently surfaced plentiful of talents from the city schools including schools from suburbs. Several students, both boys and girls participated in this captivating programme being hosted by South Point School and was held at G.D.Birla Sabhaghar in the presence of an excited and enthusiastic audience.



Kaushik Ghosh's film 'Abeenashwar' gets 'Ritwik Ghatak Cine Award' in a programme at Nandan in Kolkata.

Monsoon check-up camps from Tata Motors

MI News Service, Kolkata: Tata Motors recently organized a nationwide Monsoon Check-Up Camp for its customers. Spread across 500 cities and supported by over 1,090 authorized workshops, this extensive service initiative came out to be a big success. Within West Bengal, the check-up was done across 60+ outlets in 60 cities and operating through over 35 authorized

workshops. With the onset of the monsoon season, the initiative was aimed at ensuring optimal vehicle performance and safety during wet and challenging driving conditions. The camps also offered a car top wash and exclusive discounts on original spare parts, engine oil, accessories, extended warranty, and labour charges, including attractive exchange offers.

SIF brings new approach

MI News Service, Kolkata: Specialised Investment Funds (SIFs) brings a fresh approach to investing in

I, Amal Sasmal, S/o Kanailal Sasmal, aged about 48, R/O P.O. Binagram, P.S. Tarakeswar, Dist. Hooghly, West Bengal, declare that my father's name has been wrongly recorded in my voter card as Kanai Sasmal. The actual name of my father is Kanailal Sasmal, which has been authenticated by affidavit before Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Chinsurah District Court, Hooghly dated on 16/06/2025. Kanailal Sasmal & Kanai Sasmal both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sudipta Mondal (old name) Wife of Abhijit Mondal, residing at No 102, Howrah- Amta Road, Dmijur Hospital Sarada Pally, Howrah- 711405, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sudipa Mondal (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Sudipa Mondal (new name) and Sudipta Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Correction of Birth
I, SAAMIR PAL, S/O ANIL PAUL, residing at 20 H/ 1 SATYAJIT ROY SARANI, PS-PARNASREE, KOLKATA -700060, West Bengal, my actual date of birth is 06/06/1981, which is wrongly recorded in my education certificate my date of birth wrongly recorded as 26/04/1980 so my correct date of birth is 06/06/1981 vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 20/06/2025.

NAME CHANGE
I, Motiyar Rahaman Mondal (old name) S/O Kashed Mondal, residing at Vill- Kamargaria, P.O.- Humaniapota, P.S.- Ganganapur, Dist.- Nadia, Pin-741238, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Matiyar Rahaman Mondal (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/06/2025. Matiyar Rahaman Mondal (new name) and Motiyar Rahaman Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

International Yoga Day 2025 Celebrated at C&W Workshop, Liluah with Enthusiastic Participation of Over 1300 Staff

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Carriage & Wagon Workshop, Liluah, celebrated International Yoga Day 2025 on 21st June with great zeal and enthusiasm as part of the nationwide initiative "Yoga Sangam", led by the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India. The mass yoga demonstration was held at the WSA Ground, with the participation of over 1,338 staff members, joining hands with lakhs across India in the observance of the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP).

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Shri Yatish Kumar, Chief Workshop Manager, Liluah, who encouraged the staff to embrace yoga as a part of their daily lives for enhanced health and workplace well-being.

The yoga session was led by renowned Yoga Guru Shri Bhupendra Shuklesh, who not only guided the participants through a series of yogic



practices including Tadasana, Vrikshasana, Bhujangasana, Vajrasana, Pranayama, and Yoga Nidra, but also delivered a thoughtful discourse on the importance of yoga in expanding the essence of life. He highlighted the significance of discipline, regular practice, and meditation in achieving balance between the mind and body. His words inspired the gathering to go beyond phys-

ical fitness and explore the deeper dimensions of yoga as a tool for inner harmony and mental clarity.

As a token of participation and to commemorate the spirit of the day, specially designed Yoga Day T-shirts were distributed, followed by healthy refreshments served on the ground, creating an energizing and memorable experience for all.

The event was conducted in sync with the live national broadcast of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's yoga session from Visakhapatnam, and formed part of the massive Yoga Sangam demonstration held at over 1,00,000 locations across India.

The event marked a resounding success and reaffirmed the commitment of the C&W Workshop community to holistic health, mindfulness, and national solidarity through the timeless tradition of yoga.

Yoga day observed across Eastern Railway with focus on "Yoga for one earth, one health"



MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway celebrated the 11th International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2025 with enthusiasm and wholehearted participation across various establishments, underlining the importance of yoga in fostering physical, mental, and emotional wellness.

At the B. R. Singh Hospital Auditorium, Sealdah, the event was organised in the gracious presence of Dr. Debasish Guha, MD/BRSH, Dr. Kalpana Man-

dal, CMS/SDAH, along with IRHS doctors, Assistant Nursing Officers, nursing and paramedical staff, and other Hospital employees. The session featured Rajyoga experts from Prajapati Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, an internationally reputed socio-spiritual organisation. The experts guided participants through sessions on Yogasana, Pranayama, and Rajyoga Meditation, in alignment with the year's theme: "Yoga for One

Earth, One Health." The event saw active and spirited participation, reflecting the growing awareness and appreciation for yoga as a tool for holistic wellness.

At the Jamalpur Workshop, the occasion was commemorated with Yoga sessions held at multiple locations including the Officer's Club, National Institute, Basic Training Centre, and Eastern Railway Inter College. A large number of officers, staff and students participated in the sessions, reaffirming their dedication to maintaining a healthy work-life balance through regular Yoga practice.

The widespread observance of International Yoga Day across Eastern Railway reaffirms its commitment to promoting a balanced lifestyle and a harmonious workplace through the age-old wisdom of Yoga.

RPF Sealdah Division Enhances Passenger Safety and Security with Significant Recoveries and Apprehensions

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Railway Protection Force (RPF) Sealdah Division, under the dynamic leadership of the Sr. DSC Sri M.K.Singh and the invaluable guidance of the Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah Sri Rajeev Saxena, has demonstrated exceptional commitment to passenger safety and security over the past week. Their diligent efforts have resulted in the successful recovery and return of numerous lost valuables and a significant apprehension in a major narcotics case.

In a series of "Operation Amanat" successes on June 18, 2025, RPF personnel recovered 04 cases and returned articles including a Dell laptop and accessories valued at ₹65,000, essential documents and an



umbrella worth ₹400, an Android mobile phone valued at ₹13,000, and an HP laptop bag containing a laptop, driving license, bank ATM cards, and cash totaling ₹100,000, recovered items detected after operation amanat. These swift actions ensured that passengers who inadvertently left their belongings behind were reunited with their valuable possessions.

Furthermore, in a major operation on June 19, 2025, RPF

and CIB Sealdah teams, in coordination with Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Kolkata, apprehended an individual named Abbas Ajameri. From his possession, a staggering 6.338 kg of suspected Heroin and Morphine, with an estimated market value of ₹3.35 crore, was recovered. This decisive action underscores the RPF Sealdah Division's unwavering resolve in combating illegal activities and ensuring a secure environment for all railway users.

DRM Sealdah Sri Rajeev Saxena said that these achievements highlight the proactive and vigilant approach of RPF Sealdah Division in safeguarding passenger interests and maintaining a robust security framework across the railway network.

CLW Observes 11th International Day of Yoga

MI News Service, Chittaranjan: Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) and its units at Dankuni and Howrah observed the 11th International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2025 under the theme "Yoga for One Earth, One Health". Various yoga camps were organized across CLW premises where officers and staff actively participated in yoga sessions following the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP).

The main event, held at Chittaranjan Club, was conducted, wherein Shri Vijay Kumar, General Manager/CLW, and Smt. Kiran Badhan, President, CLW Women's Welfare Organisation, Principal

Heads of various department with family members, members of CLW-WWO joined through live streaming with the national level programme organised at Visakhapatnam.

Organised by the Personnel Department/CLW, Shri Ranjan Mohanty, CPO along with Principal Heads of various department with family members, members of CLW-WWO actively participated in the Yoga sessions under the guidance of Yoga Guru, Shri Yogendra Singh. Yoga sessions were also conducted at the Works Office, Health Centre, Factory Loco, and other units.

The programs aimed to

spread awareness about the health benefits of yoga and witnessed enthusiastic participation from railway employees, their families, and members of the CLW Women's Welfare Organisation. Yoga experts led the sessions and guided participants in various asanas and breathing techniques.

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এতদ্বারা সকলকে জ্ঞাত করা যাচ্ছে যে, ১১তমীমিতী উম্মা বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায় স্বামী ১১তমী প্রকাশ বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ২১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ৩১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ৪১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ৫১তমীমিতী তুলিকা রায় বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায় স্বামী ১১তমী প্রকাশ বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ২১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ৩১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ৪১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ৫১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ৬১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ৭১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ৮১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ৯১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ১০১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ১১১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ১২১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ১৩১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ১৪১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ১৫১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ১৬১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ১৭১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ১৮১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ১৯১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ২০১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ২১১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ২২১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ২৩১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ২৪১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ২৫১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ২৬১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ২৭১তমী অমী বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়, ২৮১তমী অমী 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SFI & ABVP at loggerheads regarding Bharat Mata portrait



MI News Service, Kochi: Kerala is witnessing a series of street protests by the SFI and the ABVP over the display of Bharat Mata's portrait during official events at the Raj Bhavan here.

Governor Rajendra Arlekar has made it clear that he would not remove the portrait of Bharat Mata holding a saffron flag — usually spotted in RSS shakhas — prompting the SFI to hold protests in front of the Raj Bhavan.

In retaliation, the ABVP has held demonstrations in front of general education minister V. Sivankutty's official residence for the last two days. Sivankutty had recently walked out of an event at the Raj Bhavan to protest the presence of the Bharat Mata portrait.

Trouble started brewing on World Environment Day on June 5 when agriculture minister P. Prasad boycotted a programme held at Raj Bhavan over the Bharat Mata picture.

As Arlekar and Prasad engaged in a war of words, the student wings of the CPM and the BJP got sucked into the conflict and kicked off protests.

The issue intensified after Sivankutty registered his protest by walking out of the event at the Raj Bhavan. The Raj Bhavan accused the education minister of breaching protocol by leaving the venue before the governor.

"The LDF government should take up the issue legally. This will bring out clarity on the issue," political observer N.M. Pearson

told as the stand-off between Arlekar and the LDF government continued.

However, CPI state secretary Binoy Viswam told that there was no point in taking legal recourse as the Constitution had already recognised and defined the national symbols.

"Arlekar should clarify whether his ideology from the RSS days or the Constitution should be the guiding factor while executing his role as the Kerala governor. He should read what's written in the Constitution about national idols and symbols. A constitutional body like the Raj Bhavan should not show the wrong picture of India. The governor has been portraying the picture of Bharat Mata inside India's map. It's high time his advisers correct him," Viswam said.

The CPM leadership has also been fuming at Arlekar's intransigence. A source close to the education minister told this newspaper that the ball was now in chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan's court.

While the Opposition has been repeatedly urging the governor not to convert the Raj Bhavan into an RSS shakha, the BJP state leadership has been holding solidarity meetings in his favour across the state.

Meghalaya murder: Police arrest property dealer for hiding evidence

MI News Service, Indore: The Meghalaya police have arrested a property dealer from Indore for allegedly concealing crucial evidence in the case of murder of local businessman Raja Raghuvanshi, an official said.

The property dealer allegedly concealed a bag belonging to Raghuvanshi's wife Sonam, who hid it in a flat here after the incident, according to police sources.

Indore-based transport businessman Raghuvanshi married Sonam on May 11 here and the couple left for their honeymoon in Meghalaya on May 20.

Raghuvanshi went missing on May 23 and his mutilated body was recovered on June 2 from a deep gorge near a waterfall in the Sohra area of East Khasi Hills district, also known as Cherrapunji.

Sonam, accused of conspiring with her alleged lover to kill her husband, surrendered on June 8 before police in Uttar Pradesh's Ghazipur district, while four other accused have been arrested from different locations in MP and UP.

"The Meghalaya police have arrested Shilom James, a property busi-



nessman from Indore, for allegedly hiding evidence related to Raja Raghuvanshi murder case," Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Rajesh Dandotiya told.

James is accused of concealing a bag belonging to Sonam at a flat in Indore's Dewas Naka locality after the killing. The bag is believed to have contained key evidence linked to the murder, according to sources.

The flat was rented out to murder co-accused Vishal Chauhan by James, who runs a property management firm in Indore, they said.

On June 13, James told mediapersons that Chauhan approached him on May 30 and rented the flat for Rs 17,000 per month, signing a formal agreement.

However, when the Meghalaya police later searched the flat, it was found vacant, as per the sources.

Sonam is believed to have stayed in the flat for several days on return from Meghalaya, before eventually surrendering to police in UP on June 8, the sources said.

The Meghalaya police had earlier arrested five persons in connection with the murder - Sonam, her alleged lover Raj Kushwaha and the latter's three friends Vishal Chauhan, Akash Rajput and Anand Kurmi.

The five are currently in judicial custody and lodged at jail in Meghalaya.

The case is being probed in detail by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the Meghalaya police.

Checking lapse: DGCA has given prior warning to AI regarding Air Bus

MI News Service, New Delhi: India's aviation regulator has warned Air India for breaching safety rules after three of its Airbus planes flew despite being overdue checks on emergency equipment, and for being slow to address the issue, government documents show.

The warning notices and an investigation report - both reviewed by Reuters - were not in any way related to last week's crash of an Air India Boeing 787-8 plane that killed all but one of the 242 people onboard, and were sent days before that incident.

In the report, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation said spot checks in May on three Air India Airbus planes found that they were operated despite mandatory inspections being overdue on the "critical emergency equipment" of escape slides.

In one case, the watchdog found that the inspection of an Airbus A320 jet was delayed by more than a month before being carried out on May 15. AirNav Radar data shows that during the delay the plane flew to international destinations such as Dubai, Riyadh and

Jeddah.

Another case, involving an Airbus A319 used on domestic routes, showed checks were over three months late, while a third showed an inspection was two days late.

"The above cases indicate that aircraft were operated with expired or unverified emergency equipment, which is a violation of standard airworthiness and safety requirements," the DGCA report said.

Air India "failed to submit timely compliance responses" to deficiencies raised by the DGCA, "further evidencing weak procedural control and oversight," it added.

Air India, which was taken over by the Tata Group in 2022 from the government, said in statement that it was "accelerating" verification of all maintenance records, including dates of the escape slides, and would complete the process in the coming days.

In one of the cases, Air India said, the issue came to light when an engineer from AI Engineering Services "inadvertently deployed an escape slide during maintenance".

Checks on escape slides are "a very serious issue.



In case of accident, if they don't open, it can lead to serious injuries," said Vibhuti Singh, a former legal expert at the government's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau.

The DGCA said in its report that the certificates of airworthiness for aircraft that miss mandatory checks were "deemed suspended".

The warning notices and the report were sent by Animesh Garg, a deputy director of airworthiness in the Indian government, to Air India CEO Campbell Wilson as well as the airline's continuing airworthiness manager, quality manager and head of planning, the documents showed.

An Indian aviation lawyer said such breaches typically attract monetary

and civil penalties on both individual executives and the airline.

Wilson told Reuters last year that global parts shortages were affecting most airlines, but the problem was "more acute" for Air India as its "product is obviously a lot more dated", with many planes not refreshed since they were delivered in 2010-2011.

The Indian regulator, like many abroad, often fines airlines for compliance lapses. India's junior aviation minister in February told parliament that authorities had warned or fined airlines in 23 instances for safety violations last year.

Around half of them - 12 - involved Air India and Air India Express, including in one case for "unauthorised

entry into cockpit". The biggest fine was \$127,000 on Air India for "insufficient oxygen on board" during a flight to San Francisco.

The causes of which are still being investigated, will further challenge Air India's attempts to rebuild its image, after years of criticism from travellers for poor service.

Air India's Chairman N. Chandrasekaran told staff the crash should be a catalyst to build a safer airline, urging employees to stay resolute amid any criticism.

In its report, the DGCA also said several Air India aircraft checked by officials had outdated registration paperwork. Air India told Reuters all but one aircraft complied with such requirements and this "poses no impact" to safety.

The DGCA investigation report pulled up the airline for what it described as "inadequate internal oversight".

"Despite prior notifications and identified deficiencies, the organization's internal quality and planning departments failed to implement effective corrective action, indicating systemic control failure," it said.

'Thug of life' fiasco: SC asks Karnataka govt to take appropriate action

MI News Service, Bengaluru: The Supreme Court asked the Karnataka government to take action against those obstructing the screening of Kamal Haasan starrer Thug Life in the state.

A bench of Justices Ujjal Bhuyan and Manmohan recorded the state government's assurance that it would provide adequate security to the theaters if the movie was screened in the state.

The bench said it did not want a situation to crop up

in which someone's sentiment was hurt by utterances and the movie was stalled from releasing, or a standup show was cancelled or an artist was stopped from reciting a poem.

As a result, the bench asked the state government to contain any "divisive element" posing as a threat to the film's release.

The top court closed the PIL after the state government's assurance, observing no guidelines or directions were required to be given.

Man gets 7 yrs RI for sexual assault on 6-yr-old girl

MI News Service, Mumbai: A court in Maharashtra's Thane district sentenced a man to seven years of rigorous imprisonment for sexually assaulting a six-year-old girl.

Additional sessions judge A S Bhagwat found the accused, Bandadada alias Rudesh Ramesh Shinde (32), guilty of charges under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. The court, in an order dated June 17, also

imposed a fine of Rs 15,000 on the accused. Special public prosecutor V G Kadu told the court that the incident occurred on the night of August 4, 2023, when the girl was playing near her house in Kalwa, and the accused took her to his house.

The girl later told her mother that the accused had sexually assaulted her, and blood was found on her person. The prosecution examined six witnesses during the trial.

INS Arnala all set to bolster coastal & undersea def

MI News Service, Visakhapatnam: The Indian Navy commissioned INS Arnala, the country's first anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW-SWC), at the Visakhapatnam dockyard under the Eastern Naval Command.

The first of the 16 indigenously built warships is expected to bolster the navy's combat capabilities in

the Indian Ocean region and strengthen coastal defence.

"Arnala is designed for sub-surface surveillance, search and rescue operations and low-intensity maritime operations alongside its primary role in anti-submarine warfare. It is further equipped with mine-laying capabilities, a rare feature for its class," said a navy official.

Indian students recall horrific moments in Iran

MI News Service, Tehran/New Delhi: TKhalif, who hails from Kashmir, described the experience in Iran as a nightmare.

We saw missiles in the sky and heard bombs in our neighbourhood... We were petrified", said MBBS student Mir Khalif, his voice still trembling with fear, as he stepped out of the Delhi airport after being evacuated from war-hit Iran under Operation Sindhu.

Khalif arrived in the national capital early Thursday in the first evacuation flight carrying 110 Indian students as part of the special operation launched by the Indian government in response to the escalating Iran-Israel conflict.

The students, including 90 from Jammu and Kashmir, were moved from Tehran to Armenia earlier this week as explosions and aerial attacks rocked Iranian cities. The rescue was coordinated by the Indian Embassy.

Khalif, who hails from Kashmir, described the experience in Iran as a nightmare.

"We saw missiles and heard bombings. It was a war zone. Our building shook during the attacks. I hope no student has to face what we did," he said.

Varta, another student from Kashmir, recalled the fear she lived through.

"The situation was quite critical. We were terrified when our neighbourhood



was attacked. When the Indian government reached our doorstep, we felt relieved," she said, thanking the Indian Embassy and Armenian authorities for their swift support.

Ali Akbar, a student from Delhi, said the destruction was visible everywhere.

"We saw a missile and a drone fall from the sky while travelling in a bus. Tehran is in ruins. The images on the news are real, the situation is very bad," he said.

Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh reached the Delhi airport to receive the students.

Later, in a post on X, he said, "Warmly welcomed home the first group of 110 Indian nationals evacuated from Iran as part of Operation Sindhu, reaffirming India's steadfast commitment to the safety and well-being of its citizens abroad."

Singh confirmed that evacuation efforts under Operation Sindhu are ongoing, with more flights scheduled.

"Another plane is ready

to leave today. We are also evacuating people from Turkmenistan. Our missions are running 24-hour helplines. As the situation unfolds, more flights will follow," he told reporters, thanking the governments of Armenia and Turkmenistan for their cooperation.

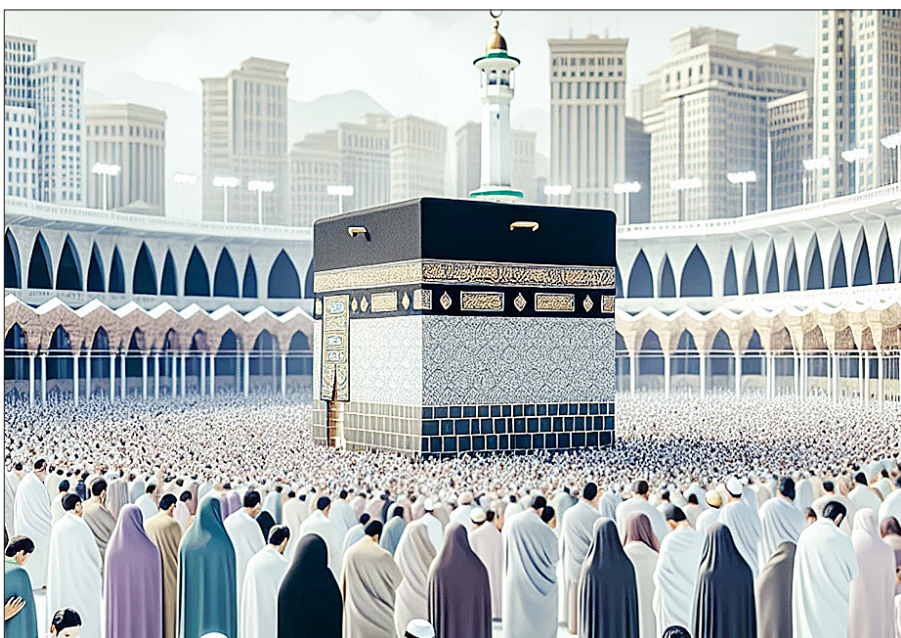
At the Delhi airport, many parents waited anxiously to reunite with their children.

Haider Ali, father of MBBS student Maaz Haider, said, "We are happy and grateful, but our hearts are still heavy knowing that many students are still stuck in Tehran. We urge the government to bring them back too."

Parvez Alam from Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh, whose son studied in Urmia, said, "We were under constant stress. The students were shifted to Armenia and looked after well. We thank the government for this."

The Jammu and Kashmir Students' Association also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar for the evacuation.

Ballia pilgrims: Families urge govt for evacuation from Tehran



MI News Service, Tehran/New Delhi: The family members of five people, who had gone to Iran for a religious pilgrimage, from Rasra town in Uttar Pradesh's Ballia district on Sunday sought the Indian government's assistance for their safe evacuation and journey back home.

The five pilgrims -- Syed Asad Ali Bakar, Syed Mohammad Muztaba Hussain, Syed Mohammad, Shama Jahan and Syed Nazmusqib

-- are stranded in Tehran amid escalating conflict between Israel and Iran.

Atif, a resident of Rasra, told that the members of his family reached Iran after visiting Iraq on May 25 for pilgrimage.

All are currently safe in a hotel in Tehran, he said.

Atif said that another local Masiur Rahman also went with them, but he returned to India from Iraq on June 7.

Meanwhile, Ballia MP Sanatan Pandey has written to the Ministry of External

Affairs (MEA) and requested that all necessary steps should be taken for the safe return of five people from Rasra town stranded in Tehran.

The Samajwadi Party MP in his letter earlier said that five people are stuck in Tehran due to the war and appealed to the government to help the stranded pilgrims.

The air service is closed due to which there is no possibility of their returning to India, he added.

Omar angry over ban on copter services for Amarnath pilgrims

MI News Service, Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah has expressed apprehension that the lieutenant governor's decision to ban helicopter services for Amarnath pilgrims during the upcoming Yatra will send a wrong message about Kashmir.

Omar's opposition to LG Manoj Sinha's decision, which was taken on the advice of the Union home ministry, signals an open challenge to the Centre.

The Amarnath Yatra, to be conducted in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, is scheduled to begin on July 3.

The LG's administration had on Monday declared the Yatra routes to the Amarnath cave shrine as "no flying zones" and banned any kind of aviation devices, including UAVs, drones and balloons, from July 1 to August 10.

The Yatra has two routes — the traditional Pahalgam route and the shorter Baltal route.

The order was silent about helicopter services, although it was implied that choppers



fell within the directive's ambit.

On Tuesday evening, Omar took exception to the move. "It is good that the Amarnath Yatra is about to begin. We also want it to proceed smoothly," he told reporters.

"(But) there is only one thing that I find bizarre... that the helicopter services are not permitted this year. This sends the wrong message to the rest of the nation."

"I do not have the intelligence inputs on the basis of which this decision was taken. But I think it is for the first time in many years that

there is no permission for helicopter services through Pahalgam and Baltal. It should not send a wrong message to the rest of the country with respect to the situation here," Omar added.

The Shri Amarnath Shrine Board, which is headed by Sinha, confirmed that helicopter services would not be available to pilgrims this year.

"The competent authority has in its order dated June 16, 2025, declared all routes of the Shri Amarnathji Yatra, including both the Pahalgam and Baltal axes, as a 'no fly-

ing zone' from July 1 to August 10, 2025. Consequently, helicopter services for pilgrim travel shall not be available in the yatra area during the Shri Amarnathji Yatra, 2025," the SASB said on its website.

Officials said the decision was taken following a meeting headed by Union home secretary Govind Mohan on Monday and attended by Intelligence Bureau director Tapan Kumar Deka, Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary Atal Dulloo, director-general of police Nalin Prabhat and General Officer Commanding

15 Corps Prashant Srivastava.

Omar seems to have gone on the offensive against the LG's administration and the Centre, which has been delaying the decision to restore statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

Last week, Omar voiced frustration over his limited control over the bureaucracy after the LG ordered large-scale transfers in the government without consulting him.

Sinha later claimed that he only controlled Jammu and Kashmir Police while the elected government oversaw the rest of the departments.

The chief minister had said getting transferred was the biggest fear of a Jammu and Kashmir officer, but the authority to effect transfers now lay somewhere else, hinting at the LG's iron grip on the administration.

Earlier, he had publicly complained about how he had been "demoted" from the chief minister of a state in 2014 to the chief minister of a Union Territory, while Sinha had been promoted from a junior railways minister to an LG with sweeping powers.

Pucker ‘Em Up! Your Lips made edible with Nykaa Cosmetics Lip Glaze



MUMBAI: Brace yourselves for a lip-smacking experience! Nykaa Cosmetics, the on-trend makeup destination that brings together function with play through its products, is thrilled to announce the launch of its mouth-watering Lip Glaze. Forget about boring lip tints – Nykaa’s Lip Glaze is here to add a touch of sweetness to your pout.

With each application, your lips appear plump but that’s not all! Beneath its irresistible exterior lies the goodness of Vitamin C and antioxidants, working tirelessly to keep your lips hydrated and looking oh-so-plump.

Glazed with skin-caring ingredients, this irresistible jelly-like formula glides onto your lips, leaving behind a delectable gloss & delightful scent. With just one swipe of the plump applicator, you can achieve the perfect glazed finish.

Forget about boring lip balms and glosses – Nykaa’s Lip Glaze is here to add a touch of sweetness to your pout. With shades inspired by everyone’s favorite desserts, you’ll be tempted to take a bite (but please don’t, they’re for your lips only!). From the creamy goodness of Caramel Pudding to the bold pop of Cherry Custard, there’s a flavour for every mood and occasion.

Available in five delectable shades, each Lip Glaze comes in a generous 7ml fill level, ensuring you have plenty to satisfy your cravings. And at just INR 599, it’s the guilt-free indulgence you’ve been waiting for. Get ready to glaze your lips with the 5 yummy shades –

Caramel Pudding- A divine nude that’s as comforting as your favourite dessert

Cherry Custard- A juicy red that’s as irresistible as a freshly picked cherry

Raspberry Ganache - A deep pink hue that’s as rich and indulgent as a slice of raspberry cake

Pink Meringue - A sweet pink nude that’s as light and fluffy as a meringue kiss

Jelly Jam - A translucent pink that’s as playful and fun as your favourite childhood treat

Commenting on the launch, a Nykaa Spokesperson, said, “At Nykaa Cosmetics, we are focused on creating products that not only reflect the latest trends but also set them. Our new Lip Glaze is a testament to our commitment to innovation and trendsetting. Unlike anything else in the market, this product combines the best of both worlds – vibrant, on-trend shades and nourishing, hydrating formula. It’s a game-changer for anyone who wants to stay ahead of the curve while taking care of their lips.”

Gut microbiome Meet Bifidobacterium breve, keeping babies healthy

Bifidobacterium breve, or B breve for short, is a bacterial species that’s found in the human intestine. It’s especially relevant in early life, being one of the most abundant bacteria in the newborn gut.

B breve is a species of the genus Bifidobacterium and is considered key in the development of a healthy gut. It has been studied extensively over the years to uncover how it benefits us from our first days of life.

Some of the benefits associated with this species include protection against pathogens, modulation of the immune system, and provision of nutrients through the breakdown of non-digestible carbohydrates from the diet.

We’re still learning about the origin of B breve. But vertical transmission, where the origin is the mother and the transfer to the baby occurs either during or after birth, is understood to be the main source of microbes at an early age.

A study carried out by MicrobeMom (a project I was part of during my PhD) has shown that Bifidobacterium strains including B breve are indeed transferred from mother to infant.

We didn’t investigate the precise mode of transfer, but one of the key factors influencing the outcome was vaginal birth, so it’s likely these bacteria are passed on during childbirth.

Our research also showed that B breve was the most frequently isolated of the Bifidobacterium species. It was present in vaginal samples from the mother, stool samples from the infant and the mother, as well as breast milk. In fact, B breve represented 80 per cent of the total Bifidobacterium isolated from breast milk.

This highlights the pivotal role that the mother’s gut microbiome has in fostering a baby’s gut health.

Bifidobacterium and the infant gut

Bifidobacterium in general are known for being one of the first colonisers of the infant gut. This is because of their important role degrading carbohydrates from the diet that the infant gut cannot digest.

This has a positive effect not only on the development of the gut but also the baby’s immune system. The mechanism for this is quite complex, but in general terms Bifidobacterium have been shown to interact with human



immune cells and to modify immune responses.

The human microbiome changes constantly, and Bifidobacterium is a good example of this. The amount of Bifidobacterium in our gut changes during our lifespan, as does the composition of specific Bifidobacterium species, in response to our diet.

Bifidobacterium is the most abundant bacteria in the first months of life, when a baby is breastfed, and when microbial diversity (the variety of bacteria, viruses and other microbes we carry) is still very low. The microbiota begins to change when solid food is introduced, and we have less Bifidobacterium as we get older when the microbial diversity in our gut increases.

Species such as Bifidobacterium adolescentis and Bifidobacterium longum are typically associated with adulthood, due to their ability to degrade plant-derived carbohydrates found in fruit and vegetables. But B breve and certain other species are generally associated with infancy.

Breast milk Human milk is a complex fluid capable of satisfying all the nutritional requirements of a newborn. It also provides extensive health benefits, such as reduced risk of various infections. Its composition changes over the period of lactation, adapting to the requirements of the infant.

Breast milk is one of the main factors that influences the infant

microbiota, as breastfeeding increases the number of Bifidobacterium in the infant gut.

One specific component of breast milk that affects the composition of the microbiome is human milk oligosaccharides, which are the most abundant carbohydrates present in breast milk after lactose.

These carbohydrates cannot be digested by the human gut, which is where B breve plays an important role. It’s among the microbes that can degrade human milk oligosaccharides, and in this way, they promote its persistence in the gut.

Prebiotics and probiotics Human milk oligosaccharides are considered prebiotics carbohydrates, indigestible by the human gut, that promote the growth of beneficial bacteria in the gut, such as B breve.

B breve is regarded as a probiotic a bacterial species whose intake has a benefit for the host.

Nowadays, human milk oligosaccharides can be found in formula milk, aiming to facilitate the same changes in the microbiota through their prebiotic effects.

B breve is used as a supplement to treat and prevent gastrointestinal problems such as diarrhoea, often administered in combination with other probiotic bacteria such as Lactobacillus or other Bifidobacterium species. It’s also commercially available in combination with prebiotics.

(The Conversation: By Rocio Sanchez Gallardo, University College Cork)

Study links exercise to improved sleep quality

A new study from the University of South Australia has revealed a direct correlation between the quality of one’s sleep and the structure of their daily activities, with exercise emerging as a key factor.

Involving 1168 children and 1360 adults, the study found that individuals who engaged in higher levels of moderate to vigorous physical activity experienced less troubled sleep, reduced tiredness, and overall improved sleep quality. Dr. Lisa Matricciani, a researcher at UniSA, emphasized the significance of understanding the factors influencing sleep quality for overall health and well-being.

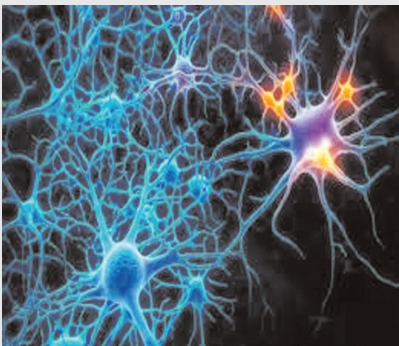
“When people think about sleep quality, they tend to focus on adjustments immediately before bedtime - for example, avoiding screens, not eating too much, and avoiding alcohol - but our research looks beyond this to the range of activities we undertake during the day,” said Dr. Matricciani.

The study’s findings suggest that increasing moderate to vigorous physical activity can lead to reduced tiredness, improved sleep quality, and less troubled sleep. Dr. Matricciani also noted that simply making more time for sleep predicted more restless sleep, highlighting the complexity of the relationship between daily activities and sleep patterns.

The implications of this research are significant, as Dr. Matricciani pointed out, “Everyone wants a good night’s sleep. If it’s simply a matter of being more active during the day, then it may be a relatively achievable goal for most of us.”

Scientists reveal a detailed cell map of the mammalian brain

For the first time, an international team of researchers has created a full-cell atlas of a whole mammalian brain.



This atlas serves as a map of the mouse brain, describing the kind, location, and chemical information of over 32 million cells as well as information on cell connectivity.

The mouse is the most often used vertebrate experimental model in neuroscience research, and its cellular map paves the door for a better understanding of the human brain - probably the world’s most powerful computer. The cell atlas also provides the groundwork for a new generation of precision treatments for those suffering from mental and neurological illnesses of the brain.

The findings were published in Nature. “The mouse atlas has brought the intricate network of mammalian brain cells into unprecedented focus, giving researchers the details needed to understand human brain function and diseases,” said Joshua A. Gordon, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the National Institute of Mental Health, part of the National Institutes of Health.

The cell atlas describes the types of cells in each region of the mouse brain and their organization within those regions.

In addition to this structural information, the cell atlas provides an incredibly detailed catalog of the cell’s transcriptome -- the complete set of gene readouts in a cell, which contains instructions for making proteins and other cellular products.

The transcriptomic information included in the atlas is hierarchically organized, detailing cell classes, subclasses, and thousands of individual cell clusters within the brain.

The atlas also characterizes the cell epigenome -- chemical modifications to a cell’s DNA and chromosomes that alter the way the cell’s genetic information is expressed -- detailing thousands of epigenomic cell types and millions of candidate genetic regulation elements for different brain cell types.

Together, the structural, transcriptomic, and epigenetic information included in this atlas provide an unprecedented map of cellular organization and diversity across the mouse brain.

The atlas also provides an accounting of the neurotransmitters and neuropeptides used by different cells and the relationship among cell types within the brain.

This information can be used as a detailed blueprint for how chemical signals are initiated and transmitted in different parts of the brain.

Those electrical signals are the basis for how brain circuits operate and how the brain functions overall.

“This product is a testament to the power of this unprecedented, cross-cutting collaboration and paves our path for more precision brain treatments,” said John Ngai, PhD, Director of the NIH BRAIN Initiative. “Of the 10 studies included in this collection, seven are funded through the NIH BRAIN Initiative Cell Census Network (BICCN), and two are funded through the larger NIH BRAIN Initiative. The core aim of the BICCN, a groundbreaking, cross-colaborative effort to understand the brain’s cellular makeup, is to develop a comprehensive inventory of the cells in the brain -- where they are, how they develop, how they work together, and how they regulate their activity -- to better understand how brain disorders develop, progress, and are best treated.

“By leveraging the unique nature of its multi-disciplinary and international collaboration, the BICCN was able to accomplish what no other team of scientists has been able to before,” said Dr. Ngai.

“Now we are ready to take the next big step -- completing the cell maps of the and the nonhuman primate brain.”

Brain's waste removal system unveiled: Neurons act as miniature pumps during sleep

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Researchers at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis have discovered that brain cell activity during sleep is responsible for propelling fluid into, through, and out of the brain, cleaning it of debris. This process is facilitated by individual nerve cells coordinating to produce rhythmic waves that propel fluid through dense brain tissue, effectively washing the tissue in the process.

The findings, published in Nature, suggest that synchronized neural activity powers fluid flow and removal of debris from the



brain. According to Li-Feng Jiang-Xie, PhD, a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Pathology & Immunology, these neurons act as miniature pumps, and building on this process could potentially delay or prevent neurological diseases, including Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases, in which excess waste accumulates in the brain and leads to neurodegeneration.

The brain’s cleaning process during sleep has long eluded scientists due to the challenge of observing it in the living brain. However, using new imaging technologies, researchers were able to observe in mice a plumbing system that piggybacks on the brain’s

blood vessels and pumps cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) through the brain’s tissue, effectively flushing waste back into the circulatory system. This timely removal of waste from the brain is essential, as the accumulation of toxic proteins such as amyloid-beta can lead to neurodegenerative diseases. The study’s senior author, Jonathan Kipnis, PhD, highlighted the critical importance of the brain disposing of metabolic waste to prevent neurodegenerative diseases. The findings suggest the possibility of developing strategies and potential therapies to speed up the removal of damaging waste and prevent dire consequences.

Technology, economics might help save endangered species: Study

In the 50 years after the Endangered Species Act (ESA) was passed in December 1973, the world has changed drastically.

Two Ohio State University academics were among a group of experts invited by the journal Science to explore how the ESA has evolved and what its future may hold.

Tanya Berger-Wolf, faculty director of Ohio State’s Translational Data Analytics Institute, led a group that wrote on “Sustainable, trustworthy, human-technology partnership.”

Amy Ando, professor and chair of the university’s Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics, wrote on “Harnessing economics for effective implementation.” Berger-Wolf and her colleagues wrote, “We are in the middle of a mass extinction without even knowing all that we are losing and how fast.”

But technology can help address that.

For example, they note the value of tools like camera traps that survey animal species and smartphone apps that allow citizen scientists to count insects, identify bird songs and report plant observations.

New tech has allowed scientists to monitor animal and plant populations at scale for the first time, said Berger-Wolf, who is also a professor of computer science and engineering, evolution, ecology and organismal biology, and electrical and computer engineering. One challenge is to find new ways to extract all the information from these new sources of data.

“But even with all this data, we are still monitoring only a tiny fraction of the biodiversity out in the world,” she said. “Without that information, we don’t know what we have, how different species are doing and whether our policies to protect



endangered species are working.”

Most important, Berger-Wolf said, is the need to make sure to keep humans in the process. Technology needs to connect data, connect different regions of the world, connect people to nature and connect people to

people. “We don’t want to sever the connection between people and nature, we want to strengthen it,” she said.

“We cannot rely on technology to save the world’s biodiversity. It has to be an intentional partnership between humans and technology and AI.”

Economics should be another partner in the fight to save endangered species, Ando said.

“There’s this tendency to think that protecting endangered species is all about biology and ecology,” Ando said. “But various tools in economics are very helpful in making sure

the work we do to implement the Endangered Species Act is successful. That is not always obvious to people.”

For example, bioeconomic research is a multidisciplinary effort between economists and biologists to work together to see how human behaviour interacts with ecological processes and systems.

“We have to take into account feedback effects. People take an action, and that changes the ecosystem and that changes what people do,” she said. “We need to capture those feedback effects.”

The result can be novel ways to protect endangered species, such as “pop-up” habitat modification. For example, ranchers can take down fences temporarily while elk are migrating to allow them to move freely. Rice fields can be temporarily flooded during shorebird migration to give them a place to rest and feed on their travels.

We can “draw upon economics to optimize the timing, location and extent of temporary actions to maximize their net benefits to society,” Ando wrote in Science. Another way economics can help is to develop policies that protect species before they become so threatened that they need ESA protection. A common issue is that multiple landowners will all need to work together to protect the habitat of threatened species. But often, if some landowners take actions to protect a species, other landowners will think they don’t have to.

“Economists have been working to understand how we can coordinate landowners where we don’t have to implement draconian land use regulations, but still protect habitat,” Ando said.

“That is a very promising tactic that can protect species and also reduce the cost to people of doing so.”

US attack on Iran's nuclear sites violates international law: Asaduddin Owaisi

MI News Sevice, Hyderabad: All India Majlis- e-Itehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) president Asaduddin Owaisi on Sunday, June 22 said that the United States' attack on Iran's nuclear sites violate the international law.

He also said that the attack is a violation of the United Nations Charter, the US constitution and the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty. "According to the US Constitution, the country can not attack another sovereign country without the approval of the US Congress," the Hyderabad MP explained while addressing the media.

Owaisi further said that the US has carried out the attack on Iran to cover up the genocide in Gaza. "The US doesn't act against Is-

rael which has about 700 nuclear warheads. Israel is neither a member of the NPT nor does it allow the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspection of its nuclear sites," he remarked.

The Hyderabad MP opined that in the next 5-10 years, Iran will enrich 90% of its uranium, adding that the rest of the Arab countries in the Middle East would develop nuclear weapons to deter Israel. Owaisi claimed the US director of national intelligence has admitted that Iran doesn't have nuclear weapons.

Expressing concern over the safety of Indian expatriates in the Middle East, he said "In case there is a war in the Middle East, we

must be aware that over 60 lakh Indian live in the Gulf countries. Indian companies have investments in the region which generate foreign remittance."

He questioned whether Pakistan sought a Nobel Peace Prize for US President Donald Trump so that there is a war in the Middle East.

The AIMIM president's remark comes after the US launched an attack on nuclear sites in Iran. The US attacks on Iran are a result of the latter's retaliation against Israel who initiated unprovoked attack over the former's alleged nuclear program on June 13. Iran has time and again denied the charges and has stated its willingness for talks and inspection of its nuclear sites.

Czech military plane evacuates 82 people from Israel

MI News Sevice, Prague: A Czech military aircraft carrying 82 evacuees from Israel arrived in Prague early Sunday morning, according to the Ministry of Defense.

Most of those on board were Czech nationals, the ministry said in a statement. "Due to the closure of airspace, it was not possible to send a military plane directly to Israel. Therefore, the evacuation took place again via one of the neighboring countries," the statement noted.

This was the second Czech evacuation flight

organized in response to the ongoing conflict between Israel and Iran. The first flight, which repatriated 66 individuals, landed in Prague on Tuesday.

The ministry said that departing Israel remains difficult due to the country's airspace closure. It advised Czech citizens in emergency situations to contact the Czech Embassy in Tel Aviv for assistance or further guidance.

Earlier this week, the Czech Republic announced the temporary closure of its embassy in Tehran, Iran, amid escalating regional tensions.

Israel says recovered bodies of 3 hostages from Gaza

MI News Sevice, Jerusalem: The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and Israel's Shin Bet domestic security agency said in a joint statement on Sunday that they recovered the bodies of three Israeli hostages from the Gaza Strip overnight.

The three were killed during the Hamas attack on southern Israel on Oct. 7, 2023. Their bodies were taken to the Gaza Strip and held there since then, according to the statement.

The three victims were

IDF soldier Shay Levinson, who was killed at the age of 19, and civilians Ofra Keidar, who was 71, and Yonatan Samerano, who was 21.

The statement noted that the bodies were recovered in a special operation carried out by IDF and Shin Bet troops.

Of the 251 Israelis and foreigners kidnapped alive or dead from Israel to the Gaza Strip, 50 remain in captivity, 20 of whom are considered alive, according to the Israeli army.

IAEA confirms no rise in off-site radiation levels after strikes on Iran nuclear sites



MI News Sevice, Vienna: The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Sunday confirmed no increase in the off-site radiation levels reported as of this time after attacks on three nuclear sites in Iran, including Fordo.

"IAEA will provide further assessments on situation in Iran as more information becomes available," the agency said on X.

The situation in the region further deteriorated after US President Donald Trump announced Sunday that American forces carried out "very successful" airstrikes on three Iranian nuclear sites, amid growing fears of a broader conflict in the region.

Hostilities broke out on June 13 when Israel launched airstrikes on

several sites across Iran, including military and nuclear facilities, prompting Tehran to launch retaliatory strikes.

Israeli authorities said at least 25 people have been killed and hundreds injured since then in Iranian missile attacks.

Meanwhile, in Iran, 430 people have been killed and more than 3,500 wounded in the Israeli assault, according to the Iranian Health Ministry.

Tehran says "reserves all options" to retaliate U.S. attacks

MI News Sevice, Washington/ Tehran: Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said Sunday that the U.S. strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities were "outrageous" and "will have everlasting consequences."

Tehran "reserves all options" to retaliate, said the minister.

Meanwhile, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said it has detected the launch of missiles from Iran after U.S. strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities.

"A short while ago, sirens sounded in several areas across Israel following the identification of missiles launched from Iran toward the State of Israel," the IDF said on Telegram.

The Israeli army added that an air raid alert has been declared in some regions of Israel and ordered residents to take shelter in protected areas.

The Israel Airports Authority said in a statement earlier that Israel has closed its airspace after the U.S. attack on Iran's nuclear sites, although land crossings with Egypt and Jordan are operating normally.

"Israel's airspace is closed to entry and exit. The public should stay updated with the airlines. Land crossings to Sinai and Jordan are operating as usual," the statement said.

The Iranian state media reported that there were "no signs of contamination" at the nuclear sites at Esfahan, Fordo and Natanz after U.S. airstrikes, quoting a statement from the country's National Nuclear Safety System Center.

"There is no danger to the residents living around the aforementioned sites," the statement said.

U.S. President Donald Trump said earlier on Saturday that the United States has completed attacks on three nuclear sites in Iran, including "Fordo, Natanz and Esfahan."

"All planes are now outside of Iran's airspace. A full payload of BOMBS was dropped on the primary site, Fordo," he said on the social platform Truth Social.

Tehran must agree to "end this war," Trump wrote on Truth Social after the strikes.

Iran's state-run IRNA news agency acknowledged attacks on the country's nuclear facilities.

Iran had evacuated these three nuclear sites "a while ago," said Hassan Abedini, deputy political director of Iran's state broadcaster, adding that Iran "didn't suffer a major blow because the materials had already been taken out."

Iran's Atomic Energy Organization confirmed the U.S. attacks, but said its work will not be stopped.

"The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran assures the great Iranian nation that despite the evil conspiracies of its enemies, with the efforts of thousands of its revolutionary and motivated scientists and experts, it will not allow the development of this national industry, which is the result of the blood of nuclear martyrs, to be stopped," the agency said in a statement issued after Trump announced the U.S. attacks.

In its strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities, the United States used the GBU-57A/B Massive Ordnance Penetrator bomb, known as the "bunker buster," local media quoted two sources

familiar with the operation. B-2 bombers are the only aircraft capable of carrying the bombs, said the report.

Trump and his team were in touch with top congressional Republicans before the strikes, but did not brief top Democrats on his plans until after the bombs had been dropped, the report added.

The attacks marked a historic escalation in the Middle East. It may provoke retaliation from Tehran against U.S. troops and military installations across the region, said the report.

A senior official from Yemen's Houthi group said in a social media post early Sunday that it would hold Trump responsible for the attacks on Iranian nuclear facilities.

"Trump must bear the consequences," Houthi political bureau member Hizam al-Assad posted on X.

Prior to the U.S. attacks, the Houthi group said in a statement that it would target U.S. ships if Washington attacks Iran.

"If America is involved in the attack and aggression against Iran ... the armed forces (Houthi forces) will target its ships and battleships in the Red Sea," Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said in the statement, aired by Houthi-run al-Masirah TV.

For his part, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu congratulated Trump on Sunday after the U.S. attacks, calling it a "bold decision to target Iran's nuclear facilities."

Trump had created a "pivot of history," he added. The U.S. air raids on Iran came on the ninth day after Israel launched attacks on Iran on June 13.

Tollywood actor Vijay Deverakonda booked under SC/ST Act

MI News Sevice, Hyderabad: Tollywood actor Vijay Deverakonda has landed in legal trouble after making a comment that upset tribal communities. A case has been filed against him under the SC/ST Atrocities Act for a statement he made during the pre-release event of the Tamil movie Retro held on April 26 in Hyderabad.

At the event, Vijay spoke about the Pulwama terror attack and the tensions between India and Pakistan. He said, "India doesn't need to attack Pakistan. Their people will get tired



and turn against their own government. Just like how tribes fought 500 years ago without common sense, people today are also fighting mindlessly."

This statement led to protests. Many tribal leaders felt he compared tribal people to terrorists, which deeply hurt their sentiments.

Tribal leader Ashok Ku-

mar Rathod filed a complaint at the Raidurgam Police Station. Following this, police filed an FIR against Vijay under the SC/ST Atrocities Act. This is the second case against him under this law, with a previous one filed at Sanjeeva Reddy Nagar police station.

Vijay responded to the controversy, saying he did use the word "tribes" but meant ancient groups who often fought among themselves. He said, "I didn't mean today's Scheduled Tribes. If anyone felt hurt, I am truly sorry."

Saudi Arabia condemns US strike on Iran's nuclear sites as violation of sovereignty

MI News Sevice, Riyadh: Saudi Arabia has strongly condemned the United States (US) for launching airstrikes on Iranian nuclear facilities on Sunday, June 22, calling the move a dangerous violation of Iranian sovereignty and urging immediate de-escalation.

In its statement, the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the Kingdom is following the developments "with great concern" and condemned the targeting of Iranian nuclear infrastructure.

It stressed the need to prioritise restraint and called on the international community to pursue a political resolution to avoid further escalation.

Following Saudi Arabia's remarks, other Gulf states — including Oman and Qatar — echoed similar concerns over the rising tensions and the potential for wider conflict.

In Oman, the Foreign Ministry condemned the US airstrikes, warning that such actions "threaten to expand the scope of the war" and constitute a "serious violation" of international law and the

UN Charter. The statement defended Iran's legitimate right to pursue peaceful nuclear energy and urged respect for national sovereignty.

The Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs stressed the urgent need to end military operations and resume diplomatic efforts. It warned that the current tension could lead to "disastrous repercussions" at both the regional and international levels, and urged all parties to act with wisdom and restraint.

In response to the unfolding crisis, Bahrain's Ministry of Education announced that all public and private institutions — including kindergartens, schools, and universities — must activate digital platforms to ensure educational continuity under its emergency preparedness plan, the Bahrain News Agency reported.

Institutions needing support were advised to contact the Ministry or the Higher Education Council via official channels.

Additionally, Bahrain's Ministry of Interior urged

citizens and residents to limit movement and use main roads only when essential. The advisory aims to ensure public safety and allow emergency and relevant authorities to carry out their duties without obstruction.

On Sunday morning, US President Donald Trump confirmed that American forces had targeted Iran's nuclear infrastructure, declaring the mission a success.

On Truth Social, he said US aircraft bombed Fordo, Natanz, and Isfahan before safely exiting Iranian airspace, adding that "Fordo is finished" and that Iran's nuclear programme was "neutralised."

The attack marks a sharp escalation in the conflict that began on June 13, when Israel, with US backing, launched a series of strikes on Iranian military and nuclear sites. In response, Iran retaliated with ballistic missiles and drones aimed at Israeli territory — triggering the most direct confrontation between the two rivals in years.

Ali Khamenei's Bold Leadership and Iran's Missile Response: A New Era of Courage in the Muslim World

MI News Sevice, Tehran: Iran's retaliatory missile strikes on Israel, following the assassination of Iranian military commanders and repeated provocations, represent not just a geopolitical flash-point but a deeper symbolic transformation within the Muslim world. At the heart of this transformation is the resolute leadership of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, whose bold decisions in the face of unprecedented threats have electrified public sentiment across Muslim-majority countries. For many, especially among the youth, Iran's actions mark the end of passive submission and the beginning of a more confident and assertive era in the Muslim world.

Khamenei's green light for direct retaliation on Israeli soil was unprecedented. While Iran has long supported regional resistance movements like Hezbollah and Hamas, its military engagement with Israel had been largely indirect. This time, however, the Islamic Republic struck directly—with a precision-guided missile barrage that penetrated one of the world's most sophisticated air defense systems. Regardless of the extent of the physical damage caused, the political and psychological im-

pact has been immense.

Across the Muslim world, particularly among the younger generation, this boldness has ignited a spark of inspiration. For too long, the narrative had been that Muslim countries, divided and dependent, could do little against global superpowers or their regional allies. The repeated invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan, the ongoing occupation of Palestine, the destruction of Libya, and the Syrian conflict had left a generation disillusioned. But Iran's calculated and unapologetic retaliation—at great risk—challenged this fatalism.

Social media platforms across the Middle East, South Asia, and North Africa were flooded with expressions of support and admiration. Youths in Cairo, Beirut, Karachi, Istanbul, and Kuala Lumpur began to openly question why their own governments had remained silent or submissive in the face of Israel's provocations and U.S. unilateralism. Iran's missile strikes were seen not merely as an act of vengeance, but as a bold declaration that Muslim nations can—and should—stand up for their sovereignty and dignity.

Perhaps even more telling is the reaction of Arab

governments. Historically aligned—either overtly or covertly—with Washington and Tel Aviv, several Arab states found themselves compelled to issue strong condemnations of Israel's actions. While some of these statements may have been diplomatically calculated, they nonetheless reflect a shifting political mood. The Arab street is no longer willing to accept silence or complicity, and leaders are beginning to sense that continued submission to U.S.-Israeli dictates could carry a political cost.

The Abraham Accords, once hailed as a new dawn of peace in the region, are now under scrutiny. The normalization deals, pushed aggressively by Washington, were seen by many as a betrayal of the Palestinian cause. But Iran's bold retaliation may have changed the calculus. With the Muslim public now watching closely, Arab rulers might find it increasingly difficult to maintain the façade of neutrality or appeasement. The message is clear: the Muslim world is tired of inaction.

At the center of this shift stands Ayatollah Khamenei. His leadership during this crisis has demonstrated clarity, restraint, and resolve. Rather than reacting emotionally or seeking

escalation for its own sake, Iran's response was carefully calibrated to send a message without sparking all-out war. It was a masterclass in deterrence, signaling that Iran will not be intimidated—even by a nuclear-armed adversary backed by the United States.

Critics in the West may view Iran's move as dangerous or destabilizing. But to many in the Muslim world, it was a long-overdue assertion of dignity. It reasserted the idea that Muslims are not destined to be passive victims of global power plays—that they can choose defiance over submission, strategy over silence.

This shift is not about one country or one strike. It's about a changing mindset across a region that has seen too much bloodshed, betrayal, and humiliation. Iran's boldness under Khamenei has opened a new chapter—one that encourages Muslim societies to reclaim their agency and speak with a unified voice.

In the long run, this could be the true legacy of Iran's missile retaliation: not just the missiles themselves, but the boldness they have inspired—a spark of courage in a generation that may one day reshape the political destiny of the Muslim world.

MI News Sevice, Delhi: The world now stands at a critical crossroads, where powerful nations, driven by self-interest, no longer hesitate to trample upon international law, human morality, and the principles of justice. The recent escalation between Iran and Israel is a stark example of this reality. On one side is a sovereign state that has repeatedly reaffirmed its commitment to peaceful diplomacy; on the other, a nation adept at portraying itself as the perpetual victim while it commits acts of violence, domination, and unchecked aggression.

Israel's recent attack on Iran was not grounded in any concrete provocation. It was launched merely on the basis of suspicion, speculation, and hypothetical threats. Iran had neither initiated any hostile action, nor announced any military offensive against Israel. It had not harmed Israeli personnel, nor even employed inflammatory rhetoric. Yet, it found itself on the receiving end of blatant aggression.

This behavior reflects a grim truth: moral foundations in international politics are rapidly eroding, and raw power is being wielded with increasing recklessness. Israel claims that Iran might develop nuclear capabilities in the future, and might pose a threat—thus legitimizing preemptive strikes under the guise of "potential danger." If every nation were to act upon such speculative justifications, the world would soon become a battleground of



ceaseless wars. Such logic is not only untenable—it is lawless, tyrannical, and the gravest threat to global peace. Decisions made on the basis of presumption are neither sanctioned by religion nor endorsed by reason.

Iran's nuclear program operates under the framework of international agreements. Agencies such as the United Nations and the IAEA have repeatedly affirmed its peaceful nature. In stark contrast, Israel—widely believed to possess dozens of nuclear weapons—has never allowed transparent scrutiny of its own program. To possess such a stockpile and simultaneously deny others even peaceful technological access is the height of hypocrisy. The true motivation behind the attack on Iran is not its nuclear potential, but its dignified and independent posture—one that challenges Israel's expansionist ambitions and the imperial designs of its Western patrons.

Yet Israeli aggression does not end with Iran. Its long, bloody legacy in Palestine speaks volumes.

The Gaza Strip has become a perpetual target of Israeli bombardment. Severed limbs of children, the screams of grieving mothers, elderly parents burying their sons—all are gifts of Israeli weaponry. Schools, hospitals, marketplaces—even mosques and places of worship—have not been spared. The faces of children have been scorched by explosives, thousands of women have been martyred, and entire communities have been driven from their homes—now reduced to rubble and cemeteries.

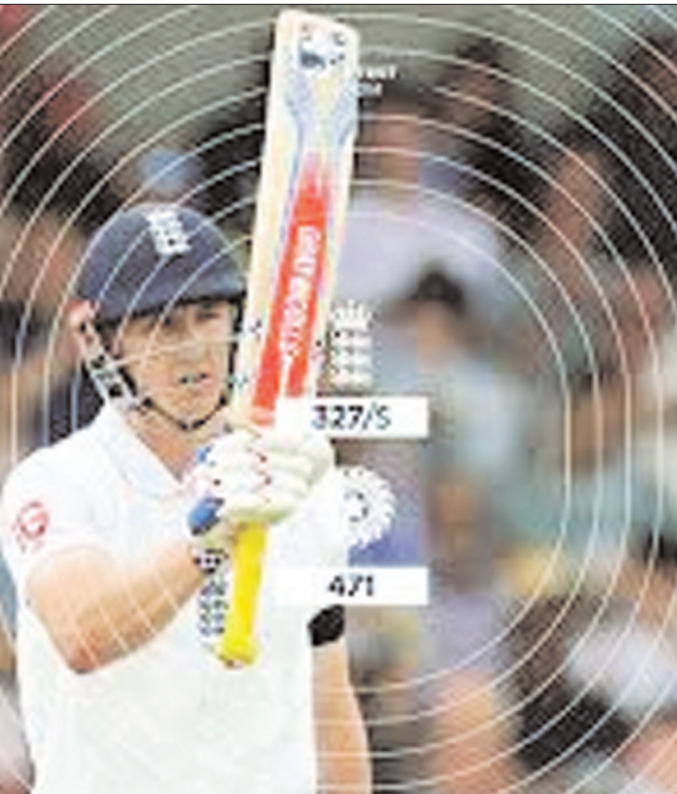
Gaza, once a cradle of culture, history, and spiritual resilience, has been transformed into a wasteland of sorrow, blood, and desolation. The land has been ravaged as though tanks were unleashed upon crops. The world watched silently. The United Nations contented itself with issuing condemnations, while the so-called champions of global peace continued to shield the aggressor and silence the oppressed. This is the same Israel that accuses Iran of posing a "future threat," while perpetrating daily and undeniable atrocities.

There is a deeper, more disturbing dimension to this attack—one that jolts the human conscience. When a people choose their leader, are content with their governance, and wish to live in sovereign dignity—what right does any external power have to interfere, orchestrate regime change, or impose a foreign agenda upon them? The people of Iran have consistently stood by their political system, preferring independence and national pride over foreign subjugation. But this reality is intolerable to Israel and its allies, for whom only those systems are acceptable which serve their own interests.

This entire scenario not only represents a collapse of ethical standards but serves as a harrowing prelude to a larger global catastrophe. If states like Israel continue to abuse their power unchecked, the prospect of a third world war will no longer remain theoretical—it will become an imminent reality. In an age where nuclear weapons exist, such a conflict would yield unimaginable devastation. Millions would perish, cities would be reduced to ashes, and humanity would groan under the weight of its own destruction.

Islam, as a religion, stands unwavering for justice, peace, and the protection of human dignity. The Holy Qur'an repeatedly proclaims that Allah does not love the oppressors and that He is not unaware of the actions of the wrongdoers:

Brook helps England maintain balance as India strike twice (Day 3, Lunch)



LEEDS [UK] : A half-century by Harry Brook and his vital partnerships with skipper Ben Stokes and Jamie Smith helped England have a slight edge over India at the end of a balanced first session during day three of first Test at Leeds on Sunday.

At the end of first session, England was 327/5, with Brook (57*) and Smith (29*) unbeaten. They trail by 144 runs.

England started the first session of the day on 209/3, with Ollie Pope (100*) and Harry Brook (0*) unbeaten.

Pope and Brook started off on an attacking note, with the latter getting a four and six against Prasidh Krishna in the first over and Pope smacking a length delivery from Jasprit Bumrah on the next over's very first ball.

However, a delivery wide outside off by Krishna was slashed at hard by Pope, getting an edge and going straight into the hands of Rishabh Pant, who completed his 150th catch as a wicketkeeper. Pope was gone for 106 in 137 balls, with 14 fours. England was 225/4.

Brook continued stamping his

authority on pacers, while skipper Ben Stokes settled from the other end. England reached the 250-run mark in 59 overs. It was simply raining boundaries, and the duo formed a 50-run stand in 78 balls.

However, Mohammed Siraj struck, removing Stokes for 20 in 52 balls (three fours), finding a thick edge of the bat. England was 276/5.

Early in his innings, after two solid boundaries, Jamie Smith survived a leg-before-wicket review, with Shardul Thakur missing out on a golden chance to open his wicket tally as the ball missed the leg stump.

England touched the 300-run mark in 71 overs.

Pant dropped a catch of Brook and he capitalised on it, reaching his 12th Test fifty in 65 balls, with seven fours and a six.

Earlier, the century by Ollie Pope and his partnership with Ben Duckett helped England put up a strong reply against India in their first innings, ending the final session of day two of the first Test on a high. England earlier made a strong comeback,

dismissing India for 471 after the visitors had ended the day yesterday on 359 for 3 and looked poised for a huge score.

At the end of the second day's play, England were 209/3, with Pope (100*) and Harry Brook (0*) unbeaten. They trail by 262 runs.

England kickstarted the final session at 107/1, with Duckett (53*) and Pope (48*) unbeaten.

Pope reached his half-century in 64 balls, with eight fours, with the help of a first-ball four by Bumrah. Duckett and Pope tried to assert their dominance over India once again, however, Jasprit Bumrah came in clutch, leaving Duckett's middle-stump pegged back to end a 122-run partnership. Duckett was gone for 62 in 94 balls, with nine fours. England was 126/2.

Bumrah also almost got Pope, but Yashasvi Jaiswal dropped him at slips. Root also survived a review by Mohammed Siraj, and England raced to the 150-run mark in 37.2 overs . Pope and Root continued to dominate pacers, taking their side closer to the 200-run mark and bringing up their 50-run mark in 81 balls.

England reached the 200-run mark in 45 overs .

Pope reached his ninth Test ton and second against India in 125 balls, with 13 fours. Root continued his poor record against Bumrah, falling to him for the 10th time, for 28 in 58 balls with two fours, thanks to a catch by Karun Nair. England was 206/3. Bumrah got Harry Brook dismissed on a no-ball. Brook and Pope made sure England ended the final session without any further damage .

Earlier, England ended the second session at 107/1, with Duckett (53*) and Pope (48*) unbeaten. The second session started with India at 454/7, with Ravindra Jadeja joined by Bumrah. However, the pacers did not let India progress much, ending their innings at 471 in 113 overs.

Skipper Ben Stokes (4/66) and Josh Tongue (4/86) were the top bowlers for England, while Bashir and Carse got one.

Responding to India's first innings total of 471 runs, England lost Zak Crawley (4) early to Bumrah. Following that,

Duckett and Pope made a meal out of the pace trio of Bumrah, Siraj and Prasidh, reaching the 50-run mark in 10 overs, with both batters cracking out boundaries. Pope, in particular was looking in supreme touch, smashing pacers really well. England reached the 100-run mark in 21.3 overs, playing at almost five runs per over. The duo reached their 100-run partnership within a matter of just 126 balls, playing with an ODI tempo. Even India had some missed opportunities, but luck and lack of execution kept India away from success. Duckett reached his half-century in 68 balls, with eight boundaries, continuing his monstrous run as an opener. The duo made sure England ended session two without another loss of a wicket.

India started the first session at 359/3, with Shubman Gill (127*) and Rishabh Pant (65*) unbeaten.

Brief Scores: England: 327/5 (Ollie Pope: 106, Ben Duckett 62, Jasprit Bumrah 3/67) vs India: 471 (Shubman Gill 147, Rishabh Pant 134, Ben Stokes 4/66). (ANI)

SAI OFFICER AWARDED UK CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIP AMID INDIA'S PUSH FOR GLOBAL SPORTING STAGE

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Sathishkumar S, a young officer from the Sports Authority of India (SAI), has been awarded the prestigious Chevening Scholarship by the UK Government for the 2025-26 academic year. He will pursue a Master's degree in Sports Management, Politics and International Development at the globally renowned Loughborough University.

Currently serving as Deputy Director at SAI's Bengaluru Regional Centre under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Sathishkumar's selection holds significance as India looks to host future editions of the Commonwealth and Olympic Games. The next Commonwealth Games are also scheduled to take place in the UK, which aligns perfectly with his academic focus.

Hailing from Mela Ammanur, a small village near Thiruthuraiipoondi in Tamil Nadu's Thiruvavur district, Sathishkumar is the son of retired headmaster Shanmugam and retired nurse Pakkiriymmal. His journey from rural roots to international recognition is a story of determination and public service. He joined SAI in 2017 and has since played critical roles in over 10 editions of the Khelo India Games. He was deputed as an official observer for India at major international sporting events, including the Paris Olympics and the Birmingham Commonwealth Games. He currently oversees training, logistics, and support for several Indian national teams based in Bangalore. Sathishkumar's Chevening selection is expected to further enhance India's sporting diplomacy.

India secures a record-breaking 27 medals at Asian Para Badminton Championships 2025

BANGKOK [THAILAND] : Team India won 27 medals at the Asian Para-Badminton Championship 2025 in Thailand, marking its best-ever performance at the event. This includes four gold medals, 10 silver medals and 13 bronze medals.

India delivered a commanding performance at the Asia Para Badminton Championships 2025, held in Thailand from 17-22 June, showcasing the nation's growing dominance in para-badminton across multiple classifications. With medals in almost every category, the Indian contingent underlined both its depth and consistency at the continental level. One of the tournament's most thrilling encounters came in the men's doubles SL3-SL4 final, where Sukant Kadam and Nitesh Kumar battled past fellow Indians Jagadeesh Dilli and Naveen Sivakumar in a gripping three-set match that ended 21-17 21-21 21-11. The bronze in the same category also went to India, with Mohammad Arwaz Ansari and Abhijeet Sakhuja stepping onto the podium, as per a press release. Reflecting on the tournament, Sukant Kadam said, "It was one of those finals where you have to dig deep and trust your training. The competition is getting stronger each year, and this gold is a result of staying focused on the small things that make a difference." In the mixed doubles SH6 event, Tokyo Paralympic gold medalist Krishna Nagar and his partner Nithya Sre gave it their all in a high-energy final against China's Lin Naili and Li Fengmei, narrowly missing the top spot and settling for silver after a 13-21, 21-19, 14-21 contest. Krishna also secured a bronze in men's singles SH6 and another in men's doubles SH6, where he partnered with Dhinaganan Pandurangan.

Krishna Nagar echoed the sentiment, adding, "These matches test you physically and mentally. Every medal counts, but more importantly, every match prepares us for the bigger goals ahead. We'll take the positives from here and keep building."

India's women athletes also made their mark. Nithya Sre was among the standout performers, winning silver in women's singles SH6 and another silver in women's doubles SH6 alongside Rachana Shaileshkumar Patel. In the women's doubles SL3-SU5 category, Manasi Joshi and Thulasimathi Murgesan went down fighting in the final against China, while the bronze went to the pair of Mandeep Kaur and Manisha Ramdass. India dominated the mixed doubles SL3-SU5 event, sweeping all three medals, with Nitesh Kumar and Thulasimathi Murgesan taking gold in a clinical straight-sets win over Ruthick Raghupathi and Manasi Joshi, while Chirag Baretha and Mandeep Kaur earned bronze.

In men's singles SL4, Surya Kant Yadav earned a silver after a hard-fought final against Malaysia's Mohd Amin Burhanuddin,

with Naveen Sivakumar taking bronze. Nitesh Kumar's golden run continued in men's singles SL3, where he defeated Indonesia's Muh Ai Imran in straight sets, with Umesh Vikram Kumar securing bronze. In women's singles SL3, Mandeep Kaur took silver and Manasi Joshi added a bronze to her medal tally. Palak Kohli clinched silver in women's singles SL4, while Manisha Ramdass stood tall with gold in women's singles SU5, with teammate Thulasimathi Murgesan bagging bronze.

In the SU5 men's doubles category, Hardik Makkar and Ruthick Raghupathi secured silver, while Rajkumar and Chirag Baretha took bronze. India also made its presence felt in the wheelchair events, with Prem Kumar Ale and Abu Hubadia winning bronze in men's doubles WH1-WH2. In the women's category, Alpha James and Pallavi Kuluvehalli secured bronze in women's doubles WH1-WH2, and Alpha added another bronze in women's singles WH2.

Gold Medalists

- Nitesh Kumar MS SL3
- Nitesh Kumar & Tulshimati Murgesan XD SL3-SU5
- Mnisha Ramadas WS SU5
- Nitesh Kumar & Sukant Kadam MD SL3-SL4

Silver Medalists

- Krishna Nagar & Nithya XD SH6
- Mandeep Kaur WS-SL3
- Palak Kohali WS- SL4
- Ruthick Raghupathi & Manshi Joshi XD SL3-SU5
- Nithya Sre WS-SH6
- Nithya Sre & Rachna Patel WD-SH6
- Suryakant Yadav MS-SL4
- Jagdish Dilli & Naveen Shivakumar MD SL3-SL4
- Ruthick Raghupathi & Hardik Makkar MD-SU5
- Manshi Joshi & Tulshimati Murgeshan WD SL3-SU5

Bronze Medalists

- Manshi Joshi- WS SL3
- Naveen Shivakumar - MS SL4
- Abhijeet Sakhuja & Arbaz Ansari MD SL3 -SL4
- Umesh Vikaram Kumar - MS SL3
- Prem ale & Abu Hubaida MD - WH1-WH2
- Alpha James & Pallavi Kaluvehalli M - WD WH1-WH2
- Tulshimathi Murgesan - WS SU5
- Krishna Nagar - MS SH-6
- Krishna Nagar & D Pandurangan, MD-SH6
- Chirag Baretha & Mandeep Kaur XD SL3-SU5
- Chirag Baretha & Rajkumar MD SU5
- Alpha James WS-WH2
- Manisha & Mandeep WD SL3-SU5. (ANI)

FIT INDIA SUNDAYS ON CYCLE PANDHARPUR EDITION 2025 SEES OVER 5000 CYCLISTS

PANDHARPUR, (MAHARASHTRA) : In a remarkable fusion of spiritual devotion, physical fitness, and environmental consciousness, the 4th Akhil Maharashtra Pandharpur Cycle Wari Sannam - 2025 was celebrated with great fervour and unity, according to a release from Sai Media. This mega event of Fit India Sundays on Cycle was jointly organised by the Sports Authority of India, Regional Centre - Mumbai, and the Pandharpur Cycle Wari Sangh. Over 5000 cyclists representing more than 90 cycling clubs from across Maharashtra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh participated in the event. These dedicated cyclists undertook a journey spanning 400 to 450 kilometres, starting 3-4 days in advance, to reach the holy town of Pandharpur, Solapur district in Maharashtra. They actively took part in the spiritually significant Nagar Pradakshina and the energetic Ringan Sohala, showcasing exemplary determination, devotion, and endurance. The event was honoured by the esteemed presence of several dignitaries like Raksha Khadse, Union Minister of State for youth affairs and Sports J B Gore, Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, Govt of Maharashtra. Among others were Dhairyasheel Mohite Patil, MP, Prashant Paricharak, Member of Legislative Council, Ranjitsinh Mohite Patil, Member of Legislative Council, Pandurang Chate, IRS, Regional Director, Sports Authority of India, RC Mumbai & Amit Samarth, Renowned Endurance Cyclist & 19-time Ironman, Nagpur The Railway Ground, Pandharpur, was transformed into a vibrant centre of energy and inspiration under the Fit India - Sundays on Cycle banner. The event conveyed a powerful message promoting sustainable transport, community health, and spiritual unity, reinforcing that cycling is not just a sport but a way of life aligned with a healthier and greener India. Echoing the spirit of the Fit India Movement, the event promoted the national fitness mantra: "Fitness Ka Dose, Aadha Ghanta Roz" , encouraging every citizen to embrace physical activity as a daily habit and contribute to building a fitter, environmentally conscious nation.



Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team enjoy dominant 3-1 win over Australia in 4 Nations Tournament



BERLIN [GERMANY] : The Indian Junior Men's Hockey Team enjoyed a dominant 3-1 win over Australia in their second match in the 4 Nations Tournament at the TC 1899 Blau Weiss stadium in Berlin.

Shardanand Tiwari (15'), Sourabh Anand Khushwaha (36'), and Amir Ali (43') scored goals for India while Oliver Will (55') scored the lone goal for Australia, as per a release from Hockey India (HI).

India started the match strong and found an early goal in the 15th minute as Shardanand Tiwari converted his penalty corner to give his side the lead. Both teams fought hard in the rest of the first half, but neither could break the deadlock again as India headed into the second half with a slim lead in hand. India built on the momentum as they scored back-to-back goals in the third quarter. In the 36th minute, Sourabh

Anand Khushwaha extended the lead with a crucial field goal past the Australian keeper. Moments later, in the 43rd minute, Amir Ali pushed India closer to the victory with another field goal for the winning team.

In the final quarter of the match, Australia too managed to score a goal with five minutes left on the clock courtesy of a field goal by Oliver Will however, they couldn't find two more and handed the win to India.

The tournament features a round-robin format where each of the four participating teams - India, Germany, Australia, and Spain - will face each other once in the Pool stage. The top two teams at the end of the group matches will qualify for the Final, while the remaining teams will contest the 3rd/4th place playoff.

India will next play Spain on 24th June at the same venue.

Canada seal qualification for 2026 T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka

TORONTO [CANADA] : Canada have officially secured their spot in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, set to be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka, according to the official website of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

The hosts of the Americas Qualifiers confirmed their place at the tournament after grabbing a win against Bahamas, their fifth successive in the ongoing campaign for as many outings.

Kaleem Sana and Shivam Sharma picked up three wickets apiece as Canada bundled out Bahamas for just 57. The chase was wrapped up in just 5.3 overs, with Dilpreet Bajwa smashing an unbeaten 36 off 14 balls to seal a dominant win and qualification.

Having featured at last year's Men's T20 World Cup in the USA and the Caribbean, Canada arrived into the Qualifiers as one of the favourites to progress through.

The Nicholas Kirton-led side kickstarted their campaign with a comprehensive win against



Bermuda by 110 runs. The result was followed by a 59-run win against Cayman Islands and a 10-wicket trouncing of Bahamas in the first round of games between the teams.

In their second outing against Cayman Islands - a contest cut short to five-overs-a-side - Canada registered another comfortable win after putting together 82 runs on the board, and eventually seizing the game by 42 runs.

Canada join the list of 10 teams already qualified for the 20-team event, alongside co-hosts India

and Sri Lanka. The other qualified sides include Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, England, South Africa, United States, West Indies, Ireland, New Zealand and Pakistan.

Seven more teams - two from Europe Qualifier (to be played from 5-11 July 2025), two from Africa Qualifier (to be played from 19 September - 4 October 2025) and three from Asia-EAP Qualifier (to be played from 1-17 October 2025) - will join the Men's T20 World Cup through the Regional Qualifiers.

INDIA, KYRGYZ REPUBLIC PLAY OUT A STALEMATE IN U23 FRIENDLY

NEW DELHI : The India U23 national team played a goalless draw against Kyrgyz Republic at the Hisor Central Stadium, in Hisor, Tajikistan, on Saturday, as per the official website of All India Football Federation (AIFF).

The Blue Colts had travelled to Tajikistan to play two friendly matches, the first of which they lost 2-3 against the hosts, as part of their preparations for the AFC U23 Asian Cup qualifiers later this year, and the Asian Games in 2026.

Head coach Naushad Moosa made eight changes to his starting XI from the game against Tajikistan, with only defenders Pramveer, Bikash Yunnam, and Abhishek Singh Tekcham retaining their place. Despite the changes, Kyrgyz Republic looked the livelier of the two teams for a good part of the first half an hour, while India tried to create the off-chances through their quick wingers.

Resolute not to give up, the



Blue Colts clawed their way back and slowly found the momentum they were looking for as half-time ticked closer. Calmer and more composed on the ball, India finally began to create chances.

Parthib Sundar Gogoi had a vicious shot saved in the 38th minute, and six minutes later, worried the Kyrgyz defence once again, when he swung a low free-kick at the near post, which made Kyrgyz Republic keeper Chomoev Sultan produce a diving

save. Another opportunity went begging just a minute before the break, when Vibin Mohanan found an unmarked Pramveer at the far post. The centre-back's header, however, went over the crossbar. As the match restarted, India coach Naushad Moosa made a number of changes in the second half. However, Kyrgyz Republic started the better team again, while India took time to find their old momentum again.

As time wore on, substitute

Macarton Louis Nickson began to dictate terms in the middle, and his link-up play with Suhail Ahmad Bhat seemed to have the Kyrgyz Republic defence on the back foot. Bhat thought he had put India in the lead in the 69th minute, when he was put through behind the defence by Macarton. While the former expertly cut past the keeper and found the back of the net, he had been flagged offside.

A minute later, Kyrgyz Republic Ermekeov Baibol tested Sahil with a long-range effort, but the India goalkeeper collected it with ease. Macarton and Suhail combined again with 12 minutes of regulation time left. A one-two at the edge of the box created some space for the former to shoot, but he shot over the crossbar. Sahil produced a last-ditch diving save to keep Toktonaliev Nursultan out. Chingangbam Shivaldo had India's last chance of the match after Macarton played him into the box.