

### Israel-Iran conflict gives Tehran leadership role of Muslim world, feels Mehbooba Mufti

**MI News Service, Srinagar:** The ongoing fierce conflict between Israel and Iran has elevated Tehran's status to a leadership role for the entire Muslim world as it forced Washington and Jerusalem on their knees. This view was expressed here on Tuesday by Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president Mehbooba Mufti

"I salute the courage and determination of the Iranian leadership, its armed forces and people for fighting this war with limited resources. They did not have nuclear weapons, the only weapon they had is the belief and the desire for martyrdom," the former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir said here this afternoon while reiterating her party's full and unconditional support to Iran in its fight against Israel and the USA. .

"They forced the might of the United States and its lapdog state, Israel, on their knees. Today US President Donald Trump is talking about ceasefire. It means that outcome of the war so far has been totally opposite to the expectation of the US and Israel and they are now shivering with fear in panic" she remarked.

Mufti said the war has propelled Iran to the leadership role of the Muslim world."This war has given Iran the leadership role of the Muslim world, although the other Muslim countries did nothing more than providing auseless lip service. America was in the habit of attacking the Muslim countries at will, be it Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya or Syria. However, today the US was dealt a defeat to its endeavour of attacking the Muslim countries," she added.

Reacting to Pakistan nominating Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize, Mufti said that it was not only childish but an absolute premature proposition having no possibility of its acceptance by the people of the rest of the world. .

Moreover, she said, "It was highly disappointing that Pakistan would nominate Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize. I feel it was childish and premature, especially with a person who does not know what he is saying and what he is going to do the next minute," she added.

On the other hand the present conflict with Israel and now also wirh the US has certainly elevated Tehran's status to a leadership role for the Muslim world as it forced both the mighty nations on their knees. "I salute their courage and determination in this crisis, she said and reiterated her strong belief that Iran did not want to produce nuclear weapons, neither they have nuclear armament in their limited armoury.The only weapon they had is the belief and the desire for martyrdom', Mufti said.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee addresses the Monsoon session at the State Legislative Assembly in Kolkata on Tuesday.

## Mamata Banerjee vows to hit the streets for detained Bengali migrant workers in Rajasthan

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In a strongly worded condemnation, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday lashed out at the BJP-led Rajasthan government, accusing it of detaining nearly 300 Bengali-speaking migrant workers on the false pretext of them being "Bangladeshis." The workers, hailing from Khisahar and nearby villages in Uttar Dinajpur's Itahar area, were allegedly held solely based on the language they spoke.

Raising the matter in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, Itahar MLA Mosaraf Hossain brought the issue to light, prompting an outraged response from the Chief Minister. "This is absolutely outrageous," Mamata Banerjee said in the House. "Just because someone speaks Bengali, does that make them a foreigner? If someone speaks Tamil, will you send them to Sri Lanka? If someone speaks Gorkhali, will they be deported to Nepal? Are Bengali-speaking citizens not Indian anymore?"

She termed the incident a blatant

case of linguistic profiling and warned the Centre and the Rajasthan government that such discrimination would not be tolerated. "We will not sit quietly. If this injustice continues, we will take to the streets. Over 22 lakh Bengali migrant workers are employed across India. Will you push them all out simply for speaking their mother tongue?"

The Chief minister said she had instructed state Chief Secretary to immediately contact his Rajasthan counterpart and ensure the release of the detained workers. She also said she would write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, assuming he was unaware of the incident. "I believe the Prime Minister doesn't know this has happened. But I will inform him myself," she said.

The Chief Minister also revealed that she had spoken directly with the Bangladesh High Commission, who confirmed that the Government of India had issued clear documentation for the detained individuals. "So why are they still being held? This is

unacceptable," she said.

Mamata further accused the Centre of waging a war against regional languages. "We hear reports that Bengali is being removed from the curriculum at Delhi University. This is nothing short of cultural erasure. Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose — all spoke Bengali. Are we to discard their legacy now?"

She labelled the situation "linguistic apartheid" and said branding someone as a foreigner for speaking Bengali was an affront to the Indian Constitution. "The Constitution grants equal respect to all languages. Bengali is one of the great languages of this nation — to criminalize it is to insult our very identity."

Concluding her statement, Banerjee issued a stern warning: "If the harassment of Bengali-speaking Indians continues, we will launch a massive protest. We will not tolerate any attempt to humiliate our people or our language. We are proud Bengalis — and we will stand our ground."

## India proves its stringent policy against terrorism through Operation Sindoor, says PM Modi

**MI News Service, New Delhi :** Asserting that Operation Sindoor has made clear to the world India's stringent policy against terrorism, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that his government takes whatever steps are appropriate in national interest.

Weapons manufactured in India showed their impact during the conflict with Pakistan, he said, without naming the country, at an event here on Tuesday to mark the centenary celebration of the conversation between spiritual figure and social reformer Sree Narayana Guru and Mahatma Gandhi.

"We have shown that no hideout is safe for terrorists who spill the blood of Indians," he said, adding that his government has worked on ideals of the revered spiritual figure who wanted a strong India which



was free of any discrimination.

PM Modi said his government in the past 11 years has worked to make India strong in every field in-

cluding in social, economic and defence sectors.

He said India's reliance on foreign countries to meet its defence needs is fast declining, and it is now steadily becoming "aatmanirbhar" even in defence sector.

Indian military brought the enemy to its knees with made-in-India weapons in 22 minutes, he said of the precision attacks on terror sites in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir following the horrific killing of civilians by terrorists in Pahalgam on April 22..

He said he was confident that made-in-India weapons will be feted across the world in future. A number of countries across the globe have evinced keen

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## Modi govt has ruined country's rapidly growing economy, alleges Cong

**MI News Service, New Delhi :** After interest rates on savings accounts have reportedly reaching the lowest level in 25 years, the main opposition Congress has strongly criticised the Narendra Modi government at the Centre alleging that in the last 11 years it has left no stone unturned in "ruining" the

country's rapidly growing economy. Congress General Secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh shared a media report on X on Tuesday which claimed that the 1 per cent cut in repo rate by the RBI has forced banks to reduce their deposit rates, pushing savings account interest rates to a

25-year low.

"In the last 11 years, the Modi government has left no stone unturned in ruining the country's rapidly growing economy. Starting with demonetization, new experiments are being conducted on the people of the country every year, they are being tortured in new

ways everyday," Ramesh said in a post on X in Hindi.

The interest rates on savings accounts have reached the lowest level in 25 years, which is directly hitting the pockets of the elderly and the common citizens,

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## Trade agreements with the US, EU to be concluded soon: Sitharaman

**MI News Service, New Delhi :** Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said negotiations for the proposed free trade agreements with the US and European Union (EU) are progressing at a fast pace and would be concluded soon. All efforts are being made to boost exports to achieve the ambitious tar-

get of USD 2 trillion by 2030. India has already signed free trade agreements with the UAE, Australia, and 4-nation European Free Trade Association ( FETA) bloc and negotiations have been completed with the UK, she said adding "with the US and the European Union, negotiations are really intensely going

on and should come to conclusion sooner."

The emphasis now is on concluding more free trade agreements, she said while inaugurating Trade Conclave by India Exim Bank here.Referring to the country's exports,

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## Mamata Banerjee calls for immediate diplomatic initiative to de-escalate Israel-Iran conflict

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday voiced grave concern over the escalating conflicts between Israel and Iran in the Middle East and urged the Central Government to launch diplomatic efforts to de-escalate tensions in the region. Speaking during the Monsoon Session of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly here on Tuesday the Chief minister also linked the fallout of international hostilities to environmental degradation and civil safety concerns. "The world is witnessing the outbreak of war and hostilities in many regions. These conflicts contribute significantly to air and water pollution. We must act now to mitigate this damage," Mamata Banerjee said during a discussion on a central environmental bill.

With reference to the Israel - Iran hostilities—intensified by the U.S. bombing of three key Iranian nuclear sites over the weekend— Mamata Banerjee appealed for an

immediate diplomatic intervention. "Though the External Affairs ministry fall under the purview of the Union Government, I sincerely urge them to take an aggressive diplomatic initiatives to bring a peaceful end to this war-like situation."

"I appeal to the Government of India that they must take diplomatic and peaceful initiative to stop this war-like situation', she added.

Clarifying her position, she added, "Perhaps the Centre has its constraints. I am not authorised to speak on foreign policy. But I share this as a responsible citizen of the world deeply concerned about the implications."

Recalling India's historic diplomatic contributions, the Chief minister invoked the legacy of the Non-Aligned Movement and India's support for the Palestinian cause. "When Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister, he sent me and Anand Sharma to Angola on a sensitive mission. I cannot share details

due to national security concerns, but I witnessed first-hand how war damages not just nations, but also this planet."

The Chief Minister also raised pressing concerns about civil aviation safety. "People are increasingly fearful of flying due to frequent air mishaps and poor aircraft maintenance. Despite repeated appeals, no substantial action has been taken," she said.

Mamata Banerjee further criticised the lack of federal coordination in environmental management, citing inadequate dredging of the Ganges and silt accumulation at Haldia Port as examples. "Our rivers are choking, ships cannot dock, and agencies like the DVC refused to act."

"War is not just about weapons; it pollutes the skies, weakens infrastructure, and endangers lives. This is a crisis of environment, safety, and governance," she concluded, calling on both the Centre and the global community to respond decisively.

## Mamata Banerjee blames Centre and DVC for Bengal's worsening flood situation

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched a scathing attack on the central government and the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) on Tuesday, accusing them of systematic neglect and discrimination for continuous worsening of the state's annual flood situation..

Speaking in the state Assembly amid renewed flood concerns in Ghatul subdivision of Paschim Medinipur,Mamata Banerjee alleged that the Centre has bulldozed the federal structure by deliberately withholding aid and ignoring repeated warnings. "Despite our repeated appeals, the Centre has not released even a single rupee for flood mitigation in Bengal," the Chief Minister said, contrasting the Centre's support to Assam with the "zero assistance" offered to West Bengal.

The Chief minister also reiterated her longstanding accusation that the DVC is releasing water arbitrarily from Jharkhand and Bihar without prior intimation to Bengal, causing avoidable flooding in several districts. "This is man-made flooding. Had DVC conducted timely dredging, it could have held an additional 4 lakh cusecs of water. But they haven't done their job, and Bengal is paying the price,"

she said.

The Ghatul Master Plan, a flagship flood-control project that has dominated political discourse in the region for nearly a decade, was also at the center of her address. Mamata Banerjee confirmed that the state government has allocated 1,500 crore for the plan, with a target of completing it within two years. "Areas like Chandrakona and Keshpur will finally see relief from the chronic flood situation," she said, while stressing that the project must avoid any disruption to local habitation. Taking her critique further, the Chief Minister questioned why Bengal has no representation in the India-Bhutan River Commission, despite being directly affected by trans-boundary water issues.

The flood crisis in Ghatul has become an annual monsoon flashpoint. With elections in 2014, 2019, and 2024 all witnessing political commitments around the master plan, her renewed push suggests the state is now moving ahead unilaterally, no longer waiting for central support.

As the rain continues, the administration remains on alert — but so too does the political tension surrounding flood management and federal cooperation in Bengal.

## Trump announces 'complete and total' ceasefire between Israel, Iran

**MI News Service, Washington (DC) :** In a surprise turn of event US President Donald Trump late on Monday announced a complete ceasefire between Israel and Iran, potentially ending the 12-day war that saw millions flee Tehran and prompted fears of further escalation in the war-torn region.

After the US President's announcement, the Israeli military said on Tuesday that Iran launched a fresh barrage of missiles into the country, 2.5 hours after the ceasefire came into effect. Israel said that its defensive systems are working to intercept missiles launched from Iran. Earlier in the day, Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said that Tel Aviv has agreed to ceasefire proposal with Iran, brokered by US President Donald Trump. Soon after Trump announced a "complete and total" ceasefire between the two combatant nations, a fresh barrage of missiles from Iran hit a residential building in southern Israel, killing four people.

After the US attacked Iran's nuclear sites with its B-2 bomber on June 22, Iran launched its retaliatory strikes by targeting America's Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar on Monday night (around 10 pm IST). This triggered closures of air spaces in several Gulf



countries. Explosions were heard over Doha after Iran reportedly launched six missiles to target the US air base in the region. Iran's state media has said the ceasefire has been "imposed" on Israel following the "successful" attack by Tehran's forces in Qatar.

Threat levels in the Strait of Hormuz have been high since tension in the Israel-Iran conflict escalated. However, the movement of oil tankers have largely remained steady. Post Trump's announcement of ceasefire, the Israeli military warned the residents of Tehran's districts to evacuate immediately. Meanwhile, France has condemned an Israeli strike on Tehran's Evvin prison.

Meanwhile Iran's Deputy Foreign minister on Tuesday thanked Qatar for its "constructive role"

in preventing regional escalation.

However, on the other hand Israeli Defense Minister Katz said that he has instructed the Israeli Defence Forces to "respond forcefully to Iran's violation of the ceasefire with intense strikes against regime targets in the heart of Tehran."

Israel said that Iran launched missiles into the country 2.5 hours after the ceasefire came into effect. Tel Aviv said that Israel successfully identified all the Iranian missiles. Four people were killed in Israel's Beersheba on Tuesday after the ceasefire was announced. Japan's Nikkei share average rose on Tuesday after US President Donald Trump said Iran and Israel agreed to a ceasefire, which boosted global investors' risk

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Chariot decoration with alpana underway ahead of the Rath Yatra festival, scheduled for June 27 in Kolkata.



## One sentenced to death, 18 get life imprisonment in TMC Leader murder case

**MI News Service, Hooghly:** In a significant verdict over a decade in the making, the Arambagh Sub-Divisional Court on Monday sentenced one individual to death and 18 others to life imprisonment in connection with the 2011 murder of Trinamool Congress leader Sheikh Naimuddin.

On December 9, 2011, Naimuddin was shot dead during unrest surrounding the nomination process for the managing committee of Saora Union High School in Goghat. His wife, Tahera Begum, had filed a complaint with Goghat Police Station, naming 30 individuals. Of the accused, four have since died, and the case is ongoing against the remaining 26. Delivering the verdict, Additional District and Sessions Judge Kishen Kumar Agarwal sentenced Trinamool worker Baldev Pal to death. Former panchayat chief Tapas Khan, local political figure Saheb Pal, and 16 others—including members of the Trinamool Congress, CPI(M), and Forward Bloc—were sentenced to life imprisonment. Seven accused were acquitted due to lack of evidence. According to Hooghly District Public Prosecutor Shankar Gangopadhyay, among the convicted are 11 Trinamool members, six CPI(M) supporters, and one Forward Bloc worker. Left party leaders have alleged that their workers were falsely implicated due to internal factionalism within the Trinamool Congress and have announced plans to challenge the verdict in the High Court.

## Son-in-law accused of killing mother-in-law after family dispute

**MI News Service, Murshidabad:** A domestic dispute turns deadly in Murshidabad's Gajdharpara area on Monday night, as a man allegedly killed his mother-in-law following a heated altercation. The accused, identified as Suraj Sheikh, is currently absconding, promoting a massive police search.

The victim, Manohara Bibi (40), reportedly got involved in a quarrel between her daughter and son-in-law when the situation spiraled out of control. According to family members and local residents, Suraj allegedly attacked Manohara with a knife, leaving her critically injured. She was rushed to Murshidabad Medical College and Hospital, but was declared dead upon arrival. Her body has been sent for post-mortem examination to determine the exact cause of death. Upon receiving the information, police reached the scene promptly. However, Suraj had already fled the area and has remained untraceable since. Law enforcement authorities have launched a manhunt and are actively questioning family members to understand the motive behind the attack. While the exact reason for the dispute remains unclear, a relative claimed that the argument initially began between Suraj and his wife. When Manohara tried to intervene, Suraj reportedly turned violent and launched the fatal attack. The incident has sent shockwaves through the local community, with widespread outrage and calls for swift justice.

## Exam disruption sparks political uproar over Student leaders' conduct

**MI News Service, Malda:** A major controversy has erupted at Pipla College in Harishchandrapur, Malda, after an incident during the sixth-semester examinations of Gour Banga University sparked allegations of misconduct and political interference. The issue began on Friday when a student was caught cheating during the examination. The invigilating professor reportedly confiscated the student's answer script after observing them writing on the bench. The script was held for ten minutes before being returned.

Following this, on Monday afternoon, Biman Jha, president of the Harishchandra-

pur 1 Block unit of Trinamool Chhatra Parishad (TMCP), allegedly stormed into the college premises with a group of associates. They confronted the college principal, Dr. Sumit Nandi, demanding an explanation for the professor's actions. According to eyewitnesses, Jha shouted at and threatened the principal, warning him to "stay mindful of where he lives," which has left faculty and staff in fear. Dr. Sumit Nandi, who lives alone in the area, expressed grave concern over his safety, stating, "I am terrified by the threats made. This behavior from a student leader is deeply troubling." This incident has once again

placed Biman Jha under public scrutiny. Known to be close to State Minister Tajmul Hossain, Biman Jha has previously been accused of various offenses—from allegedly selling cremation soil to hosting gambling events and even assaulting police officers. Despite repeated controversies, no action has been taken by the party, raising questions about internal discipline and accountability. Responding to the incident, Minister Tajmul Hossain confirmed, "I have heard about it and will personally visit the college to investigate. Action will be taken." The BJP has seized the opportunity to slam the ruling party, alleging that Tri-

namool is "nurturing goons under the guise of student politics," thereby damaging the education system. "Such leaders are a blot on the student community. If Trinamool has any integrity, it should expel him," a BJP spokesperson said. Meanwhile, the district Trinamool leadership has stated that the matter will be looked into by the TMCP's district president. Biman Jha has not responded to repeated attempts for comment. As tensions rise, the incident has sparked a fresh round of political sparring in Malda, raising serious concerns about the state of campus politics and the safety of academic staff.

## Kartik Maharaj's call: 5 lakh voices to chant Gita at Brigade rally

**MI News Service, Barrackpore:** In a bold religious and political statement ahead of the 2026 state elections, Padma Shri award-ee and monk of the Bharat Sevashram Sangh, Kartik Maharaj, has announced a mass Gita Path (Gita recitation) rally to be held at Kolkata's historic Brigade Parade Ground on December 7, aiming to bring together five lakh participants to chant verses from the Bhagavad Gita in unison. The announcement came at the conclusion of a religious procession named "Tulsi Yatra", which Kartik Maharaj led from Naihati on Monday. The event saw the participation of prominent figures, including former BJP MP from Barrackpore, Arjun Singh, who walked beside the monk throughout the rally.

The proposed program is a continuation of Kartik Maharaj's Gita Path movement,



which drew a significant crowd at the Brigade Maidan in December 2023. This time, the scale and messaging are more pronounced, with the monk linking the rally to a larger cultural and political resurgence. Calling the upcoming 2026 West Bengal Assembly Elections a modern-day 'Kurukshetra War', Kartik Maharaj declared: "The war of Kurukshetra began with the sound of Panchajanya (Lord Krishna's

conch). The battle for Bengal will begin the same way. Five lakh voices will echo with the Gita at Brigade. From there, our 'Vijaya Yatra' will begin, and the saffron flag will rise." He further claimed that spiritual leaders, including Babaji of Bageshwar Dham, and thousands of Sanatan Dharma devotees would join the event. Maharaj emphasized themes of Hindu unity, invoking religious imagery and alluding to recent com-

munal tensions in Maheshtala, Malda, and Murshidabad. "We are fighting modern-day Ravana. Only a united Hindu society can bring victory," he stated. The event is also being viewed through a political lens, as it comes amid BJP's ongoing efforts to regain lost ground in Bengal. Former MP Arjun Singh, walking with Kartik Maharaj, addressed the BJP's recent defeat in the Meta Kaliganj by-election, attributing it to a consolidation of Muslim votes against the party. "We could not win because there were Muslim votes. They do not vote for us," Singh claimed, underscoring ongoing concerns within the BJP over communal vote dynamics. The announcement signals a renewed push to galvanize Hindu sentiments in the lead-up to elections, with religious symbolism and political strategy deeply intertwined.

## Bangladesh police station in land records halts border fencing work

**MI News Service, Jalpaiguri:** A legacy border dispute is stalling vital security infrastructure in Jalpaiguri, where thousands of Indian citizens living near the India-Bangladesh border are unable to prove ownership of their land due to outdated land records listing Bangladesh's Boda Police Station as the administrative authority. The affected villages—Kajaldighi, Barashashi, Chilahati, and Nautari Devottar Mouza—fall under the Dakshin Berubari Gram Panchayat in the Sadar Block of Jalpaiguri district. Despite possessing Indian identity documents such as voter ID, Aadhaar, and ration cards, residents remain excluded from state and central welfare schemes and face a major obstacle: no valid Indian land ownership documents.

The issue dates back to 1989, when initial demarcations of the India-Bangladesh



border showed these areas within Bangladesh's map, though they have always been populated and administered by Indian authorities. In 2015, a historic land boundary agreement between India and Bangladesh led to the exchange of enclaves, and the areas were officially marked as Indian territory. However, land records for these areas were never updated, and ancestral documents still cite Bangladesh jurisdiction. This lack of legal clarity has now

stalled critical border fencing and road construction work across a 16-kilometer stretch of open border, as the Border Security Force (BSF) cannot proceed without proper land acquisition. Farmers have refused to hand over land without the guarantee of compensation, which requires verified Indian land records. In response, Jalpaiguri MP Jayanta Kumar Roy has intervened, visiting the affected areas on Friday to meet with both BSF officials and local

residents. He assured that the matter would be raised in Parliament and promised to seek a resolution. The villagers also submitted a memorandum to him, urging that land ownership be regularized before any acquisition. Nearly 8,000 people in the four affected villages remain in a bureaucratic limbo—citizens in every sense, yet considered outsiders on paper. When contacted, District Magistrate Shama Parveen confirmed that a land survey is currently underway based on physical possession, giving residents hope for legal recognition and long-awaited access to government schemes and fair compensation. Until then, national security infrastructure, including the barbed wire fencing and border road\*\*, remains stalled—caught in a decades-old paperwork maze at one of the most sensitive frontiers of the country.

## Wife, lover and five others convicted for brutal killing of husband in 2018

**MI News Service, Hooghly:** A Hooghly court today convicted seven individuals, including the wife of the deceased, in the 2018 murder of Krishna Mal, a resident of Patna village under Polba police station. The Third Additional District Sessions Judge of Chunchura court, Kausov Mukherjee, found all seven guilty. The quantum of sentence will be pronounced on July 26.

Krishna Mal was found dead with his throat slit on March 28, 2018. Initially, his wife, Rina Mal, reported to the police that robbers had broken into their home,

tied her and her son, killed her husband, and looted valuables. She also alleged that she had been raped by the assailants. However, a detailed investigation by Polba police uncovered a different and sensational truth. Police discovered that Rina Mal, who had an almost twenty-year age difference with her husband, was unhappy in her marriage and had developed a romantic relationship with Jico Pal of Balagarh. According to police sources, Rina Mal and Jico Pal allegedly conspired to eliminate Krishna Mal. They hired five oth-

er individuals to carry out the murder, disguising it as a robbery. The plan was executed on the night of the incident when Rina allegedly opened the door for the perpetrators. The police investigation systematically debunked the robbery and rape claims, revealing the elaborate plot involving Rina Mal's affair and the planned murder of her husband. On April 4, 2018, police arrested Rina Mal, Jico Pal, Dipankar Pal, Biswajit Chakraborty, Laxmikant Chakraborty, Abhijit Chakraborty, and Raja Das in connection with the case. Chun-

chura court public prosecutor Bidyut Roy Chowdhury stated that eighteen witnesses testified in the case, with the most crucial being the statement of the deceased's minor son. Medical examinations also disproved the rape allegations made by Rina Mal. Rina Mal has been incarcerated in Hooghly jail for the past 13 years. During the period, four of the accused had previously attempted to escape by throwing chili powder at the police but were subsequently re-apprehended. All convicted individuals are currently held in various correctional facilities.

## Alarming rise in missing housewives triggers concerns over marital breakdown, social shifts

**MI News Service, Barasat:** A startling trend has emerged in the Barasat police district, where over 500 married women have gone missing from their homes between January and May this year. According to a senior police sources, 536 women have been reportedly missing in this five-month span-nearly 500 of them are housewives, raising alarms with law enforcement and the wider community. Investigations suggest that "a significant number of these women may have left home voluntarily, allegedly due to extramarital relationships formed via social media. Many of the affected families claim that their wives and daughters-in-law abandoned their homes, leaving behind husbands, children, and in-laws, and in some cases, starting new lives with men they met online."

The Barasat Police have confirmed that missing person reports are being actively investigated, but the challenge lies in the fact that the majority of these women are legal adults. Without evidence of coercion, abduction, or force, police intervention is limited under current law. Social observers and psychologists point to multiple possible causes behind this phenomenon: Loneliness and isolation, especially for women whose husbands work in other states or are absent most of the day. Easy access



to smartphones and social media, facilitating discreet communication and emotional intimacy outside of marriage. Domestic discord or abuse, pushing women to seek emotional or physical escape. A local psychologist explained, "These cases are often not just about love or betrayal. In many instances, women are seeking emotional security or relief from toxic domestic environments. Even simple acts of kindness from a stranger online can seem like a lifeline." In some cases, the women have returned after police intervention—approximately 200 have come back home, according to sources. However, many others either refused to return or could not be traced. Barasat Municipality Chairman Ashni Mukherjee expressed concern over the societal implications of the trend: "This is not just a law-and-order issue. The erosion of social structure and family stability is deeply worrying." Legal expert Sandeep Chatterjee added,

"This reflects a serious social imbalance. The increasing instability in marital relationships and lack of emotional support systems are contributing to such crises." Residents in the area are divided in opinion. While some blame modern lifestyle shifts and "Western influences," others emphasize the need to address underlying domestic issues and the emotional wellbeing of women. Local resident Malvika Roy said, "No woman leaves her family lightly. There must be deeper social or personal issues at play." Another resident, Ajay, remarked, "Today's society offers more freedom. Technology has made it easy to connect, but it's also making people drift apart." As the police continue their efforts to track the missing women, officials and community leaders agree that the matter calls for deeper introspection—into family dynamics, emotional health, and the changing fabric of rural and suburban life in Bengal.

## Four Arrested following a minor girl killed by bombs during vote counting at Kaliganj

**MI News Service, Kaliganj:** A 10-year-old girl was killed in a crude bomb blast in West Bengal's Nadia district on Monday, just hours after the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) secured a resounding victory in the Kaliganj Assembly bypoll. Police have arrested four persons in connection with the incident.

The deceased, Tamanna Khatun, a student of Class IV, was reportedly caught in the blast that occurred during post-poll celebrations in Molandi village of Palashi, Kaliganj. According to local residents and the victim's family, crude bombs were allegedly hurled during a TMC victory procession, one of which fatally struck the child.

Following a formal complaint lodged by the victim's family, police have registered a case against 24 individuals. Those arrested have been identified



as Anwar Sheikh, Monowar Sheikh, Adar Sheikh, and Kalu Sheikh. A manhunt is underway to locate the remaining accused, said a senior district police officer.

On Tuesday morning, police conducted extensive search operations in and around the homes of the arrested individuals, including bamboo groves and jute fields, in search of illegal explosives and arms.

Tamanna's father, who works in Odisha, rushed home upon receiving the news. "We have been targeted because of our political affiliations," he alleged. "I have no faith in the local police. I will seek justice through



the courts if necessary." The incident has sparked widespread outrage across political lines. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressed concern over the child's death. TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh called the incident "deeply condemnable" and said, "The police are taking necessary action. Four persons have already been arrested. Regardless of political affiliation, such acts cannot be tolerated." The police have initiated a detailed probe, including analysis of mobile footage and eyewitness accounts. Security has been intensified in the area to prevent any further escalation.

## Unraveling Malda's sack skeleton: Bangles and teeth hold clues

**MI News Service, Malda:** A human skeleton, believed to be that of a woman was recovered today from a jute field in Nadisik village, under the Chanchal police station area of Malda district. The discovery has sparked considerable local excitement and a police investigation is now underway. The skeleton remains, found inside a sack, were first spotted by local farmer while harvesting jute. It appears an animal, possibly

a fox, had partially dragged the remains out of the sack. Upon receiving the information, a team from Chanchal police station, including IC Purnendukumar Kundu and Sub-division Police Officer Somnath Saha, arrived at the scene. Authorities confirmed the recovery of the skeleton. Significantly, the teeth of the recovered remains are intact, and samples are being collected for DNA testing to aid in identification. Fur-

thermore, a woman's bangle was found next to the sack, leading investigators to initially believe the skeleton is female. Police suspect foul play, with the initial assessment suggesting the individual was murdered and then disposed of in the jute field. The DNA test results are expected to provide definitive answers regarding the identity of the deceased and will be crucial for further investigation.

## Howrah kidnap bust: Police insider held for abduction of Bihar youth

**MI News Service, Howrah:** Four individuals, including a purported informer and temporary driver for Kolkata Police, have been arrested by Howrah's Golabari Police Station in connection with the alleged kidnapping of a Bihar youth. The victim, 26-year-old Amrit Raj, a resident of Begusarai, Bihar, was successfully rescued.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Bimlesh Kumar, Manjur M. Jairul Rahmat, and Deepjoy Banerjee. Deepjoy Banerjee informed investigators that he works as an informer and temporary driver for the Kolkata Police. According to police sources, Amrit Raj, who operates an online shopping franchise in Bihar, was lured to Howrah by Bimlesh Kumar, an acquaintance of Amrit's grandfather. Bimlesh allegedly promised to introduce Amrit to a significant investor.

Last Sunday, Amrit arrived in Howrah with two acquaintances and checked into a hotel under the Golabari Police Station's jurisdiction. On Monday, Bimlesh reportedly took Amrit to Kolkata, where he was allegedly intoxicated at a bar before being taken to a lodge arranged by Deepjoy Banerjee. At the lodge, Am-

rit was allegedly assaulted, and a ransom of one lakh rupees was demanded from his family. Meanwhile, Amrit's friends, concerned after losing contact with him, reported the matter to Golabari police. Acting swiftly, police rescued Amrit in the early hours of the morning and apprehended the four suspects. The arrested individuals are scheduled to be presented before the Howrah court today, where police will seek their custody for further investigation. Authorities believe the arrested persons may be involved in several other criminal activities.

## NCW Seeks Report on Death of Minor Girl in Kaliganj Post-Poll Violence

**MI News Service, Kaliganj:** The National Commission for Women (NCW) has told the Superintendent of Police, Nadia, to submit a detailed report within 72 hours regarding the death of a 10-year-old girl during alleged post-poll violence in Kaliganj, West Bengal.

The incident occurred on Monday afternoon in Molanda village under the Bara Chandghar gram panchayat, a little before the ruling Trinamool Congress registered a decisive victory in the Kaliganj Assembly bypoll.

A victory rally had been taken out following the trend of the result, during which crude bombs were allegedly



hurled towards the homes of CPI(M) supporters. One such bomb reportedly landed in the courtyard of the victim's house, killing Tamanna Khatun on the spot.

On Wednesday, NCW Chairperson Dr. Archana Majumdar visited the bereaved family and expressed strong dissatisfaction with the role of the local police.

"A mother has lost her child for no fault of her own. Just a celebration of victory has claimed an innocent life.

This cannot be allowed to be brushed aside," she said.

Where was the police? What was the intelligence unit doing? I have asked the SP directly. He will have to answer," she added.

The NCW has raised concerns about law enforcement lapses, particularly in monitoring the post-election situation in sensitive areas.

Meanwhile, four individuals have been arrested in connection with the incident, while efforts are underway to trace other accused persons, according to the district police. Tension continues to simmer in the area as political parties trade accusations over the tragedy.



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interest about the high quality of India made weapons and placed orders worth hundreds of crores of rupees. We hope within the next few years our country would be 100 per cent self sufficient in defence sector as it is necessary in view of the present volatile situation in different parts of the world, the Prime minister

said.

Prime minister Modi also cited his government's welfare schemes in housing, drinking water and health insurance among other fields to assert that these have empowered the deprived and backward sections of society.

More number of IITs, IIMs and AIIMS have been opened in the last 11 years than earlier, he added.

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he said.

"Banks have already closed their doors for the common people, after this they will be available only to the very rich capitalist friends," the Congress leader said.

"Prime Minister, the well-being of the people of the country is your first responsibility, but you are busy in increasing the wealth of your capitalist friends by diverting the

money of the people of the country to their companies through the stock market," Ramesh alleged. This is a huge injustice and deception towards the people of the country, he said.

The Congress has been attacking the government over its handling of the economy, claiming the issues of rising prices, decreasing private investment and stagnating wages were hitting the common people hard.

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the Finance minister said total exports of goods and services reached a record high of USD 825 billion in FY25, achieving 6 per cent growth over the previous year.

While global exports grew by only 4 per cent, India's exporters managed to fast-track and cross growth of 6.3 per cent despite global uncertainties on trade front, she said.

Observing that exporters are "swimming against tides", she assured all support to them and urged them to focus on innovation and finding newer markets for their products.

Speaking at the event, Financial Services Secretary M Nagaraju said India's growth prospects remain bright even as the world economy is troubled

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appetite. The Nikkei ended 1.14% higher at 38,790.56 after touching 38,990.11, its highest since mid-February. The broader Topix rose 0.73% to 2,781.35.

Trump late on Monday announced a complete ceasefire between Israel and Iran, potentially ending the 12-day war that saw millions flee Tehran and prompted fears of further escalation in the war-torn region.

India on Tuesday evacuated 292 citizens from Iran and 366 nationals from Israel amid escalating tensions between the

two countries following the US bombing of three Iranian nuclear sites.

With the fresh batch of evacuees from Iran, India has brought back 2,295 Indians from the Persian Gulf nation so far.

India brought back 161 Indians in a chartered flight from Amman that landed at 8:20 am. The Indians were moved from Israel to Jordan through land border crossings.

Another group of 165 Indians were flown back to New Delhi from Amman in a C-17 military transport aircraft. They were received at the airport by Union Minister L Murugan.

Tragedy in Kestopur:  
Former BJP MP's aide dies in  
sleep as house catches fire

MI News Service, Kolkata: A shocking incident unfolded in Kolkata's Kestopur area late last night, where a man was tragically charred to death in his sleep after a fire engulfed his residence. The deceased has been identified as Sabyasachi Chakraborty, a former personal aide to ex-BJP MP Subhash Sarkar.

The fire broke out around 3:30 AM at a residence in Rabindrapalli, Kestopur. Sabyasachi, approximately 40 years old, lived on the ground floor of the house and had retired to bed as usual. Neighbours first noticed flames emerging from the property and immediately alerted the police and fire services. Firefighters arrived swiftly and began battling the blaze, which took considerable time to bring under control.

Tragically, Sabyasachi was trapped inside his room and sustained critical burn injuries. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

The fire severely dam-

aged a large portion of the ground floor, with Sabyasachi's room reportedly completely gutted. Investigators from the Baguati Police Station and the fire department have launched a detailed probe into the cause of the blaze. Preliminary assessments suggest a possible short circuit, though officials state that only a thorough investigation will confirm the exact cause. Sabyasachi's past association with former BJP MP Subhash Sarkar has drawn political attention to the incident. Upon hearing the news, Sarkar expressed profound grief, calling Sabyasachi a good-hearted man whose untimely death is deeply distressing.

The tragedy has "ast a pall over the Rabindrapalli locality, with locals mourning the loss of a well-known resident. Many remembered him as a kind and helpful individual.

While the official cause remains under investigation, authorities continue to examine the possibility of sabotage or other foul play.

CM Mamata issues stern warning against  
illegal pond-filling in Assembly address

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee delivered a hard-hitting message in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, vowing uncompromising action against illegal constructions on filled ponds and waterbodies. Asserting the state's firm stance on environmental protection, she warned that any structures built upon illegally reclaimed ponds will be demolished, regardless of the local influence behind them.

"Those forcibly filling up ponds for construction will face strict consequences. Any illegal construction on reclaimed wa-

terbodies will be razed," the Chief Minister stated unequivocally. "There will be no compromise when it comes to safeguarding the environment," she added, directing the Environment Department to act decisively upon receiving complaints.

Banerjee's statement comes in response to persistent allegations by opposition parties that numerous illegal structures have been erected after ponds were filled in various parts of the state. Echoing concerns long voiced by environmentalists and civil society, she emphasized the government's intolerance for

such violations.

Notably, the Chief Minister revealed that, contrary to these destructive trends, the state has successfully excavated 4.5 lakh new ponds in recent years—an ambitious effort towards water conservation and ecological balance.

Her remarks align with those made earlier during the ongoing Monsoon Session by Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya, who underscored the illegality of altering the character of wetlands. She had warned that verified instances of wetland reclamation could result in up to three years'

imprisonment and fines reaching 5 lakh.

The Assembly session also saw Mamata Banerjee target the central government over inadequate disaster relief. Without directly naming the DVC (Damodar Valley Corporation), she criticized the Centre for failing to provide support during flood situations triggered by excessive water release and persistent rainfall in areas like Ghatol, now severely flood-affected.

"The Centre has continually deprived us of essential flood relief," she alleged, adding, "Despite the absence of dredging

and compensations due to water discharge from neighbouring states, we are taking proactive steps.

In a notable environmental achievement, the Chief Minister informed the Assembly that the state has planted 20 crore mangrove trees across three districts to curb flooding and has expanded forest cover by over 4,000 square kilometres.

Mamata Banerjee's message was clear: environmental violations will no longer be tolerated, and the state is committed to a greener, more sustainable future.

CM Mamata meets injured  
Assembly staff, urges Speaker  
to take disciplinary actions

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday visited injured security personnel at the state Assembly, a day after unprecedented scenes of chaos erupted in the House, leaving several staff members hurt. The incident followed the suspension of four BJP MLAs by Speaker Biman Banerjee for unruly behavior—a decision that triggered a violent protest by fellow BJP legislators outside the Assembly chamber.

As marshals attempted to escort the suspended members out of the House on Monday, a physical scuffle allegedly broke out between BJP MLAs and Assembly staff, resulting in multiple injuries. In a show of concern and solidarity, the Chief Minister personally met the injured guards, inquired about their well-being, and extended wishes for a swift recovery.

"I pray to God for their quick healing," Mamata said after meeting the in-



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, accompanied by Speaker Biman Banerjee, visited the State Legislative Assembly to meet those injured in Monday's violent altercation allegedly involving BJP MLAs. Several individuals, including marshals and other Assembly staff, sustained injuries during the incident. The Chief Minister personally spoke with the injured, inquired about their health, and conveyed her heartfelt wishes for a speedy recovery, on Tuesday.

jured. She further criticized the BJP's behavior and urged the Speaker to take strong disciplinary action, drawing parallels with previous precedents during the Singur agitation. "At that time, even legislators had their salaries deducted. I'm not suggesting

the same now, but as a legal professional, I'm sure you'll take appropriate measures," she said.

On Tuesday, the final day of the Assembly session, BJP MLAs boycotted proceedings and staged a protest outside the Assembly with placards, decrying

the suspension order. Inside the House, Mamata Banerjee continued her scheduled address in the absence of the BJP legislators and later stepped out to meet the injured personnel.

She also questioned reports suggesting that FIRs were filed against some of the security staff. "Those who were injured are now facing FIRs—this is simply unacceptable," the Chief Minister said, reiterating her call for accountability and order within the legislative premises.

Speaker Biman Banerjee has since assured that a full inquiry will be conducted into the events of Monday and that all complaints will be addressed through due legal process.

The incident has sparked widespread concern across party lines over the deteriorating standards of conduct in legislative assemblies and highlighted the need for reinforcing decorum and discipline in the democratic process.

Kolkata Police  
uncover bullet  
smuggling racket  
using fake  
shooter licenses

MI News Service, Kolkata: A disturbing revelation has emerged from recent arms seizures in West Bengal—traffickers are allegedly using forged rifle shooter licenses to acquire and smuggle large quantities of ammunition. According to intelligence sources, bullets intended for sports rifles and pistols are being diverted into the black market, raising serious security concerns. Sport shooters typically use .315 bore or .32 bore sports rifles, which require 8mm and 7.65mm bullets respectively. While licensed shooters are allowed to purchase between 50 to 100 bullets annually, they may obtain more for training purposes. This legitimate provision is now under scrutiny, as investigators believe that forged shooter licenses are being used to legally procure excessive quantities of these popular calibres and funnel them into illegal arms circuits. Kolkata Police's Special Task Force (STF) has already seized a substantial cache of such bullets. In a recent operation, 120 bullets of two calibres were intercepted en route from Haldia to Kolkata. One RamkrishnaMajhi from Ketugram, East Burdwan, was arrested. His interrogation led to the arrest of ShahidullahMallik from Mangalkot, from whose possession 10 live 7.65mm bullets were recovered.



State Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya, along with the TMC Lawyers' Wing, leads the 'Nay Yatra' protest march against the alleged assault on democracy by the Central Government in Kolkata.

Kunal Ghosh defends MP Dev amid Ghatol  
flood fury, slams Centre for withholding funds

MI News Service, Kolkata: As floods once again disrupt life across Ghatol in West Midnapore, political crossfire has intensified over the long-pending Ghatol Master Plan. With waterlogging crippling vast stretches of the region, the opposition has launched a fresh offensive against Trinamool Congress MP Deepak Adhikari (Dev), accusing him of being conspicuously absent from ground-zero. In a sharp counter, senior Trinamool leader Kunal Ghosh has come to Dev's defence, dismissing the criticism as politically motivated and factually distorted. "Dev is not a deep-sea diver," Ghosh remarked wryly. "He cannot wear a snorkel and fish people out of their flooded homes. He is an elected Member of Parliament, and he has been consistently ad-

vocating for the implementation of the Ghatol Master Plan. It is the Centre that has failed to release the required funds, despite multiple appeals by both Dev and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee," he asserted.

Ghosh elaborated on the geographic challenges Ghatol faces every year during the monsoon. "The terrain is shaped like a basin, so water naturally collects. On top of that, the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) is releasing water, adding to the misery. The state has already allocated funds from its own coffers, and work has commenced. But this isn't Aladdin's lamp. You don't rub it and make the floods vanish overnight," he said.

The remarks came after BJP MLA Hiran Chatterjee took a veiled swipe at Dev,

stating that "some politicians lie a bit more out of compulsion"—a comment widely interpreted as a direct attack on the Ghatol MP's credibility. Meanwhile, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee also addressed the issue in the Assembly on Tuesday, reiterating that the state government has sanctioned 1,500 crore towards the project. She promised that within two years, areas like Chandrakona and Keshpur would be permanently relieved from flood-related distress—but emphasized that the plan's execution must not disrupt local habitation.

Ghosh concluded by saying, "We remain committed to the people of Ghatol. Cheap political shots won't deter our resolve to complete the master plan and secure lasting relief."

Kolkata's 54th Ratha  
Yatra rolls on Sukhoi Jet  
tyres, echoes a global  
plea: "Let Peace Prevail"

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amid rising global tensions and fears of large-scale conflict, Kolkata sends a bold message of hope and harmony through its 54th Annual Rathayatra, organized by ISKCON Kolkata. This year's festival is more than a religious procession—it is a clarion call for unity, peace, and spiritual awakening.

Symbolizing strength and transformation, Lord Jagannath's chariot will now roll on tyres from India's frontline Sukhoi-30 fighter jets. These new additions replace the Boeing 747 aircraft tyres that had carried the Lord since 1977. Once tools of warfare, these tyres now carry a divine burden through Kolkata's streets—a profound gesture underscoring the power of surrender over strength, of peace over conflict.

Last year, as devotees from both war-torn Russia and Ukraine danced together in front of the Lord's chariot, the world witnessed a rare and moving symbol of reconciliation. This year, Kolkata reaffirms that spirit—across borders, cultures, and creeds.

The Kolkata Rathayatra, second in scale only to Puri, draws over two million people. From iconic chariots with collapsible canopies and iron wheels to South Indian rangoli art with organic gulal, the event fuses ancient tradition with modern expression. Children's tableaux, spiritual music by international kirtanias, and free prasadam distribution buses turn the city into a living celebration of devotion.

From 25th June to 4th July, the Brigade Parade Ground transforms into a vibrant spiritual fair. Free



Vice President of ISKCON Kolkata, Radharaman Das, displays the newly installed Sukhoi fighter jet tyres on Lord Jagannath's chariot for this year's Rath Yatra, scheduled to be held on June 27 in Kolkata, after a press conference held in the city on Tuesday

prasadam, cultural showcases including Dona Ganguly's troupe, and performances by Padma Shri artists create an immersive festival experience.

On 3rd July 2025, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will visit the mela grounds to offer prayers and perform aarati, joining millions in seeking divine blessings for peace, prosperity, and protection.

From Sukhoi tyres to sacred chants, this Rathayatra is a prayer on wheels. In a fractured world, Lord Jagannath's chariot invites all—regardless of nationality or faith—to pull together, quite literally, for peace. As the scriptures declare: "Rathe ca vanamandrastvapunarjanmanavidyate"—"One who sees the Lord on His chariot is liberated."

In 2025, may the chariot roll forward—powered by faith, driven by love, and carrying the universal hope: Let Peace Prevail.

Dengue under control  
in Kolkata, but civic  
body stays on high alert

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata has so far managed to keep the spread of dengue under control in 2024, but health officials and civic authorities remain on high alert as the city enters the peak monsoon season. While the overall number of cases is slightly lower than last year, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has warned that any complacency at this stage could trigger a surge in infections. According to data from the KMC's Health Department, the number of dengue cases reported up to the third week of June this year stands at approximately 110—marginally lower than the 155 cases recorded during the same period in 2023. Officials stress that while the figures are encouraging, the threat remains real, especially in the coming three months, traditionally considered the most vulnerable for vector-borne

diseases. The civic body has intensified its preventive efforts, launching wide-scale mosquito control drives and issuing notices to property owners found violating sanitation norms. These include inspecting vacant plots and rooftops for stagnant water—a known breeding ground for Aedes mosquitoes, the primary carriers of dengue. "The success in keeping the numbers down so far is not due to the efforts of the KMC alone," said a senior civic health officer. "Citizens have played a crucial role by maintaining cleanliness in their homes, terraces, and open spaces. Public awareness is our most effective weapon against dengue." Despite the relatively positive outlook, the KMC has emphasized the need for continued vigilance, especially during July, August, and September—the months most susceptible to outbreaks.



**Name Change**  
I, Md Sharfaraz Khan (old name) S/O Muslim Khan, residing at 346/3, G.T. Road, Shibpur, Howrah- 711102, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Sharfaraj Khan (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/06/2025. Md Sharfaraj Khan (new name) and Md Sharfaraz Khan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Farid Iqbal S/o. Late Abdul Rahaman R/o. Hosenabad, Mogra, Polba, Hooghly-712148, declared that my Correct & actual Date of Birth is 03/06/1970, which has been recorded in my all documents, but in my previous Passport my Date of Birth has been erroneously recorded as 01/02/1969 in place of my actual D.O.B. 03/06/1970.

**Name Change**  
I, Bablu Das S/o. Rupak Das R/o. Amra Jhapanatala, Amra, Dadpur, Hooghly-712149 declared that at the time of issued of my Admit Card, Registration Certificate & my Madhyamik (Secondary) Examination 2016 Certificate my name has been recorded is Bablu Goswami S/o. Rupak Goswami. But my actual name is Bablu Das S/o. Rupak Das. Bablu Das S/o. Rupak Das & Bablu Goswami S/o. Rupak Goswami are the same & one identical person vide an Affidavit No. 5177, dated 24/06/2025, before Judicial Magistrate, Hooghly at Chinsurah Court.

**Name Change**  
I, Shanara Bibi W/o Manirul Islam Mondal Residing at Vill - Barogobra, P.O - Eojnagar, Ps - Matia, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743293, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Saharana Bibi. I declare that Shanara Bibi and Saharana Bibi is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 24-06-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Sashi Bimal Kapoor (old name) son of Late Jagdish Chandra Kapoor, residing at 179, A. J. C. Bose Road, P.S - Beniapukur, Kolkata - 700014, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shashi Kapoor (new name) as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore vide affidavit No. 9820 dated 22/07/2007. Sashi Bimal Kapoor (old name) and Shashi Kapoor (new name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Suhana Bibi W/o Rejaul Islam Residing at Vill - Paschim Bibipur Uttarpara, P.O - Begampur, P.S - Matia, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743293, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Suhana Khatun. I declare that Suhana Bibi and Suhana Khatun is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 24-06-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Abu Khalek Mondal S/o Late Mechher Mandal Residing at Vill - Pingaleswar Sardar Para, P.O - Jadurhati, P.S - Baduria, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743293, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Abu Khalek Mandal. I declare that Abu Khalek Mondal and Abu Khalek Mandal is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 24-06-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Ali Hossain (Old Name) S/o Mohar Ali Mondal Residing at Pirgacha, Vic - Barasati-1, Po - Badu, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700128 West Bengal shall henceforth be known as Md. Ali Hossain (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 28/2025 Dated 24-06-2025. Ali Hossain (Old Name) and Md. Ali Hossain (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Anowara Molla, wife of Sujit Mondal, aged about 24... residing at Village Birinchi, P.S. Basanti, District South 24 Parganas, Pin-743312, have changed my name from Anowara Molla to Sneha Mondal and my religion from Islam to Hinduism by virtue of an affidavit sworn on 18-03-25 before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore. Henceforth, I shall be known as Sneha Mondal.

**Name Change**  
I, Pulok Kumar Biswas (DOB-16.04.1960), Son of Nagendra Nath Biswas (Since deceased) & Sefali Biswas (Since deceased), Permanent resident of vill- Fulia Pareshnathpur, P.O.- Buincha, P.S.- Santipur, Dist-Nadia, WB., Pin-741402 Vide an Affidavit (No-50) Sworn before the Notary Public Court at Ranaghat on 23/6/25. That Pulok Kumar Biswas and Pulak Kumar Biswas is the Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I Sourodeep Hazra, S/o Sukhendu Hazra, R/o Thana Road, Katwa, Ward no. 1, PO + PS- Katwa, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman, Due to spelling mistake of my name as Souradeep Hazra S/o Sukhendu Hazra in my Birth Certificate, which rectified by the affidavit in the court of SDEM Katwa on 23/6/25, I hereby declare that Sourdeep Hazra, S/o Sukhendu Hazra and Souradeep Hazra, S/o Sukhendu Hazra, is same single and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ramez Ali Thander, S/O - Md. Ali Thander, residing at Podirhati Thander Para, P/S- Rabindranagar, Kolkata -700066. That in my passport my name has been recorded as Mohammed Ramez Ali Thander, S/O/Mohammad Ali Thander which is incorrect. So I vide Affidavit before the Ld.1st class J.M. at Alipore dt-19/06/25 (no-3771) that Ramez Ali Thander, S/O/Md. Ali Thander & Mohammed Ramez Ali Thander, S/O - Mohammad Ali Thander is same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mina Jinesh Shah,W/O- Jinesh Shah, R/O Reet Orchid, 16b,Ram Mohan Dutta Road,6th Floor,P.O-Bhowanipore, Kolkata -700020, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mina Shah,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/06/2025, That Mina Jinesh Shah And Mina Shah All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Jinesh Chhabildas Shah,S/O-Chhabildas Shah,R/O Reet Orchid, 16b,Ram Mohan Dutta Road,6th Floor,P.O-Bhowanipore, Kolkata -700020,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jinesh Shah, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/06/2025, That Jinesh Chhabildas Shah And Jinesh Shah All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Moidul Islam (old name) S/O Md Safikul Islam Sardar, residing at Vill- Malatipur Uttar Para, P.O- Chaita, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin-743445, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Mahidul Islam (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/06/2025. Md Mahidul Islam (new name) and Md Moidul Islam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Molla Muktarul Zama (old name) S/O Late Molla Abdul Matleb, residing at Vill-Kushali, P.O-Rajhati Bandar, P.S-Khanakul, Hooghly, Pin-712417, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Molla Muktarul Jamal (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/06/2025. Molla Muktarul Jamal (new name) and Molla Muktarul Zama (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Amit Kumar Rout (old name) S/O- Abani Rout, residing at Vill & P.O.- Palaspal, P.S-Khanakul, Dist- Hooghly, Pin- 712416, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amit Rout (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/06/2025. Amit Rout (new name) and Amit Kumar Rout (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, SAMSUNA KHATUN HALDER (old name) W/o, PIROJ HALDER, residing at Vill - Haneerghata, P.O - Harishpur, P.S. - Falta, Dist. - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743503, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SAMSUNA HALDER (new name), as declared before the notary public at Alipore, South 24 Pgs, vide an affidavit dated 17/04/2025. SAMSUNA HALDER (new name) and SAMSUNA KHATUN HALDER (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, SARAK UDDIN SEKH (old name) S/o, KALIMUDDIN SEKH, residing at Vill - Enayetnagar, P.O.- Chak Enayetnagar, P.S- Bishnupur Dist. - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743503, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SARUK UDDIN SEKH (new name), as declared before the notary public at Alipore, South 24 Pgs, vide an affidavit dated 02/05/2025. SARUK UDDIN SEKH (new name) and SARAK UDDIN SEKH (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Azbahar Molla, Son Of Mun-sur,Residing At Vill - Baneswarpur, Po - Hasimgagar, Diamond Harbour - 743513,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ajbahar Molla (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/06/2025.That Md Azbahar Molla And Ajbahar Molla Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Gopal Singh(Old Name),Son Of Jaleswar Singh, Residing At P30, Motijheel Avenue, Po - Dumdum, Barrackpore - 700074,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Gopal Kumar Singh(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/06/2025, That Gopal Singh And Gopal Kumar Singh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I,Sukumur Baidya(Old Name),Son Of Surjakanta Baidya,Residing At 68/21 Arabinda Road 10, Konnagar,Hooghly- 712235, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sukumur Baidya(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/06/2025,That Sukumur Baidya And Sukumur Baidya Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Faijul Rahaman (old name) S/O Hazi Sk Azizur Rahaman, residing at Vill- Keshpur (Madhya), West Medinipur, Pin- 721150, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Faijur Rahaman (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/06/2025. Sk Faijur Rahaman (new name) and Faijul Rahaman (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Anirban Chakrabarty (old name) S/O Late Arup Chakrabarty, residing at Iter Panja Faratbad Rajpur, Sonarpur, Kolkata- 700084, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anirban Chakrabarty (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/06/2025. Anirban Chakrabarty (new name) and Anirban Chakrabarty (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, C. Krishna Veni(Old Name ),Wife Of R Covindane, Residing At Ramgaon Jaygaon (Ct) Jalaipuri - 736182,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Krishna Maya Gurung(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/06/2025. That C Krishna Veni And Krishna Maya Gurung Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Suvara Bikash Majumder(Old Name), Son Of Madhusudan Majumdar, Residing At Vill & Po - Sanekpur, Ps - Gopalnagar, North 24parganas - 743701,West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Suvara Bikash Majumdar(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Bongaon On 21/05/2025. That Suvara Bikash Majumder And Suvara Bikash Majumdar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sanjoy Kishore Choudhury(Old Name) S/O Late Barindra Kishore Chowdhury, Residing At 301,Kendua Main Road, Baisinghaghata, Garia, Ps-Patuli,Kolkata-700084, West Bengal, India.Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sanjay Chowdhury(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/06/2025. Sanjoy Kishore Choudhury(Old Name) And Sanjay Chowdhury(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, SUMI AJAY KUMAR (old name) W/O AJAY KUMAR THARAVATHI, residing at FLAT NO- 306, VISTA TOWER 5, UNIWORLD CITY, NEWTOWN, NORTH24PGS, 700156, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SUMI NAIR (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 23/06/2025. SUMI NAIR (new name) and SUMI AJAY KUMAR (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Rahim Seikh, S/O Rustam Seikh ,R/O R.K.Mission.By Lane Asansol, Po-Ushagram ,Ps-Asansol South ,Dist.Paschim Bardhaman, 713303, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Rahim Sheikh Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/06/2025, That Md Rahim Sheikh And Md Rahim Seikh All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Rustam Seikh, S/O Rustam Seikh ,R/O R.K.Mission.By Lane Asansol, Po-Ushagram ,Ps-Asansol South ,Dist.Paschim Bardhaman, 713303, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rustam Seikh Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/06/2025. That Rustam Seikh And Md Rustam Seikh All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mohasin Mallick (Old Name),S/O Hasan Mallick, R/O Vill-Paschim Kumir Mora, P.O-Kumirmora,PS-Chanditala, Dist-Hooghly, Pin-712704, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mahasin Mallick (New Name),Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/06/2025, That Mohasin Mallick And Mahasin Mallick All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Anikit Puri (Old Name),Son Of Shib Kumar Puri, Residing At Dinesh Pally, Purba Putiary, Kolkata - 700093, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ankit Kumar Puri(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/06/2025,That Anikit Puri And Ankit Kumar Puri Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Gnyayak Jinesh Shah,S/O Jinesh Shah,R/O Reet Orchid,16b,Ram Mohan Dutta Road,6th Floor,P.O-Bhowanipore, Kolkata -700020, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Gnyayak Shah,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 24/06/2025, That Gnyayak Jinesh Shah And Gnyayak Shah All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Utpal Roy (old name) S/O Nripendra Chandra Roy, residing at Flat 203, Block B Kailash Pushpa Apartment, 12 Baishnabghata Bye Lane, Naktala, Kolkata- 700047, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Utpal Kumar Roy (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/06/2025. Utpal Kumar Roy (new name) and Utpal Roy (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Soma Ghosh (old name) W/O Pranab Ghosh, residing at Gadipara Road East Rajpur Sonarpur Municipality, P.O.- Subhas Gram, P.S.- Sonarpur, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 700147, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Soma Ghosh Dey (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/06/2025. Soma Ghosh Dey (new name) and Soma Ghosh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Pawan Verma & Pawan kr Varma (old name) S/O Gopi Kishan Soni, residing at 53 Muktaran Babu Street Savitri Girls College Barabazar, Kolkata- 700007, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pawan Kumar Soni (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/06/2025. Pawan Kumar Soni (new name) and Pawan Verma & Pawan kr Varma (old names) all are same and one identical person.

## British Council, Premier League & Kolkata Police celebrate PLPS prog

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The British Council, in partnership with the Premier League and Kolkata Police, successfully concluded the final stage of the Premier League Primary Stars (PLPS) programme with a vibrant showcase event held recently at Kolkata Police Training School. This programme supports educators to create a supportive learning environment where children can take part in and enjoy more sport and physical activity, helping them gain the life skills they need to reach their goals. Over the course of 10 months, 30 teachers from Nabadisha centres across the city attended three face-to-face courses. The training equipped them with innovative coaching techniques, practical classroom strategies, and resources to deliver high-quality Physical Education (PE) and Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) sessions to less privileged children. The programme was

attended by Manoj Kumar Verma, IPS Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, Santosh Pandey, Additional Commissioner of Police IV, Kolkata; Subhankar Bhattacharya, IPS, Jt. Commissioner of Police (AP), Kolkata; Partha Chakraborty, Deputy Commissioner of Police (II), Kolkata; Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner, Kolkata; and Ritika Chanda Parruck, Director Education, India, British Council. Speaking at the event, Manoj Kumar Verma, IPS Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, said: " This initiative has reinforced how sport and structured guidance can create meaningful impact in our communities- not just for children, but for the educators who shape their futures."

Ritika Chanda Parruck, Director Education India, British Council, "We are delighted to have successfully delivered the Premier League Primary Stars programme under our MoU with the Government of West Bengal."

## Pran dhara project brings green revival

**MI News Service, Kalimpong:** The Kalimpong district administration, to ensure long-term water security in the region, has launched a new initiative — "Pran Dhara" — to rejuvenate natural hill springs that are gradually drying up with a focus on planting trees, among other initiatives. The initiative will be implemented in collaboration with a non-government organisation, Prasari.

The aim is to revive 219 springs across all four blocks of Kalimpong district — Kalimpong-I, Gorubathan, Pedong, and Lava — encompassing over 1,500 households. "The 'Pran Dhara' project focuses on rejuvenating drying springs through a community-led approach, active participation of self-help groups, and convergence of irrigation-related government schemes," said Samirul Islam, the block development officer of Gorubathan. An official explained that NGO Prasari has been working on water and nutrition security in Kalimpong for over a decade.

The current initiative

focuses on scientifically identifying recharge zones of springs and restoring landscapes through targeted plantation efforts. A plantation drive has been initiated at Gorubathan Tar area over the past week, with saplings planted across all major spring catchment zones. The plan is to plant 52,000 trees to strengthen groundwater recharge capacity and support the local ecosystem. "The plantation movement is not just ecological, but it is also strategic," said an official involved in the project. "By focusing on the relationship between natural resources and groundwater recharge, the project aims to create sustainable and community-managed water sources," he added.

The project will be monitored at the district level, in coordination with block administrations and relevant departments like irrigation and agriculture. Authorities are hopeful that this initiative will play a crucial role in securing year-round water supply for vulnerable communities in the hills in the days to come.

## Fin incentives: Companies mull legal challenge to Bengal govt's decision

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Several companies are considering approaching the courts against the Bengal government's decision to revoke financial incentives promised to industry over the past three decades. The Revocation of the West Bengal Incentive Schemes and Obligations in the Nature of Grants & Incentives Act, 2025, passed by the Assembly in March and cleared by the governor, says no incentives pending since the government began offering such sops in 1993 will be given. The stated objective of the Act is to make state finances available for various social welfare schemes intended for the disadvantaged and marginalised sections and not to "expend such finances to provide special assistance, financial incentives, state

support, benefits, concessions or special privileges at the cost of the marginalised".

The government has said the policy change was necessary in the "larger public interest", underlining that the incentives entailed significant and prolonged financial expenditure. "It has been observed that the positive impact of these incentives has been largely confined to a limited number of beneficiaries and has had a minimal effect on the broader process of industrialisation," the bill had said. At least two companies have said they found out about the Revocation Act only last week. Dalmia Bharat, which operates a cement plant in Salboni, West Midnapore, said the company came to know about the notification of the Act on June 5 from its lawyers. "The company is examining the Revocation Act and considering all legal options, including challenging the legal validity and retrospective applicability of the Revocation Act," it said in a regulatory filing. Another cement manufacturer, Birla Corporation Ltd, said it was informed about the government's decision on June 6 by its lawyers and was considering all legal options.

## Running of Shrawani Festival Special Trains

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** It has been decided to run Shrawani Festival Special trains as per following schedule: **08855/08856 Gondia-Madhupur-Gondia Special:** 08855 Gondia-Madhupur will leave Gondia on every Friday and Monday from 11.07.2025 to 04.08.2025 at 12:30 hrs and will reach Madhupur at 12:30 hrs, the next day. In the return direction, 08856 Madhupur-Gondia Special will leave Madhupur on every Saturday and Tuesday from 12.07.2025 to 05.08.2025 at 13:30 hrs and will arrive Gondia at 17:00 hrs, the next day. The Special train will have stoppages at Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Chakradharpur, Tatanagar, Kharagpur and Andul in South Eastern Railway jurisdiction.

## Continuation of SER's special trains

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** With a view to clear the extra rush of passengers, it has been decided to continue the running of Special Trains as per the given schedule:-

08185 Hatia-Durg Special will continue to run upto 30.09.2025 08186 • Durg-Hatia Special will continue to run upto 01.10.2025 • 08611 Santragachi-Ajmer Special will continue to run upto 28.07.2025 • 08612 Ajmer-Santragachi Special will continue to run upto 31.07.2025 • 02847 Santragachi-Digha Special will continue to run upto 27.09.2025 • 02848 Digha-Santragachi Special will continue to run upto 27.09.2025 • 02897 Santragachi-Digha Special will continue to run upto 28.09.2025 • 02898 Digha-Santragachi Special will continue to run upto 28.09.2025 • 08007 Shalimar-Bhanjpur Special will continue to run upto 30.08.2025 • 08008 Bhanjpur-Shalimar Special will continue to run upto 01.09.2025 • 08011 Bhanjpur-Puri Special will continue to run upto 30.08.2025 • 08012 Puri-Bhanjpur Special will continue to run upto 31.08.2025

## Cancellation Of 2 Pair Katwa – Azimganj – Katwa Passenger for track maintenance work

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Due to track maintenance work on UP line between Katwa & Salar stations in Azimganj – Katwa section, 240 minutes (11:15 hrs. to 15:15 hrs.) Traffic & Power Block has been planned for 39 days on every Thursday, Saturday & Tuesday between 26.6.2025 & 23.9.2025. Consequently, 2 Nos. of Azimganj – Katwa Passenger (53012 & 53014) from Azimganj and 2 Nos. of Katwa – Azimganj Passenger (53009 & 53011) from Katwa will remain cancelled for 39 days on every Thursday, Saturday & Tuesday between 26.6.2025 & 23.9.2025. Moreover, 53053 Katwa – Nimitta Passenger & 63031 Katwa – Azimganj MEMU will leave Katwa at 15:15 hrs. & 15:30 hrs.

## Book launch at Kolkata celebrates women power

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The much-anticipated book 'Leaps & bounds' celebrated the power of women. Inspiring Stories of Women Who Took the Leap" by Anuradha Kapoor was officially launched recently in Kolkata. The launch was attended by a distinguished gathering of artists, entrepreneurs, and changemakers, with legendary singer Usha Uthup, Pinky Kapoor, Nehha Fatehpuria and Prerna Fomra among the honored guests. The book is a compelling anthology featuring the real-life journeys of women from diverse walks of life who dared to follow their passion, overcome adversity, and pursue their dreams.

## Miscellaneous

## East Coast Railway Launches 'ECoR Yatra' App for Rath Yatra 2025:



• **Digital Rail Services for a Seamless Experience**  
**MI News Service, Bhubaneswar:** With an aim to offer real-time, reliable, and accessible railway services to lakhs of pilgrims attending the grand Rath Yatra 2025 in Puri, East Coast Railway (ECoR) has launched a dedicated mobile application named 'ECoR Yatra'. This Android-based mobile app is now available on the Google Play Store and provides a comprehensive digital guide to all rail-related services and passenger amenities during the festival. The app is specially designed to provide comprehensive and real-time information for pilgrims and rail users traveling during Rath Yatra 2025.

**Your Digital Rath Yatra Companion:** The ECoR Yatra App is a one-stop digital solution for passengers to plan their journey, access transport services, and get updates related to railway facilities—without the need to wait in station counters. With intuitive navigation and multilingual support, the app caters to users from across the country.

**Highlights of ECoR Yatra App**  
**Special Train Schedules:** A complete list of Special Trains running exclusively for Rath Yatra 2025 (from 25th June to 7th July 2025) is available, including train numbers, timings, and halts. Pilgrims can use this to plan their trip well in advance.

**Regular Train Timetable:** Users can browse through the updated timetable of all regular trains operating to and from Puri, including long-distance and intercity services.

**Live Train and Platform Information:** Get real-time train running status, arrival/departure times, and platform allocations at Puri Station, reducing the dependency on manual announcements.

**Passenger Services Made Simple**

**Lodging & Tourist Facilities:** Integration with IRCTC provides information about available Refraining Rooms, Tourist Huts, and temporary mela accommodations, helping devotees find rest.

**Ticket Counters and Booking Assistance:** Details about special ticket counters at Puri and other important stations have been added. Booking options include both reserved and unreserved ticketing, along with UTS on Mobile support. Information at Your Fingertips \_ Enquiry and Navigation Tools Linked

with NTES and PNR status, the app allows for smooth fare enquiry, seat availability checks, and helps navigate a journey better.

**Video Tutorials for Easy Travel:** Short, informative videos on using Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVM) and booking via UTS Mobile App are included for digital literacy.

**Ensuring Safety, Hygiene & Comfort**

**Passenger Amenities:** ECoR Yatra ensures every passenger is well-informed about available amenities like: •Drinking Water & E-Catering •Medical Assistance Booths •Cleanliness & Sanitation •Wheelchair access for Divyangya •Battery-Operated Carts for Senior Citizens •Public Toilets and Misting Fans •Free Wi-Fi at Puri and other key stations

**Stay Connected and Informed**  
**Emergency & Helpline Numbers**

**The app includes click-to-dial helplines for:**

•Railway Police •Medical Help •Lost Luggage & Missing Person Help •Grievance Redressal Notifications for emergencies will also be pushed in real time to alert passengers instantly.

**Do's and Don'ts for Devotees:** To ensure a smooth and safe festival experience, the app provides detailed guidelines and advisories on:

•Crowd control and movement •Staying hydrated and wearing protective gear •Avoiding overcrowded areas •Reporting unattended baggage or suspicious activities •Guidelines for senior citizens and children

**ECoR's Message to the Public:** ECoR invite all pilgrims to make the best use of the ECoR Yatra App. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to provide digital services and early, accessible services to all citizens.

**How to Download:** Open Google Play Store

•Search 'ECoR Yatra' •Tap Download •begin your digital journey with East Coast Railway

All passengers and pilgrims attending the festival are strongly advised to download the ECoR Yatra App from the Google Play Store to access vital information and avoid unnecessary delays. East Coast Railway is committed to ensuring a safe, comfortable and digitally empowered travel experience for all devotees during Rath Yatra 2025. The 'ECoR Yatra' App is a step forward in offering a seamless travel experience while minimizing crowding at enquiry and ticket counters.

## Lost Bag Returned To A Metro Commuter

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** On 21.06.2025, at 12:20 hrs, an on-duty RPF staff posted at Kavi Subhash Metro station while conducting a routine patrolling recovered an unclaimed bag inside a Metro rake and deposited it to the Station Master's Office. After opening the bag, some valuable items were found therein. Thereafter, the Station Master made repeated announcements requesting the owner of the bag to collect it from the Station Master's Office and a control message was also communicated to all the stations. After sometime around 13:00 hrs, a commuter came to the Station Master's Office of Kavi Subhash Metro station and claimed the ownership of the recovered bag and the items containing therein. After proper verification and fulfilling all official formalities, the bag along with all other items were handed over to him. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Metro Railway authorities for helping him to get back the lost bag along with all other items.





Fanatic Messi fans celebrate Messi's birthday in Kolkata on Tuesday.

## SC to hear plea on caste certificates for children of single mothers

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court agreed to consider a plea to order amendments to rules to enable children of single mothers from the OBC communities to be granted caste certificates without being asked to furnish documents from the paternal side.

"Considering the importance of the matter and the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, the matter be placed for final hearing on July 22," a bench of Justices K.V. Viswanathan and N. Kottiswar Singh said in a brief order.

The bench passed the order on a petition filed by Delhi-based Santosh Kumari from the OBC community, challenging the rules across the country that mandates the issuance of caste certificates for education and jobs on the basis of paternal lineage only and not on the basis of the mother's identity. According to the petitioner, this creates difficulties for a large number of women who are divorced, separated or widowed in obtaining OBC certificates for their children.

## Cross-Vote to BJP in RS Polls: SP suspends 3 MLAs



Abhay Singh (Gosaiganj, Ayodhya), Rakesh Pratap Singh (Gauriganj, Amethi), and Manoj Kumar Pandey (Unchahar, Rae Bareilly)

MI News Service, Ayodhya:

### CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

#### OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer/Maintenance CLW/Chittaranjan on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through the Indian Railways e-Procurement System ([www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in)) for the execution of the following work listed below. These tenders can be uploaded on the mentioned website by 15:00 hours on the date specified for the work. The tenders will be opened immediately after 15:00 hours on the same day (Opening Date). [A] Open Tender Notice No.: - EL/CON/496, Dated:- 12.06.2025 Sl. No.: [1]. Tender No.: EL/CON/496, Description of Work: Improvement of LT power supply system by replacing old type of AC SR conductor using AB cable in SP North Fathehpur and SP East & West Area, Tender Closing/Opening Date: 04.07.2025, Approximate Value (Rupees): 3,18,25,459/-, Earnest Money/Bid Security (Rupees): 3,09,200/-, Completion Period: 6 Months, Validity of Offer: 60 Days, Cost of Tender Document: Nil for downloading from IRPS portal & ₹ 10,000.00 for obtaining from Dy. CEE/M, [B] Open Tender Notice No.: - EL/CON/497, Dated:- 12.06.2025 Sl. No.: [1]. Tender No.: EL/CON/497, Description of Work: Improvement of LT power supply system by replacing old type of AC SR conductor using AB cable in Amalindi Area, Tender Closing/Opening Date: 07.07.2025, Approximate Value (Rupees): 2,04,86,923.95/-, Earnest Money/Bid Security (Rupees): 2,52,400/-, Completion Period: 6 Months, Validity of Offer: 60 Days, Cost of Tender Document: Nil for downloading from IRPS portal & ₹ 10,000.00 for obtaining from Dy. CEE/M, NOTE FOR [A] & [B]: The bidder must upload all necessary qualification documents and scanned copies of PAN/GSTIN on the IRPS portal. 2. The bidder must have a Class-III Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) to participate in the tender. 3. The work will be subject to applicable taxes, including GST, BOCWW (Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare), Income Tax, and other statutory taxes as per regulations. 4. The definition of Similar nature of works applicable for the work is below: The Similar Nature of work is, 'Execution/Testing/Commissioning of Aerial bunch Cable, Or/ Operation/Maintenance of HT/LT panel/ Substations/Or Execution of HT/LT cable laying'. 5. For detailed information on the tender document and terms and conditions, visit the railway website [www.reps.gov.in](http://www.reps.gov.in). PR2-098 Dy.CEE/M/CLW/Chittaranjan Like us on: [www.facebook.com/clwrailways](https://www.facebook.com/clwrailways)

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Lot No./Category: ADVT-EFF-155973-2-25-1 (Advertising - Train Exterior (Full Face))

DESCRIPTION : ADVERTISEMENT RIGHTS IN TRAIN NO. 68421/22 ANGUL-PURI-ANGUL MEMU (TRAIN EXTERIOR-FULL FACE)

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Minimum Increase : 0.2%, Lot Status : New in Draft Catalogue.

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## Andaman to get 5-star resorts, yacht marina in tourism overhaul



MI News Service, Port Blair: Andaman and Nicobar Islands Chief Secretary Chandra Bhushan Kumar has said that a comprehensive roadmap has been

prepared to transform the archipelago into a world-class tourism destination.

Kumar said the ambitious plan focuses on infrastructure development, heritage promotion, eco-tourism, and sustainable growth.

Emphasising the strategic importance and unique appeal of the islands, he added, "The Andaman and Nicobar archipelago, comprising 836 islands, is a rare blend of natural beauty, historical depth, and adventure tourism. We aim to elevate it to international tourism standards."

## Kolkata hosts Australian Education fair

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Australian Government hosted the third phase of "Festival of Australia" in Kolkata on 24 June in Kolkata.

The Festival of Australia, a first-of-its-kind multi-city showcase, promotes Australia's world class education offerings, and high-quality, famous food and beverage products in Kolkata. It comes as Australia and India celebrate the fifth anniversary of their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

The Festival of Australia in Kolkata provided an opportunity for Indian students and parents to engage directly with representatives of Australian universities to explore education programs designed to support their career aspirations.

Prospective students gained insights on Studying in Australia by attending the master classes organized as a part of the show-

case, including on Artificial Intelligence.

High profile Australian alumni featured in the festival, sharing their experience of studying in Australia. The event featured a retail showcase of premium Australian food products in partnership with local retail partner, Nature's Basket and Austrade's e-commerce partner, Reliance Retail's JioMart.

A live cooking demonstration using native Australian ingredients showcased Australia's culinary diversity and heritage.

The festival also featured an exhibition of Indigenous Australian art, "Yiwarra Kuj: The Canning Stock Route", created by the National Museum of Australia, Australia's pre-eminent social history museum.

Speaking about the festival Vik Singh, Trade and Investment Commissioner, Australian Trade and Investment Commission, Aus-

tralian Government said, "We are very happy to host the third phase of the Festival of Australia in Kolkata, showcasing Australia's excellence in education and cuisine. The festival offers Indian students to explore future-ready learning opportunities, while also introducing families and food enthusiasts to Australia's premium products. By showcasing world-class universities and the growing preference for Australian produce, we aim to offer Indian students and consumers a true taste of Australia's excellence and innovation."

Australia and India's educational ties have deepened over the years, fostering strong economic and natural connections that continue to grow. The Festival of Australia strengthens Australia's presence in India and celebrates a shared commitment to cross-cultural appreciation and collaboration.

## Omar Abdullah sees hope in Kashmir tourism

MI News Service, Srinagar: Chief minister Omar Abdullah has expressed hope of an early revival for Kashmir tourism, contrasting the deserted Pahalgam roads he had seen during his previous visit with scenes of bustle from his latest trip.

His post prompted Congress MP and former Union tourism minister Renuka Chowdhury to suggest the upcoming parliamentary standing committee meeting be held in the famed resort.

Omar had visited Pahalgam on May 27 to chair a cabinet meeting there, looking to send a message to the outside world that Kashmir was open for visitors.

"The last time I was in Pahalgam I cycled through a market that was all but deserted. Today I came back to a Pahalgam that was bustling with activity," the chief minister said on X on Sunday evening.

He posted pictures showing Pahalgam's roads teeming with vehicles despite a shower.

"Tourists from various parts of the country competed for space with local picnickers who were enjoying the cool climate & rainy weather. It's very satisfying to see the efforts my colleagues & I have been putting in slowly bearing fruit," Omar said.

The April 22 Pahalgam massacre had mauled Kashmir tourism, triggering 90 per cent cancellations,



the closure of dozens of tourist spots, and fears that a revival would be painfully slow. But the government and the tourism industry kept sloggling to bring tourists back.

On June 17, lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha's administration started a phased reopening of tourist spots, with eight places each in the Jammu and Kashmir divisions declared open in the first phase.

Reacting to Omar's post on Monday, Chowdhury said it was time that MPs joined the effort to revive Kashmir tourism.

"It should be our collective endeavour as parliamentarians to ensure that the next set of standing committee meetings should happen in Pahalgam," she said. "Let the people of this beautiful part of India feel that we are together in this. We owe it to them to return their livelihoods."

Rauf Trimboo, president of the Travel Agents Association of Kashmir, said the situation had improved but a full recovery was awaited.

"We feared that a revival would take a long time but the way things are shaping up is encouraging," Trimboo told.

"We have started getting regular queries. Some are materialising and some are not. We are focusing on autumn and winter tourism, beginning from September."

Trimboo said the industry was banking heavily on the months after the Amarnath Yatra — scheduled from July 3 to August 9 — when there would be fewer restrictions on tourist movement.

Authorities have since the 2019 constitutional changes been imposing heavy restrictions on tourist movements to ensure the safety of the pilgrims, prompting non-pilgrim tourists to avoid travel.

Amarnath pilgrims stay mostly in government-allotted facilities for security reasons and contribute little to the local economy.

Many ordinary Kashmiris, too, are making their own little contributions to the tourism economy by visiting tourist sites and projecting a message of safety.

The Jammu and Kashmir Motorsports Federation organised an all-women car rally from Srinagar to Gulmarg on Monday, with women from varied backgrounds taking the wheel to cruise through the enchanting landscape. "Come, experience the real Kashmir," was the message to all Indians.

## India rejects OIC's factually wrong Kashmir claims

MI News Service, New Delhi: India rejected the "unwarranted and factually incorrect references to India" at the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers' Meeting, billing the statements critical of India as driven by Pakistan.

India said Pakistan had "turned terrorism into statecraft" and that the statements were reflective of "the continued misuse of the OIC platform for narrow political ends".

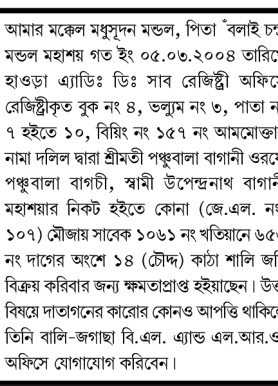
In a lengthy counter to the references to India in the documents adopted by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation at its meeting in Turkey last weekend, the external affairs ministry was critical of the OIC for its "repeated failure to acknowledge the real and documented threat of terrorism emanating from Pakistan, most recently evidenced in the heinous Pahalgam attack".

Stating that the OIC's comments on India reflect a willful disregard for facts and the "global consensus on the fight against terrorism", the ministry said the Islamic association has no locus standi to comment on India's internal affairs, including Jammu and Kashmir, "a fact enshrined in the Indian Constitution and irreversibly settled".

Of the view that the comments made by Pakistan at the meeting are "nothing more than a desperate attempt to deflect international attention from its own appalling record of state-sponsored terrorism, minority persecution and sectarian violence", India said the OIC should reflect deeply on the perils of allowing Pakistan's propaganda to hijack and politicise its agenda.

The OIC foreign ministers expressed solidarity with the government and people of Pakistan, articulated deep concern over the military escalation in South Asia, including the "unjustified strikes" carried out on multiple locations in Pakistan, called for faithful adherence of the ceasefire and bilateral agreements,

including the Indus Waters Treaty which India has kept under abeyance in response to the Pahalgam attack.



### Paschim Gopinathpur Gram Panchayat

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Minister Aroop Biswas inaugurated the distribution of 501 chariots in a chariot fair among the small children of the region, initiated by Ward No. 98 Trinamool Youth Congress in Netaji Nagar on Tuesday in South Kolkata.

## Kerala HC asks state govt if it wants law against black magic

MI News Service, Kochi: The Kerala High Court has sought the state government's stand regarding its earlier submission that it was contemplating legislation against evil practices like black magic and sorcery. The Kerala government had filed a submission in October 2022 while hearing a plea by an organisation called Kerala Yukthivadi Sangham, which had sought the enactment of a law against such practices. The petition was dismissed in June 2023 due to no one representing the petitioner organisation, but was later restored.

City College Commerce and Business Administration invites etender for purchase of Desktop Computers, Printers (Tender ID: 2025\_DHE\_868940\_1), for details refer to <https://wbtenders.gov.in>

আমার মকেল মফুসনে মন্তল, পিতা 'বলাই চন্দ্র মন্তল মহাপ্রাণ গড় ইং ১৪.১১.১৯০২ তারিখে হাওড়া এ্যাড্ভিঃ ডিঃ সাব রেজিষ্ট্রী অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রিকৃত বুক নং ১, ভলুমান নং ০৫০২-২০২৬, পাত নং ৩৯১১৮৩ ইষ্টতে ৩৯১২০০, বিংইং ০৫০২১১৯৯ নং আমোক্তারনামা দলিল দ্বারা ১) শ্রী শশীকান্ত খাতিয়েলগোলা, ২) শ্রী রবিকান্ত খাতিয়েলগোলা, উভয়ের পিতা বীরেন্দ্র খাতিয়েলগোলা, ৩) শ্রীমতী দেবী খাতিয়েলগোলা, স্বামী মনি খাতিয়েলগোলা মহাপ্রাণের নিমিত্ত ইষ্টতে কোনা (জে.এল. নং. ১০৭) মৌজায় সর্বস্বত্ব ৭১৬, হাল ৪৮৪৪ নং খতিয়ানে সাবেক ৬৬৯ নং হাল ৬৬৭ নং দাগের মধ্যে ২ (দুই) কাঠা শালি জমি বিক্রয় করিবার জন্য ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত ইহাছেন। উক্ত বিষয়ে দাখলনের কার্যের কেনও আওতি থাকিলে তিনি বালি-জগাখালি বি.এল. এন্ড আর.এ.ও. অফিসে যোগাযোগ করিবেন।

### REGULATION OF TRAINS

Due to suspension of track in Jatinga Lumpur - New Haffong section of Lumding division over Northeast Frontier Railway, following trains will be regulated as under : ● Cancellation : 12503 SMVT Bengaluru-Agartala Humsafar Express (JCO 27.06.2025). ● Partial Cancellation : (1) 12516 Silchar-Coimbatore Express (JCO 24.06.2025) will be short originated from Guwahati and will remain partially cancelled between Silchar & Guwahati. (2) 13176 Silchar-Sealdah Kanchanjungha Express (JCO 25.06.2025) will be short originated from Lumding and will remain partially cancelled between Silchar & Lumding. (3) 12502 Agartala-Kolkata Garib Rath Express (JCO 25.06.2025) will be short originated from Guwahati and will remain partially cancelled between Agartala & Guwahati. Inconvenience is regretted.

Chief Passenger Transportation Manager

### Eastern Railway

#### TEMPORARY STOPPAGE OF AZIMGANJ-BARHARWA-AZIMGANJ PASSENGER TRAIN AT BINDUBASINI HALT STATION

For the convenience of commuters, 53433/53434 Azimganj-Barharwa-Azimganj Passenger train will stop at Bindubasini Halt station over Malda Division on Temporary basis for the period of three months from 27.06.2025 to 26.09.2025 as per following timings :

Train No. & Name	Stopping time at Bindubasini Halt (Arr./Dep.)
53433 Azimganj-Barharwa Passenger	10.38/10.39
53434 Barharwa-Azimganj Passenger	14.35/14.36

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#### আমোক্তারনামা

এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাইতেছে যে, শ্রীমতী কুমারী হোসেন মল্লিক পিতা মহম্মদ আব্দুল রহমান মল্লিক, সাকিম বঙ্গপাড়া, দাদপুর, হুগলী মহাপ্রাণ বিগত ইং ০৬/০৩/২০১৩ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-১, হুগলী, চুড়া, অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রিকৃত IV-09/12/2013 নং আমোক্তারনামা দলিলদ্বারা আমাকে (শ্রী) মনোজ বর্মা পিতা শ্রী যমদান বর্মা, সাকিম গোবরা (বিকানশপুর মন্ডলপাড়া), উত্তীর্ণা, ডানকনি, হুগলী, ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমোক্তারনামা বলে আমি নিম্নোক্ত তপশীল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি বিগত ইং ১১/০৩/২০১৩ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-১, হুগলী, চুড়া, অফিসে রেজিষ্ট্রিকৃত IV-1751/2013 নং বিক্রয় কোলা দলিল দ্বারা (শ্রী) শঙ্কর শাউ পিতা শ্রী রাম নারায়ণ শাউ, সাকিম চ/পি চকবেড়িয়া লেন, এলিশ, বালিশপুর, কলিকতা-৭০০২৬০ মহাপ্রাণ বিগত ইং ০৪.১৫ শতক সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিয়াছি। অতঃপর কোলা দলিল, পূর্ণা দাগপত্র, মৌজা নম্বর, সাবেক ৩২ তথা হাল ৪০ নং জে.এল. নং ১০৭, হাল ৩৯ নং খতিয়ানে, সাবেক ১২৭ তথা হাল ৬৫৭ নং দাগে শালি জমি যোল আনা ৬৬ শতকের মধ্যে ৩৩ শতক দাগের ৩ কাঠা সম্পত্তি দ্বারা দলিল আমোক্তারনামা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি ইহাছেন।

এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাইতেছে যে, বর্তমান ক্ষেত্রা (শ্রী) শঙ্কর শাউ পিতা শ্রী রাম নারায়ণ শাউ, উক্ত খতিয়ান সম্পত্তি নিজ নামে নাম পত্রন করিবার জন্য বি.এল. এন্ড আর.এ.ও. পোলনা-দাদপুর দক অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছেন/ করিতেছেন, ইহাতে কাহারও কোন আইনানুগত আওতি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার ইহার ১ মাসের মধ্যে সর্বত্র অফিসে আওতি জানাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যথায় নিম্ন অনুসারে কার্য হইবে।

ইতি-শ্রী মনোজ বর্মা (আমোক্তারনামা)

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# Danube Properties powers Dubai's record AED 115 Billion real estate boom in Q1 2025

*Dubai emerges as a global safe haven for real Estate investors amid global economic volatility*

Dubai: Dubai real estate market is experiencing its unprecedented boom in 2025, with AED 115 billion worth of property sales in Q1 alone - a record-breaking feat that indicates a 29% year-on-year growth compared to Q1 2024.

With more than 43,000 transactions settled in the first quarter alone and a fast-growing Q2, the city's property market is building unstoppable momentum despite global economic unrest.

One of the major drivers of this growth is the persistent undersupply of housing - just 27,000 units were completed in 2024, yet more than 170,000 units are still under construction. Investors are being drawn to Dubai by its tax-free status, political stability, and first-rate infrastructure.

Among the leading developers driving this boom is Danube Properties, the UAE's fastest-growing private real estate developer. Renowned for delivering quality and affordable housing, Danube has never lost its reputation for timely and ahead-of-schedule project delivery. Out of the total 34 projects launched, Danube Properties has delivered 18 developments - a track record that reflects the brand's consistent commitment to buyers and investors alike.

Mr. Rizwan Sajan, Founder and Chairman, Danube Properties said, "Dubai is continuing to outshine world markets with its stable, tax-free climate and investor-friendly policies. The city has been a resilient and robust economy despite world headwinds. The real estate industry is not only expanding, it's booming and we are seeing huge interest from foreign investors who view Dubai as one of the only safe havens providing not only high returns but long-term value." In 2024-25, Danube Properties delivered its projects - Diamondz, Pearlz, Opalz and many more - nearly all of which have been fully sold out in



record time and delivered ahead of schedule, underscoring the strong confidence the brand enjoys among residents, investors, and end-users. "Danube Properties highly values its commitments to buyers and the timely delivery of our projects reflects that

promise. We have already delivered numerous developments - all within time, if not ahead - and 2025 is no exception," said Mr. Sajan.

"We believe that the new initiatives and business-friendly policies being adopted by the government will continue to support the local property market in the foreseeable future," he added. Beyond the residential sector, Dubai's warehouses are operating at near-full capacity, and hotels are consistently packed, further highlighting the emirate's economic resilience and broad-based growth. With record-breaking sales in Q1 and strong momentum in Q2, Dubai is not just defying global economic pressures - it is thriving. The emirate is on course for what could be its strongest real estate year in history.

**Danube Properties**  
Danube Properties has launched 34 projects, successfully delivered 18, with another 16 currently in various stages. Each project showcases exceptional construction quality, state-of-the-art equipment, and top-tier home interior finishes. These projects include , Gemz, Pearlz, Jewelz, Wavez, Eleganz, Olivz, Elz, Lawnz, Bayz, Miraclz, Resortz, Glamz, Starz, Glitz 3, Glitz 2, Glitz 1, and Dreamz. Our developments are designed to offer luxury at affordable prices, attracting significant interest from mid-income buyers and leading to many of our projects being completely sold out. Since the inception, Danube Properties' ventures have achieved remarkable success. The combination of affordable pricing, flexible payment plans, strategic locations, and an array of modern amenities has made our properties highly desirable. Currently, Danube Properties holds an impressive book value with construction spanning over 25.5 million square feet. Our projects continue to set new standards in the real estate market, delivering exceptional value and quality to our customers.

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# "What Imagining a Developed Bihar Means for India" Sculpting Regional Balance through Migration, Opportunity and Geography



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India's development journey has long been shaped by its metropolitan centres-Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai- at large post-independence, that attract investments, infrastructure, and population. These cities are portrayed as the country's economic powerhouses, yet behind their glitter lies the burden of overpopulation, infrastructural strain, and spatial inequality. In contrast, states like Bihar have been systematically sidelined from the core development agenda, despite contributing crucial human capital to the very cities now buckling under the pressure of unplanned urbanization. This raises a critical question: what would India look like if Bihar, often dismissed as backward, were fully developed? What transformations could ripple through the country if the engines of migration slowed, and opportunity came home?

Bihar, with a population exceeding 120 million, is among India's most populous states, yet it ranks among the lowest in terms of per capita income and industrial development (Government of Bihar, 2022). Paradoxically, the state's youth and working-age population have been instrumental in shaping the economies of richer Indian states. Whether it is construction workers in Delhi, agricultural labourers in Punjab, textile operators in Tamil Nadu, or delivery workers in Mumbai, a vast proportion of these labourers' hail from Bihar. According to the Ministry of Labour and Employment (2022), Bihar remains in the top three states contributing to domestic out-migration annually. This continuous exodus has created a situation where the state serves as a demographic donor, while receiving little in return in terms of developmental equity. Migration theories offer powerful insights into Bihar's long-standing outmigration patterns. William J. Reilly's Gravity Model of Migration (1931) posits that migration flows are directly proportional to the population size and economic mass of two locations and inversely proportional to the distance between them. This helps explain the persistent movement of people from Bihar to

megacities like Delhi and Mumbai, where economic opportunities are dense and services more accessible. Complementing this, Everett S. Lee's Push-Pull Theory (1966) provides a more nuanced lens by highlighting how specific push factors-such as chronic poverty, unemployment, inadequate infrastructure, and limited educational prospects in Bihar-intersect with pull factors like higher wages, better amenities, and perceived quality of life in destination states. Together, these models underscore a structural imbalance: Bihar's young, mobile population fuels the economic engines of other states, while the state itself remains mired in cyclical underdevelopment and demographic drain.

The costs of such migration are profound, both for sending and receiving regions. Bihar's villages are often left with aging populations and fragmented families. Local economies stagnate, educational aspirations falter, and rural society is hollowed out of its youthful dynamism. On the other side, Indian metros groan under the weight of uncontrolled in-migration. According to CMIE (2023), cities like Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru have crossed critical thresholds for air quality, vehicular congestion, water stress, and waste generation. In this light, Bihar's development is no longer just a regional issue; it is a national imperative.

Imagining a developed Bihar presents an exciting counter-narrative to this entrenched imbalance. With a young population, strategic location in the Indo-Gangetic plains, and a rich legacy of culture and knowledge, Bihar has the latent potential to emerge as a regional growth engine. Agro-industrial hubs could harness the state's fertile soils, especially in areas like Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Purnia, and Bhagalpur. Educational investments in cities like Patna, Nalanda, and Gaya could reverse brain drain and promote human capital retention. Green energy initiatives could utilize the vast stretches of underutilized land for solar and bioenergy production. And perhaps most promising, a developed tourism industry could bring in national and international revenues rooted in Bihar's Buddhist heritage, historical sites, and vibrant folk cultures.

## India's Shubhanshu Shukla's Axiom-4 mission now targeting June 25 launch

New Delhi : Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla's Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station is now eyeing a launch on June 25, NASA announced on Tuesday.

The Axiom-4 mission, which marks the return to space for India, Hungary, and Poland, was earlier scheduled for lift-off from NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on June 25 onboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket at 12:01 pm IST on Wednesday.

"NASA, Axiom Space, and SpaceX are targeting 2:31 a.m. EDT (12:01 IST), Wednesday, June 25, for launch of the fourth private astronaut mission to the International Space Station, Axiom Mission 4," a NASA statement said. The Axiom-4 commercial mission is led by Commander Peggy Whitson, with Shukla as mission pilot and Hungarian astronaut Tibor Kapu and Poland's Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski as mission specialists.

The mission was originally scheduled for lift-off on May 29 but was then put off to June 8, then June 10 and June 11, when engineers detected a liquid oxygen leak in the boosters of the Falcon-9 rocket and NASA also detected leaks in the ageing Russian module of the International Space Station.

The launch was then planned for June 19 and then on June 22 which was put off to allow NASA evaluate operations of the ISS after repairs in the Russian module.

The mission will lift off from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

The crew will travel to the orbiting laboratory on a new SpaceX Dragon spacecraft after launching on the company's Falcon 9 rocket. The targeted docking time is approximately 7 am (4:30 pm IST) Thursday, June 26, NASA said.

## Maharashtra gov't's 3-language formula 'unfair' Konkani Marathi literary body

Thane : The Konkani Marathi Sahitya Parishad on Tuesday opposed the Maharashtra government's three-language formula for young students, claiming it was "unfair and inappropriate". The state government last week issued an amended order, stating Hindi will generally be taught as the third language to students in Marathi and English medium schools from Classes 1 to 5. The government had maintained that Hindi would not be compulsory, but mandated consent of at least 20 students per grade in a school for studying any Indian language other than Hindi. The Konkani Marathi Sahitya Parishad, in a statement, claimed the government policy does not consider the cognitive, emotional and linguistic capacity of children in the early stages of learning. "From the perspective of the Konkani Marathi Sahitya Parishad, considering the mental, physical and intellectual capabilities.

# Strait of Hormuz is vital route for oil. Closing it could backfire on Iran

Dubai :The war between Israel and Iran has raised concerns that Iran could retaliate by trying to close the Strait of Hormuz, the world's most important oil chokepoint due to the large volumes of crude that pass through it every day.

The US military's strike on three sites in Iran over the weekend has raised questions about how its military might respond.

The Strait of Hormuz is between Oman and Iran, which boasts a fleet of fast-attack boats and thousands of naval mines as well as missiles that it could use to make the strait impassable, at least for a time.

Iran's main naval base at Bandar Abbas is on the north coast of the strait. It could also fire missiles from its long Persian Gulf shore, as its allies, Yemen's Houthi rebels, have done in the Red Sea.

About 20 million barrels of oil per day, or around 20% of the world's oil consumption, passed through the strait in 2024. Most of that oil goes to Asia.

Here is a look at the waterway and its impact on the global economy:

An energy highway in a volatile region

The strait connects the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea. It's only 33 kilometers (21 miles) wide at its narrowest point, but deep enough and wide enough to handle the



world's largest crude oil tankers.

Oil that passes through the strait comes from Saudi Arabia's, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, and Bahrain, while major supplies of liquefied natural gas come from Qatar. At its narrowest point, the sea lanes for tankers lie in Omani waters, and before and after that cross into Iranian territory.

While some global oil chokepoints can be circumvented by taking longer routes that simply add costs, that's not an option for most of the oil moving through the strait.

That's because the pipelines that

could be used to carry the oil on land, such as Saudi Arabia's East-West pipeline, they don't have nearly enough capacity. "Most volumes that transit the strait have no alternative means of exiting the region," according to the US Energy Information Administration.

Closing the Strait of Hormuz would send oil prices massively higher - at least at first

If Iran blocked the strait, oil prices could shoot as high as \$120-\$130 per barrel, at least temporarily, said Homayoun Falakshahi, head of crude oil analyst at Kpler, in an online webinar Sunday.

# Censorship arrests merger of news agencies tools to control media during Emergency

New Delhi : Censorship of newspapers, arrests of journalists and merger of news agencies is how the Indira Gandhi-led government tried to control public discourse during the 21 months of Emergency imposed exactly 50 years ago.

According to government data, more than 200 journalists, who refused to toe the government line during the Emergency proclaimed by President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed at Gandhi's behest were imprisoned along with the opposition leaders.

"The government resorted to a shotgun merger of four news agencies, the Press Trust of India, the United News of India, Hindustan Samachar and Samachar Bharti, to form a single news agency 'Samachar'," said former Editor-in-Chief and CEO of PTI M K Razdan. He recalled how news reporting was subject to stringent scrutiny and an IPS officer posted in the Press Information Bureau wielded the proverbial axe to ensure that pro-government reports made it to the newspapers.

"Journalists were forced to give laudatory coverage to Sanjay Gandhi and his family planning programme of forced sterilization of men and dismiss reports related to the opposition in a couple of paragraphs," Razdan said. Veteran journalist S Venkat Narayan, who was the Editor of 'Onlooker' magazine during the years of Emergency, recalled how he had to send the manuscript of whatever he wished to publish to the chief censor Harry D'Penha at the Press Information Bureau for clearance. The editors, including Kuldip Nayyar of the Indian Express and K R Malkani of 'The Motherland', were arrested for publishing news reports sympathetic to Jayaprakash Narayan, the socialist leader spearheading the anti-government protests, and sensational stories on Gandhi and her son Sanjay. Navajivan Press, established by Mahatma Gandhi, saw its printing facilities confiscated, while a weekly 'Himmat' edited by Mahatma Gandhi's grandson Rajmohan Gandhi was asked to make a substantial deposit because of certain objectionable reports. Narayan, who was working with The Sunday Times in London, drew the ire of Gandhi's information adviser H Y Sharada Prasad for reviewing a book written by Kuldip Nayyar, who had liked the then prime minister dealing with her Cabinet ministers like a headmistress dealt with school kids. "When I returned to India after the



three-month scholarship with The Sunday Times, I found a bunch of cops from Delhi Police waiting for me at the airport. They rummaged through my luggage to make sure that I did not bring any incriminating items in the country," Narayan recalled.

In New Delhi, the government cut-off the power supply to the newspaper offices located on Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg to delay or force cancellation of the editions on June 26 and 27.

The government also blocked advertisements to newspapers that were critical of its policies to choke them of a large chunk of revenue and manipulate them.

"There were four newspapers in Goa during the Emergency. The owners were either industrialists or those in the printing press business. All of them followed the government line," said Dharmanand Kamat, who worked with the News Services Division of All India Radio in Goa when the Emergency was

announced. "Skirmishes with officials in the Press Information Bureau were an everyday affair as the newspapers sought clearances from the media censors for publishing the next day's editions," recalls A K Chakraborty, who worked as a Delhi correspondent for Nagpur-based daily 'The Hitavada'.

Several journalists faced a series of charges such as tax evasion, jail term, notices to shut down the printing press and eviction from government housing.

Another decision taken by the government was to regulate the supply of newsprint to media houses through the Monopoly and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, thus limiting the reach of newspapers.

"In February 1976, it enacted the Prevention of Publication of Objectionable Matter Act against the printing of 'incitement of crime and other objectionable matter'," writes Gyan Prakash in his book 'Emergency Chronicles Indira Gandhi and

Democracy's Turning Point'. "In addition, daily censorship orders were communicated over the phone to newspapers to prevent the publication of anything considered against or embarrassing to the regime," Prakash writes in the book. The government also warned newspapers against publishing blank editorials, as the Indian Express had done in its edition of June 28, 1975 along with mass arrests carried out after the imposition of the Emergency.

Razdan recalled how 'Samachar' formed by the forced merger of four news agencies reported on events during the Emergency.

"Reporters had to be careful not to annoy the government. For instance, there was a big rally by Jayaprakash Narayan at the Ramlila ground in Delhi. 'Samachar' had to dismiss it in a few paragraphs, while many newspapers gave it a prominent display," Razdan said.

He recalled the Shah Commission of Inquiry that went into the excesses committed during the Emergency grilled officials at the Press Information Bureau for their acts of censorship of the media.

It was L K Advani, the Information and Broadcasting minister in Morarji Desai's government, who ensured the revival of the four news agencies.

"We gained our Independence again," Razdan recalled. Narayan, the editor of the Onlooker magazine based in Mumbai during the Emergency, recalled a press conference addressed by Advani during his visit to the financial capital.

"Advani's famous quote 'when Mrs Gandhi asked the media to bend, it crawled' was a response to a question I had asked him during his visit to Mumbai," Narayan said. Kamat remembers asking Gandhi the question on the need to impose Emergency when she visited Goa for campaigning during the 1980 Lok Sabha elections.

"I have followed the Constitution of India. There is a provision to impose internal and external Emergency. When a person is giving a call to the police and the army to revolt against the government orders, as the chief of the government it is my duty to exercise the powers at my disposal under the Constitution," Kamat recalled Gandhi having told him. "No ruler can tolerate a call to the army and the police to revolt against the establishment," Gandhi said, according to Kamat.



161 Indian nationals arrive in Delhi from Israel under Operation Sindhu: MEA

MI News Service, Delhi: As many as 161 Indian nationals arrived in Delhi from Israel under Operation Sindhu on Tuesday. Union Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs, Pabitra Margherita, welcomed them at the airport.

Ministry of External Affairs official spokesperson Randhir-Jaiswal stated that the Israel leg of Operation Sindhu started on June 23. Jaiswal emphasised that the safety and security of Indian nationals abroad remain the government's highest priority.

In a post on X, Jaiswal stated, "The Israel leg of #OperationSindhu began on June 23, 2025, bringing home the first group of 161 Indian nationals from Israel. They safely arrived in New Delhi today at 0820 hrs from Amman, Jordan. At the airport, MoS @PmargheritaBJP received them. The safety and security of Indian nationals abroad remains the highest priority for the Government."

Amid the ongoing tensions between Israel and Iran, the Indian Government has launched Operation Sindhu to evacuate from Israel those Indian nationals who wish to leave. MEA stated that their travel from Israel to India would be facilitated by land borders and, thereafter, by air to India. Meanwhile, 292 Indian nationals were evacuated from Iran on a special flight that arrived in New Delhi from Mashhad on Tuesday. In a post on X, Randhir-Jaiswal wrote, "292 Indian nationals were evacuated from Iran on a special flight that arrived in New Delhi from Mashhad at 0330 hrs on 24th June."

The conflict between Israel and Iran began on June 13 when the former launched a massive airstrike on Iranian military and nuclear sites, code-named "Operation Rising Lion". In retaliation, Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) initiated a large-scale drone and missile campaign called 'Operation True Promise 3', targeting Israeli fighter jet fuel production facilities and energy supply centres. Tensions escalated further after the US conducted precision airstrikes early Sunday morning on three key Iranian nuclear facilities under "Operation Midnight Hammer". Iran retaliated by launching multiple missiles at US military installations in Qatar and Iraq, including the Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, the largest US military base in the region, CNN reported.



Indian nationals board an Indian Air Force (IAF) C-17 aircraft to return to India during evacuation operations, amid heightened tensions in conflict-affected areas of West Asia. The IAF has launched missions from Jordan and Egypt to extricate Indian citizens and those of friendly nations.

East Coast Railway Strengthens Hindi Usage Across Zones with Strategic Rajbhasha Implementation Meet



MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: In a continued effort to promote the use of Hindi in official communication, East Coast Railway (ECoR) hosted a Zonal Rajbhasha Implementation Committee Meeting at its headquarters, Rail Sadan, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar. The meeting aligns with the Government of India's Official Language Policy, reaffirming ECoR's commitment to integrating Hindi as a core component of administrative and operational practices. Presiding over the session, Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Man-

ager, ECoR, emphasized the need to embed Hindi into daily official work such as e-files, e-office modules, and internal communications. He encouraged all staff to adopt Hindi proactively in notings, correspondence, and official documentation to enhance inclusivity and national linguistic pride. "The consistent use of Hindi across our systems is not only a matter of policy but also a reflection of our cultural identity. We must lead by example in bringing Hindi into the mainstream of railway administration," said Shri Funkwal.

To further facilitate Hindi adoption, the following measures were outlined during the meeting: Regular Language Inspections: Periodic inspections will be carried out at various stations and divisional units to monitor compliance and provide support for Hindi usage.

Launch of Rajbhasha e-Patrika: A digital e-magazine dedicated to Hindi language promotion will be introduced. It will feature reference materials, creative writing contributions, and articles to foster interest and improve proficiency among railway employees. The meeting was attended by Principal Heads of Departments, including Shri Alok Sahay, Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, and the Mukhya Rajbhasha Adhikari. Their active participation reinforced the collective commitment to strengthening the Rajbhasha framework across East Coast Railway. This strategic meeting marks a pivotal step in institutionalizing Hindi in official work across zones under East Coast Railway. With digital tools, continuous awareness, and leadership engagement, ECoR aims to set a benchmark for effective implementation of the Official Language Policy.

NATO chief expresses concern over Taiwan amid China's military buildup

MI News Service, Netherlands: NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte expressed his apprehension about the situation in Taiwan in light of China's significant military buildup, as reported by the Taipei Times. He made these remarks during a press conference held before the NATO summit in The Hague. "We have developed a close relationship with Japan and [South] Korea, as well as Australia and New Zealand, precisely because these nations are extremely concerned about China's substantial military buildup," Rutte stated.

He noted that three to five Chinese defence firms are now listed among the top ten globally, a change from a few years ago when there were none on that list. "Naturally, they are not undertaking this effort simply to display impressive parades in Beijing," he said, according to the Taipei Times report. Addressing a potential worst-case scenario in which the US, under the Taiwan Relations Act, may be required to provide support or even defend Taiwan during a Chinese assault, Rutte commented that NATO, as a collective entity, has no option to "opt out." However, he cautioned that China would ensure Russia "keeps us preoccupied here in Europe" if they "attempt anything with Taiwan," as highlighted by the Taipei Times report. "That is part of the reason we must remain prepared, and we cannot afford to be naive," Rutte remarked, stressing the significance of "additional defence spending." He mentioned that NATO member countries would meet the 2014 target of allocating 2 per cent of their GDP to defence this year, though a new benchmark of 5 per cent will be established at the summit, as pointed out by the Taipei Times report.

India extends closure of its airspace for Pakistan airlines till July 24

MI News Service, Delhi: India extended the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) restricting its airspace for Pakistani aircraft and airlines till July 24. India extended its NOTAM by one month. This is the second extension of the NOTAM, which was meant to last till June 23, 2025. The first NOTAM by India was valid from May 1, 2025, to May 23, 2025. The Indian airspace has been closed for planes operated, owned or leased by Pakistani airlines and operators, including military flights, since April 30. The ban was imposed as part of various measures taken by the Indian Government against Pakistan in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people on April 22. Earlier, on May 23 after India extended the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) restricting its airspace for Pakistani aircraft and airlines till June

23, Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu said on Friday that the government has "maintained the status quo" on the matter. Naidu said the government has simply maintained the existing status. "The NOTAM has been extended. We have maintained the status quo..." he told reporters.

On Monday (June 23, 2025), a fresh NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) was issued, extending the closure by one more month till July 24, 2025. As per the NOTAM, Indian airspace will not be available for Pakistan-registered aircraft and aircraft operated, owned or leased by Pakistani airlines and operators, including military flights. On April 23, a day after the Pahalgam attack, which claimed 26 lives, India announced a series of measures against Pakistan, including suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty.

Regulation of trains for Track Maintenance Work over Asansol Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to track maintenance work in Down line between Jasidih & Madhupur stations in Jhajha – Sitarampur section over Asansol Division, 04 hours 30 minutes (from 14:00 hrs. to 18:30 hrs.) Bi-weekly block have been planned on 25.06.2025 and 29.06.2025. Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been made as under:

Cancellation on 25.06.2025 & 29.06.2025: 63546 Jasidih – Andal MEMU .

Short termination/ short origination:

63509/63510 Bardhaman – Jhajha – Bardhaman MEMU will be short terminated at/short originated from Asansol on block days. Moreover, 63564 Jasidih – Asansol MEMU & 12254 Bhagalpur – SMVT Bengaluru Express both will be rescheduled by 30 minutes.

Temporary stoppage of Azimganj – Barharwa – Azimganj Passenger at Bindubasini Halt Station

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of 53433/53434 Azimganj – Barharwa – Azimganj Passenger at Bindubasini halt station over Malda Division on temporary basis for the period of 3 months with effect on & from 27.6.2025 to 26.9.2025.

53433 Azimganj – Barharwa Passenger & 53434 Barharwa – Azimganj Passenger will arrive Bindubasini Halt station at 10:38 hrs. & 14:35 hrs. respectively. Both the trains will stop at Bindubasini Halt station for 1 minute.

Regulation Of Trains

In view of suspension of track between Jatinga Lumpur - New Haflong section of Lumding division over Northeast Frontier Railway, following trains which run through Eastern Railway have been regulated:-

CANCELLATION: • 12503 SMVB Bengaluru – Agartala Humsafar Express (journey commencing on 27.6.2025) SHORT TERMINATION/ SHORT ORIGINATION: • 13176 Silchar – Sealdah Kanchanjunga Express (journey commencing on 25.6.2025) will be short originated from Lumding (i.e. partially cancelled between Silchar & Lumding). • 12502 Agartala – Kolkata Garib Rath Express (journey commencing on 25.6.2025) will be short originated from Guwahati (i.e. partially cancelled between Agartala & Guwahati).

Cancellation of one pair Lakshmikanapur – Namkhana local for Track Maintenance Work

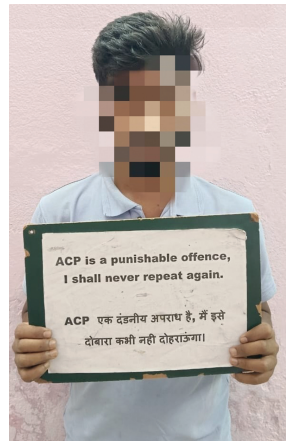
MI News Service, Kolkata: For Track maintenance work between Lakshmikanapur - Namkhana section, 34935/34914 Lakshmikanapur - Namkhana - Lakshmikanapur local will remain cancelled on 26.06.2025 (Thursday).

RPF Howrah division cracks down on misuse of alarm chain pulling

102 Offenders Apprehended Till 22nd June

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a focused drive to enhance train safety and punctuality, the Railway Protection Force (RPF), Howrah Division, under the guidance of Senior Divisional Security Commissioner Shri Chokka Raghuvver, has intensified its action against the misuse of the Alarm Chain Pulling (ACP) system during the period from 1st June to 22nd June 2025.

Alarm Chain Pulling, when done without a valid emergency, disrupts train operations and poses significant safety risks. As part of this initiative, the RPF apprehended 102 individuals for unauthorized ACP incidents during the current month. Legal proceedings have been initiated against them under Section 141 of the Railways Act, 1989. Passengers are reminded that misuse of the alarm chain may lead to immediate arrest and termination of the journey. Such actions not only cause operational delays but also endanger the safety of all passengers onboard. To curb this offence, RPF Howrah Division has strengthened



surveillance through increased onboard deployment of RPF personnel, enhanced CCTV monitoring, and frequent surprise checks across trains and stations. The RPF appeals to all passengers to use emergency systems responsibly and only in genuine situations. Misuse of safety features is a serious punishable offence and will invite strict legal consequences. RPF Howrah Division remains committed to ensuring the safety, security, and punctuality of train services and seeks active cooperation from passengers in maintaining discipline and responsible behaviour across the railway network.

Eastern Railway's unprecedented efforts towards strict enforcement and awareness to promote cleanliness

• 53398 Individuals Detected for littering, ₹66,95,905 realised as fine from 1st January to 22nd June 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway is making concerted efforts to ensure cleanliness across station premises and maintain waste-free tracks throughout its network. Despite challenges—particularly at suburban stations with high passenger footfall—the Railway remains committed to providing a cleaner, safer, and more pleasant travel environment. One of the major hurdles in this mission is

the persistent issue of indiscriminate littering and spitting by some passengers and station users. Such behaviour not only tarnishes the appearance of railway premises but also poses serious environmental and operational concerns. To address this problem, Eastern Railway has undertaken extensive awareness campaigns at various stations, sensitising passengers to the importance of maintaining cleanliness. These campaigns are conducted regularly with the active involvement of the Health

Department, Railway Protection Force (RPF), and station staff. Alongside awareness efforts, strict enforcement measures have also been implemented. From 1st January to 22nd June 2025, a total of 53,398 individuals were detected for littering under Eastern Railway's jurisdiction, leading to the realisation of ₹66,95,905 as fines under relevant provisions of the Railway Act.

Division-wise summary of individuals fined for littering (01.01.2025 – 22.06.2025): • Howrah Division: 9,712 persons detained, ₹12,31,065 realised as fine. • Sealdah Division: 16,927 persons detained, ₹24,05,955 realised as fine. • Asansol Division: 26,038 persons detained, ₹29,48,360 realised as fine. • Malda Division: 721 persons detained, ₹1,10,525 realised as fine. Eastern Railway appeals to all passengers to cooperate in its cleanliness initiatives by using dustbins, avoiding spitting, and refraining from littering in station areas. A cleaner railway is not only the responsibility of the authorities but also a reflection of the civic sense of its users.

Iran defends its strikes on US military base, says "act of self-defence had nothing to do with friendly neighbour Qatar"

MI News Service, Tehran: Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail-Baqaei has defended military strikes on the American military base 'Al-Udeid', calling it an exercise conducted in self-defence under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter in response to the US' strikes in Iran on June 22. Baqaei stated that the "act of self-defence" has nothing to do with Qatar and emphasised the "excellent and deeply rooted relationships" shared by the two nations. In a statement shared on X, EsmailBaqaei expressed Iran's commitment to good neighbourly policy with Qatar and other friendly nations. "Iran's military strikes on the American military base 'Al-Udeid' were in exercise of our self-defence under Article 51 of the UN Charter in response to the United States' unprovoked aggression against Iran's territorial integrity and national sovereignty that took place on 22 June 2025. This act of self-de-

fence had nothing to do with our friendly neighbour Qatar, as we enjoy excellent and deeply rooted relationships," Baqaei posted on X. "Iran remains fully committed to its good-neighbourliness policy concerning the State of Qatar and other neighbouring countries. We resolve not to let U.S./Israeli criminal aggressions and malign policies against Iran create division between us and the brotherly countries of the region," he added. Earlier, Iran launched multiple missiles targeting US military installations in Qatar and Iraq, including Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar—the largest US military installation in the region, according to CNN. The development came after the US conducted strikes at three Iranian nuclear facilities in Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan in the early hours of Sunday. Two officials familiar with the situation confirmed to CNN that the US was tracking multiple missiles launched from Iran.

GERMANY permanently stationing troops outside 'Vaterland', since World War II

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Germany is deploying troops to another country on a long-term basis for the first time since World War II. It's putting thousands of soldiers in Lithuania, a NATO member that borders Russia. It described the move as an effort to protect NATO. Germany's defense spending is also rising. Germany's armed forces, the Bundeswehr, announced that they'd created a new brigade, the 45th Armored Brigade, to be stationed in Lithuania. It will be the first long-term deployment of German soldiers to another country since World War II. Brig. Gen. Christoph Huber, the commander of the 45th Armored Brigade, said that with its creation, "we're not only moving toward operational readiness, we're taking responsibility." For the alliance, for Lithuania, for Europe's security," he said. "As a sign of our determination to de-

fend peace and freedom with our partners." Russia's invasion of Ukraine has sparked a surge of defense agreements and spending among European countries. When plans were first made for the 45th Armored Brigade in 2023, Germany described it as part of growing efforts by NATO members to boost both their own security and the security of NATO's eastern borders. Germany's defense minister, Boris Pistorius, previously said, "With this war-ready brigade, we're taking on leadership responsibility on NATO's eastern flank." German and Lithuanian soldiers holding a German flag at a ceremony for the new 45th Armored Brigade. Alexander Welscher/picture alliance via Getty Images The new brigade is made up of several battalions and will have about 5,000 soldiers and civilian staff, the Bundeswehr said this week. It added

that the brigade's command facility was already fully operational and that the aim was to have it at full wartime readiness by 2027. Lithuania — which borders the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad and the close Russian ally Belarus — is one of the countries that has sounded the alarm the loudest that Russia could move beyond Ukraine to attack elsewhere in Europe. It's also one of NATO's biggest defense spenders by proportion of GDP and one of Ukraine's biggest allies, describing Ukrainian troops as the ones who are protecting all of Europe. There are already NATO troops in Lithuania, on a rotating basis, with a multinational battle group led by Germany. NATO countries have also deployed assets such as fighter jets and air defenses there. US troops are among those stationed in Lithuania, though their long-term future is less clear, with President Donald Trump critical of US allies, of

NATO, and of assistance to Ukraine. Dovidė Šakalienė, Lithuania's defense minister, told Business Insider in February that her country wanted US troops to stay and that she expected the US could see "eye to eye" with countries who pay their part when it comes to defense. "We do our part," she said, adding that she expected the US to do its part, too. Lithuania has also been strengthening its border with Russia. Germany's new brigade is the latest in a series of measures introduced by the country since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. It spent 1.51% of its GDP on defense in 2022, which jumped to an estimated 2.12% in 2024, according to NATO. The rise in defense purchases by Germany, and Europe more broadly, has been a boon for the continent's defense industries. The German arms manufacturer Rheinmetall

said in March that it expected sales this year to rise by 25% to 30%. Germany's defense spending has increased less than some of its allies: It ranked 15th out of 31 NATO members for defense spending as a proportion of GDP in 2024, according to NATO estimates. After grappling with its World War I and World War II legacies, which led to an avoidance of heavy militarism, Germany has committed to major military moves. Lawmakers this month voted to alter the German constitution in a way that would unlock billions of dollars that could be used for defense spending. Šakalienė, Lithuania's defense minister, told BI in February that Europe "needs to up our defense spending very fast and very significantly." She said Europe needed to be able to match the US and to match Russia, which was escalating its own defense production: "We need to catch up to the speed of Russia," she said.



# England vs India Test 2025: Ben Duckett, Zak Crawley break a 24-year-old English record in Headingley

A fabulous opening partnership from Ben Duckett and Zak Crawley put England on course for a series lead on the final day of the opening Test against England in Headingley.

The left-hander struck his sixth Test century while his partner went past 50 as the opening stand soared to 181, before rain forced a delay during the second session of play.

Once play resumed, India were able to finally break the stand as Prasidh Krishna found the edge of Crawley's blade-taken sharply at the wide first slip by K.L. Rahul. However, the openers had provided the ideal platform for England to scale the chase.

During the partnership, Duckett and Crawley broke a 24-year-old record set by Marcus Trescothick and Michael Atherton for the highest opening partnership for England in the fourth innings of Tests.

The previous record of 146 was set during the 2001 Old



Trafford Test against Pakistan-a game that England eventually lost by a massive margin of 108 runs.

Strangely, the target for the home side in that game was very similar (370), and they were in control through the openers before losing the plot against Pakistan's potent attack.

Saqlain Mushtaq picked up four wickets while Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram shared five wickets between them, as Pakistan secured a famous Test win in England.

Coming to the Headingley Test, it's been a similar (if not better) start for England with Duckett and Crawley batting with authority. There were moments of uncertainty for both batters, occasionally against Mohammed Siraj and

Jasprit Bumrah, but clear-cut chances were far and few to speak of.

Chasing a strong target of 371 to go 1-0 up in the series, England resumed the final day's play at 21/0, with another 350 more runs needed for victory.

Given their natural attacking style of play under Ben Stokes and Brendon McCullum, the hosts were not going to play for a draw. Yet, Duckett and Crawley did show patience in the initial hour of play, knowing fully well the threat of a fifth-day pitch and the challenge of a 350-plus chase.

Crawley was content in playing second fiddle as he focused on rotating strike and holding one end up.

Duckett also started similarly, but soon accelerated and kept the scorecard moving at a brisk pace. His trademark cuts and pulls were out in full display, as were the reverse sweeps to put Jadeja off his radar.

There was just a bit of help

from the surface for the bowlers, but the pace off the surface was slow, allowing the batters to adapt. However, India's bowlers were also guilty of being inaccurate with their spells, often not bowling to their fields.

The rain break may have come at an opportune moment for the visitors, who had been going nowhere till then.

Krishna, guilty of bowling too short on this pitch, got one a bit fuller and tempted Crawley into the loose drive that found the outside edge. The dismissal was symbolic of how the bowlers still had something to extract from the surface.

In the 2001 Old Trafford Test, England had slipped from 146/0 to 261 all out, in what was a sensational batting collapse.

The Headingley surface might not be as spicy, and the Indian attack as a whole is certainly not up to Pakistan's early 2000s bowling unit, but this game is not over by any means.

## Indian racer Akshay Gupta claims SP3T podium at 24 Hours of Nurburgring

**NURBURGRING [GERMANY]** : Indian endurance specialist and tech-entrepreneur Akshay Gupta continued his run of international success with a third-place finish in the competitive SP3T class at the 2025 ADAC Ravenol 24 Hours of Nurburgring. Sharing the 808 Cupra Leon TCR DSG with Japan's Junichi Umemoto and German duo Lutz Obermann and Dennis Leissing, the AsBest Racing quartet outperformed expectations to climb the podium despite early gearbox gremlins and an overnight repair stop that cost nearly two hours.

Qualifying on Friday afternoon was a nail-biter, with just two seconds covering the five quickest SP3T runners. The AsBest Racing Cupra slotted into fifth, its crew quietly confident that race savvy would outweigh outright pace.

When 130 cars rolled away for the warm-up lap on Saturday, a violent jolt in third gear sent panic through the cockpit, the DSG gearbox stuck momentarily, and by the time the lights went green the #808 had tumbled to seventh. Any thoughts of damage limitation lasted exactly one lap. Lutz Obermann, fuelled by home-crowd energy, carved through the pack with 15 breathtaking passes in seven laps, hauling the Cupra into third before handing to Leissing.

Later on, Gupta's stint was equally dramatic. He hustled the car up to second place, only for the lurking gearbox gremlin to trigger an unscheduled stop that dropped the team to fourth. As darkness fell, endurance racing's natural law of attrition took over: the Dacia Logan spun into the barriers, the crowd-favourite Beetle RSR coasted to retirement and Sharky Racing's Golf expired, elevating the privateer squad to a comfortable third while shadowing the factory BMW and Hyundai programs. Just after midnight, the race turned on its head when Hyundai's Elantra suffered a huge crash at Pflanzgarten. The incident promoted the Cupra to second, but fate struck back at 06:00 when Junichi Umemoto was involved in an incident with the sister Porsche Cayman at Wippermann. Marshals towed the damaged car five kilometres to the pits, where mechanics rebuilt the front-end and replaced the rear suspension in an astonishing one hour and 45 minutes. The lengthy stop surrendered second place to the factory MINI, yet with daylight breaking and the gearbox finally behaving, Gupta and Dennis Leissing nursed the Cupra to the chequered flag after 101 laps -- greeted by thunderous applause from an estimated 280,000 spectators lining the Nordschleife's campsites and grandstands.



## BEN DUCKETT BECOMES SECOND ENGLAND OPENER TO ACHIEVE ELUSIVE TEST MILESTONE IN 30 YEARS

**LEEDS [UK]** : England's flamboyant batter Ben Duckett became only the second opener after former captain Alastair Cook in 30 years to score twin 50-plus scores in a Headingley Test.

In the series opener between India and England, Duckett took the mantle of weathering the early threat from Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj to provide an ideal platform for England to dominate the proceedings. He hammered 62 in the first innings and then powered his way to a blistering century before it started raining cats in Leeds.

In the first innings, Duckett maintained England's healthy scoring rate with his composed 62(94), laced with nine boundaries, before Bumrah rattled the timber to punch his return ticket.

Duckett continued to torment India Test captain Shubman Gill and his troops with his malicious intent. He ensured the tourists continued to endure a torrid time on the field with his smorgasbord strokeplay.

The explosive southpaw continued to pile runs on the board swiftly and moved into the 90s within the blink of an eye. Duckett attempted to bring up his century in style by pulling the ball away. He took the aerial route but dispatched it straight towards Yashasvi Jaiswal.

The young southpaw, guilty of spilling three chances in the first innings, was culpable yet again. With eyes fixated on the ball, Jaiswal positioned himself but floored it, allowing Duckett to enjoy an unprecedented lifeline on 97, leaving Siraj completely dismayed.

He made the most of the second opportunity and pulled out a reverse sweep from his loaded arsenal to send the ball racing past the boundary rope for a four. Duckett leapt in the air and punched his fist in jubilation under the cloudy sky of Headingley.

As Duckett experienced euphoria, this was the first century by an England opening batter in the fourth innings of a Test since Cook's unbeaten 109 against Bangladesh in Mirpur in 2010. His unbeaten ton is also his first second-innings century. (ANI)



## Tilak Varma begins County stint with sizzling century for Hampshire against Essex

**CHELMSFORD [UK]** : India's young batting sensation Tilak Varma was cock-a-hoop after marking his County Championship debut with a sizzling century for Hampshire against Essex in Chelmsford on Tuesday.

Tilak, who came out to bat at number four, stood out with his impeccable technique and returned unbeaten on 98 after stumps were called on the second day. In the opening minutes of day three, Tilak pushed the ball into the gap and scurried for a double to raise his bat to celebrate a hard-fought hundred.

However, Tilak's euphoria was cut short by South African off-spinner Simon Harmer, who punched the 22-year-old's return ticket on 100 from 241 deliveries laced with 11 fours and three towering maximums.

Apart from his rollicking century, Tilak forged a 133-run partnership for the fifth wicket with England's seasoned all-rounder Liam Dawson, who relished his 18th first-class century.

Throughout his stay at the crease, Tialk's straight-out-of-the-book cover drive, jinking out of the crease to heave the ball powerfully past the boundary rope, kept the spectators enchanted.



Before his eye-catching exploits in the County Championship, Tilak boasts three tons for Hyderabad, a solitary three-digit score for India A against New Zealand and a century in last season's Duleep Trophy.

The promising southpaw made his first-class debut in 2019, but he has struck all his centuries in the last three years. Tilak has joined the Rose and Crown for four County Championship matches, which began with their ongoing contest against Essex.

He arrived in County Cricket after a lukewarm season with the Mumbai Indians in the 18th season of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025. He pulled the curtains down on the 18th season with 343 runs from 16 matches at 31.18 while striking at 138.30.

He has yielded 1499 runs for the franchise in 54 matches in the cash-rich league, with eight fifties at an average of 37.47 and a strike rate of 144.41.

In the international circuit, Tilak has represented India 29 times, and 25 of those have been in T20Is, during which he has amassed 749 runs laced with two centuries, which came in successive innings against South Africa in November 2024, and three fifties. (ANI)

## We began to pay our players who make it to the national camp: Rugby India President Rahul Bose



**NEW DELHI [INDIA]** : Rugby India President Rahul Bose revealed that the Rugby Federation has begun providing financial compensation to Indian players selected for the national camps, as part of broader efforts to support grassroots talent.

Under Bose's leadership, Rugby India launched the inaugural edition of the Rugby Premier League (RPL), India's first-ever franchise-based rugby competition, which began on June 15.

The RPL, touted as the world's first franchise-format rugby league, has six founding franchises in the opening edition. The franchises in the competition are Bengaluru Bravehearts, Chennai Bulls, Delhi Redz, Hyderabad Heroes, Kalinga Black Tigers, and the Mumbai Dreamers.

Speaking to ANI, Rahul Bose said, "As a federation, we began to pay our players who would make the national camp. I'm taking all ages across the entire country who play the nationals, which is 1600 players. 140 players who make the national camps in under-18 and under-20 boys and girls. So, say about 220 players. We're paying them now. In five weeks of national camp, in

the first week, this much money, in the second week this much money, in the third week, this much in the fourth week, this much and in the fifth week this much."

Further, the 57-year-old actor shared that players representing India are also eligible for bonuses.

"If you play for India, this much, these are the bonuses. Now, a boy or a girl or a man or a woman who plays rugby at the national level is going home with about 40 to 60,000 rupees per camp. I've had people say, because of you, not me, he's talking about the board, the house is on fire. When you're dealing with a sport that is played by the poorest of the poor, you're not just dealing with kabliyat. You're dealing with an entire ecosystem," he added.

Across the 34 matches, the RPL offers Indian players a great platform to rub shoulders and work alongside the most elite rugby players and coaches worldwide.

The grand finale of Season 1 is scheduled for June 29, promising two weeks of high-octane rugby action as the teams vie for the coveted trophy. (ANI)

## National Selection Trials 3 and 4 commences; India's top shooters in action

**DEHRADUN (UTTARAKHAND)** : India's top shooters will be seen in action as the National Selection Trials 3 and 4 for Group 'A' athletes commenced on Tuesday at the Trishul Shooting Range, Maharana Pratap Sports College, Raipur, Dehradun. These trials will help shape the Indian shooting team for the 16th Asian Shooting Championships 2025 in Kazakhstan in August and the ISSF World Cup in Ningbo, China in September.

The first day of the trials will see the Stage 1 qualifying round of Rapid Fire Pistol Men, which has been divided into three relays. On the second day of competitions, three finals of T3, 10m Air Rifle Men, 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men



and 50m 3 Positions Women are scheduled.

The shooters enter this selection phase following an encouraging run in the double-legged South

American ISSF World Cup tour, which marked the beginning of the new international calendar and the recently concluded Munich leg of the World Cup. Across all three legs in Argentina, Peru, and Munich, Indian shooters reached 39 finals, including mixed-team medal rounds, and brought home 19 gold medals.

Suruchi Inder Singh, who created history by becoming the first Indian to win gold in three consecutive world cups, Munich gold medalists Arya Borse and Arjun Babuta, Olympic medalists Manu Bhaker, Sarabjot Singh and Swapnil Kusale, current World Cup medalists Saurabh Chaudhary, Rudranksh Patil, Elavenil Valarivan, Sift Kaur

Samra, Vijayveer Sidhu and Chain Singh along with prominent names like Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Sandeep Singh, Varun Tomar and Kiran Ankush Yadav will be present for the trials.

As per the selection Criteria, only eligible shooters in Group "A" will be allowed to participate. The Selection Trials 3 and 4 will cover all Olympic Rifle and Pistol events and will be limited to a select group of top-ranked shooters. This includes 50 slots each for 10m Air Rifle (Men & Women) and 10m Air Pistol (Men & Women), 30 slots each for 50m Rifle 3 Positions (Men and Women), 20 slots for 25m Rapid Fire Pistol (Men), and 30 slots for 25m Sport Pistol (Women). (ANI)

## Jamshedpur FC building legacy through homegrown Indian talent

**NEW DELHI [INDIA]** : Jamshedpur FC may not always dominate headlines with high-profile Indian signings, but the club has quietly built a strong reputation for nurturing and trusting homegrown talent. Since their formation in 2017, the club has become a trusted platform for Indian players looking to prove themselves. While the presence of the famed Tata Football Academy (TFA) in the city laid a strong foundation for football, Jamshedpur FC have continued that legacy by helping domestic talent mature into reliable professionals, according to the Indian Super League website.

TFA graduates like Pronay Halder, Mobashir Rahman, Subhasish Roy Chowdhury, Subrata Paul, and Nikhil Barla have all represented Jamshedpur FC at various points in the ISL, but the club has also played a key role in the development of other players such as Farukh Choudhary, Mohammed Sanan, and Ritwik Kumar Das.

Whether nurtured through the local system or signed from elsewhere, these players have flourished in Jamshedpur FC's steady and supportive footballing envi-

ronment. Farukh Choudhary arrived at Jamshedpur as a raw forward in their debut ISL season and found the stability he needed. Under different coaches, he was trusted with various attacking roles, and his energy and tactical discipline became invaluable. He scored his first goal in his second season with the club in a 1-1 draw with NorthEast United FC, but the 2019-20 season with the club saw a more mature version of him. He made five goal contributions that season. His performances earned him a national team call-up, proving that consistent minutes and faith from the club could build a career. After a brief spell at Mumbai City FC, he returned to Jamshedpur FC under Owen Coyle but missed their Shield-winning season due to injury. He rejoined the squad the following season. The forward currently plays under Coyle again at Chennaiyin F.C.A local boy from Jharkhand and a graduate of the Tata Football Academy, Mobashir Rahman seamlessly transitioned into the senior team. He made his ISL debut under Cesar Ferrando, coming off the bench in a 2-0 win over Mumbai City FC. His intelligent positioning, high work rate,

and versatility made him a trusted option across multiple managers. He was a key part of the ISL Shield-winning side under Owen Coyle. After stints with East Bengal FC and Chennaiyin FC, he returned to JFC last season, bringing experience and composure to the midfield. A member of India's FIFA U-17 World Cup team, Jitendra Singh had to work hard for his breakthrough at Jamshedpur FC. He joined the club in the 2019-20 season, but it wasn't until the 2021-22 season under Owen Coyle that he truly established himself. Not one for flashy moments, he impressed with his consistency, positioning, and maturity in midfield. He became a vital part of the Shield-winning squad, often doing the unseen but essential work. After five solid seasons with JFC, he made a move to Chennaiyin FC ahead of the 2024-25 campaign, according to ISL website. Ritwik Kumar Das showed promise in the I-League but took time to settle into the ISL. After a quiet stint with Kerala Blasters FC, he joined Jamshedpur FC and quickly established himself. He scored four goals and provided an assist in his debut season, playing a cru-

cial role on the wing as the club lifted its first-ever silverware. With quick feet, explosive pace, and sharp decision-making in the final third, Das became a key player. His most prolific campaign came in the following season with six goals. However, injury restricted him to just one ISL appearance in 2023-24. Despite that, JFC kept faith, and under Jamil's guidance last season, he made a strong return, contributing three goal involvements as they reached the semi-final. The young forward Mohammed Sanan has already delivered some standout moments early in his Jamshedpur FC career, whether it was his stunning strike against Mohammedan SC at the Furnace last season or the cheeky long-range finish against Mohun Bagan Super Giant in his debut ISL season. With blistering pace and a fearless attitude, Sanan brought directness to the flanks. Since arriving from the Reliance Foundation Young Champs, he has grown into a confident performer. Under Khalid Jamil, he played a vital role in Jamshedpur FC's run to the ISL semi-finals last season, showing that his potential is beginning to translate into real impact.