



Foreign women devotees dance in celebration as they join the vibrant Rath Yatra procession in Digha on Friday



On the auspicious occasion of Rath Yatra, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee performed 'aarti' and offered prayers to the deities—Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and Devi Subhadra—on the chariot in front of Jagannath Dham in Digha on Friday. Pic : Prabir Bhattacharya



Bridging cultures with devotion — young visitors and devotees from overseas, adorned in traditional Indian attire and carrying petals of love, join the vibrant Rath Yatra procession in Digha on Friday.

CM Sweeps Chariot Path with Golden Broom as Digha Hosts Grand Rath Yatra

MI News Service, Digha: Devotion and festivity reached their peak on the shores of Digha as the first Rath Yatra since the inauguration of the newly built Jagannath Temple commenced with grandeur on Friday. With lakhs of devotees and tourists gathering to pull the sacred ropes, the coastal town transformed into a vibrant spiritual hub. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was present to oversee the event and personally participated in the ceremonial rituals. In keeping with traditional customs followed in Puri, she symbolically swept the path of the chariot with a golden broom, marking the spiritual commencement of the procession. ISKCON Kolkata Vice President Radharman Das was also in attendance, lending further religious sanctity to the occasion.

Puja rituals began as early as Thursday, continuing through Friday morning with the primary ceremonies starting at 9:30 AM. The much-awaited Abhishek ceremony took place in the early afternoon, culmi-

nating in the rolling of the chariots at 2:30 PM. The procession followed the customary order—first the Sudarshan Chakra was paraded and ceremonially placed in Balaram's chariot. Then, the idols of Lord Balaram, Goddess Subhadra, and Lord Jagannath—crafted from sacred neem wood—were mounted onto their respective chariots. These neem wood idols are now en route to the old Jagannath Temple, affectionately referred to as the "aunt's house," located near Jagannath Ghat approximately 1.5 kilometers from the new temple complex. While the chariots proceed to their destination, the original stone idols will remain within the new temple premises. For the next seven days, devotees will be able to offer prayers at both sites. To enhance the devotional experience, prasadam is being distributed from the chariots themselves. Offerings include dry items such as sweets, gajra, and dry fruits, as per ritualistic customs. Cooked offerings such as rice or khichdi will not be made on the chariots. However, at the

aunt's temple, a divine spread of 56 traditional offerings (Chap-pan Bhog) awaits Lord Jagannath and the devotees. Given the immense turnout, security and crowd management were a top priority. The Kolkata Police, drawing on their extensive experience managing large festivals like Durga Puja, have been deployed to ensure order. Barri-cades line both sides of the Rath Yatra route, allowing the ropes of the chariots to remain accessible to the devotees while maintaining safety. In particularly crowded areas, the chariots are scheduled to halt temporarily, allowing all pilgrims an opportunity to have darshan and participate in pulling the sacred ropes. The event marks a significant moment for Digha, with the newly established temple quickly cementing its place as a key spiritual destination. The seamless coordination between spiritual leaders, local administration, and law enforcement has contributed to the festival's success, making it a proud and devotional milestone for the region.

Rape allegation against Kartik Maharaj sparks controversy, Bharat Sevashram Sangh silent

MI News Service, Murshibabad: A fresh controversy has emerged involving Swami Pradip-tanada, properly known as Kartik Maharaj, a monk associated with the Bel danga unit of Bharat Sevashram Sangha in Murshidabad. On Wednesday, a women filed a complaint at the Nowda (Navgram) police station, accusing Kartik Maharaj of rape under the pretext of offering her a job. Based on the complaint, police registered and FIR on Thursday and have initiate a formal investigation.

In response to the allegations, Kartik Maharaj, who is known for his public and political activism, claimed that he is a monk and refused to give the accusation any importance. The spiritual leader has maintained that the charges are baseless. When approached for comment, the Bharat Sevashram Sangha did not issue any official statement. However, sources within the organization claimed that the woman in question had previously worked at the ashram and had made multiple allegations in the past. Kartik Maharaj has been a vocal critic of the Trin-

am Congress government in West Bengal, especially in the lead-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. In several public appearances, he called for change in the state, urging voters to support parties that promote Indian culture, Hinduism, and national identity. In a Raiganj event organized by the Sangh, he criticized the state's education and food departments, remarking that "the education department is in jail, the food department is in jail." Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had earlier responded to his political commentary during an election rally, stating, "Not all saints are the same. Not all relatives are the same." Despite the ongoing controversy, Kartik Maharaj continues to command significant support in religious and cultural circles. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2024 for his contributions to spiritual and social service. As the investigation unfolds, the case has stirred both political and public discourse, with many questioning whether the allegations are part of a larger political vendetta or a serious criminal accusation that must be thoroughly probed.

Math Workshop at Frontpage Academy



Nurul Islam Khan

A one-day mathematics workshop was held at Frontpage Academy on Friday. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Partha Sarathi Mukherjee, profes-

sor of Ramakrishna Mission Residential College, and Dr. Abdul Halim Sheikh, assistant teacher of Ramakrishna Mission Ashram. The two experts separately trained teachers and students on how to overcome the complexities of mathematics and learn it in a simple way. Frontpage Group Chairman Muhammad Kamruzzaman welcomed the two educators from Ramakrishna Mission. Ruhul Quddus, Headmaster of the Boys' Department of Frontpage Academy, conducted the entire program.

POCSO Court delivers life sentence in 2016 rape case

MI News Service, Burdwan: After a protracted legal battle spanning nine years, the POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) court in Burdwan, presided over by Judge Debashree Halder, on Thursday delivered a landmark verdict, sentencing the accused to life imprisonment in a harrowing rape case dating back to 2016. In addition to the stringent prison term, the court has mandated a financial penalty of ₹1 lakh on the accused and a further ₹3 lakh specifically earmarked for the rehabilitation of the minor victim. The judgment also

stipulated that the period the accused spent in judicial custody prior to the conviction would be offset against the life sentence. The case originated in 2016 from the Bhatar police station area of East Bardhaman. The family of a then 14-year-old minor girl became deeply concerned when she suddenly fell ill with symptoms that appeared far from ordinary. Rushed to a local doctor, preliminary tests yielded a shocking revelation: the young girl was pregnant. This discovery immediately raised alarms and prompted an urgent inquiry by the distressed family.

Barbeque Nation opens 11th outlet in Kolkata with grand launch at Behala

MI News Service, Kolkata: Barbeque Nation, India's leading casual dining chain, has opened its 11th outlet in Kolkata, Behala. The 3,600 sq ft restaurant can seat up to 88 guests and offers an ex-

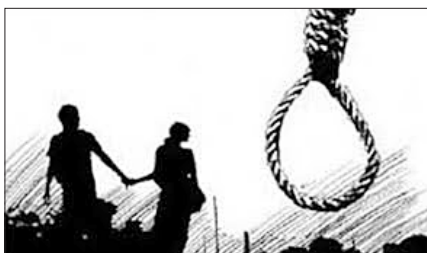
tensive buffet with over 80 dishes. The restaurant is expected to attract food enthusiasts in South Kolkata, as Kolkata's thriving food culture continues to attract national chains like Barbeque Nation.

Interfaith love turns fatal- Sultana dies by suicide 8 months after marrying Pritam

MI News Service, Burdwan: Tension has gripped Kurmuna Chandanpur village in Galsi 2 block of East Burdwan following the suspicious death of a young housewife, Sultana Parveen (Sathi), just eight months after her interfaith marriage to Pritam Nandi. According to local sources, Sultana, a resident of Kurkuba Askaran village, had married Pritam against the wishes of her family.

Despite initial reports suggesting the couple was living peacefully at Pritam's residence, villagers claim that Sultana had recently complained to her family over the phone about alleged abuse by her in-laws. On Thursday, her parents and aunt reportedly visited her in-laws' house. A confrontation ensued between both parties, during which the girl's family alleges they were assaulted and their vehicle was vandalized by Pritam, his father, and sister. Locals say police were informed but allegedly advised settling the matter legally.

Shockingly, on Friday morning, Sultana's in-laws reported that she had died by suicide. The incident sparked outrage among villagers, who stormed the Nandi residence



and physically assaulted Pritam, who is now hospitalized. The girl's mother, Meherunnesa Khatun, has alleged that her daughter was murdered and has named four members of the in-laws' family in her police complaint. She stated that Sultana had secretly contacted them a day before the incident, pleading to be rescued. A large police force has been deployed to control the situation. East Burdwan Additional Superintendent of Police, Ark Banerjee, confirmed that the matter is under investigation and assured that appropriate action will follow based on the findings. Police presence remains strong in the area to prevent further unrest.

Deputy CMOH 3 adopts 10 TB patients following Nikshay Mitra Project



MI News Service, Kalyani: While there is a Central Government Project known as Nikshay Mitra, to support the Tuberculosis patients in India individually or institutionally on way to their nutrition, the Deputy CMOH 3, Nadia, W.B. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Das has adopted 10 TB patients. It was announced in a Government program on Tuberculosis at Chakdaha in Nadia on Wednesday.

In a significant gesture of public service, Dr. Ranjit Kumar Das, Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH-3) of Nadia district, adopted 10 tuberculosis (TB) patients on Wednesday as part of the Ni-kshay Mitra initiative. The nutritional support programme was held at three health facilities in Chakdaha block viz. Chakdaha State General Hospital, Chakdaha Srinagar PHC and Chaugachha Rural Hospital.

The event was organized in collaboration with the District TB Unit under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's "Nikshay Mitra" campaign, a national drive aimed at

eradicating TB through collaborative assistance. The campaign encourages elected representatives, private organizations, civil society members, and individuals to come forward and support TB patients, particularly from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Dr. Das, while handing over nutritional aid to the identified patients, said, "As members of a society, our responsibility does not end with just offering clinical treatment. Social support is equally crucial for complete recovery. I encourage more citizens to come forward and help TB patients as Nikshay Mitras."

He adopted 10 TB patients. It means, to provide nutrition and other required supports at least for six months in addition to government support of one thousand rupees. Sometimes Rs.1000 appear insufficient. However, it will incur a cost of roughly one thousand per month per patient. That means Dr. Das will have to spend minimum Rs.60 thousand for the 10 adopt-

ed TB patients in addition to Rs.1000 that is supported by the Health Ministry.

District Tuberculosis Officer Dr. Partha Pratim Patra emphasized the role of nutrition in TB care, stating, "Along with consistent medication, proper nutrition is vital for the recovery of TB patients. Many patients from underprivileged sections struggle to meet these needs. The support from Ni-kshay Mitras can significantly improve treatment outcomes."

Speaking to the media, Nadia's Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Jyotish Chandra Das said, "Although the government provides Rs. 1,000 per month as a nutritional allowance to every TB patient during treatment, this often falls short. Hence, we appeal to citizens and institutions alike to adopt TB patients and contribute towards building a TB-free society."

Under the directives of the State TB Division, several districts including Nadia have begun working towards creating TB-free gram panchayats. In 2025, nearly 60 gram panchayats in the district are expected to participate in the programme. Progress will be assessed based on six indicators, one of which is whether TB patients have received sustained nutritional support through registered Ni-kshay Mitras.

It is also learnt that individuals registered as Nikshay Mitras are awarded an official certificate of recognition by the Government of India in acknowledgment of their humanitarian contribution.



Mayor Firhad Hakim offers Jagannath prasad to elderly women at Navanir Old Age Home in Chetla, Kolkata.



Noapara Brahmamoyee Kali Bari organised Rath Yatra with Mahamandaleshwar Paramatmananda Ji, on Friday.



ISKCON's Rath Yatra from Rajapur in Mayapur.

Ratha Yatra also celebrated...

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was performed by Gajapati Dibyasingha Deb at 3.30 pm before pulling of chariots at 4 pm as per the programme.

Meanwhile, lakhs of devotees have already thronged the pilgrim town of Puri to witness the annual Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath and his siblings on Friday.

The festival is being held amid unprecedented security arrangements with deployment of around 10,000 personnel of Odisha police, central armed police force, NSG and others. "We have made all possible arrangements for smooth conduct of Rath Yatra," DGP Y B Khurania told reporters, adding that over 275 AI-enabled CCTV cameras are keeping watch on the crowd.

Meanwhile, lakhs of devotees have thronged the seaside pilgrim town of Puri to witness Lord Jagannath's annual Rath Yatra on Friday, for which the Odisha government has made elaborate arrangements, officials said. About one lakh people have reached Puri by Thursday evening, and the number has increased

manifold this morning, police sources said.

Lakhs of devotees from across the country and abroad are expected to participate in the event, they said.

"By the grace of Mahaprabhu Lord Jagannath, we are fully prepared to conduct a smooth Rath Yatra on Friday. We are getting complete support and cooperation from the servitors. All arrangements are in place to make the mega event successful," Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) Chief Administrator Arabinda Padhee said.

Odisha DGP Y B Khurania said that for the first time, an Integrated Command and Control Centre has been opened in Puri to monitor the entire festival from close quarters.

Over 275 AI-enabled CCTV cameras have been installed across Puri and on the roads to Konark, 35 km away and famous for the 13th-century Sun Temple, for surveillance.

This apart, the DGP said that the National Security Guard (NSG) snipers have taken positions on rooftops along Grand Road in front of the temple as a precautionary step.

Rajnath Singh meets...

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border. It said Singh acknowledged the work being undertaken by both sides to bring back a semblance of normalcy in the bilateral relations. "He also highlighted the necessity of solving the complex issues through a structured roadmap of permanent engagement and de-escalation," the sources said. "Singh also stressed border management and having a permanent solution to border demarcation by rejuvenating the established mechanism on the issue," it said. The ministry said the Defence minister "emphasised the need to create good neighbourly relations to achieve the best mutual benefits as well as to cooperate for stability in Asia and the world".

"He also called for bridging the trust deficit created after the 2020 border standoff, by taking action on the ground," it noted.

The Defence ministry further stated that Singh highlighted the important

milestone of reaching 75 years of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries and appreciated the resumption of Kailash Manasarovar yatra after a gap of five years.

Singh also presented Dong a Madhubani painting called 'Tree of Life' that symbolised wisdom and vitality, officials said.

Madhubani art painting has its origin in the Mithila region of Bihar. This painting is a symbol of wisdom and vitality.

Meanwhile, according to a statement issued by the Chinese side, Singh said in the meeting with Dong that India does not seek conflict or confrontation with China and is willing to properly handle differences, enhance communication and promote mutual trust for the steady development of bilateral relations.

Singh's visit to Qingdao coincided with the resumption of the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra in Tibet. It is taking place after a gap of nearly five years.

Mamata Banerjee inaugurates...

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down from the chariot and placed inside. Lord Jagannath will follow, accompanied by devotional kirtan. The deities will reside there for seven days. Offerings will be made and distributed among devotees, brought from the main temple. This inaugural Rath Yatra marks a cultural and spiritual milestone for West Bengal.

With Digha adorned in devotion and vibrant cultural display, this inaugural Rath Yatra marked a significant milestone in the spiritual and cultural landscape of West Bengal.

A 'very big' trade deal coming...

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he is very optimistic" about it. "So the idea is when they put the right person and India put the right person on the other side of the table, and we've managed, I think, to be in a very, very good place. And you should expect a deal between the United States and India in the not-too-distant future because I think we found a place that really works for both countries," Lutnick said in his keynote address at the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) Leadership Summit.

The two countries are looking to conclude talks for the first tranche of the proposed bilateral trade agreement (BTA) by September-October this year. The pact is aimed at more than doubling bilateral trade to USD 500 billion by 2030 from the current amount of USD 191 billion.

Tragic road accident claims three lives

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a horrifying turn of events where a speeding truck rammed into a motorcycle on the Kalyani Expressway near Mahishpota in Gholia, North 24 Parganas, killing three riders on the spot. Among the deceased was a woman, adding to the tragedy that has sent shockwaves through the area. According to police sources, the deceased have been identified as Mofizul Molla (23) and Sanjib De (26)—both

residents of Rahara. The identity of the woman is yet to be confirmed. None of the three victims were wearing helmets, a critical factor believed to have contributed to the severity of the accident. The impact from the high-speed collision threw all three riders off the motorcycle, causing severe head injuries and leading to their deaths due to excessive bleeding. The incident has sparked renewed concern among law enforcement officials.

KMC moves to preserve poet Michael Madhusudan Dutt's ancestral home

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant cultural development, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has taken active steps to halt the transfer and potential redevelopment of the ancestral residence of legendary poet Michael Madhusudan Dutt at 20B Karl Marx Sarani, Khidderpore. The property, sold by the poet himself to Harimohan Bandopadhyay, brother of his friend and fellow poet Rangala Bandopadhyay, has become a point of historical and civic concern. Uncovering historical records, the KMC discovered evidence of the poet's sale of the residence. On

Wednesday, Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim confirmed the state government's and the civic body's joint intervention to prevent the property's handover and potential conversion for real estate development. "We have stopped the transaction. Promotion will not be allowed. A final decision must be taken to secure funds and reclaim this historic building," the Mayor stated firmly. At present, all work at the site has been stalled. The building, classified as a Grade 2A heritage structure, is under legal scrutiny as the KMC moves court to protect it. The Heritage Committee has launched a

comprehensive inquiry, liaising with the Inspector General of Registration and Stamps to trace the official deed of sale—an essential document in proving Madhusudan Dutt's connection to the property. A Heritage Committee official remarked, "Obtaining the sale deed is half the battle won. It will establish 20B Karl Marx Sarani as Dutt's legitimate ancestral home." The Kolkata Municipality has also sourced references from Bangiya Sahitya Parishad, whose March 2006 journal states that Dutt's father, Rajnarayan Dutt, moved into the house in 1837. Madhusudan resided

there for years, commuting to Hindu College before his eventual conversion to Christianity and departure abroad, after which he sold the home. The KMC is also consulting city historians to verify Dutt's other residences across Kolkata. Mayor Hakim indicated that the West Bengal Heritage Commission, under Chairman Alapan Bandopadhyay, is consolidating records of all homes where the poet lived significantly. This initiative marks a crucial move in protecting Kolkata's literary heritage and honouring the legacy of one of Bengal's most illustrious cultural icons.

Bengal's UG admission portal sees surge in applicants from across India

MI News Service, Kolkata: Contrary to earlier concerns that delayed undergraduate admission procedures in West Bengal would compel students to seek education outside the state, the reality has unfolded quite differently. With the state's online undergraduate admission portal now live, there has been an overwhelming response—not just from within West Bengal, but from across India.

As of Thursday evening, over 2,000 students from other Indian states have submitted applications for undergraduate admissions to colleges in West Bengal—a remarkable rise compared to just 500 applicants from other states last year. According to data released by the Department of Higher Education, a total of 3,07,122 students have registered on the portal so far.

The largest numbers of applicants are from states

such as Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Odisha, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Manipur, and Uttar Pradesh. This surge has effectively elevated the state's online admission platform to a pan-India level of relevance.

The most sought-after undergraduate subjects this year include Biological Sciences, Bengali, English, and Commerce.

Officials attribute this spike in interest to several factors. Tuition fees at government colleges in West Bengal are significantly lower than those in many other states. Moreover, West Bengal boasts a higher number of government colleges, enhancing accessibility. Importantly, West Bengal is the only Indian state offering a centralized online admission portal that allows students from any part of the country to apply—an option unavailable in most other states.



MP Mala Roy, along with others, sweeps the path for the chariots during the Rath Yatra on Friday.

Passenger dies mid-flight, emergency landing at Kolkata airport fails to save life

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a tragic mid-air medical emergency, a passenger aboard an Air India flight fell critically ill and lost consciousness, prompting the aircraft to make an emergency landing at Kolkata's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport on Thursday night. Despite swift medical intervention, the passenger could not be saved.

The deceased, identified as Rajbir Kaur Bhindar, aged 54, was traveling on Air India flight AI 186, which had originally departed from Vancouver, Canada, and was en route to Delhi via Kolkata. The incident occurred shortly after the flight took off from Kolkata following a scheduled refueling stop.

While the aircraft was cruising at altitude, Rajbir Kaur began to feel unwell and soon lost consciousness. Alarmed fellow passengers alerted the cabin crew, who immediately informed the cockpit. The pilot then contacted Kolkata Air Traffic Control (ATC) to request emergency landing clearance.

Receiving prompt approval, the flight was redirected to Kolkata, where an ambulance was already stationed near the runway in anticipation of the aircraft's arrival. Upon landing, the unresponsive passenger was swiftly deplaned and rushed to a nearby private hospital along VIP Road. Despite all efforts, doctors at the hospital declared her brought dead. Authorities were promptly informed, and the body was sent for post-mortem examination to determine the exact cause of death.

The incident created a moment of shock and urgency at the airport, both among passengers and airport personnel. Emergency protocols were activated efficiently, and coordination between the airline, ATC, airport authorities, and medical responders was handled with utmost urgency.



Odissi dancers perform during the ISKCON 54th Rath Yatra festival in Kolkata on Friday.

CPM leader accused of allegedly encroaching on Govt Primary School land

MI News Service, Kolkata: A storm of controversy has erupted in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district after serious allegations emerged against a senior CPM leader for allegedly encroaching upon land belonging to a government primary school. The land, reportedly earmarked for school use, is now occupied by a makeshift garage, halting crucial renovation work and severely impacting the academic environment. The incident pertains to Kabiguru Shiksha Niketan, a government-run primary school located in Rabindrapally, Madhyamgram. The school, which currently serves around 110 students, is

said to be facing structural issues due to blocked drainage and poor ventilation—problems allegedly caused by the illegal garage. Teachers have raised alarms, stating that water accumulates on the school's rooftop due to closed piping, leading to cracks and damp walls. "We are unable to open windows; classrooms remain stuffy, and repeated requests to remove the encroachment have gone unanswered," said Madhuri Mondal, the school's headmistress. Although the school has received a 4.45 lakh government grant for infrastructure improvement, work cannot commence due to the land dispute.

Five bodies recovered...

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said there were 13 people in the camp, of which five ran towards the hills while the remaining were swept by the gushing waters. "We saw the floods coming and screamed to alert the people below before running to safety," Daya Kishan, a labourer, said. The project work had been suspended due to rain, and the workers were resting in temporary shelters near the site when floodwaters from Manuni Khad and nearby drains diverted towards them, sweeping several away, the officials said. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) Commandant Baljinder Singh maintained that they are trying to trace the people feared to have been swept away from the project site.

Meanwhile, BJP MLA from Dharamshala Sudhir Sharma alleged that shelters were built near a stream, and not shifting labourers to safer areas when the weather deteriorated pointed towards negligence, which should be probed. Earlier several people were rescued while search operations have been intensified to trace 10 people missing since the flash floods triggered by

cloudbursts in several parts of Himachal Pradesh on Thursday.

At least 20 people were feared swept away in flood waters following heavy rains since Wednesday evening.

In Kangra district, around 15-20 workers stationed at a labour colony near the Indira Priyadarshini Hydroelectric project site were feared swept away following a surge in water level in Manuni Khad in Khaniyara village. Two people died due to the flash flood at the site. Three people at Rehla Bihal in Kullu district who were washed away in the deluge while trying to take away valuables from their homes are still missing. Two teams of State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and a team of home guards have been deployed at the spot, while a contingent of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has also been requisitioned to support the ongoing relief and rescue efforts. Deputy Commissioner Hemraj Bairwa said after visiting the site. Some of the missing people hail from Nurgpur and Chamba areas of Himachal Pradesh and others from Uttar Pradesh.

Cong describes RSS' call...

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the RSS-BJP's ideology stands in direct opposition to the Indian Constitution. "RSS General Secretary Dattatreya Hosabale has openly called for the removal of the words 'socialist' and 'secular' from the Preamble. This is not just a suggestion - "it is a deliberate assault on the soul of our Constitution," the party said.

"It is part of a long-standing conspiracy to dismantle Babasaheb Ambedkar's vision for a just, inclusive and democratic India - something the RSS-BJP has always been plotting. Let us not forget: when the Constitution was adopted, the RSS rejected it. They didn't just oppose it - 'they burnt it,' it said.

In the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP leaders did not even hide their intent and they declared openly that they needed over 400 seats to "rewrite the Constitution", the Congress

claimed. "But the people of India saw through their agenda and gave them a resounding answer. Now, they have returned to their old playbook. But let it be known: Congress will stand as an unbreakable wall against any attempt to undermine the Constitution. Jai Samvidhan," the party said.

Meanwhile, addressing an event organised here on the Emergency, RSS general secretary Hosabale said on Thursday, "The Preamble of the Constitution Baba Saheb Ambedkar made never had these words. During the Emergency, when fundamental rights were suspended, Parliament did not work, judiciary became lame, then these words were added."

He said discussions were held on this issue later but no effort was made to remove them from the Preamble. So whether they should remain in the Preamble should be considered, he added.

3 arrested in gang rape of law college student; TMC, NCW react strongly

MI News Service, Kolkata: The gang rape of a law college student inside her South Kolkata campus on June 25, 2025, has sparked widespread outrage, with the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and Kolkata Police taking a firm stand. The assault allegedly occurred between 7:30 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. inside a guard's room next to the students' union office. Three accused—two current and one former student—have been arrested within 12 hours of the complaint and remanded to police custody until July 1. The TMC issued a sharp condemnation of the crime. In an official statement, the party lauded the Kolkata Police for their prompt action. "The State Administration, under Hon'ble Chief Minister Smt. @MamataOfficial is com-

mitted to providing every possible form of support and assistance to the victim during this distressing time. Justice will be served," the Trinamool Congress statement read. TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh went further, denouncing the perpetrators as "monsters" and warning that such criminal behaviour would not be tolerated by the party, even if any of them had remote political affiliations.

Kolkata Police, meanwhile, issued a public advisory warning individuals and social media users against spreading misinformation. The DCP of Jadavpur Division announced that legal action will be taken against anyone found circulating unverified or false information about the case.

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I, Madhu Prasad (old name), daughter of Chinu Barua, residing at Nabadiganta Abasan, FL 4G, Kaikhali Chirimore Near Green Park,Kolkata Airport ,Kolkata-700052, WB, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Milu Srivastava (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 26/06/2025. Milu Srivastava (new name) and Madhu Prasad (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Basharat Hussain Bin Shahadat Ansari (Old Name) S/O Shahadat Hussain R/O A/23 Uttarayan Sarani, Po Ariadah, Ps-Belghoria, Dist-North 24 Parganas, Wb -700057. I Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Basharat Hussain Ansari (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/06/2025. That Mohammad Basharat Hussain Bin Shahadat Ansari (Old Name) And Md Basharat Hussain Ansari (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, ARVIND CHORARIA (old name) S/O KAMAL CHAND CHORARIA, residing at 19A, RAMESH MITRA ROAD, BHAWANIPORE, KOLKATA-700025, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ARVIND KUMAR CHORARIA (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/06/2025. ARVIND KUMAR CHORARIA (new name) and ARVIND CHORARIA (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, ANSURALI MONDAL & ANCHUR ALI MONDAL (old names) S/O DAUD MONDAL, residing at VILL-EKTARPUR, P.O. - RAUTARI, DIST.-NADIA, PIN- 741248, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ANSUR ALI MONDAL (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/06/2025. ANSUR ALI MONDAL (new name) and ANSURALI MONDAL & ANCHUR ALI MONDAL (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, MANOJ AGARWAL (old name) S/O KANHAIYA LAI AGARWAL, residing at 114 NANDAN NAGAR BELGHORIA, 36 GHOLA ROAD, NANDANNA-RA, Barrackpore, 700083, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MANOJ KUMAR AGARWAL (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 23/06/2025. MANOJ KUMAR AGARWAL (new name) and MANOJ AGARWAL (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, VIJAY CHAMARIA (Old Name), son of LATE HANUMAN BUX CHAMARIA, residing at 12/1,DR.MD ISHAK ROAD,PARK STREET,KOLKATA-700016, WB, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as VIJAY KUMAR CHAMARIA (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 26/06/2025. VIJAY KUMAR CHAMARIA (new name) and VIJAY CHAMARIA (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, ASHISH KUMAR BAJORIA (Old Name), son of PURUSHOTTAM DAS BAJORIA, residing at 1,ASHOKA ROAD,8TH FLOOR,P.O & P-S-ALI-PORE,KOLKATA-700027, WB, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ASHISH BAJORIA (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 26/06/2025. ASHISH BAJORIA (new name) and ASHISH KUMAR BAJORIA (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, SIMRAN PATNI & SIMRAN JAIN (Old Name), wife of ARIHANT AGARWAL, residing at CJ-86,SALT LAKE CITY,TANK NO-9,SECTOR-I,I.P.O-SECH BHAWAN,KOLKATA-700091, WB, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SIMRAN JAIN AGARWAL (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 26/06/2025. SIMRAN JAIN AGARWAL (new name) and SIMRAN PATNI & SIMRAN JAIN (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Shibui Pada Mondal (old name) S/o. Late Sarat Chandra Mondal R/o. Anandamath Paschimpara, Chinsurah R.S., Chinsurah, Hooghly-712102, WB, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shibui Mondal (new name) vide an affidavit no. 5354 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 27/06/2025. Shibui Pada Mondal & Shibui Mondal S/o. Late Sarat Chandra Mondal both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, UJJWAL KUMAR DUTTA S/o Late Panchu Gopal Dutta, Residing at Vill Motibagan, P.O. & P.S. Chinsurah, Dist. Hooghly, Pin- 712101 my Name wrongly recorded as UJJWAL DUTTA in my ration card & my Son's (Santanu Dutta) vide passport certificate File no CALA 04437505. Sworn before 1st class Judicial Magistrate Hooghly Court at Chinsurah on 26/6/25 UJJWAL KUMAR DUTTA, and UJJWAL DUTTA is being same self and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Benazir Aman W/o, Mohammad Anishossian residing at R 117, Masjid Tatab, Garia Reach, P.O. Garia Reach, P.S.-Metiabruz, Kol-24, do hereby solemnly affirm that My son's name is Mohammad Obaidullah, By mistake my son's name has wrongly recorded in my son's passport as Anis Mohammad Obaidullah in place of Mohammad Obaidullah.Henceforth be known as Mohanad Obaidullah & Anis Mohammad Obaidullah both are same and one identical person vide affidavit no. 7500/25 date 28.06.2025 in the Court of Ld 1st Class Executive Magistrate at Howrah.



One of the three elephants which went berserk during Rath Yatra festival celebration, in Ahmedabad.

Indian pharma companies not copying Swiss firms: Piyush Goyal

MI News Service, New Delhi: Dismissing allegations that Indian pharmaceutical companies copy products of Swiss firms, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday said it is a long-standing myth and India respects intellectual property rights and never steals technology from others.

He said that Swiss pharmaceutical companies have not shown even a single instance that Indian companies have illegally copied any of their trademarks or patents or copyrighted technology. "I was shown none, not one. This is a myth which has been propagated for years," Goyal told reporters here when asked about complaints of Swiss pharma companies on the issue. "India is very respectful of intellectual property rights (IPRs). India is very conscious of its responsibilities, and India is a country known to never, ever steal anybody else's technology," he added. He informed that India does not permit the ever-greening of patents. There are, unfortunately, a few companies or players who make very minor modifications and try to get another extended patent life.

"Now that is depriving even the Swiss people of affordable health care. That is causing pharmaceutical products ... even after the patent life during which the profits have been made, the R&D and innovation money has been recovered. When you do such ever-greening, you are causing a loss to billions of citizens, not only in Switzerland but across the world," Goyal said. The ministry has earlier also criticised attempts by cer-

tain firms to secure pharmaceutical patents through minor incremental innovations.

Section 3(d) of the Indian Patents Act, 1970 restricts patents for already-known drugs unless the new claims are superior in terms of efficacy, while Section 3(b) bars patents for products that are against public interest and do not demonstrate enhanced efficacy over existing products. Certain multinational firms have asked India to amend these laws, which was strongly opposed.

Ever-greening of patent rights is a strategy allegedly adopted by the innovators having patent rights over products to renew them by bringing in some minor changes such as adding new mixtures or formulations. It is done when their patent is about to expire. A patent on the new form would have given the innovator company a 20-year monopoly on the drug.

The minister also said that the pharma companies of Switzerland have a deep understanding and support for the India-EFTA trade agreement. "They gave me a lot of wonderful suggestions, which I have implemented in India. I've earned their trust, and I am confident in the years ahead, the pharma companies of Switzerland or the EFTA countries or other European and American countries will work with India as partners and enjoy the fruits of this large 1.4 billion market in India, and with an affordable product, they'll be able to capture global markets, not only for better profits, but also as a service to humanity," Goyal said.

Australia seeks tie-ups with Bengal varsities

MI News Service, Kolkata: Australia seeks tie-ups with top universities of West Bengal. Kolkata recently hosted the Australia Education Fair. Around 20 top universities, mostly state universities came to Kolkata regarding this. The fair experienced massive response from the Kolkata students regarding their PG destination for studies. According to Harshita Singh, representing an Australian university, "Australiadeoes have a very low crime rate, hardly any anti-immigrant or racist problem and that eventually makes Australia a top destinations for students from India, including Kolkata." As per Vik Singh, Trade and Investment Commissioner, Australian Trade and Investment Commission.

Name Change
I, Ishan Dutt Prasad (old name), son of Rakesh Kumar Srivastava, residing at 4G, Block-2, Nabadiganta Abasan, Airport, North 24 Pgs, Pin-700136, WB, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ishan Srivastava (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 26/06/2025. Ishan Srivastava (new name) and Ishan Dutt Prasad (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, R K Prasad (old name), son of Balaram Prasad Srivastava, residing at 4G, Block-2, Nabadiganta Abasan, Airport, North 24 Pgs, Pin-700136, WB, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rakesh Kumar Srivastava (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 26/06/2025. Rakesh Kumar Srivastava (new name) and R K Prasad (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Sintu Kumar (Old Name), Son Of Shih Shankar Singh, Residing At Tg2/24c Apanjan Apartment, Flat 12, Kolupukur, Teghoria, Rajarhat, North24parganas - 700157, West Bengal, Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sintu Kumar Singh (New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 5916 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Sealdah On 24/05/2025. That Sintu Kumar And Sintu Kumar Singh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Only one pair Bandel – Katwa local cancelled for Track Maintenance Work over Howrah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: Periodic track maintenance & Over Head Equipment (OHE) maintenance work is crucial to ensure the safe & efficient operation of railway system. Regular and systematic maintenance of this component helps prevent disruption and delays, ensuring trains run on schedule and extend the lifespan of railway infrastructure, contributing to the overall safety & reliability of train operation. Keeping in the mind the need for maintenance, Traffic & Power block in Bandel – Katwa section over Howrah Division has been planned on 29.06.2025. Consequently 37751/37748 Bandel – Katwa – Bandel local will remain cancelled on 29.06.2025.

Passenger Reservation System downtime activity

MI News Service, Kolkata: In view of downtime activity at PRS Data Centre Kolkata for a span of 01:30 hours on the intervening night from 00:30 hrs. to 02:00 hrs. of 30.06.2025 (Monday), Reservation, Cancellation, Charting, PNR enquiry, Internet Booking, PMS, Retiring Room, NTES & other allied services, UTS ticketing on Terminal Server (Dumb Terminal, JTBS), ATMV those dependent on web service and UTS on mobile will not be available during the period over Eastern Railway, South Eastern Railway, East Coast Railway, South East Central Railway, Northeast Frontier Railway and East Central Railway. However, UTS ticketing will be available on Thin-Client.

Metro Staff help an injured lady passenger



MI News Service, Kolkata: On 25.06.2025 at about 11:25 hrs, a lady passenger aged about 26 years had a bad fall at Sahid Khudiram Metro station. She got a minor injury. Seeing her condition, on-duty station staff and RPF personnel rushed to her help. She was brought to the Station Master's office immediately in a wheel chair. She was administered the first-aid. After sometimes, the lady passenger felt better and left the station with her husband who was travelling with her. She and her husband expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Metro Railway authorities for the kind co-operation and timely help before leaving the station.

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

MI News Service, Kolkata: In connection with Track maintenance work between Lakshmikantapur - Namkhana section, 34935/ 34914 Lakshmikantapur - Namkhana - Lakshmikantapur local will remain cancelled on 29.06. 2025 (Sunday).

Kolkata hosts spiritual healing session

MI News Service, Kolkata: The city of Kolkata recently hosted spiritual healing session. The "Evening of Love & Light," a transformative event featuring internationally acclaimed wellness coach and psychospiritual healer, Kayval Sedanni, concluded with resounding success in Kolkata. The evening offered a unique opportunity for attendees to engage in one-on-one interactive sessions with Sedanni.

ER intensifies awareness and enforcement drive to curb stone pelting on trains



Campaign at villages & schools by RPF of Eastern Railway to bring awareness against menace of stone pelting on trains.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Incidents of stone pelting on moving trains remain a concerning issue across several zones of Indian Railways, including Eastern Railway. Beyond damaging national property, such reckless acts endanger the lives of passengers and railway staff—especially loco pilots—and disrupt safe train operations. The menace takes an even more serious turn when prestigious or premium trains are targeted, affecting the reputation of Indian Railways and shaking public confidence.

To address this critical challenge, Eastern Railway has adopted a two-pronged strategy—enforcement and awareness. While Railway Protection Force (RPF) continues to take stringent legal action against offenders under Section 153 of the Railways Act, 1989, a renewed focus has been placed on community awareness and behavioural change, particularly among youth. If any person pelts stone on running trains he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to five years, under Section 153, Railway Act 1989. Recognizing that prevention is as crucial as enforcement, Eastern Railway's RPF has rolled out massive sensitization drives in schools, local communities, and high-risk villages located near railway tracks. These efforts aim to instil a sense of responsibility among children and youth by educating them about the grave dangers, legal consequences, and societal harm resulting from stone pelting. In 2024, 110 incidents of stone pelting were reported across the four divisions under Eastern Railway. In response, 49 offenders were arrested, and a commendable 1,718 awareness campaigns were held in collaboration with local authorities, school teachers, and social groups.

Introduction of Purulia-Howrah-Purulia via Masagram MEMU Train

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ashwini Vaishnav, Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology will virtually flag off the inaugural run of Purulia-Bankura-Howrah MEMU via Masagram from Santragachi on 28.06.2025. The regular service of 68121 Howrah-Purulia MEMU will commence w.e.f. 30.06.2025 from Howrah and 68122 Purulia-Howrah MEMU from Purulia will commence w.e.f. 01.07.2025. 68122/68121 Purulia-Howrah-Purulia MEMU 68122 Purulia-Howrah MEMU will leave Purulia at 04:00 hrs and will arrive Howrah at 11:40 hrs. In the return direction, 68121 Howrah-Purulia MEMU will

Coal stock hits record high of 58.25 million tonnes

MI News Service, New Delhi: The coal stock at all thermal power plants has reached an all-time high of 58.25 million tonnes (mt), sufficient to meet 25 days of consumption. "This record stockpile bolsters India's energy security, ensures an uninterrupted power supply during the peak summer months, and provides reassurance of adequate stock for the upcoming monsoon period, when coal production and transportation often face challenges due to heavy rainfall," said a statement from the railways ministry. The availability of adequate coal at the thermal power plants has been a major concern in the past, and despite sufficient pro-

duction, off-take has been a challenge. However, this record stock has to be seen in the context of an early onset of monsoon this year. India's thermal coal imports fell 8 per cent YoY in FY25 to around 169 mt due to record domestic production and reduced imported coal blending, according to commodities consultancy BigMint. Thermal coal importers China and India are also slashing Indonesian shipments of the fuel in favour of energy-dense grades from elsewhere as a global fall in prices has made higher-quality coal more competitive. "Higher calorific value coal is more expensive, but produces more energy for every dollar spent at current prices.

Miscellaneous

ER champions MSME opportunities at “Udyami Sammelan”

• Hon'ble Minister for Railways may visit the Exhibition on 28.6.2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: In an endeavour to provide impetus to medium & small scale entrepreneurs manufacturing & supplying Railway components and consumables, Eastern Railway has provided a pavilion in the exhibition titled "Udyami Sammelan". Eastern Railway will actively participate in the event "Udyami Sammelan: Knowledge Building Arena" organized by Laghu Udyog Bharati, West Bengal, in collaboration with the National Library of India, Kolkata, held at the Bhasa Bhavan Auditorium, National Library, on Saturday, 28th June 2025. The Eastern Railway stall will act as a forum to interact with vendor partners and stakeholders directly to build effective relationship benefitting the development of small & medium scale industries in this region who will be manufacturing components and precision instruments.

The event will be graced by the presence of two eminent dignitaries—Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Hon'ble Union Minister for Railways, Communications, Electronics & Information Technology, as Chief Guest, and Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Law & Justice (Independent Charge) and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, as Guest of Honour. Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, along with other senior officers from Eastern Railway Headquarters, will also attend the event and present Eastern Railway's initiatives for encouraging MSME participation in indigenous manufacturing.

During the Sammelan, Eastern Railway will showcase 39 selected items used in the manufacturing and maintenance of LHB coaches, ICF coaches, and railway wagons. These items have been identified based on their low capital investment requirements, high production volume, and easy availability of raw materials, making them ideal for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). This initiative aligns with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, aiming to promote indigenous manufacturing and reduce import dependency. With an estimated market potential of ₹800 crores, these items offer significant opportunities for MSMEs to contribute to and grow within the Indian Railways' supply ecosystem.

The components to be displayed are not only cost-effective but also vital for strengthening domestic supply chains. Several firms are expected to show keen interest in exploring the manufacturing prospects, underscoring the event's potential to foster industrial partnerships, regional development, and employment generation. Eastern Railway reaffirms its commitment to inclusive industrial growth and the development of a self-reliant railway infrastructure, by engaging actively with the MSME sector and supporting collaborative initiatives of this nature. Ashwini Vaishnav, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology will likely to visit the exhibition on 28.6.2025 tentatively at 15:00 hrs.

Regulation of trains for Bridge Maintenance Work over Sealdah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: For re-girding of Bridge No. 3 and 27 in Sealdah-Dum Dum Jn. section, 10 hours Traffic and Power Block on Up & Down Sub-urban lines has been planned from 22:15 hrs. of 28.06.2025 (Saturday) to 08:15 hrs. of 29.06.2025 (Sunday). Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been made as under :
Cancellation on 28.06.2025 (Saturday): Sealdah- Naihati – UP : 31429, 31435, 31445, 31447. DN : 31436, 31438, 31444, 31446. Sealdah-Ranaghat –UP : 31601, 31623, 31629, 31631. DN : 31602, 31636. Bidhannagar - Barrackpore –UP : 31261. Sealdah-Barrackpore –UP : 31239. DN : 31238. Barrackpore - Sealdah – DN : 31236. Dum Dum - Barrackpore – UP : 33231. DN : 33232. Dum Dum -Gobardanga – UP 33271. Sealdah-Bangaon – UP : 33859. DN : 33858. Sealdah- Hasanabad – UP : 33533. DN : 33538. Sealdah-Shantipur – UP : 31541. DN : 31538. Sealdah-Gobardanga– UP : 33685. DN : 33686. Sealdah-Krishnanagar City – DN : 31838. Sealdah -Barasat – UP : 33401, 33447. DN : 33402, 33436. Sealdah -Dattapukur – UP : 33621. DN : 33628.

Moreover, 33282 DN Hasanabad- Dum Dum Local will be extended up to Sealdah instead of Dum Dum Jn. and One special train will leave Sealdah at 19:05 hrs. & will follow the path of 33271 UP Dumdum - Gobardanga Local on Saturday (28.06.2025) from Dum Dum Jn.
Cancellation on 29.06.2025 (Sunday): Sealdah-Krishnanagar City – UP : 31815, 31817. DN : 31812, 31818. Sealdah - Gede – UP 31913. DN 31912. Sealdah-Bangaon –

UP : 33813, 33821. DN : 33818, 33822. Sealdah - Kalyani Simanta – UP : 31311, 31313, 31315. DN : 31312, 31314, 31316. Sealdah - Shantipur– UP : 31513. DN : 31512, 31514. Sealdah - Naihati – UP : 31471, 31415. DN : 31412. Sealdah - Habra – UP : 33653. DN : 33652. Sealdah- Hasanabad – UP : 33513. DN : 33514. Sealdah - Ranaghat – UP : 31615, 31617. DN : 31612, 31614. Sealdah - Barrackpore – UP 31213, 31221. DN : 31214. Sealdah-Dattapukur – UP : 33613. DN : 33612, 33616. Barasat -Dattapukur – UP : 33357. Barasat - Sealdah – DN 33432.

Short Termination/Short Origination:
(1) 31926 Gede -Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Barrackpore on 28.06.2025 (Saturday) and 31911Sealdah-Gede Local will be short originated from Barrackpore on 29.06.2025 (Sunday). (2) 33856 Bangaon - Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Dum Dum Cantt on 28.06.2025 (Saturday) and 33815 Sealdah-Bangaon Local will be short originated from Dum Dum Cantt on 29.06.2025 (Sunday). (3) 31540 Shantipur - Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Naihati on 28.06.2025 (Saturday) and 31511 Sealdah - Shantipur Local will be short originated from Naihati on 29.06.2025 (Sunday). (4) 33860 DN Bangaon - Sealdah Local will be short terminated at Barasat on 28.06.2025 (Saturday) and 33651 Sealdah-Habra Local will be short originated from Barasat on 29.06.2025 (Sunday). (5) 31802 DN Krishnanagar City - Sealdah Matribhoomi Local will be short terminated at Ranaghat on 28.06.2025 (Saturday).

First Indian: Subhabrata Sen wins prestigious Perkin Prize for Chemistry

MI News Service, London/ Kolkata: Kolkata is no stranger to scientific breakthroughs led by change makers whose lives have been shaped by the city. From Jagadish Chandra Bose to Meghnad Saha, from Satyendra Nath Bose to CV Raman, the City of Joy has a proud legacy of being the City of Innovation.

Adding to the list of Kolkatans who have broadened the scientific horizon is Subhabrata Sen, born and brought up in Shyambazar, who has become the first Indian to win the Royal Society of Chemistry’s (RSC) Perkin Prize.

Announced on the RSC website on June 25, the Perkin Prize, instituted in 2020, is one of the most prestigious accolades in the field of modern chemistry. Named after Sir William Henry Perkin, the inventor of the first synthetic dye, the award, also known as the Organic Chemistry Horizon Prize, is a career-defining recognition meant for transformative contributions.

“I’m truly excited and deeply honoured! This award is more than just a recognition — it’s a powerful reminder of the joy that stems from curiosity, persistence and the thrill of discovery. To me, this is also a testament to how Indian science is increasingly shaping the global landscape of innovation. It signals that we are no longer on the sidelines — we are now a formidable scientific force to reckon with,” Sen, 53, told.

“Kolkata nurtured my curiosity and shaped my scientific temperament”

Sen with Debabrata Maiti, one of his collaborators on the project

“To me, science has never been confined to experiments, textbooks or instruments. It is a passion born from a holistic learning experience — where science and the arts coexist and



complement each other. Kolkata gave me that foundation,” noted Sen, who did his undergraduate studies at Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission Residential College and his post-graduation at Kalyani University.

“My formative years were steeped in the rich cultural and intellectual landscape of Kolkata . I grew up surrounded by iconic places like the Birla Planetarium, Rabindra Sadan, Kala Mandir, College Street’s boi para, the Coffee House, and the Science College... These places weren’t just destinations; they were catalysts that nurtured my curiosity and shaped my scientific temperament,” added Sen.

After completing his education in the city, Sen proceeded to get a PhD from the University of Missouri-Columbia before obtaining a postdoctoral degree from Colorado State University in the US. Sen is presently a professor of chemistry at Shiv Nadar University, with his professional experience including stints at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and GVK Biosciences.

Sen’s winning project, dubbed the AEEon Collective, has developed a breakthrough technique called Alternate Electrode Electrolysis (AEE). This revolutionary method, for which Sen was the principal investigator, allows chemists to drive reactions with much higher precision and vastly greater sustainability.

Sen and his team of eight includes five Bengalis — including postdoctoral researcher Debajit Maiti, who, in Sen’s words, “was equally instrumental [as me] in developing the technology”. Maiti is currently in South Korea for his second postdoctoral assignment.

The Perkin Prize is a tribute to years of hard

work undertaken by Sen and his collaborators, with their research published in journals like the RSC’s Chemical Science (2023), Cell Press (2024), and the Journal of the American Chemical Society (2024). Sen’s team, spanning Shiv Nadar University Institution of Eminence (deemed to be University) and IIT Bombay, was driven by diverse expertise — from reaction design and synthesis to engineering the four-electrode setup that powers the AEE process. The challenge was significant — crafting a microcontroller that could precisely direct electrical currents to four electrodes in a tiny electrochemical cell. The hardest part was setting up the cell design and the custom electronics for small-scale reactions.

These hurdles were surpassed through painstaking iterations, countless lab hours, and the kind of focused teamwork that great research thrives on.

Elephant attack at Rath Yatra injures 2

MI News Service, Ahmedabad: A male elephant participating in the Jagannath Rath Yatra in Ahmedabad on Friday went out of control, injuring at least two people and causing a brief disruption to the procession before forest officials tranquilised it.

The incident took place around 10:15 am in the Khadia area, a densely populated part of the city’s old quarters.

A decorated elephant suddenly broke away from the 18-elephant group and charged in the opposite direction, triggering panic among devotees gathered in the narrow lanes.

Loud DJ music and shrill noises startled the elephant, according to the locals.

The annual procession, drawing thousands to pull the chariots of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra, and Subhadra from the Jagannath Temple in Jamalpur along a 16-kilometer route, began around 7 am.

The video also showed Mahouts struggling to control the animal while people ran for safety. In the footage, one elephant appeared to charge directly toward the crowd, forcing devotees and bystanders to flee through tight alleyways.

Police, mahouts, and forest staff tranquilised the elephant within 15 minutes and removed it from the procession, which continued with 14 elephants. One person was treated on-site, while another was taken to Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, officials said.

“After elephants went out of control in the Khadia area, they have been dismissed from the Rath yatra and the procession is continuing as per schedule,” Ahmedabad City police posted on X.

The Ahmedabad Rath

Yatra is one of the largest religious processions in Gujarat.

This year’s event included 18 elephants, nearly 100 decorated trucks, devotional music groups (bhajan mandlis), and 30 akhadas (traditional gymnasiums). Several of the trucks have been designed as thematic tableaux showcasing religious and cultural motifs.

This year, the administration introduced an Artificial Intelligence-based surveillance system for real-time monitoring of the crowd. The system aimed to prevent stampede-like situations and ensure the safety of the participants and spectators.

Authorities had earlier said the AI tool would help detect unusual crowd movement and alert police teams deployed along the route.

Despite these precautions, the incident involving the elephants disrupted the proceedings and led to a temporary breakdown in movement along a stretch of the procession.

Elephants traditionally play a central role in the Rath Yatra, often adorned with elaborate ornaments and considered sacred as they walk ahead of the chariot carrying Lord Jagannath.

Sreedhar Vijayakrishnan, scientific advisor to Oscar-winning documentary film The Elephant Whisperers, had told The Telegraph Online in an earlier report that if an elephant is forced to stand for hours in the heat, enduring the deafening sounds of celebrations, all of which eventually causes stress.

The authorities continued with the DJ music, and the yatra, secured by 23,000 police, 41 drones, and 25 AI cameras after the attack in Ahmedabad.

Police arrest both Father-in-law & Mother-in-law for rape & murder case

MI News Service, Faridabad: The investigation into the case of a woman who was buried after her murder in Haryana’s Faridabad has revealed that the victim was allegedly raped by her father-in-law before her murder, said police.

The mother-in-law of the victim was also allegedly involved in the murder, and she has been arrested, police said, adding that police are now searching for the victim’s husband Arun, who is still at large.

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During interrogation, Bhoop Singh allegedly revealed that as per the plan, the victim’s mother-in-law was sent to attend her niece’s wedding in Etah, Uttar Pradesh on April 15. On the night of April 21, Arun allegedly mixed sleeping pills in the food of his wife Tannu and sister Kajal, according to the police. Both of them fell into a deep sleep in their separate

rooms on the ground and the first floor.

A senior police officer said it was decided that the father-in-law alone would kill Tannu, and Arun went to the room on the ground floor. Bhoop Singh entered Tannu’s room late night and was preparing to strangle her with a dupatta. But before killing his unconscious daughter-in-law, he allegedly raped her, the officer said, adding that he did not tell his son and wife about the rape.

After some time, he called Arun upstairs to the room and both of them allegedly took the body and threw it in a pit that had already been dug in the street. They put bricks and soil on top of it. The people in the neighbourhood were told that the pit was meant for sewerage, added the officer.

The pit was dug before Naib Tehsildar Jaswant Singh, and Tannu’s body was exhumed. An FIR was registered against four of the in-laws’ family-Bhoop Singh, his wife Sonia, son Arun Singh, and daughter Kajal - at Palla police station.

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Sl No.	Tender No.	Due Date	Brief Description	Quantity	EMD Amount (In Rs.)
1.	38254045	21.07.25	Low torque grease seal for upgraded class "E" (6"x11") CTRB.	180000 Nos.	20,00,000/-
2.	38253337A	24.07.25	Knuckle for up-graded HTCBC	20400 Nos.	20,00,000/-
3.	46255052	22.07.25	9.5 meter long Standard Traction Mast (Fabricated with batten plates) B-Series.	1032 MT.	19,24,540/-
4.	HB255722A	17.07.25	Ins. Ceftazidime 2 gm + Avibactam 0.5 gm in vial packing etc.	3720 Vials.	1,32,490/-
5.	80253034	05.08.25	Shell Gadus S5 V 42 P2.5 Grease in 18 kgs Pack for Axle Box with CRU-150 Axle Box Bearings of 3 Phase Locomotives etc.	18270 Kgs.	7,43,770/-
6.	33253288	25.08.25	Secondary Lateral Damper for End Bogie etc.	2310 Nos.	2,87,040/-
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Admin Unit/Zone: Sealdah Division-Commercial, Eastern Railway. Auctioning Authority: Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Sealdah. Auction Catalogue No.: SDAH-PARCEL-44. Auction Start (All lots): 11.07.2025, 12.00 hrs. Auction Close Date/Time: 11.07.2025, 16.00 hrs. Auto Extensions Zone: 120 Seconds. Auto Extension Duration: 120 Seconds. Auction Type: Close Ended. Initial Cooling Off Period: 30 Minutes. Successful Lots Closing Interval: 10 Minutes. Maximum Auto Extensions: 10 Times. Catalogue Published on: 24.06.2025, 18.34 hrs. Sl.No.; Seq. No.; Lot No./Category; Description; Trips/Days; Close Date/Time & Turnover Required are as follow: 1; AA/1; 15047-SLR-R1-KOAA-GKP-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in rear brake van (RLWLRLRL..); 418; 11-07-25 12:30:00; 20,00,000. 2; AA/2; 15051-SLR-R1-KOAA-GKP-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in rear brake van (RLWLRLRL..); 104; 11-07-25 12:40:00; 0. 3; AA/3; 13181-SLR-R1-KOAA-SHTT-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in rear brake van (RLWLRLRL..); 105; 11-07-25 12:50:00; 0. 4; AA/4; 12517-SLR-R1-KOAA-GHY-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in rear brake van (RLWLRLRL..); 104; 11-07-25 13:00:00; 0. 5; AA/5; 12259-SLR-R1-SDAH-BKN-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in rear brake van (RLWLRLRL..); 417; 11-07-25 13:10:00; 20,00,000. 6; AA/6; 12313-SLR-R1-SDAH-NDLS-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in rear brake van (RLWLRLRL..); 730; 11-07-25 13:20:00; 50,00,000. 7; AA/7; 12377-SLR-R1-SDAH-NOQ-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in rear brake van (RLWLRLRL..); 730; 11-07-25 13:30:00; 50,00,000. 8; AA/8; 12343-SLR-R1-SDAH-HDB-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in rear brake van (RLWLRLRL..); 730; 11-07-25 13:40:00; 20,00,000. 9; AA/9; 13149-SLR-R1-SDAH-APDJ-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in rear brake van (RLWLRLRL..); 730; 11-07-25 13:50:00; 20,00,000. 10; AA/10; 13147-SLR-R1-SDAH-BXT-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in rear brake van (RLWLRLRL..); 730; 11-07-25 14:00:00; 20,00,000. 11; AA/11; 13137-SLR-F1-KOAA-AMH-24-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in SLR Coach (Single Compar...); 105; 11-07-25 14:10:00; 0. 12; AA/12; 19414-SLR-F1-KOAA-ADI-23-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in SLR Coach (Single Compar...); 104; 11-07-25 14:20:00; 0. 13; AA/13; 13157-SLR-F1-KOAA-MFP-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in SLR Coach (Single Compar...); 105; 11-07-25 14:30:00; 0. 14; AA/14; 13165-SLR-R1-KOAA-SMI-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in SLR Coach (Single Compar...); 104; 11-07-25 14:40:00; 0. 15; AA/15; 15047-SLR-F1-KOAA-GKP-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in SLR Coach (Single Compar...); 418; 11-07-25 14:50:00; 20,00,000. 16; AA/16; 15049-SLR-F1-KOAA-GKP-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in SLR Coach (Single Compar...); 208; 11-07-25 15:00:00; 0. 17; AA/17; 13173-SLR-R1-SDAH-SBRM-24-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in SLR Coach (Single Compar...); 209; 11-07-25 15:10:00; 20,00,000. 18; AA/18; 13169-SLR-F1-SDAH-SHC-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in SLR Coach (Single Compar...); 209; 11-07-25 15:20:00; 0. 19; AA/19; 13163-SLR-R1-SDAH-SHC-25-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in SLR Coach (Single Compar...); 521; 11-07-25 15:30:00; 0. 20; AA/20; 13105-SLR-F1-SDAH-BUI-24-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in SLR Coach (Single Compar...); 312; 11-07-25 15:40:00; 0. 21; AA/21; 13105-SLR-F2-SDAH-BUI-24-1 (Parcel-SLR); Parcel space in SLR Coach (Single Compar...); 312; 11-07-25 15:50:00; 0. 22; AA/1; 13181-13182-VP-1-KOAA-SHTT-25-1 (Parcel-Parcel Van); Parcel space in Parcel Van; 105; 11-07-25 16:00:00; 50,00,000. Rate Unit: Per Trip Licensing Fee [for all Sl.No. 1 to 21 each] & Per Round Trip (two way) [for Sl.No. 22]. Min. Increase (%): 0.2 [for all Sl.No.]. EMD: 10% [for all Sl.No.]. Lot Status: RP Pending [for all Sl.No.]. (SDAH-100/2025-26)	
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India fumes at demolition of Hindu temple in B'Desh

MI News Service, New Dhaka: India expressed dismay and anger at the failure of the interim government in Bangladesh to protect a Hindu temple, allowing its demolition on the grounds of illegal land use.

The external affairs ministry spokesperson, Randhir Jaiswal, was responding to a question at the weekly

briefing on the demolition of a Durga temple in Khilkhet, Dhaka, earlier in the day. “We understand that extremists were clamouring for the demolition of the Durga temple in Khilkhet in Dhaka. The interim government, instead of providing security to the temple, projected the episode as illegal land use, and they allowed the destruction of the temple on Thursday. This has resulted in damage to the deity before it was shifted.

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

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

Infertility patients were 2.16 times more likely to be hospitalised for hypertension, or dangerously elevated blood pressure than normally conceived patients.

"Postpartum checkups are necessary for all patients, but this study indicates they are particularly important for patients who undergo infertility treatment to achieve a conception," said Rei Yamada, an obstetrics and gynecology resident at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and lead author of the study.

The study authors say their results support standards of care that now call for an initial postpartum checkup three weeks after delivery, standards that some health systems have yet to adopt. Much of the elevated risk came in the first month after delivery, particularly for patients who developed dangerously high blood pressure.

"And these results aren't the only ones to indicate that follow-up should occur early," said Cande Ananth, chief of the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and senior author of the study. "We have been involved in a series of studies over the past few years that have found serious risks of heart disease and stroke to various high-risk patient populations within those initial 30 days after delivery - risks that could be mitigated with earlier follow-up care." The study analyzed the Nationwide Readmissions Database, which contains nationally representative data on about 31 million hospital discharges and readmissions per year.

Study finds new method to detect novel biomarkers for kidney diseases with nephrotic syndrome

BOSTON [US] : A study has revealed a major advance in the identification and tracking of renal illnesses linked to nephrotic syndrome.

The findings of the study were published in the New England Journal of Medicine and presented at the 61st ERA Congress in Stockholm, Sweden.

By employing a hybrid methodology, scientists discovered that anti-nephrin autoantibodies serve as a dependable biomarker for monitoring the advancement of the disease, paving the way for more individualized therapeutic strategies.

Nephrotic syndrome, defined by increased urine protein levels, is associated with kidney disorders, including membranous nephropathy (MN), primary focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS), and minimal change disease (MCD). Damage to podocytes, the kidney's filtering cells, is the main cause of nephrotic syndrome because it permits protein to seep into the urine.

Children diagnosed with MCD or FSGS often receive a diagnosis of idiopathic nephrotic syndrome (INS), where the cause of the nephrotic syndrome is unknown. This is frequently because children with high protein levels in their urine rarely undergo a kidney biopsy, which is how the cause is typically determined.

Traditionally, diagnosing these conditions has posed challenges due to overlapping histological features and hesitancy to conduct invasive kidney biopsies, particularly in children. While anti-nephrin autoantibodies have been observed in certain patients with MCD and FSGS, their precise role in the advancement of these diseases is not fully understood.

The study, conducted across Europe and the USA, introduced a novel approach combining immunoprecipitation

PNG Jewellers Taps into High-Growth Lightweight Jewellery Segment with New Brand 'Lifestyle'

Jewellers one of India's most trusted jewellery houses with a legacy spanning over 192 years, proudly announced the launch of its contemporary sub-brand Lifestyle by PNG in Pune today. The launch marks a significant step in PNG's evolution as it connects with the next generation of jewellery buyers through lightweight, design-forward fine jewellery for everyday wear.

Crafted in 18K and 22K gold, Lifestyle is tailored for the modern, style-conscious woman aged 25-40, someone who chooses jewellery not just for tradition or gifting, but as an extension of her style. From work meetings and casual outings to pre-festive get-togethers and micro-celebrations, Lifestyle offers versatile, minimalist pieces that blend sophistication with ease. Lifestyle will launch two stores, one each at Kharadi and Wakad in Pune on 22 June



2025, to be inaugurated by celebrated actress Sai'Amhankar.

The lightweight fine jewellery market in India has witnessed a strong upward trajectory, driven by rising gold prices, the evolving role of women as primary jewellery buyers, and a growing

desire for practical, design-rich pieces that suit contemporary lifestyles. With the 14K and 18K gold segment now accounting for a significant share of daily-wear jewellery purchases, brands that deliver authenticity, affordability, and digital convenience are set to

lead this transformation. Lifestyle by PNG enters this high-growth category with a sharp, emotionally resonant positioning and an ambitious multi-channel rollout plan. "With Lifestyle, we're responding to a clear shift in how younger consumers engage with jewellery," said Dr.SaurabhGadgil, Chairman and Managing Director, PNG Jewellers. "The demand for versatile, lightweight pieces is no longer niche; it is a growing segment driven by women who view jewellery as part of their everyday identity, not just something reserved for special occasions. This category holds immense potential, especially in urban and semi-urban India, where gold buyers are evolving rapidly. We aim to build Lifestyle into a trusted name in this space, where authenticity, design, and everyday relevance come together seamlessly."

NCAER pitches for investment in skilling to increase jobs

New Delhi : A paper by economic think tank NCAER has made a case for investment in skilling of workforce to increase employment in the labour intensive sectors by 2030. The paper titled 'The Landscape of Employment in India: Pathways to Jobs' said inter-sectoral linkages can have a multiplicative effect on employment in the aggregate economy, increasing employment by up to 200 per cent relative to existing scenario. On the supply side, we show that increasing the share of skilled workforce by 12 percentage points through investment in formal skilling could lead to more than a 13 per cent increase in employment in labour intensive sectors by 2030," it said.

On an average, the paper said labour-intensive manufacturing accounts for 44.1 per cent of total manufacturing employment, while labour-intensive services account for 54.2 per cent of total services employment.

"Our demand-side simulations indicate that we can significantly bridge the employment gap by increasing the size of the manu-



facturing and services sectors, particularly through a focus on labour-intensive industries therein," the paper said. Outlining some of the policy prescriptions, the paper's author FarzanaAfriidi said there is need for a multi-pronged approach to increase production capacity in labour-intensive manufacturing and services sectors, including stimulating domestic demand through higher government expenditure and lowering of taxes. The paper also

laid stress on adoption of international best practices and implementation of national quality benchmarks for training and reskilling or upskilling existing workers. Referring to the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, the paper pointed out that it is primarily focused on expanding production of high value products with backward linkages which require high-skilled labour. "But the highest number of jobs under the scheme

has been created in the food processing and pharmaceuticals industry. This reflects a mismatch between budgetary allocation under PLI and potential for employment creation," the paper said adding productivity and quality of workforce have to be increased significantly to improve labour quality. It cited the Future of Jobs Report 2025 which highlights that 63 per cent of India's workforce will need reskilling or upskilling by 2030 to remain competitive. Among others, the paper suggested incorporating soft skills, digital literacy and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills into training programmes to enhance employability, particularly within services sub-sectors. Improving training quality, along with increasing the share of formally trained workers, can lead to higher employment gains," it added. Since labour-intensive manufacturing and services sectors account for over half of total employment in India, the paper advocated significant policy focus on expanding labour-intensive manufacturing.

Study finds how macrophages play critical role in immune system

WASHINGTON [US] : Macrophages are essential to the immune system because they combat infections and help heal damaged tissue. It's critical to comprehend how these cells are triggered in various contexts in order to design novel medical interventions. The complexity of these cells and their reactions has made it difficult to identify and research macrophage activation.

The protein known as colony stimulating factor 1 receptor (CSF1R) was discovered by the study team to be a dependable marker for macrophages in tissues and monocytes and dendritic cells in blood, enabling the distinct identification and separation of various sample types. People of all ages and genders can depend-

ably use the new method. Dr Fernando Martinez Estrada, who led the research project and is Senior Lecturer in Innate Immunology in the School of Biosciences at the University of Surrey, said, "We have developed a method using CSF1R that can identify all types of Mononuclear phagocyte system cells in the body. This marker is incredibly useful for studying these cells in both health and disease, and it unlocks exciting new possibilities for cell isolation and quantification for diagnosing and monitoring various conditions with a single cell marker."

The study developed a set of tools to understand and check how these immune cells respond when they are activated. These

tools focus on signals in the body, including IL-4 (involved in healing and fibrosis), steroids (deactivation), IFNγ (fights infections), and LPS (a bacterial product that causes inflammation).

The research team also described a novel concept that they call Macrophage Activation Mosaicism. This means that macrophages do not simply switch between the canonical two states previously described; instead, they can exhibit a mix of activation characteristics, reflecting the complexity of real tissue environments.

Dr Federica Orsenigo, co-author of the study, explains further, "This discovery is significant because it changes how we perceive macrophage activation.

Researchers find how areas of brain are associated with helping decisions

BIRMINGHAM [UK] : Researchers found that a particular brain region--which they identified through a study of patients who had brain damage to that region--controls our willingness to assist others.

Understanding the areas of the brain associated with "helping" decisions is crucial to comprehending how people could be inspired to take on major global issues like infectious diseases, climate change, and international conflict. It is also necessary to discover novel treatments for social interaction difficulties.

Researchers from the Universities of Birmingham and Oxford conducted the study, which was published in Nature Human Behaviour. It demonstrates for the first time how the ventromedial prefrontal cortex (vmPFC), a brain region, plays a crucial role in helpful, or "prosocial," activities.

Lead author Professor Patricia Lockwood said: "Prosocial behaviours are essential for addressing global challenges. Yet helping others is often effortful and humans are averse to effort. Understanding how effortful helping decisions are processed in the brain is extremely important." In the study, the researchers focused on the vmPFC, a region located right at the front of the brain, which is known to be important for decision-making and other executive functions. Previous studies using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI scanning) have linked the vmPFC to choices that involve a trade-off between the rewards available and the effort required to obtain rewards. However, these techniques cannot show whether a part of the brain is essential for these functions. Three groups of participants were recruited for the study. 25 patients had vmPFC damage, 15



patients had damage elsewhere in the brain, and 40 people were healthy age and gender-matched control participants. These groups allowed the researchers to test the impact of damage to vmPFC specifically.

Each participant attended an experiment where they met another person anonymously. They then completed a decision-making task that measured how willing they were to exert physical effort (squeezing a grip force device) to earn rewards (bonus money) for themselves and for the other person. By enabling participants to meet - but not see - the person they were 'working' for in advance, researchers were able to convey the sense that participants' efforts would have real consequences, but hide any information about the other person that could affect deci-

sion-making. Each choice the participants made varied in how much bonus money for them or the other person was available, and how much force they would have to exert to obtain the reward. This allowed the researchers to measure the impact of reward and effort separately, and to use advanced mathematical modelling to precisely quantify people's motivation. The results of the study clearly showed that the vmPFC was necessary for motivation to help others. Patients with vmPFC damage were less willing to choose to help others, exerted less force on even after they did decide to help, and earned less money to help others compared to the control groups. In a further step, the researchers used a technique called lesion symptom mapping which enabled them to identify even more specific sub-regions of the vmPFC where damage made people particularly antisocial and unwilling to exert effort for the other person. Surprisingly, damage to a nearby but different sub-region made people relatively more willing to help.

Co-lead author Dr Jo Cutler said: "As well as better understanding prosocial motivation, this study could also help us to develop new treatments for clinical disorders such as psychopathy, where understanding the underlying neural mechanisms can give us new insights into how to treat these conditions."

"This region of the brain is particularly interesting because we know that it undergoes late development in teenagers, and also changes as we get older," added Professor Lockwood. "It will be really interesting to see whether this area of the brain can also be influenced by education - can we learn to be better at helping others?"

Training keeping supply chain data secure behind success of 'circular startups' IIM Lucknow report



New Delhi : Good training and mentoring, helpful government policies and keeping supply chain data secure are among key factors that help "circular startups" succeed, according to a report by Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow.

Circular startups are businesses that are designed from the start to reduce waste, reuse materials, and make efficient use of natural resources, rather than the traditional "take-make-dispose" model.

The research published in the Business Strategy and Environment journal offers insights into the key factors that help such startups succeed.

According to Suresh Jakhar, Professor, Operations and Supply Chain Management, with rising global temperature and fast-depleting natural resources, this study offers insights into circular models that have become critically important.

Projections show that global usage of natural resources is expected to double by 2050, posing serious environmental and economic risks.

"The Circular Economy (CE) and Industry 4.0 (I4.0) have emerged as highly pertinent topics for both academic research and industrial practice in recent years. Given that many CE start-ups leverage I4.0 technologies, understanding their success factors is crucial," he told PTI.

"The findings of this research offer a roadmap for entrepreneurs, managers, and policymakers, facilitating the development of successful I4.0-powered CE start-ups, added Jakhar. Krishna Chandra Balodi, Professor, Strategic Management, IIM Lucknow, explained that the circular economy emerges as a viable solution through its focus on reuse, recovery of resources and reduction in waste. "However, only 7.2 per cent of the global economy follows this model which indicates that it is imperative for companies to adopt sustainability at the very beginning of their processes," said Balodi. With a particular focus on these kinds of start-ups, the IIM Lucknow research team studied Industry 4.0 startups which integrated cutting-edge technologies like smart sensors automation, real-time data processing and interconnection into their operations for enhanced circularity.

To identify the factors that influence success of circular startups, the research team combined literature review, expert insights, and structured decision-making methods. The team identified 23 critical success factors and organised them into a practical framework that can help entrepreneurs, business leaders, and policymakers support the growth of these ventures.

Some of the most important factors that founders can focus on to help their startups grow and be profitable include -- having a clear circular business model, building the right technical skills, keeping supply chain data secure and transparent, working with other businesses. "This study reveals the Critical Success Factors (CSFs) for Circular Economy (CE) startups powered by Industry 4.0 (I4.0) technologies, offering a clear roadmap for success.

"After identifying 23 key factors, we ranked them by priority and found the top five to be-- Innovative Circular Business Models, I4.0-Related Technological Competency, Information Security, Privacy and Transparency, Inter-Supply Chain and Inter-Sector Eco-Friendly Partnerships, and Collaboration Across Various Functions," said research scholar SagnikaDutta. In addition, the study also pointed to several external drivers that influence a startup's chances of long-term success. These include -- access to funding, good training and mentoring facilities, helpful government policies and demand for circular products. By strengthening these external conditions, governments and industry leaders can create a more supportive environment for circular innovation in India," Dutta said. To help stakeholders prioritise their actions, the researchers ranked the success factors in order of importance and examined how different factors influence one another. For instance, access to finance and physical infrastructure emerged as foundational drivers that enable progress in many other areas, such as skill development, collaboration and innovation," Dutta said.

Advanced 128-Slice Ct Scan Machine inaugurated at Divisional Railway Hospital, Howrah



MI News Service, Kolkata: Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, inaugurated an advanced 128-slice CT Scan machine—the first of its kind in Eastern Railway—at the Divisional Railway Hospital, Howrah. The event was held in the presence of Shri S. P. Singh, Additional General Manager/Eastern Railway, Dr. Aniruddha Kirtania, Principal Chief Medical Director/Eastern Railway and Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager/Howrah. Senior doctors, divisional officers, and hospital staff of Howrah Division were also present on the occasion.

The Radiology Department gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the features and capabilities of the 128-slice CT Scan machine. This state-of-the-art system is equipped for advanced di-

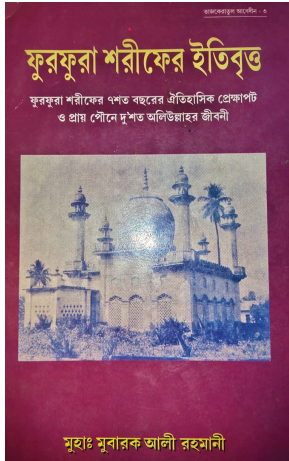
agnostics including 3D reconstruction, neuroimaging, cardiac CT, and ENT scans, in addition to routine brain, chest, abdomen, and orthopedic scans. This new facility is expected to significantly enhance diagnostic capabilities and will immensely benefit railway beneficiaries not only from Howrah Division but also from other divisions of Eastern Railway.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, stated that the introduction of this advanced CT Scan machine will play a vital role in the diagnosis of critical cases and support timely treatment. He expressed his satisfaction at the successful installation of such a modern diagnostic tool at the Divisional Railway Hospital, Howrah.

Islamic thinker Hafez Mubarak Rahmani passes away, leaves behind numerous books

Nurul Islam

Hafez Mubarak Ali Rahmani, the author of many books, passed away last Tuesday. He was buried yesterday in his village home, Basirhat, in Korapara. Thousands of people came in droves to pay their last respects to Rahmani Sahib. He was a Hafez of the Holy Quran. He was a renowned scholar of Arabic literature after studying with great achievement. He was associated with many educational institutions. He has made a special contribution as an Islamic thinker or a prominent figure in society. He was born in 1940. Although he received his education in Arabic literature, he was also a profound scholar in general knowledge science. He was a bright person in terms of social responsibility. He also had a special contribution in various social service works. He was an infantry soldier according to the ideology of Pir Hazrat Maulana Dada Huzoor Mujaddid-e-Zaman of Furfura Sharif. He was in contact with Pir Hazrat N Huzoor Pir Rah for many years. He received his allegiance from him. He wrote many valuable books on the orders and instructions of Pir Sahib. In the book 'Furfura Sharif', he has depicted the historical context of 700 years. He has given a detailed account of the biographies of more or less 200 Auliya-allahs. It is worth mentioning that due to the



large demand for the book, it was printed several times. The name of the book he wrote about Rasul Noma Hazrat Fateh Ali Wazi is 'Sirat-e-Wazi'. He gained fame in the society by writing 'Maqbul Amle Zindagi' for the ongoing prayers and deeds for the common people. He has also written many books including 'Chander Fajilat -O- Ibadat', 'Hayat-e-Ahmadullah', 'Shanti Pracharak Dargah-puri', 'Hayate-Ekram', and 'Ajifa-e Rahmani Siddiquiya'. He has left behind a priceless treasure called books, which will enrich people. Muslim Ummah will turn towards Allah. He responded to the call of Allah at the age of 85. He left behind four sons and four daughters. The shadow of grief has fallen on the area. May Allah, the Almighty, grant him a high position in Paradise.

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Security personnel keep vigil near the chariots of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra and Goddess Subhadra on the occasion of the annual 'Rath Yatra' festival, at the Jagannath Temple in Puri, Odisha.

Iran-Israel War: Strategic gains for Iran, heavy losses for Israel

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Despite Trump's threats and strikes, there's been no attempt or success in deposing Supreme Leader Khamenei or dismantling Iran's ruling structure. The ceasefire declaration followed diplomatic channels—not leadership collapse—suggesting no regime change occurred. The U.S. and Israel bombed several uranium-enrichment facilities (Fordo, Natanz, and Isfahan). Trump claimed "obliteration," but independent and international bodies have not confirmed full eradication. Iran still possesses nuclear capabilities. Iran retained its ballistic missile forces. In fact, they used them—launching multiple rockets at

Israel and Al Udeid Air Base. So the missile program remains operational. There's no evidence of a domestic rebellion sparked by these strikes. On the contrary, Iranian leadership has remained resolute, and public sentiment hasn't shifted toward anti-regime protests. Iran's officials explicitly rejected the idea of unconditional surrender. Foreign Minister Araghchi stated they would cease attacking only if Israel did—and only temporarily. Iran's broader "Axis of Resistance"—which includes groups like Hezbollah, Houthis, and its own military—remains intact and potentially active. Analysts warn Iran still retains asymmetric capabilities. The

Iranian missile offensive also dealt a severe blow to the credibility of Israel's much-vaunted arms industry, a cornerstone of its economy and global defense reputation. Iranian missiles penetrated Israel's sophisticated multi-layered air defense system—including the Iron Dome, David's Sling, Arrow systems, Barak-8 (also known as LR-SAM or MR-SAM), Iron Beam, and even U.S.-supplied Patriot PAC-2 and PAC-3 systems. The effectiveness of these defense systems had long been marketed as unmatched, but their failure to prevent significant damage and civilian casualties has led many to question their actual performance.

Israeli strike kills 18 Palestinians in central Gaza as turmoil mounts over food distribution

MI News Service, Gaza Strip: An Israeli strike hit a street in central Gaza on Thursday where witnesses said a crowd of people was getting bags of flour from a Palestinian police unit that had confiscated the goods from gangs looting aid convoys. Hospital officials said 18 people were killed.

The strike was the latest violence surrounding the distribution of food to Gaza's population, which has been thrown into turmoil over the past month. After blocking all food for 2 1/2 months, Israel has allowed only a trickle of supplies into the territory since mid-May.

Efforts by the United Nations to distribute the food have been plagued by armed gangs looting trucks and by crowds of desperate people offloading supplies from convoys. The strike in the central town of Deir al-Balah on Thursday appeared to target members of Sahn, a security unit tasked with stopping looters and cracking down on merchants who sell stolen aid at high prices. The unit is part of Gaza's Hamas-led Interior Ministry, but includes members of other factions. Witnesses said the Sahn unit was distributing bags of flour and other goods confiscated from looters and corrupt merchants, drawing a crowd when the strike hit.

Video of the aftermath showed bodies, several torn, of multiple young men in the street with blood splattering on the pavement and walls of buildings. The dead included a child and at least seven Sahn members, according to the nearby Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital where casualties were taken. There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military. Israel has accused the militant Hamas group of stealing aid and using it to prop up its rule in the enclave. Israeli forces have repeatedly struck Gaza's police, considering them a branch of Hamas. An association of Gaza's influential

clans and tribes said Wednesday they have started an independent effort to guard aid convoys to prevent looting. The National Gathering of Palestinian Clans and Tribes said it helped escort a rare shipment of flour that entered northern Gaza that evening.

It was unclear, however, if the association had coordinated with the UN or Israeli authorities. The World Food Programme did not immediately respond to requests for comment by The Associated Press.

"We will no longer allow thieves to steal from the convoys for the merchants and force us to buy them for high prices," Abu Ahmad al-Gharbawi, a figure involved in the tribal effort, told the AP.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Israel Katz in a joint statement Wednesday accused Hamas of stealing aid that is entering northern Gaza, and called on the Israeli military to plan to prevent it. The National Gathering slammed the statement, saying the accusation of theft was aimed at justifying the Israeli military's "aggressive practices." It said aid was "fully secured" by the tribes, which it said were committed to delivering the supplies to the population.

The move by tribes to protect aid convoys brings yet another player in an aid situation that has become fragmented, confused and violent, even as Gaza's more than 2 million Palestinians struggle to feed their families.

Throughout the more than 20-month-old war, the UN led the massive aid operation by humanitarian groups providing food, shelter, medicine and other goods to Palestinians even amid the fighting. UN and other aid groups say that when significant amounts of supplies are allowed into Gaza, looting and theft dwindle.

Regulation of Trains for Non-Interlocking work over Howrah Division

REVISED NOTIFICATION

In reference to the above captioned advertisement published earlier regarding Regulation of trains for Pre Non-Interlocking & Non-Interlocking work in connection with ladder shifting work at Khana station in Bardhaman - Khana section of Howrah Division, this is to be notified that the said work will commence from **02.09.2025** instead of 22.08.2025. Hence, the previous notification regarding regulation of trains due to Pre Non-Interlocking (from 22.08.2025 to 25.08.2025) & Non-Interlocking (from 26.08.2025 to 28.08.2025) work at Khana station to be treated as **CANCELLED**. Revised Schedule of Pre Non-Interlocking & Non-Interlocking work: **04 days Pre Non-Interlocking work from 02.09.2025 to 05.09.2025 and 03 days Non-Interlocking work from 06.09.2025 to 08.09.2025**. Consequently, the following arrangements have been made in the train running for the revised period of Pre Non-Interlocking & Non-Interlocking work:

Cancellation of MEMU/Passenger

From Bardhaman: ● **63505** Bardhaman - Asansol MEMU & **63507** Bardhaman - Asansol MEMU on 05.09.2025, 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025. ● **63511** Bardhaman - Asansol MEMU on 06.09.2025. ● **63513** Bardhaman - Asansol MEMU, **63549** Bardhaman - Asansol MEMU, **63517** Bardhaman-Asansol MEMU & **63523** Bardhaman-Asansol MEMU on 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025. ● **63583** Bardhaman - Rampurhat MEMU & **63011** Bardhaman - Rampurhat MEMU on 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025. **From Asansol :** ● **63506** Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU & **63508** Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU on 05.09.2025, 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025. ● **63512** Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU on 06.09.2025. ● **63516** Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU, **63522** Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU, **63526** Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU & **63524** Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU on 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025. **From Rampurhat:** ● **63584** Rampurhat - Bardhaman MEMU & **63012** Rampurhat-Bardhaman MEMU on 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025.

Cancellation of Mail/Express

Up Trains: (1) **13503** Bardhaman - Hatia MEMU Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), (2) **13187** Sealdah - Rampurhat Maa Tara Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), (3) **12337** Howrah - Bolpur Shantiniketan Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), (4) **12347** Howrah - Rampurhat Superfast Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), (5) **13011** Howrah - Malda Town Intercity Express (JCO 05.09.2025, 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), (6) **22321** Howrah - Siuri Hool Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), (7) **12383** Sealdah - Asansol Intercity Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025) & (8) **13179** Sealdah-Siuri MEMU Express (JCO 05.09.2025 & 06.09.2025).


Down Trains : (1) **13504** Hatia - Bardhaman MEMU Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), (2) **13188** Rampurhat - Sealdah Maa Tara Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), (3) **12338** Bolpur - Howrah Shantiniketan Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), (4) **12348** Rampurhat - Howrah Shahid Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), (5) **13012** Malda Town-Howrah Intercity Express (JCO 06.09.2025, 07.09.2025 & 08.09.2025), (6) **22322** Siuri - Howrah Hool Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), (7) **12384** Asansol - Sealdah Intercity Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025) & (8) **13180** Siuri - Sealdah MEMU Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025).

Diversion of Mail/Express

UP Trains: ● **12343** Sealdah - Haldibari Darjeeling Mail (JCO 05.09.2025, 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025) will be diverted via Dum Dum - Naihati Link Cabin - Bandel - Katwa - Azimganj - New Farakka with stoppages at Bandel, Katwa, Azimganj, Jangipur Road & New Farakka stations. ● **13017** Howrah - Azimganj Ganadevta Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025) & **13027** Howrah - Azimganj Kaviguru Express (JCO 05.09.2025, 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025) will be diverted via Bandel-Katwa-Azimganj with stoppages at Bandel, Ambika Kalna, Nabadwip Dham, Katwa, Salar, Bazarsau, Khagraghat Road & Azimganj stations. ● **12377** Sealdah - New Alipurduar Padatik Express (JCO 05.09.2025, 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), **13153** Sealdah Malda Town Gour Express (JCO 05.09.2025, 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), **13147** Sealdah - Bamanhat Uttarbanga Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), **13149** Sealdah - Alipurduar Kanchankanya Express (JCO

Karnataka: Majority of Students leave school after Dalit woman appointed as a cook

MI News Service, Chennai: Almost all students from a school in Karnataka's Homma village of Chamarajanagar district withdrew after a Dalit woman was appointed as a new head cook. A total of 22 students were enrolled in the school. Parents of 21 students have either taken Transfer Certificates or applied at other schools. Reportedly, parents were disappointed as soon as the Dalit woman was appointed and forcibly stopped their children from eating Mid-day meals provided at the school. Surprisingly, only 7 students were having meals after her appointment. Locals also believe that the reason behind children leaving school is due to caste. Speaking to local media channels, villagers said that the children did not wish to eat food cooked by a Dalit woman. Following the incident, district officials including Chamarajanagar SP, Zilla Panchayat CEO and Education Officer visited the school on Wednesday.

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Appendix IV, See Rule 8(1) POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, undersigned being the Authorised Officer of KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act], 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with [rule 3] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 24.03.2025 calling upon the borrower/ mortgage/ guarantors: (1) Mr. Jamaluddin Tarafdar S/o Mr. Yeard Ali Tarafdar, (2) Mrs. Mahunura Bibi W/o Mr. Jamaluddin Tarafdar both (1) and (2) are residing at - Alghara Tarafdar, Para PO-R- Gopalpur, North 24 Paraganas, Kolkata -700136, West Bengal, Alghara Tarafdar, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 29,87,153.45 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifty Three and Paise Forty Five Only) under Term Loan Account No. 6627001600013301 along with future interest from 23.03.2025, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers, mortgagors and the guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, mortgagors, guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement, Rules 2002 on this the 27th June of the year 2025.

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property mentioned herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Karnataka Bank Limited, Rajarhat Branch, for an amount of Rs. 29,92,165.45 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty and Paise Forty Five Only) under Term Loan Account No. 6627001600013301 along with future interest from 23.03.2025, Plus Costs.

[The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

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Place: Kolkata

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06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), **13175** Sealdah - Silchar Kanchanjungha Express (JCO 06.09.2025), **13173** Sealdah - Sabroom Kanchanjungha Express (JCO 07.09.2025) will be diverted via Dum Dum - Naihati Link Cabin - Bandel - Katwa - Ahmdpur with stoppages at Bandel, Nabadwip Dham & Katwa stations. ● **12345** Howrah - Guwahati Saraighat Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), **13015** Howrah - Jamalpur Kaviguru Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), **13053** Howrah - Radhnikapur Kulik Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), **13031** Howrah - Jaynagar Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), **13159** Kolkata - Jogbani Express (JCO 05.09.2025), **12363** Kolkata - Haldibari Intercity Express (JCO 06.09.2025) & **13161** Kolkata - Balurghat Tebhaga Express (JCO 07.09.2025) will be diverted via Bandel - Katwa - Ahmdpur with stoppages at Bandel, Nabadwip Dham & Katwa stations.

Down Trains: ● **12344** Haldibari - Sealdah Darjeeling Mail (JCO 05.09.2025 & 06.09.2025) will be diverted via Azimganj -Katwa-Bandel - Naihati Link Cabin -Dum Dum with stoppages at Azimganj, Katwa, Nabadwip Dham & Bandel stations. ● **13018** Azimganj - Howrah Ganadevta Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025) & **13028** Azimganj - Howrah Kaviguru Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025) will be diverted via Azimganj - Katwa - Bandel with stoppages at Khagraghat Road, Bazarsau, Salar, Katwa, Nabadwip Dham & Ambika Kalna stations. ● **12378** New Alipurduar - Sealdah Padatik Express (JCO 05.09.2025 & 06.09.2025), **13154** Malda Town - Sealdah Gour Express (JCO 05.09.2025, 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), **13148** Bamanhat - Sealdah Uttarbanga Express (JCO 05.09.2025 & 06.09.2025), **13150** Alipurduar - Sealdah Kanchankanya Express (JCO 05.09.2025 & 06.09.2025), **13174** Sabroom - Sealdah Kanchanjungha Express (JCO 06.09.2025), **12364** Haldibari -Kolkata Intercity Express (JCO 07.09.2025), **13162** Balurghat - Kolkata Tebhaga Express (JCO 06.09.2025) & **13176** Silchar - Sealdah Kanchanjungha Express (JCO 05.09.2025) will be diverted via Ahmdpur -Katwa - Bandel - Naihati Link Cabin -Dum Dum with stoppages at Katwa, Nabadwip Dham & Bandel stations. ● **12346** Guwahati - Howrah Saraighat Express (JCO 05.09.2025 & 06.09.2025), **13016** Jamalpur - Howrah Kaviguru Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025), **13054** Radhnikapur - Howrah Kulik Express (JCO 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025) & **13032** Jaynagar - Howrah Express (JCO 05.09.2025 & 06.09.2025) will be diverted via Ahmdpur - Katwa - Bandel with stoppages at Katwa, Nabadwip Dham & Bandel stations.

Short Termination / Short Origination

On 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025: (1) **63519** Bardhaman-Bokaro Steel City MEMU will be short originated from Asansol instead of Bardhaman and will go upto Bokaro Steel City. (2) **63520** Bokaro Steel City - Bardhaman MEMU will be short terminated at Asansol instead of Bardhaman.

Rescheduling

(1) **63063** Bardhaman - Tinpahar MEMU will be rescheduled at 07.00 hrs. instead of 06.20 hrs. on 06.09.2025 and at 07.40 hrs. instead of 06.20 hrs. on 07.09.2025 from Bardhaman. (2) **22301** Howrah - New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express will be rescheduled at 06.30 hrs. instead of 05.55 hrs. on 07.09.2025 from Howrah.

Controlling

(1) **12510** Guwahati - SMVT Bengaluru Superfast Express (JCO 01.09.2025 & 02.09.2025) will be controlled suitably for 30 minutes & 01 hour 15 minutes enroute respectively. (2) **13160** Jogbani-Kolkata Express (JCO 02.09.2025) will be controlled suitably for 40 minutes enroute. (3) **22504** Dibrugarh-Kanniyakumari Vivek Superfast Express (JCO 06.09.2025) will be controlled suitably for 01 hour 50 minutes enroute.

N.B: 13427/13428 Howrah-Sahibganj - Howrah Intercity Express will stop at all stations between Jhapater Dhali and Rampurhat on 06.09.2025 & 07.09.2025.

SPECIAL NOTE: Special or Late Running Train & any further newly introduced train/Parcel train/TOD during the block period, if any, will be controlled/diverged suitably enroute during block. Passengers are requested to follow the public Address System of stations. Inconvenience is regretted.

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NEERAJ CHOPRA RECLAIMS NUMBER ONE SPOT IN WORLD RANKINGS, NADEEM AT FOURTH SPOT

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Indian world champion and Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra reclaimed his number one spot in men's javelin throw world rankings from Anderson Peters of Grenada following a string of brilliant performances on the international stage.

World Athletics updated the rankings earlier this week, increasing Neeraj's points to 1,445 compared to Peters' tally of 1,431, according to Olympics.com. Also, Pakistan's Olympic champion Arshad Nadeem sits at number four with 1,370 points to his name.

Germany's Julian Weber, who has the best throw of 2025 so far, a 91.06 effort at the Doha Diamond League, is third in the rankings, and Czechia's Jakub



Vadlejch, the Tokyo 2020 silver medalist, is in fifth spot, completing a very impressive-looking top five.

Neeraj lost his top spot to Peters back in September 2024, just shortly after the Paris Olympics, where he attained a silver medal with a throw of 89.45, and Peters took home the bronze.

The year 2025 has been incredible for Neeraj, as he kick-started with a win at the Potch Invitational in Potchefstroom, South Africa, in April and followed it up with a very special second-place finish at Doha Diamond League, where he crossed the 90-metre mark for the first time ever with a throw of 90.23 m.

He also went on to secure a second spot in the Janusz Kusocinski Memorial in Poland

later that month and resumed his winning ways with back-to-back titles at Paris Diamond League and Ostrava Golden Spike this month, with best efforts of 88.16 m and 85.29 m.

Neeraj has outdone Peters in all their four battles this year, extending his streak over his Grenada rival. The last time he finished behind him was during the 2022 World Athletics Championships, when Neeraj had to settle for a silver with a throw of 88.39, as Peters threw a solid 89.91 m.

Overall, the Tokyo 2020 Gold medalist leads Peters by 16-5 in major javelin throw competition finals. Both are expected for another face off at Neeraj Chopra Classic event at Bengaluru on July 5. (ANI)



Amit Shah hails India's bid win to host 2029 World Police and Fire Games

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday expressed pride over India being designated the host country for the 2029 World Police and Fire Games (WPFG), calling it a "global recognition of our sprawling sports infrastructure" developed under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Taking to X, Shah wrote, "It is a moment of great pride for every citizen, as Bharat has been designated as the host country for the prestigious 2029 World Police and Fire Games. Bharat winning the prestigious bid to host the event is a global recognition of our sprawling sports infrastructure built under the leadership of PM Shri @narendramodi Ji. Ahmedabad being selected as the venue of the event that brings together police, fire, and disaster services to compete in more than 50 sports is a testament to the city's rising stature as a sporting destination."

His remarks came a day after Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel announced that Gujarat had secured the hosting bid for the prestigious international event. CM Patel called the development a "big step" toward making Ahmedabad "the sporting capital of India."

"Proud moment for Gujarat! India has won the bid to host the 2029 World Police & Fire Games (WPFG) in Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar & Ekta Nagar, following a comprehensive bid presentation to the WPFG Federation in Birmingham, USA. This global victory reflects the visionary leadership of Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi and Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri @AmitShah, and is a big step towards making Ahmedabad the sporting capital of India!" the Gujarat CM had posted on X.

According to the official WPFG website, it is an Olympic-style competition for athletes representing law enforcement, firefighters, and officers from corrections, probation, border protection, immigration, and customs offices worldwide. Held biennially, the programme features over 60 sports as official games.

The game is governed by the California Police Athletic Federation (CPAF), the Host City, & the WPFG Board of Directors.

The first-ever edition of the competition was held back in 1985 in San Jose, California.

NATIONAL SELECTION TRIALS: ANISH BAGS DOUBLE, NARMADA WINS AIR RIFLE

DEHRADUN (UTTARAKHAND) : Former world champion and Olympian Anish Bhanwala won back to back trials in 25m Rapid Fire Pistol (Men) event, while Tamil Nadu's Narmada Nithin clinched the top spot in 10m Air Rifle Women on day four of the National Selection Trials 3 and 4 for Group 'A' Rifle and Pistol shooters, currently underway at the Trishul Shooting Range, Maharana Pratap Sports College, here in Raipur. Narmada shot a composed 253.7 in the 24-shot final to edge out ISSF World Cup Final silver medalist Sonam Uttam Maskar by 1.7 points.

Delhi's Rajshree Anilkumar secured third place with a score of 230 after 22 shots. Earlier in a star-studded women's air rifle field, Narmada finished sixth with a score of 629.5 in qualification. World Championship medalist Mehuli Ghosh topped the qualification round with 632.2, just 0.1 ahead of Sonam, while Rajshree was a close third at 631.9 after six series of 10 shots each. Shreya Agrawal (630.5), 50m 3P T4 winner Vidarsha K Vinod (630.3), Ayonika Paul (629.4), and Dnyaneshwari Jayveer Patil (629.3) completed the T3 final line-up. In the men's 25m RFP T4 final, Anish maintained his top form to register a score of 30 and claim his second consecutive final win of the trials. Navy's Pradeep Singh Shekhawat pushed him all the way but had to settle for silver with 29, while Anish's teammate from Haryana, Adarsh Singh, took third place with 23 shots. Anish had also topped the T4 qualification round with 584-20x, again bagging a double in the qualifications. Adarsh followed with 581-14x, finishing ahead of fellow Haryanvi shooter Mandeep Singh (579-16x). Bhavesh Shekhawat (577-10x), Udhayveer Sidhu (576-15x), and Pradeep Singh Shekhawat (574-22x), all contributing to a tightly contested field. The trials continue on Day Five (Saturday, June 28, 2025) with three finals on the schedule: 10m Air Rifle Women T4, 25m Pistol Women T4, and 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men T3.

With age, 57kg becomes troublesome: Ravi Dahiya on why he's moving to a higher weight category

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : In the latest episode of the House of Glory podcast, an initiative by the Gagan Narang Sports Foundation, Tokyo Olympics silver medalist Ravi Kumar Dahiya opened up about his sporting journey and future plans in wrestling. One of the key takeaways from the conversation was his decision to move up to a higher weight category and the reasons behind it.

"I won't be continuing in the 57kg weight category as, with age, it becomes a very troublesome weight, and I thus have decided to go higher up in my weight," Ravi said in the latest episode of the House of Glory podcast.

While the next Olympic weight category for the LA Olympics 2028 is 65kg, 28-year-old Ravi has been in and out of competitions in the past few years due to injuries and has been competing in the non-Olympic 61kg weight category.

In the podcast, Ravi also spoke

about his early days of wrestling, his father's sacrifices, and his admiration for Argentinian footballer Lionel Messi.

Crediting his father for introducing him to wrestling, Ravi recounted his journey from a small mud akhara to becoming an Olympic medalist.

"It was my father who was very fond of wrestling in my family. There used to be a small mud akhara near the fields where he used to do farming, and I used to go and play there when I was really young. It was there that I started wrestling, and initially, it was just for fun, without any intention of taking it up as a profession. My father was really fond of it, and it was only because of him that I got into this game today," Ravi said.

He then went on to talk about his father's dedication and added, "Compared to my parents' sacrifice, I have sacrificed nothing in my life. Our village is 30-35 km



away from Chhatrasal Stadium, which is around 70-75 km both ways. My father has been coming here daily in the morning with our dietary needs and still continues to do so today. Coming for one or two days is different, but he has been continuously coming here for nearly 20 years now (since 2007), whether it's sunny or raining heavily, and that is dedication and sacrifice that motivated me to win international medals."

The podcast also touched on Ravi's relationship with Aman Sehrawat, saying, "In any sport, people might be rivals on the mat, but outside, we are all humans, and it has always been like that. Aman is like a brother to me, and that's always been the case."

Ravi ended the podcast on a lighter note, sharing his admiration for footballer Lionel Messi and enjoying his free time with friends.

Ranchi District Badminton Championship kicks off

MI CORRESPONDENT

RANCHI : A3 days, 13th Ranchi District Badminton Championship started today at Thakur Vishwanath Shahdeo Indoor Stadium, Khel Gaon, Ranchi. In this tournament more than 400 boys/girls & mens/womens participating. Today around 100 matches were played. In this tournament the several events are being played.

Boys/girls singles & doubles u- 9,11,13, 15, 17, 19, mens/womens (open) senior veterans +35, +40, +45, +50, +55, +60, +65, +70, +75 & mixed doubles for above all groups.

Today's' results: (U 15) Godwin Ekka b Arul Kumar (15-14, 15-11), Rakshit Mudgil b S Gautam (15-07, 15-12). Boys U 13: Atharv W Singh b Tanus Ramesh (15-10, 14-15 & 15-14), Mandeep Kumar b Vihan Kisku (15-14, 15-12), Manas Ranjan b Aman Shreeyukt (15-10, 15-07) The championship will conclude on 29th June and the prize distribution ceremony will be performed at around 7.00 PM. In today's ceremony Sunil Kumar was the chief guest.

Shekhar Jamuar, I A S, Director Sports has consented to be the chief guest on the occasion.



Ayush Shetty, Tanvi Sharma storm into quarter-finals of US Open 2025 badminton tournament



IOWA [US] : Indian shuttlers Ayush Shetty and Tanvi Sharma marched into the quarter-finals of the US Open 2025 badminton tournament here after registering victories in their second-round fixtures.

Fourth seed Ayush Shetty, 34th in the badminton rankings, had to endure through three games before finally getting the better of his compatriot Tharun Manneppalli, world No. 54, by a 21-12, 13-21, 21-15 scoreline in the men's singles round of 16.

The Indian badminton player will face Kuan Lin Kuo of Chinese Taipei in

the final eight on Friday, as per the Olympics.com.

Meanwhile, Tanvi Sharma marched into the women's singles quarter-finals following a dominating 21-18, 21-16 straight games win over Thailand's Pitchamon Opatniphuth, the world No. 58 and the 2023 junior world champion.

Tanvi, the junior world No. 2 and 66th in the senior rankings, will face Karupathevan Letshanaa of Malaysia in the quarters.

The world No. 50 Letshanaa made it to the top eight after ousting India's

Aakarshi Kashyap in the second round. The Malaysian won the hard-fought match 21-17, 20-22, 21-13.

Qualifier Ira Sharma's run also concluded following a 22-20, 11-21, 21-12 defeat at the hands of Ukrainian seventh seed Polina Buhrova, who was also responsible for knocking India's Shriyanshi Valishetty out of the BWF Super 300 tournament in the opening round.

Anmol Kharb also bowed out after losing 23-21, 21-10 to Denmark's sixth-seeded Line Christophersen in the pre-quarters.

Priya Konjengbam and Shruti Mishra's run in women's doubles concluded with a 21-10, 21-14 loss to the USA's Laura Lam and Allison Lee, ending India's challenge in the event.

Third seeds Hariharan Amsakarunan and Ruban Kumar Rethinasabapathi, however, kept themselves alive in the men's doubles competition after beating Canada's Jonathan Lai and Nyl Yakura 21-10, 21-17.

With India's mixed doubles charge having ended on Wednesday, Hariharan and Ruban are the only Indian doubles badminton team still in contention at the US Open.

THREE DEBUTANTS ON TEAMSHEET AS SOUTH AFRICA ANNOUNCE PLAYING XI FOR 1ST TEST AGAINST ZIMBABWE

BULAWAYO [ZIMBABWE] : The playing eleven of the defending ICC World Test Championship (WTC) will feature three debutants, Dewald Brevis, Lhuan-dre Pretorius and pacer Codi Yusuf. The match is the first of Proteas' WTC 2025-27 cycle and will start from Saturday onwards.

Following an injury to full-time skipper Temba Bavuma, Maharaj was named as the skipper of the South Africa side for the tour. Bavuma had sustained a hamstring strain during the World Test Championship Final, but continued to bat bravely thereafter, guiding the Proteas to a historic title. Maharaj will lead a young XI into the first Test in Bulawayo, with Tony de Zorzi and Matthew Breetzke being named as the designated openers, as per the ICC.

Wiaan Mulder will have another go at number three, after having impressed in the second innings of the Ultimate Test, while David Bedingham finds himself promoted to number four. Debutant Lhuan-dre Pretorius, who has just seven first-class games to his name, comes in at number five, whereas Dewald



Brevis, who also makes his Test debut, sits at number six.

Lhuan, who had a breakout SA20 for Paarl Royals this year with 397 runs in 12 matches with three fifties, has made 485 runs in

seven first-class games at an average of 60.62, with three tons and a fifty. Brevis, who scored poorly in two T20Is he played for Proteas, has been in tremendous form across all formats for a long

while and had a solid stint with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in the Indian Premier League (IPL), scoring 225 runs in six matches at an average of 37.50, with two fifties, at a strike rate of 180.00.

Kyle Verreynne will keep the wickets and bat at seven, followed by a new-look bowling lineup featuring Corbin Bosch, Codi Yusuf and Kwen Maphaka, other than Maharaj. Among the three pacers, Yusuf makes his Test debut, while Bosch and Maphaka have featured in a Test before.

SA's Playing XI:

Tony de Zorzi, Matthew Breetzke, Wiaan Mulder, David Bedingham, Lhuan-dre Pretorius, Dewald Brevis, Kyle Verreynne, Corbin Bosch, Keshav Maharaj (C), Codi Yusuf, Kwen Maphaka

In all, just four members of the side that featured in the World Test Championship Final against Australia at Lord's will feature in this Test for the Proteas.

Maharaj is also on the verge of becoming the first-ever South African spinner to achieve the landmark of 200 Test wickets, being just one scalp away from the feat.

New Zealand recall senior stars for T20I tri-series against South Africa, Zimbabwe

WELLINGTON [NEW ZEALAND] : Several key players made their comeback as New Zealand announced a 15-member squad for next month's T20I tri-series featuring South Africa and hosts Zimbabwe, as per the official website of the ICC.

The Black Caps welcomed back the likes of Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, and skipper Mitchell Santner for the tri-series at Harare Sports Club in Zimbabwe, after the trio sat out their most recent T20I series against Pakistan on home soil in March.

There is a call-up for uncapped batter Bevon Jacobs and pacer Adam Milne, while pace trio Ben Sears (side injury), Lockie Ferguson (load management) and Kyle Jamieson (family) are all sidelined, as is veteran Kane Williamson (unavailable).

The series will be the first for new Black Caps coach Rob Walter and will form a crucial lead-up for the side ahead of next year's ICC Men's T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka.

"I think we've got a really strong squad for this tour and I'm looking forward to getting the team together and getting into the work," he said, as quoted from the official website of the ICC.

"We've got some good experience in



the side and it's nice to be able to welcome back a few of the players who missed the March series against Pakistan because of the IPL (Indian Premier League)," he added.

"It should be a great T20 tri-series with South Africa who are a very strong side and Zimbabwe who play well at home in their own conditions," Walter said.

Walter is hoping to use the tri-series to help find combinations that can be successful during the 2026 T20 World Cup. "With the T20 World Cup around the corner, all of our upcoming series are critically important to our build up," he

added.

"This series gives us the opportunity to test the breadth of our squad, explore different players and potentially different combinations against some quality opposition," he said.

New Zealand's first game in the tri-series is against South Africa in Harare on July 16.

New Zealand squad: Mitchell Santner (c), Finn Allen, Michael Bracewell, Mark Chapman, Jacob Duffy, Zak Foulkes, Matt Henry, Bevon Jacobs, Adam Milne, Daryl Mitchell, Will O'Rourke, Glenn Phillips, Rachin Ravindra, Tim Seifert, Ish Sodhi.