

Intensive search continues in J-K to flush out three heavily armed terrorists from Pakistan

**MI News Service, Jammu ;** The intensive search to track down three Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists in a forested area of Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur district continued for the third day on Saturday with heightened aerial surveillance..

According to official sources, a cordon and search operation is also being carried out simultaneously by a joint team of security forces.

A Pakistan-based JeM terrorist was killed in an encounter with security forces on Thursday, while three of his associates remain trapped in the forested area of the Basantgarh belt.

Amid strengthening of the multi-tier cordon, the search operation, widened by the joint operation group, resumed this morning with the use of drones and sniffer dogs, they said.

The cordon has been further strengthened with additional reinforcements to eliminate the remaining terrorists of the group, the sources added.

Inspector General of Police Bhim Sen Tuti said the terrorists are reported to be still within the cordoned off area.He said that out of the four terrorists, one -- the commander of the group -- has been killed.

The group had been tracked for over a year. Two terrorists affiliated with JeM from this group were eliminated in Basantgarh in September last year.

However it is yet to be established that this group was in any way linked with the Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 civilians were killed on April 22 this year .

On Thursday, the four terrorists were found hiding near Karoor Nallah in the Bihali high-altitude belt and were engaged by the joint search party led by the Army's Para Commandos, resulting in an encounter.

One of the terrorists killed in the encounter has been identified as Haider alias Jabbar, code-named Maulvi, from Pakistan.

Supported by overground workers (OGWs), the terrorists had been moving from one place to another using forest cover and natural caves to hide, officials said. Five OGWs have been arrested over the past several months in the belt for providing food and shelter to the terrorists.

It is also believed that a local terrorist, who had returned from Pakistan after several years, is actively supporting the group.

The search by troops led to the recovery of the body of the killed terrorist along with ammunition, explosive material, and cash, the officials said.

Basantgarh lies on a traditional infiltration route used by Pakistani terrorists who enter from the International Border in Kathua and move via the higher reaches to Doda and Kishtwar districts in Jammu region and further into the Kashmir Valley. It has witnessed several encounters and terror incidents in the past.

On April 25, Havaladar Jhantu Ali Shaikh of the Army's 6 PARA was killed in an encounter with terrorists in the Basantgarh area.

On April 9, an encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in the Jopher-Marta belt of Basantgarh in Udhampur district.

On September 11 last year, two terrorists affiliated with JeM were killed in an encounter in the upper reaches of Basantgarh.

A CRPF inspector was killed in another encounter with terrorists at Dudu on August 19, 2024.

On July 11, 2024, the Sang police post in Udhampur's Basantgarh came under attack by terrorists but was foiled by alert cops.

On April 28, 2024, a Village Defence Guard, Mohammad Sharief, was killed in an encounter with terrorists in Basantgarh.

TMC

criticises EC's special revision of electoral roll ‘to bring NRC through backdoor’

**MI News Service, New Delhi :** Describing it as nothing but a “sinister move to bring the National Register of Citizens (NRC) through the backdoor,” Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien on Saturday expressed his strong reservations about the special intensive revision of electoral roll, as announced by the Election Commission.

Questioning the timing of the drive, the Trinamool Congress, at a press conference here today, said all participants of INDIA bloc will take up the issue both inside and outside Parliament during its coming Monsoon session.

The Election Commission last Monday issued instructions to carry out a Special Intensive Revision in Bihar to weed out ineligible names and ensure that all eligible citizens are included in the electoral roll, allowing them to exercise their franchise in the polls slated later this year.

Amid allegations of voter data being fudged to help the BJP, the exercise also introduces complete transparency in the process of addition or deletion of electors in the rolls. The last intensive revision for Bihar was conducted in 2003.

"Why is this exercise being suddenly done right now?" O'Brien asked rhetorically at the press conference.

"We have evidence as to why it is being done now. It is because the latest internal survey of the BJP for

Bengal shows 46-49 seats for the BJP in the state's assembly polls (early next year). In their desperation to attempt to change things you do such things," he claimed.

"It's a sinister move to bring NRC through the backdoor," alleged the TMC Rajya Sabha parliamentary party leader.

He added that INDIA bloc parties will take up the issue both inside and outside Parliament. "We are all on the same page on this. We will not wait for Parliament to start. This cannot wait," O'Brien said.

On Friday, the Communist Party of India (Marxist) wrote to the poll panel on the special intensive revision of electoral rolls in

Bihar and urged it to abandon the exercise. In a letter to Chief Election Commission Gyanesh Kumar, CPI(M) Politburo member Nilotpal Basu stated that while review of electoral rolls is a normal and routine process, the proposals appear to be putting a major part of the responsibility for inclusion or deletion from the electoral rolls is being imposed on the voters themselves.

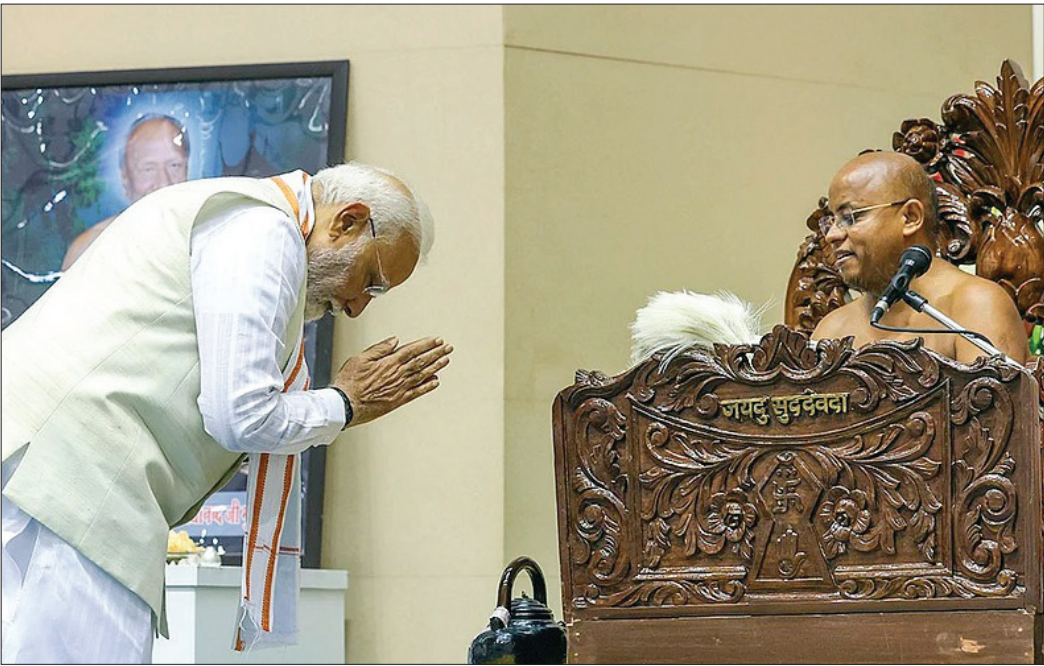
After Bihar, the Election Commission will carry out a similar review of electoral rolls by the end of this year in five states going to polls in 2026.

The terms of the legislative assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West

Bengal are ending in May-June next year.

Incidentally only a couple of days ago West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee also raised the issue during An impromptu press conference in Digha where she had gone to attend the maiden Rath Yatra from the newly constructed Jagannath Temple.

Expressing her strong opposition to the EC's move, she also alleged that it was being done keeping in mind the next year's state assembly elections in Bengal. Doing it prior to the Bihar elections was just a false move, she said and reiterated her commitment to oppose the move unitedly by all opposition parties.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the birth centenary celebrations of Acharya Vidyanand Ji Maharaj, in New Delhi.

India grateful to Rao for effective leadership, says

PM Modi

**MI News Service, New Delhi :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday paid tributes to former prime minister P V Narasimha Rao on his birth anniversary, saying India is grateful to him for his "effective leadership" during a crucial phase of its development trajectory. His intellect, wisdom and scholarly nature are also widely admired, PM Modi said on X.

Rao's premiership during 1991-96 is considered the most defining period in the country's economic journey as, with India facing a serious balance of payment crisis, he unshackled the state control on econ-

omy and opened it to private players. This paved the way for a long era of growth better than what was seen in the past.Incidentally, P.V. Narasimha Rao was given the country's highest civilian honour, Bharat Ratna, posthumously by the Modi government last year.

Bangladesh govt reaffirms commitment to protect minority rights

**MI News Service, Dhaka :** The Interim government in Bangladesh has asserted that it remains “firmly committed to safeguarding the rights of all communities and protecting places of worship but building religious structures on public land is not permissible under any circumstance”. The country's Foreign Ministry's statement on Saturday came a day after India denounced the reported destruction of a Durga temple in Dhaka and stressed the responsibility of Bangladesh's interim government to protect Hindus as well as religious institutions.

The ministry claimed that the temple in Dhaka's Khilkhet area was built on land owned by Bangladesh Railways, and its removal was carried out following due process to recover public land.. the state-run BSS news agency reported. It alleged that the temple started as a makeshift pavilion, with organisers attempting to make the temporary structure permanent despite repeated reminders.

On June 26, Bangladesh Railways proceeded with the "peaceful eviction of all unauthorised structures along the rail track in Khilkhet area," it said. "While the laws of the land ensure full protection to all places of worship without discrimi-

nating against any built-in conformity with law, it is not permissible for any to build any religious structure encroaching public land under any circumstances," the ministry said. "Bangladesh remains firmly committed to safeguarding the rights of all communities, including protection of the places of worship," it added. During a briefing on Friday, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "We understand that extremists were clamouring for demolishing the Durga temple in Khilkhet, 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 today," he said.

"This has resulted in damage to the deity before it was shifted. We are dismayed that such incidents continue to recur in Bangladesh," he added. Jaiswal underlined that it is the responsibility of the interim government of Bangladesh "to protect Hindus, their properties, and religious institutions." The Hindu population in Bangladesh has been affected by a series of incidents against minority communities in the country since August last year and following the ouster of the Shiekh Sahina government.

Over 3 lakh devotees visit Jagannath temple in Digha for Rath Yatra festival

**MI News Service, Digha:** More than three lakh devotees visited the new Jagannath temple in Digha during the maiden Rath Yatra yesterday (on Friday) and the day before, ISKCON Vice-President Radharaman Das said here on Saturday. .

Commenting on the huge response from the people to witness the grand festival of the first Rath Yatra from the

with the job of performing the rituals and puja of the deities - Lord Jagannath, Lord Baladev and Devi Subhadra - in the Digha temple.

"Altogether three lakh pilgrims visited the temple premises on the two days of Netrotsav (the day of the deities getting visited)," Das said on Saturday.

Asked about the expected the daily turnout of pilgrims in the coming



newly constructed Jagannath Temple in this resort town of Purba Medinipur district, the Vice President of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) said over 1.5 lakh people came to visit the temple only yesterday and participated in the grand Rath Yatra which was inaugurated by West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee .

"We are expecting similar rush of visitors even during the 'Ulto Rath' (return car festival) on July 4, he said .

ISKCON is entrusted

week till 'Ulto Rath', he said, "We are expecting 90,000 to one lakh devotees on an average every day."

People are visiting the temple in large number every day since the inauguration, and their number has remained steady every day despite intermittent rains, one of the chief priests said.

All rituals are being performed before the deities now stationed at another temple, considered their Masir Bari (aunt's house), which is around 750 metres from

to be higher by next year."

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inaugurated the temple in Digha on April 30..

Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands of devotees who had gathered to attend the Rath Yatra festival in the newly constructed Jagannath temple in Digha, on Friday stood behind the barricades along the one kilometre procession route as they were not allowed to spill onto the streets to pull the ropes of the chariots in a very

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Gadchiroli district and four talukas in Gondia still remain 'Naxal-dominated', admits Maha Govt

**MI News Service, Mumbai :** The entire Gadchiroli district and four talukas in Gondia remain 'Naxal-infested', according to the Maharashtra government.

The Naxal tag has raised eyebrows as Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis had declared part of Gadchiroli "free of Maoist activities" over five months ago and asserted south Gadchiroli would soon be rid of the Maoist menace.

A government resolution (GR) on Saturday stated that Gondia, Salekasa, Devri, and Arjuni Morgaon talukas in Gondia district and the entire Gadchiroli district in Maharashtra are Naxal-dominated. .

It said the declaration is based on the Central government's list of Naxal-affected areas.

Gadchiroli is often referred to as the last district of Maharashtra as it is on the state's eastern border.

After felicitating C 60 commandos in January,

Fadnavis said Maharashtra will soon become free of Naxal menace given the rise in the number of Maoists laying down their arms and the movement failing to attract recruits.

"Gadchiroli Police almost eradicated Naxal activities in the district. North Gadchiroli is now free of Maoist activities, and south Gadchiroli will soon become free from Naxals," he had told reporters, claiming that the dominance of Naxalites in remote areas of Gadchiroli district was waning.

The government has started the process to make Gadchiroli the "first district" by eliminating the dominance of Maoists, he said.

Meanwhile in another Naxalite affected state of Chattisgarh in a continued anti-Maoist operations of the government ,two hardcore women Maoist leaders were gunned down during a fierce encounter with security forces in ae

forested area of Narayanpur district early on Thursday, police said.

They said following the operation a massive search operation is currently underway in the deep jungle area as security forces intensify their anti-insurgency efforts in a Left-wing insurgency-affected state, where over 100 rebels have been killed so far this year.

A police statement said that a joint team of the elite District Reserve Guard (DRG) and the Special Task Force (STF) launched an anti-Maoist operation in the area on Wednesday following intelligence inputs about the presence of senior cadres from the Maoists' Maad division in the locality. The encounter started at night inside the forest under Kohkameta police station limits in the Abhujmaad area. "So far, bodies of two women Maoists along

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Chinese flight makes emergency landing

**MI News Service, Beijing :** A Chinese domestic flight made an emergency landing on Friday after experiencing an "aircraft malfunction", with passengers reporting loud noises and a foul smell in the plane.

A Shandong Airlines flight from Qingdao to Shanghai experienced an "aircraft malfunction" and the crew diverted to an airport in Nanjing after handling the situation in accordance with procedures to ensure passenger safety, the airline said in a social media post. Flight SC4667 was forced to make an emergency landing in Nanjing, it said. "All af-

fectured passengers have been properly accommodated, and another aircraft has been dispatched to operate subsequent flights," the post said.

A user claiming to have been on board the flight said in a social media post that something appeared to have been sucked into the aircraft's left engine while it was cruising, Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported on Saturday. "Terrifying," the user wrote. "There were a few loud bangs, then the plane started shaking side to side by about 10 degrees, with a burnt smell that lasted for five to 10 minutes."

Investment depression inevitable consequence of Modi govt's policies , alleges Cong

**MI News Service, New Delhi :** Once again coming down heavily on the Narendra Modi government, the main opposition Congress on Saturday alleged that the country's economic and investment growth is not only sluggish but nosedived due to its "policies of suppression and oppression" for the part one decade. In a post on X, Congress General Secretary, communications and a strong critic of Prime minister Modi, Jairam Ramesh said for faulty economic policies India's financial growth "stubbornly refuses" to accelerate at the desired and perfectly feasible rate. The most important reason for this failure,

he claimed, is that private corporate investment continues to remain sluggish in spite of the generous tax cuts in September 2019 and the production-linked incentive cash handouts.

Ramesh further stated the Modi Government's own survey indicates that private sector capital expenditure may well be 25 per cent lower in 2025-26 as compared to the previous year.

"Informed analysts have opined that while banks are willing to lend, companies are unwilling to borrow since the investment environment is not seen to be

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## Meensou India Pvt Ltd organized a workshop on mangrove conservation

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Meensou India Pvt Ltd organized a workshop on mangrove conservation and protection of coastal ecosystems at Kolkata Alipore Taj Bengal on 25th July, 25. The Chief Guest was Hon-ourable Minister of Sundarban Affairs, Govt of West Bengal, Shri Bankim Chandra Hazra. He emphasized on the importance of mangrove conservation citing examples of the state governments efforts in the same specially related to Sundarbans Ecosphere. Shri Shrimanto Kumar Mali, Sahakari Sabhadhipati, Zilla Parishad, South 24 Parganas, Shri Kedar Kumar Swain, (IFS), EX CFF, Odisha, Shri Stephane Tromlin, Head of Project Development at Eco Act & Dr Diana Cisneros, Mangrove Expert at Eco Act were notable figures who addressed the session CEO & MD of Meensou India Private Limited



Mr. Soumya Pradhan discussed the concept of Blue Carbon and the ongoing efforts to restore mangrove ecosystems, with a focus on a 400-hectare mangrove plantation project. He emphasized that the project is not just about planting trees but is part of a broader nature-based solution and community development initiative. There was a slide show presentation on the Sundari Project by a mangrove expert, Dr. Madhushudan Paul. There was a panel discussion on the subject with community representatives moderated by Dr. Madhusudan Paul – wherein – Mr. Raj Prakash Jana, Sonchalok, Rudranagar Panchayat and Mr. Saral Das, Sonchalok, Moushuni Panchayat. The event witnessed attendance of multiple gram panchayat members from the region.

### Distribution of educational materials by "Dan"

Nurul Islam Khan

Various educational materials were distributed among the students of Muratipur Primary School in Kalyani by the "Dan" organization. Arrangements were made to provide notebooks, pens, scales, pencils, rubbers, pencil cutters and brushes to more than a hundred students in the program. This organization has been working for several years. The headmistress of the school, Rita Mondal, welcomed this program of the "Dan" organization and said that it will create an enthusiasm among the



students. Farooq Ahmed, Office Coordinator of the Chemistry Department of Kalyani University and Researcher of the History Department, hailed this auspicious initiative and said, "In the future, this organization will come forward to do a lot of work for the welfare of the people." Subrata Ranjan Dhara, Researcher of the Chemistry Department of Kalyani University, the organizer of the organization, congratulated this process at the educational materials distribution program. It is known that various educational materials have been distributed keeping in mind the need to help students in this extremely backward area. Everyone's help is known to have made this initiative a success.

### Jewellery theft sparks political storm, TMC alleges Bengal BJP leader's involvement, link to Sukanta Majumdar

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** A theft incident in Odisha has snowballed into a political controversy in Bengal, with the Trinamool Congress launching a scathing attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) after CCTV footage allegedly showed a BJP leader from Nadia district involved in the crime. The incident involves the theft of jewellery worth approximately 25 lakh from a shop in Odisha, allegedly committed by Somnath Sahu, a BJP leader from Habibpur in West Bengal's Nadia district. According to Trinamool Congress, CCTV footage from the jewellery store in Odisha captures Somnath Sahu red-handed during the act of theft. He was reportedly apprehended shortly afterward and handed over to the local police.



1-(L-R) Aroop Biswas, Minister of Sports, Government of West Bengal, Prasanta Banerjee, Footballer, Sourav Ganguly, Former Captain, Indian Cricket Team, Sujit Bose, MoS, Fire and Emergency Services, Government of West Bengal and Sankar Mandal, Proprietor, Deep Prakashan at the Launch of the 'Majhmather Rajpat' an autobiography of Footballer Prasanta Banerjee.

## Barisha Shanti Sangha sets the stage for a majestic Kali Puja

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Barisha Shanti Sangha marked the beginning of its 76th Shyama Puja preparations with the traditional Khuti Pujo held on the auspicious day of Rathayatra, heralding the start of months-long festive preparations. This year's creative direction is being led by Manas Das, with the idol being sculpted by Saikat Basu, promising an artistic and thematic splendour. Among those associated with the organising committee are president Dr. Rabindranath Barman, secretaries Dr. Sougata Banerjee and Gourab Sen-



gupta. The occasion was further graced by the presence of Kolkata Municipal Corporation representatives Sudip Polley (Ward 123), Chhanda Sarkar (Ward 125), and Ghanasree Bagh (Ward 126). Members of the club also turned out in good numbers, lending their enthusiastic support and camaraderie to this auspicious beginning. Media personality Tapash Roy, present on the occasion, remarked that "Every year, Shanti Sangha amazes South Kolkata Kalipujohoppers with their innovative themes, and this year will be no different."

## Mother arrest after killing her 6 month old son, body recovers from septic tank

**MI News Service, Kalyani :** A woman staged kidnapping drama after murder her infant son, police recovered infant's body and arrest mother. In a deeply disturbing incident that has sent shockwaves across Nadia district of West Bengal, a six-month-old infant was allegedly killed by his own mother, who then attempted to cover up the crime by claiming the child had been kidnapped. The incident occurred on Friday evening in Saguna area under the jurisdiction of Kalyani police station. The accused, identified as Rupa Ghosh (25), reportedly strangled her infant son and later disposed of his body in the septic tank of their house. After committing the crime, Rupa began crying loudly, claiming that her baby had been stolen from the house. Alarmed by her distress, neighbors gathered and joined in a frantic search. When their efforts proved futile, the family approached the police. Kalyani police officers began interrogating family



members, including Rupa. According to Police Officer Joy Das, the inconsistencies in Rupa's statements led to suspicion. After sustained questioning, Rupa confessed to the murder and led police to the septic tank, where the infant's body was recovered. The body was sent to Kalyani JNM Hospital for post-mortem. Rupa has been arrested and charged with murder. Her husband, Somnath Ghosh, who was not home at the time of the incident, expressed shock. He said, "She became irritable after our son was born. I cannot comprehend why she would do something so cruel." Neighbors, however, claimed that the couple had frequent domestic quarrels and that

marital discord had been an ongoing issue. Many are questioning whether such personal conflict led to the heinous crime — or if the mother was suffering from undiagnosed mental illness. Police Investigation is underway and a Police sources said that they were investigating all possible motives, including postpartum depression or other psychological factors. "It's a tragic case. We are taking expert consultation to understand the mother's mental condition," said the police officer. The incident has sparked wider conversation on the lack of mental health awareness, especially among new mothers, and the role of domestic instability. Local NGOs and child welfare activists have called for immediate support structures for vulnerable women. "This is not just a criminal act, it's a symptom of a deeper societal failure. We need stronger intervention systems, before such tragedies occur," a social worker said.

## HAM Radio Club helps in returning missing boy to his home

**MI News Service, Nadia:** HAM Radio, West Bengal Radio Club, like a few previous cases, again helped in returning a missing boy to his home, said Ambarish Bag Biswas, Secretary of the said club. While all but a 14 year old boy went missing from Ranaghat Dhantala in Nadia, was rescued by Bongaon Police in North 24 Pgs. returned home in cooperation with the HAM Radio Club. Isaf Mondal (13) of Rajapur - Panchberia village under Dhantala PS in Nadia went to Dhantala Doula from home to his aunt's house. He went there by cycling, a distance of around 5 km. However, on Thursday the Bongaon police rescued him as he was loitering hither and thither. He lost path while went out to travel. "The boy is a little lunatic and his treatment goes on," his father Sekendar Mondal said. He was perplexed for the mental issues of his son. So, when police asked him on his whereabouts he failed to intimate properly. Isaf only could say his father's name and named the places like 'Dhantala, Rajapur, Panchberia'. The area is under Ranaghat Sub Division in Nadia. According to HAM Radio, West Bengal Radio Club Secretary Ambarish Nag Biswas, the Bongaon police sought his help in finding his address. Ambarish Nag Biswas contacted one Sanjay Mallick in Dhan-



tala and requested to look into if there was any 'Missing Diary' with Dhantala Police. But there was no such 'Diary' for a child very recently. Later on, it came to the knowledge that even his father was unaware that Isaf was missing. The boy used to move to many places on cycle. About a fortnight back he went to the home of one of their relatives at Krishnanagar Na-para on cycle. After returning home from there, within a few days he went to the home of aunt at Dhantala Doula by cycling. From there he went out for cycling and lost his path. So, he was roaming like a vagabond and Bongaon police caught him. However, as was told by

Bongaon police to try to search out the address of the rescued boy, Ambarish Nag Biswas contacted Sanjay Mallick, Sub Divisional Disaster Management Officer, Ranaghat and Nodal Officer of Child Marriage Tracking, Ranaghat, under West Bengal Child Marriage Reporting and Tracking System (CMRTS), to try to track down the address. Sanjay Mallick said, "As the boy had uttered Rajapur Panchberia, I informed my volunteers, a bike force, to look into the matter. Simultaneously, I contacted the local BDO office and local political leaders. Meanwhile, I received a photograph of the said boy from Nag Biswas. After getting photograph, gradually it came to know that the boy is famous for truant from home time to time. However, his father was contacted and the issue was solved." It came to light that some days back, he ran away from home and was caught by GRP Baharampur. Subsequently, he was sheltered in the Baharampur Home. Later on knowing it, his father brought him back home through legal proceedings. However, the boy was rescued and safely reached to the hand of the family for the active help of Bongaon Police and HAM Radio Club. He has been staying in the home of his aunt at Dhantala Doula.

### Humayun Kabir demands Kartik Maharaj's Padma Shri be revoked

**MI News Service, Murshidabad:** Bharatpur MLA and senior Trinamool Congress leader Humayun Kabir has called for the immediate withdrawal of the Padma Shri award conferred on Kartik Maharaj of Beldanga, following grave allegations of rape and forced abortion leveled against him by a woman. The complaint, lodged last Thursday night at the Navagram police station, accuses Kartik Maharaj — a monk associated with the Bharat Sevashram Sangha — of sexually assaulting the complainant multiple times between January and June 2013. According to the woman, she had gone to Chanak Adivasi Residential School seeking employment, where Kartik Maharaj allegedly promised her a teaching position. She was allowed to stay in a room on the fifth floor of the ashram, where the abuse reportedly occurred. The complaint further alleges that the victim was taken to the Beldanga ashram, where she was raped repeatedly, leading to a pregnancy. Under pressure from Kartik Maharaj, she claims she was forced to undergo an abortion.



In protest against the recent gang rape incident at South Kolkata Law College, the Rishra Town Congress will submit a deputation to the Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Rishra Police Station in Hooghly district. Earlier, a protest and demonstration were held in front of Rishra Police Station, led by Congress leaders Brahmdev Ravidas, Shakeel Ansari, and others, demanding strict punishment for the perpetrators. A large number of local Congress leaders, party workers, and supporters participated in the demonstration.

## Prasanta Banerjee's autobiography 'Majhmather Rajpat' unveiled

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Deep Prakashan, along with Smriti Sengupta Foundation, today, released their new book, Majhmather Rajpat, the autobiography of the famous Indian mid-fielder, Prasanta Banerjee. The book was launched in the presence of Sourav Ganguly, Former Captain, Indian Cricket Team & Former President, BCCI, Firhad Hakim, Cabinet Minister of Urban Development & Municipal Affairs & Housing, Government of West Bengal and Mayor of Kolkata, Aroop Biswas, Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Power and Housing, Government of West Bengal, Sujit Bose, Minister of State, Fire & Emergency Services, Government of West Bengal. The book is a compelling narrative rich with anecdotes, personal memories

and sharp observations on the evolution of Indian football. It offers a re-counting of sports history, but with a personal touch, written by one who was there when the history was made. "Through the pages of Majhmather Rajpat, I have revisited moments of achievements and adversities, memories that held onto friendships, rivalry and my passion for football. I hope this book will inspire the next generation to have big ambitions, remain humble and never lose heart for their passions. Drafting this book was like an emotional rollercoaster for me," said Prasanta Banerjee. Majhmather Rajpat, published by Deep Prakashan is priced at Rs 350/- and will be available across retail book shops and various online platforms.

## Heroin Worth Rs.6 Crore Seized, 2 Arrested

**MI News Service, Nadia:** In a major breakthrough, cops from Palashipara Police Station in Nadia district seized over 7.5 kilograms of heroin, estimated to be worth approximately Rs. 6 crore in the international market. Two individuals were arrested during the late-night operation. Acting on a tip-off, police conducted a raid near the Potarpara bus stand early on Saturday. Two suspicious individuals were found loitering in the area. Upon questioning, the duo provided inconsistent answers, prompting a search



of the plastic bags in their possession. The search led to the recovery of 7.509 kg of heroin. The accused have been identified as

Sirajul Sheikh and Abdullah Sheikh, residents of Bara - naldaha area. Preliminary investigation suggests they were await-

ing a contact to hand over the contraband. Notably, this seizure comes just days after a similar bust in the same area, where heroin worth Rs.3 crore was recovered and one person arrested. Police believe Sirajul Sheikh was already under the radar in connection with that case. Investigators suspect links between the two incidents and are exploring the possibility of a larger drug trafficking network operating in the region. Both accused were produced before court on Saturday, and police sought for their custody for further inter-

## Missing 3 Nadia schoolboys rescued from Digha

**MI News Service, Nadia:** Police rescued 3 missing Nadia schoolboys from Digha in Purba Midnapore on Saturday, Siddharth Dhapola, Additional SP, Ranaghat police district (HQ) in Nadia said. The 3 boy students of class nine of Anjanagar High School in Nadia's Taherpur went missing after coming to school on Thursday. They went missing from 4.30 pm. The 3 students were Sudipta Mondal, resident of Badkulla Anjanagar, Akash Roy of Badkulla Gangni, both under the jurisdiction of Taherpur PS and Trishan Sarkar of Arbandi Ballavpur under Shantipu PS. They left



school premises at 4.30 pm. and did not return home. Their guardians subsequently reported the matter to the Headmaster of the school. The HM informed police. Upon receipt of the information, Taherpur Police Station responded promptly by

alerting the GRP Police and police stations in neighboring districts. Investigations were immediately initiated, including both forward and backward linkages. Local enquiries revealed that the missing students were planning to travel to

Digha, and accordingly, an alert was issued to the local police station in Digha. Based on the written complaint of the Headmaster, Mr. Supratip Roy, a specific case was started at Taherpur PS under relevant sections. Subsequently, all three boys were successfully rescued from Digha on Friday. They were produced before the Superintendent of the Children's Home for Boys at Patabuka Fish Market, Karimpur, Nadia on Saturday afternoon following all due legal procedures. Police officials stated that further counselling and interaction with the minors and their families would

## 11 injured, snakebites adds to stampede horror at 250-year-old Chariot festival

**MI News Service, East Medinipur:** A sacred tradition turned into a scene of chaos on Sunday as at least eleven people were injured during the pulling of the historic 250-year-old Mahishadal chariot in West Bengal's East Medinipur district. Among the injured, two are reported to be in critical condition and have been shifted to Tamluk Medical College and hospital. In a bizarre and alarming twist, one of the injured was also bitten by a snake during the commotion. The annual Rath Yatra, which draws large crowds to Mahisadal, was marred by a series of unfortunate

events. Continuous rainfall had left ground muddy and slippery. As the massive crowd attempted to pull the chariot through the waterlogged streets, people began to slip, leading to minor stampede. Witnesses said the congestion worsened when some participants fell into on top of them. Most of the injured are reported to be women. In a particularly shocking incident, a woman who fell during the chaos reportedly being rushed to Basulia Rural Hospital officials later transferred two critically injured person to Tamluk Medical college for further treatment.



Over 3 lakh devotees...

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All the three chariots disciplined and coordinated manner. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who reached Digha on Wednesday to oversee the celebration preparations, chaired a high-level preparatory meeting on Thursday with the Jagannath Temple Trust Committee, Digha Sankarpur Development Authority (DSDA) officials, police, and ISKCON members to finalise the security and management arrangements for the grand procession.

"We cannot allow people to descend on the streets to pull the chariots, as there could be chaos. But they will have the opportunity to touch those ropes from behind the barricades," Mamata Banerjee said.

She inspected the chariot dimensions and the one km yatra route from Gate No. 7 to Gate No. 3 where the chariot were to move ensuring their smooth passage and hassle free crowd control.

She was accompanied by state ministers Arup Biswas, Indranil Sen, Chandrima Bhattacharya, Sujit Bose, and Snehashis Chakraborty, and the vice-chairman of West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (WBHIDCO).

"Follow this route. Everything has to be smooth and helpful for the people," CM told Director General of Police (DGP) Rajeev Kumar.

While the ceremonial rituals at the temple began sharply at 9 am in the morning, the chariot procession began its journey at 2.30 pm after Mamata Banerjee swept the path with a golden broom, donated by her from her personal account.

Gadchiroli district and...

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with two INSAS rifles and a .315 bore rifle have been recovered from the spot," the statement added.

There have been a series of anti-Maoist operations in Chhattisgarh as part of the Union government's target to end Left-wing insurgency by March 31, 2026. In 2024, 219 Maoists were killed in Chhattisgarh, compared to 22 in 2023 and 30 in 2022.

Narayanpur, Bastar, Dantewada, Bijapur, Kanker, Kondagaon, and Sukma in Chhattisgarh's Bastar division are known as the epicenter of Maoist insurgency. Thousands of forces have been deployed there for the anti-Maoist operations in what is known as the "Red Corridor" to push back rebels, take over their hideouts in forests and cripple their fortifications.

Meanwhile, in another incident in Jammu and Kashmir an encounter took place between security forces and some terrorists in the Kuru area of Basantgarh in Udhampur district on Thursday, just a week ahead of the Amarnath Yatra.

The security forces shared the information about the encounter, code-named Operation Bihali, saying that the action is currently underway in an area after which the operation is named. The encounter took place during a joint operation by the Army and police.

"Op BIHALI. Based on specific intelligence, a joint operation was launched by #IndianArmy and #JmuKmrPolice in the Bihali area of #Basantgarh. Contact has been established with #terrorists. The #operation is currently in progress," the White Knight Corps said in a post on the social media platform X on Thursday.

The latest encounter occurred just a week before the start of the Amarnath Yatra, which is scheduled to begin on July 3. A large number of pilgrims are expected to throng the Amarnath cave shrine in the coming days during the Yatra.

Investment depression...

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conducive to expansion. "Growing demand creates a climate for investment", he said adding there are undoubtedly global uncertainties but within India, it is clear that demand growth is being held back because of stagnant wages, a distorted GST structure, and sharpening of inequalities."

in the post Jairam Ramesh also said that amid a widespread consumption slowdown, "there is no systematic incentive for corporates to invest in the creation of additional capacity".

The Congress General Secretary felt that investment is as much a financial decision as it is influenced by psychological factors.

"These factors have come into greater prominence because of the havoc created by tax terrorism, the gaming of the system by a favoured few,



and a feeling of fear and insecurity in the larger corporate world.

"Ultimately, the investment depression is the inevitable consequence of the Modi government's policies of suppression and oppression," Ramesh alleged.

West Bengal tops in women-led MSMEs, highlights strong growth and empowerment

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** West Bengal has emerged as the leading state in India for women-led Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The state boasts over 9.3 million entrepreneurial ventures in this sector, marking a significant milestone in inclusive industrial growth. This achievement was highlighted by Rajesh Pandey, Principal Secretary of the Department of MSME and Textiles, Government of West Bengal, during an event in Kolkata celebrating International MSME Day, organised by FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) under its initiative Focus on Innovation, Knowledge, and Research.

Addressing the gathering on Friday, Pandey elaborated on the strength of the MSME ecosystem in the state, noting that the government is actively promoting cluster-based development, Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI), and artisan empowerment as key pillars for growth. "In the past decade, the state has witnessed a compound annual growth rate of 22% in MSME credit disbursement. This year, the total lending in this sector is projected to surpass 2 lakh crore," he stated.

The seminar, titled "Empowering MSMEs for a Resilient Future", was hosted by FICCI's West Bengal State Council in collaboration with the FICCI Center for Sustainability Leadership. The event brought together key stakeholders from industry and government to discuss strategies for strengthening the MSME ecosystem.

Barbara Voss, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Kolkata, spoke extensively on the importance of supporting women-led MSMEs. She emphasized fostering Indo-German cooperation and knowledge exchange to nurture a more dynamic and forward-looking MSME landscape.

R.K. Chajjer, Chairman of FICCI's MSME Committee, West Bengal, and Girish Luthra, President of FICCI-CMSME, also shared insights on strategies to further empower MSMEs in the state. Both leaders underlined the importance of sustained policy support, innovation, and capacity-building initiatives to enhance competitiveness and resilience.

As MSMEs continue to be the backbone of India's economic structure, West Bengal's focused efforts in inclusivity, financial support, and sustainability are setting benchmarks for others to follow.

Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry organised MCCI MSME Conference 2025



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry organised MCCI MSME Conference 2025 on World MSME Day, 27 June at Hotel Hindustan International, Kolkata. Theme of the Conference is "Driving Growth for MSMEs: Taking the Leap Forward". The Conference would bring together industry experts, policymakers and MSME stakeholders, in manufacturing, services and trading sector to deliberate on strategies towards empowerment and growth of the MSME sector. Rajesh Pandey, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of MSME & Textiles, Govt. of West Bengal was the Chief Guest. While delivering his thoughts in Special Valedictory Session on "Driving Growth for MSMEs: Taking the Leap Forward", he said that this year the theme of the World MSME Day focuses 3 key sector including empowerment, sustainability and growth. To empower MSMEs, Pandey mentioned that MSMEs need to register at UDYAM portal. In West Bengal only 44 lakh MSMEs have UDYAM Registration among 93 lakhs. While discussing on credit facilities to MSME, he further mentioned that in West Bengal, credit extend to has MSMEs has increased from 1 lakh 83 Cr. To 2 Lakh Cr. over the year. Pandey informed that Kolkata Leader Park accumulates 80% of leader exports in India. The State Government identifies 15 locations for SHG & Artesian Mall. The State Government requests private sector to join the initiative via PPP model. West Bengal has 30 products which already have GI.

Lastly, Pandey mentioned, the Government of West Bengal is working closely with World Bank to promote MSMEs and start-ups in the State. He requested to chamber to create incubation centres for start-ups to help them to grow. In Inaugural Session, Prof. (Dr.) Abhirup Sarkar, Chairman, West Bengal Small Industries Development Corpn. Ltd. and Chairman, WBIDFC addressed as Guest of Honour. In his address he said that MSME has huge role to play in economic growth in West Bengal. The West Bengal is the second largest MSME hubs in West Bengal. He highlighted a comparative study between West Bengal and Kerala where he pointed out that during industrialisation in 1990, West Bengal had focused on big ticket investment where Kerala had invested on small and medium enterprises. For long run growth, investment in small units always has big impact on economy. While discussing on difficulties of MSMEs of West Bengal, Dr. Sarakar mentioned that labour productivity and return from capital is low in the State. For long term growth, first the State needs to improve effective human capital. To ensure better human capital, West Bengal needs to emphasis on quality of education for future workforce. Dr. Anupam Gayen, GM & Zonal Head, National Small Industries Corporation, Sukesh Talwar, Zonal Head-East, Small Business Banking Group, IndusInd Bank Ltd., Shiladitya Basu, Vice President, Hindcon Chemicals Ltd. also addressed the Inaugural

Mintu Pal sets global milestone with 18 Durga idols exported abroad in a single year

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Renowned sculptor Mintu Pal, the artisan behind the monumental 100-foot reclining Buddha statue in Bodhi Gaya—a site that draws visitors from across the globe—has etched another remarkable chapter in his illustrious career. This year, Pal has set a new precedent in Bengal's idol-making history: 18 of his handcrafted Durga idols are being shipped overseas for worship, a record-breaking feat that Kumartuli artisans consider unparalleled for a single artist in a single year. The Idols, meticulously crafted in Kumartuli's famed workshops, will be featured in Durga Pujas across continents—including Australia, Poland, the U.S., Canada, Dubai, Thailand, Singapore, Spain, and more. According to Mintu Pal, a total of 26 idols—including Durga, Kali, Lakshmi, and araswati—are set for international destinations this season. Already, 14 have flown out, with four more Durga idols awaiting dispatch.



Congress Chhatra Parishad blocks road outside South Calcutta Law College demanding justice over rape incident — voices raised, tricolours held high, and outrage echoed on the streets, in Kolkata.

Bratya Basu seeks detailed report in South Calcutta Law College incident

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Serious questions are being raised about campus safety following a disturbing incident at South Calcutta Law College, where a female student was allegedly dragged into a room despite the presence of the vice-principal and security guards. The shocking episode has triggered intense scrutiny of security measures in educational institutions, drawing widespread criticism and prompting a strong reaction from the state's Education Department.

Education Minister Bratya Basu issued a statement expressing his deep concern and dismay. "I am shocked and deeply saddened. Such an incident within a college campus is absolutely unacceptable," he said. The minister has demanded an immediate report on the matter from the college authorities.

The Department of Higher Education has sought clarification regarding the apparent lapse in security. The college has been instructed to convene an urgent Governing Body meeting, scheduled for Monday, to assess the situation. Additionally, the need for increased security personnel is under consideration.

Meanwhile, the ruling party has emphasized that arrests have been made without bias or political consideration. Leaders from the party have also urged for the prompt enactment of the Aparajita Bill, aimed at strengthening the legal framework to protect women on campuses.

Weather office issues fresh alerts for severe weather conditions in South Bengal

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The monsoon has arrived ahead of schedule, making its presence unmistakably felt over the past few days. The Alipore Meteorological Department has now confirmed that the monsoon is fully active across the region. However, what follows this declaration is a more ominous warning—the forecast of further inclement weather, potentially escalating into disaster.

As June draws to a close, the weather office has issued a cautionary statement predicting intensified rainfall across South Bengal. A new low-pressure system is forming over the Bay of Bengal, which is expected to significantly enhance monsoon activity. The cumulative impact of persistent monsoonal showers and the approaching depression could result in extensive flooding across the region. Already this week, several districts have experienced heavy downpours. Kolkata and its adjoining areas have been lashed by near-daily showers. From Saturday through to the coming Wednesday, forecasts predict heavy to extremely heavy rainfall across large swathes of South Bengal. In light of this, an orange alert has been issued, particularly for the coastal belts and the western districts. Adding to the concern is a cyclonic circulation originating over Bangladesh, which could contribute to continuous rainfall throughout Saturday. The persistent wet spell is raising serious fears of renewed flooding in areas already affected by waterlogging and inundation. In fact, regions such as Ghatal and Chandrakona experienced flood-like situations just last week.

EC to issue show-cause notices to eight dormant political parties

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Over the past six years, a series of new political parties have emerged across West Bengal. However, these parties have exhibited minimal or no political activity following their registration—neither participating in elections nor engaging in public outreach or advocacy. In light of this concerning inactivity, the Election Commission of India is now set to initiate show-cause proceedings against eight such political entities.

In a directive recently issued from New Delhi to the State Election Commission, it was highlighted that these eight parties, formed between 2019 and 2025, have remained virtually inactive. None of them have contested any elections, organized political events, or maintained visibility in the media. This raises fundamental questions about their legitimacy and relevance as recognized political organizations. The State Election Commission has been instructed to formally seek explanations from each of these parties. They are to be asked why they have remained politically dormant and whether they possess any concrete plans for future political engagement. The Commission has also been tasked with thoroughly examining their documentation, and, if necessary, recommending the cancellation of their registration as political parties.

The dormant parties in question are scattered across various districts of West Bengal, including one party each from North and South 24 Parganas, two from Birbhum, two from Kolkata, one from Murshidabad, and one from Uttar Dinajpur. Some of the names that have surfaced include the All India Tofsil United Party from North 24 Parganas, the Bharatiya New Democratic Party from South 24 Parganas, BanchitaSwaraj Party and Indian Democratic Congress from Birbhum, the Moolnivasi Party of India from Murshidabad, and the Banglar-Bikashbadi Congress from Uttar Dinajpur. The names of the two parties from Kolkata have not yet been disclosed.

Despite legally registering their names through due process, these groups have shown no tangible democratic or civic engagement. Their continued silence and inactivity have now prompted serious questions regarding their existence and purpose as political entities. The Election Commission's latest move underscores its intent to uphold the integrity and accountability of the political process in the state.

Durgapur Bridge to remain shut for 52 hours for load test and structural reinforcement

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** One of South Kolkata's busiest arterial connectors—the Durgapur Bridge, also known as the Derozio Bridge—will remain completely closed to traffic for nearly 52 hours started from Saturday at 2 PM until Monday at 6 AM. The Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA) announced that this closure is essential to conduct a comprehensive "load test" as part of a wider structural health assessment initiative ordered by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

This pre-emptive maintenance exercise comes in the wake of the Chief Minister's announcement in the recent Assembly session regarding safety inspections of all bridges across the state. As part of that directive, expert engineers will carry out intricate structural evaluations on the Durgapur Bridge to determine its endurance and safety, especially after past damage.

The Durgapur Bridge serves as a crucial lifeline, connecting New Alipore to Chetla and facilitating faster access to densely populated areas like Behala. However, concerns arose after a fire incident last December compromised a section of the bridge. The blaze caused significant damage to the concrete and surface structures, making parts of the bridge brittle. KMDA officials noted that they would reinforce damaged girders using the "carbon wrapping" method—a specialized process that is both time-consuming and technically intensive.

A senior KMDA official, speaking on condition of anonymity, stated, "We need 40 to 52 hours of complete closure not only to perform the load test but also to assess fire-induced damage and begin essential strengthening work."

With the bridge out of service, traffic congestion is anticipated on alternative routes. According to Southeast Kolkata Traffic Guard officials, although the Majerhat Bridge will remain operational, other nearby routes such as Dhanadhanya and Jirat bridges will be inaccessible. Major traffic diversions have been planned. Northbound vehicles will be rerouted from New Alipore Traffic Island, while southbound traffic will be diverted at Alipore Road and GobindaAuddy Road crossings. Additional police personnel will be deployed in high-traffic zones like Tollygunge Circular Road to manage congestion.



**Name Change**  
I, Tasmina Begam Mondal (old name) D/O Nasiruddin Mullick, residing at 1 No Moukhali Mondal Para, Jagacha, Gip Colony, Howrah- 711112, in the state of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tasmina Mondal (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/06/2025. Tasmina Mondal (new name) and Tasmina Begam Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Hasan Ali Khan S/O- Kalam Khan resident of Vill-Dhajnaryanpur, P.O.- Balitha, P.S.- Kotulpur, Dist-Bankura, West Bengal, PIN-722141, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'HASEN ALI KHAN' vide an affidavit before the Notary public at Purba Bardhaman on 27/06/2025. That Hasan Ali Khan and Hasen Ali Khan both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Champa Dey, wife of Late Sankar Dey, daughter of Late Gopal Chandra Mondal, residing at 44, Iswari Nagar Road, Amabagaan Colony, P.O.- Halisahar, P.S.- Halisahar, District- North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, do hereby declare that before my marriage I was known as Gita Mondal. After marriage, I am known as Champa Dey. Both names refer to one and the same person.Affidavit sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Barrackpore on 28/06/2025 to establish the above.

**Name Change**  
I, Purnima Biswas, wife of Late Aloke Kumar Biswas, daughter of Late Gopal Chandra Mondal, residing at 1/1, Barada Kanta Road, PO & PS-Ghughudanga, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, do hereby declare that I was previously known as Rita Mondal. That as per affidavit sworn before the Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Barrackpore on 18.05.2023, I have changed my name from Rita Mondal to Purnima Biswas after marriage. Both names refer to one and the same person—myself.

**Name Change**  
I, Sulekha Mondal, W/o Jagannath Mondal, D/o Gopal Mondal, resident of Vill & P.O. Brindabanpur, P.S. Rajapur, Dist. Howrah, declare that my name in school records appear as Mita Mondal. That Sulekha Mondal D/o Gopal Mondal, and Mita Mondal D/o Gopal Chandra Mondal of above addressed is same and one identical person. Affidavit sworn on 29.05.2023 before Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Uluberia Court to rectify the above.Both names refer to the same person.I shall henceforth be known as Sulekha Mondal.

**Name Change**  
I, Hafiz Khan, S/o, Nashar Khan, residing at B.B. Bys Lane, P.O.-Telinpara, P.S.- Bhadrassar, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin-712125, W.B. do hereby solemnly affirm that My father's actual name Nashar Khan instead of Nesar Khan and Nisar Khan before the Court of Judicial Magistrate,1st Class at Chandannagar date 23.05. 2025.That Nashar Khan, Nesar Khan & Nisar Khan all are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sheikh Jahangir Ali, S/O Sheikh asgar Ali Residing at 43A, Gardner Lane, Entally, Kolkata-700014 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that My daughter Jemima Parvin in her birth certificate From Udang-III gram panchayat,Amta,Howrah Reg no.33/2004 date of registration 03.03.2004 my name has been wrongly recorded as Sk Jahangir instead of Sheikh Jahangir Ali vide affidavit before the Court of LD 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta date 26.06.2025.That Sheikh Jahangir Ali and Sk. Jahangir both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sheikh Jahangir Ali, S/O Sheikh asgar Ali Residing at 43A, Gardner Lane, Entally, Kolkata-700014 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that My daughter Jubifa Perveen in her birth certificate From Kolkata Municipal Corporation (Reg no./J06/2010/00496) date of registration 12.03.2010 my name has been wrongly recorded as Sk Jahangir Ali instead of Sheikh Jahangir Ali vide affidavit before the Court of LD 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta date 26.06.2025. That Sheikh Jahangir Ali and Sk. Jahangir Ali both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sheikh Jahangir Ali, S/O Sheikh asgar Ali Residing at 43A, Gardner Lane, Entally, Kolkata-700014 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that My daughter Tahani Perveen in her birth certificate From Kolkata municipal corporation (Reg no./07/2011/05649) date of registration 20.10.2011 my name has been wrongly recorded as Sk Jahangir Ali instead of Sheikh Jahangir Ali vide affidavit before the Court of LD 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta date 26.06.2025. That Sheikh Jahangir Ali and Sk. Jahangir Ali both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sk. Jahangir Ali, S/O Sheikh asgar Ali Residing at 43A, Gardner Lane, Entally, Kolkata-700014 do hereby changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sheikh Jahangir Ali vide affidavit before the Court of LD 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta date 26.06.2025. That Sk. Jahangir Ali and Sheikh Jahangir Ali both are same and one identical person.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Pawan Jhunjhunwala, S/o Motilal Gupta, R/O-E/8,24/1, Danesh Si Lane, P.S.:Sankrail, Dist.: Howrah- 711109, shall be known as Pawan Kumar Jhunjhunwala, changed by affidavit Executive Magistrate, Howrah Court, Dated-04.06.2025. Pawan Jhunjhunwala & Pawan Kumar Jhunjhunwala is the same & identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Chaman Ara (old name) D/O Md Nasiruddin, residing at 495/2, molla Bagan Lane, P.S.- Rajabagan, Kolkata- 700024, in the state of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chaman Ara Begum (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/06/2025. Chaman Ara Begum (new name) and Chaman Ara (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Gautam Ghosh (old name) S/O Dulal Chandra Ghosh, residing at 150, Rabi Kiran Dhan Road, Uttartarpa Kotrung, Hooghly, Pin-712232, in the state of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Gautam Kumar Ghosh (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/06/2025. Gautam Kumar Ghosh (new name) and Gautam Ghosh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Naveen Todi (Old Name), son of Om Prakash Todi, residing at 4F, South City Villa 61/2, Basant Lal Saha Road, Kela Bagan, South City Garden, New Alipore, Kolkata-700053, W.B, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Naveen Kumar Todi (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 26/06/2025. Naveen Kumar Todi (old name) and Naveen Todi (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I,Tasmina Mondal(old name) D/O Nasiruddin Mullick, residing at 1 No Moukhali Mondal Para, Jagacha, Gip Colony, Howrah- 711112, in the state of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tasmina Begam Mondal (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/06/2025. Tasmina Begam Mondal(new name) and Tasmina Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Rafik Mondal (old name) S/O Late Mohammad Aspiya, residing at 1 No Moukhali Mondal Para, Jagacha, Gip Colony, Howrah- 711112, in the state of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rafik Amed Mondal (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/06/2025. Rafik Amed Mondal (new name) and Rafik Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Imamuddin Shah,S/O Nizamuddin Shah,R/O H4-4b,New Chakmin Masjid Tala Road, Po-Maheshtala,South 24 Parganas, 700 141,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Imamuddin Shah, Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/06/2025,That Md Imamuddin Shah And Imamuddin Shah All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sk Saiwab Ali (old name) S/O Sk Abu Daud, residing at Vill & P.O.-Mundakila, P.S.- Jangipara, Hooghly, Pin- 712404, in the state of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Saiyeb Ali (new name), as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Hooghly, vide an affidavit dated 21/06/2025. Sk Saiyeb Ali (new name) and Sk Saiwab Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ekbal Mondal (old name) S/O Rafik Amed Mondal, residing at 1 No Moukhali Mondal Para, Jagacha, Gip Colony, Howrah- 711112, in the state of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ekbal Hossein Mondal (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/06/2025. Ekbal Hossein Mondal (new name) and Ekbal Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I,Arup Kumar Roychowdhury(Old Name),son of Amrita Kumar Mondal, residing at Vill & Po - Rudranagar,Ps - Sagar, South 24 parganas (pin),West Bengal,shall henceforth be known as Arup Kumar Mondal (New Name) vide an affidavit No 34769 sworn before the Ld 1st class judicial magistrate at Alipore on 09/06/2025.That Arup Kumar Roychowdhury and Arup Kumar Mondal both are the same and one identical person.

**AFFIDAVIT**  
I, Diya Bhatia D/O Mr. Anil Kumar Bhatia R/O 350, Sadar Bazar, P.O. Agra, District:Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282001 have changed my religion from Hinduism to Islam and also my name to Zoya Diya Bhatia vide affidavit no. 4882 dated 22-05-2025 for all future purposes and Diya Bhatia and Zoya Diya Bhatia is the same and one identical person.

**AFFIDAVIT**  
I, Anshu Bhatia D/O Mr. Anil Kumar Bhatia R/O 350, Sadar Bazar, P.O. Agra, District:Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282001 have changed my religion from Hinduism to Islam and also my name to Amina Anshu Bhatia vide affidavit no. 4883 dated 22-05-2025 for all future purposes and Anshu Bhatia and Amina Anshu Bhatia is the same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mohammad Rafique, S/O Mathu R/O 50a, Phears Lane,Ps Bow-bazar, Kolkata-700073,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Rafique,Vide An Affidavit No 4849 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Kolkata On 23/06/2025,That Mohammad Rafique And Md Rafique All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ashrafi Bano (old name) Wife of Sadaruddin Ahmed and D/O Abu Bagua, residing at 4,DR.A.M.O. GHANI. ROAD, P.O.-CIRCUS AVENUE, KOLKATA, P.S.- KARAYA, Dist.- Kolkata, Pin- 700017, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asharfi Bano (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Asharfi Bano (new name) and Ashrafi Bano (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, SANJAY KUMAR (old name) S/O RAM UCHIT SHAW, residing at 5/E, PRASANNA LANE, P.O.- TILJALA, KOLKATA- 700039, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SANJAY KUMAR SHAW (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 18/06/2025. SANJAY KUMAR SHAW (new name) and SANJAY KUMAR (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Shain Sultana Begum (old name), wife of Sk Kamal, residing at 9 No, Prince Anwar Shah Road, Tollygunge, Kolkata- 700033, W.B, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shaheen Sultana Begum (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 26/06/2025. Shaheen Sultana Begum (new name) and Shain Sultana Begum (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Vikash Das (old name), son of Upendra Das, residing at 44, Rajnarayan Roychowdhury ghat Road, Ball Jagachha, Howrah- 711102, W.B, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bikash Kumar Das (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 26/06/2025. Bikash Kumar Das (new name) and Vikash Das (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, SWAPAN PAL (old name) S/O LATE MUKUND PAUL, residing at 2 NO, SKUNANTA NAGAR, UTTARPARA, KOTRUNG (M) HINDMOTOR, HOGLHY PIN-712233, in the state of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SWAPAN PAUL (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/06/2025. SWAPAN PAUL (new name) and SWAPAN PAL (old name) both are same and one identical.

**Name Change**  
I, Mafizur Rahaman (old name) S/O Fajlir Rahaman, residing at No-136, BDO Office Road, P.O.- Chhota Jagulia, Barasat Sadar, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin-743294, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mafizur Rahaman (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/06/2025. Mafizur Rahaman (new name) and Mafizur Rahaman (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Kazi Ziarul Karim (Old Name), son of Kazi Enayetul Karim, residing at Vill & P.O.- Akuni, P.S.- Chanditala, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin- 712701, W.B, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kazi Ziaul Karim (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 26/06/2025. Kazi Ziaul Karim (new name) and Kazi Ziarul Karim (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Subir Kumar Mukherjee & Subir Kumar Mukhopadhyia (Old Names), son of Hariमारayan Mukherjee, residing at Mandirpara Santashi Matagali, Tarakeswar, Hooghly, Pin-712410, W.B, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Subir Mukherjee (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 26/06/2025. Subir Mukherjee (new name) and Subir Kumar Mukherjee & Subir Kumar Mukhopadhyia (old names) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, MASHOR RAHAMAN SEIKH (old name), son of SK DHARAS, residing at BENUDIA, BHAGWANPUR, EAST MIDNAPORE, PIN- 721601, W.B, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MOSIUR RAHAMAN SK (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 26/06/2025. MOSIUR RAHAMAN SK (new name) and MASHOR RAHAMAN SEIKH (old name) both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ashrafi Bano (old name) Wife of Sadaruddin Ahmed and D/O Abu Bagua, residing at 4,DR.A.M.O. GHANI. ROAD, P.O.-CIRCUS AVENUE, KOLKATA, P.S.- KARAYA, Dist.- Kolkata, Pin- 700017, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asharfi Bano (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/06/2025. Asharfi Bano (new name) and Ashrafi Bano (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Jiarul Mondal,S/O Aijel Mandal, R/O Kamdebpur, Goripur, North 24 Parganas,743710,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jiyarul Mandal,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/06/2025,That Jiarul Mondal And Jiyarul Mandal All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

## Election will change scenario in Bangladesh, says prominent rights activist Manzill Murshid

**MI News Service, Dhaka:** Prominent human rights activist Manzill Murshid anticipated that the upcoming election in Bangladesh will bring significant change by establishing democratic rights.

Speaking to ANI, Manzill Murshid, President of Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB), stated that the current interim government, led by Muhammad Yunus, lacks constitutional legitimacy as it wasn't formed under the caretaker government provision. This has raised concerns about the timing and fairness of the election. Murshid said, "If there is an election, there will be a big scenario change. When a party comes to power, we hope our democratic rights will be established. Of course, a political party cannot deny another political party the right to function and carry out its activities, as political parties are fundamentally about politics and democracy. But this government is not a political party government." Manzill Murshid stated that Bangladesh did not proceed in accordance with the law after August 5. He said that Muhammad Yunus came into power as an interim government; however, there is no provision in the constitution regarding a caretaker government.

He said, "After the 5th August (2024), there was a conspiracy, in my opinion, the state did not proceed in accordance with the demand of the people, to hold a free, fair and inclusive election. Dr. Yunus came into power as an interim government, although there is no provision in the constitution for such a move. That should be a caretaker government. If they form a caretaker government, then there is a possibility to declare the election date earlier." "But ultimately, when they took over the power, and long after, they did not say anything about the election, because they always say it takes five years after completing many kinds of reforms, they will declare the election. Some supporters of the government also share this idea. There was a very complex view in the minds of the people that there would be no election in the short term. Still, when a big party of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Nationalist Party BNP, raised their voice about the election, then the scenario changed," he added.

The government initially hinted at delaying elections until 2026, citing the need for reforms. However, following pressure from the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and other parties, a joint declaration was issued in London, suggesting that elections might be held in February. "Ultimately, what happened was that the Chief Adviser went to London, met with the BNP's acting Chairman Tareq Rahman, and there was a conversation. After the meeting, they issued a joint declaration, from which we know that an election will be held in February. But we are not sure because the Election Commission has not yet declared the schedule", Murshid said. Murshid recalled that Yunus had said that he would not ban the Awami League.

However, the interim government banned it after some of the student leaders and government partners demanded a ban on the Awami League. He criticised the government's decision to ban the Awami League, questioning its impact on the electoral process. He emphasised that excluding major political parties undermines the legitimacy of the elections. Murshid said, "Earlier, the Chief Adviser always told that they would not ban the Awami League. I think it was his mental condition. However, when our former president, Abdul Hamid, left the country, some student leaders and government partners raised their voices, arguing that the Awami League should be banned. They organised thousands of people in the street. But the government was not strong enough to stop the movement. Many demands were fulfilled because of the pressure."

"When NCP and Jamaat-e-Islami demanded to ban the Awami League. The government discussed with the political parties and declared that the activities of the Awami League would be banned. That means the Awami League can not work. If the political party can not work, that means the existence of the political party is nowhere," he added. He stated that the questions will be raised over the next elections if the Awami League is not allowed to contest it.

He stated, "During the last government, all international actors said that there must be elections in which all political parties must participate. But in the last three elections, the bigger party, the BNP, did not participate. That's why the election was not accepted. However, in the upcoming election, the major party is the Awami League. If the Awami League does not participate, or the government does not give any chance to participate, the election will be questionable." The right group leader also stated that the Election Commission reinstated the registration of Jamaat-e-Islami in accordance with the legal provisions. He said, "Jamaat-e-Islami has legal rights to register as a political party." Murshid said there is no possibility for Bangladesh's former Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, to return to Dhaka at this stage, adding that her decision to leave the country was the right one to ensure her safety.

Murshid also emphasised the importance of enhancing relations between India and Bangladesh, particularly given the shared cultural and linguistic ties between the two nations. He urged both governments to collaborate on addressing visa issues and strengthening bilateral relations, regardless of their political differences.

Manzill Murshid said, "India is a big country. We have a big border with India. Some people in India, such as those from West Bengal, share a similar language and culture. We used to go to India. We have thousands of relatives in India."

## IDF issues evacuation warning for central Gaza areas

**MI News Service, Balochistan:** The Balochistan government on Friday extended the detention of Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) chief organiser Mahrang Baloch and four other leaders for another 15 days under Section 3 of the Maintenance of Public Order (MPO). Dawn reported.Mahrang Baloch and other BYC leaders – Beebow Baloch, her father Ghaffar Baloch, Sabghat Ullah Shah Jee, and Bebarg Baloch – were arrested on March 22 and sent to Quetta District Jail under MPO-3. The detention of BYC leaders has been extended for the fourth time.

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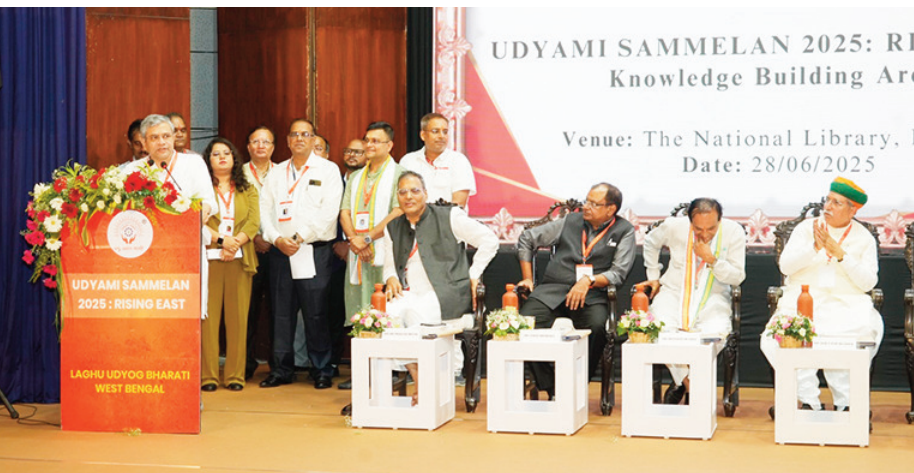
## IDF issues evacuation warning for central Gaza areas

**MI News Service, Tel Aviv:** The IDF issued tonight an evacuation warning to civilians in the central Gaza Strip. IDF Arabic spokesman Avichai Adraee warned reads as follows: "To all Gaza Strip residents in Nuseirat, Al-Zahraa and Al-Mughhraqa in the northern coast neighborhoods, Al-Nuzha, Al-Badi, Al-Busma, Al-Zahraa, Al-Bustaneim, Badr, Abu Huraira, Al-Ruda and Al-Safa: The IDF is operating with tremendous force to destroy the capabilities of terrorist organizations in these areas and will attack any area used to launch rockets."

## Eastern Railway Showcases 800 Crore MSME Potential at 'Udyami Sammelan'

● Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw champions MSME integration into Railway ecosystem

● Union Law MoS Arjun Ram Meghwal highlights synergy of indigenous manufacturing and policy support



**MI News Service, New Delhi:** Eastern Railway took the spotlight at "Udyami Sammelan: Knowledge Building Arena", an event organized by Laghu Udyog Bharati, West Bengal in collaboration with the National Library of India. Held at Bhasa Bhavan Auditorium, Kolkata, on June 28, 2025, the event aimed to foster collaboration between the Railways and India's vibrant MSME sector. The Sammelan witnessed the esteemed presence of Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology, as Chief Guest, and Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Union MoS for Law & Justice (Independent Charge) and MoS for Parliamentary Affairs, as Guest of Honour.

Speaking on the occasion of Udyami Sammelan at Kolkata, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Hon'ble Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology said that, development of the railway system is the primary requirement for development of any economy. The present government has merged the Railway Budget with General Budget for optimum allocation. The allowance for Railways has also

increased from Rs. 24000-25000 crores only during the previous regime to about Rs. 2.5 lakh crores now during the regime of present government under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. In the last 11 years, about 35000 km of new railway track have been laid. In 2023-24, 5300 km of railway track have been added in single year. 1400 locomotives and 35000 wagons are being added every year to railway system in India setting a new growth path for the Railways. Further speaking on the development of Railways in West Bengal, Hon'ble Railway Minister said that the New Jalpaiguri – Kolkata Rail Corridor will be developed to world standard. Master Plan has been created for adding new railway line, Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals etc. The chicken neck portion of West Bengal where at present there is only 2 lines, will be made a 4-line network shortly. The Sivok – Siliguri – New Mal Jn will also be linked with the main corridor. He also mentioned that in the previous regime the Railway Budget for West Bengal was about Rs. 3000 crores which the present government increased to Rs. 14000 crores. This huge investment in Railways will lead the West Ben-

gal to a growth path. Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, led the delegation from the Railway side, with senior officers in attendance. He emphasized the strategic initiatives undertaken by Eastern Railway to boost MSME participation in local manufacturing and maintenance of key railway assets. Eastern Railway displayed 39 carefully selected components used in manufacturing and maintenance of LHB coaches, ICF coaches, and railway wagons — chosen specifically for their low capital investment, high production potential, and raw material accessibility, making them ideal for MSME manufacturing. These components, representing an estimated ₹800 crore market opportunity, aim to promote self-reliance under the Atmanirbhar Bharat mission. The initiative not only promises economic viability but is key to enhancing supply chain resilience within Indian Railways. Several MSME representatives at the event expressed keen interest in entering the Railway supply ecosystem, marking a strong industry response.

Indian Railways reaffirmed its commitment to inclusive industrial growth, MSME empowerment, and nation-building through indigenous innovation.

## Missile launched by Houthis at Israel 'apparently successfully' intercepted, says IDF; no injuries reported

**MI News Service, Tel Aviv:** A ballistic missile launched at Israel by the Iran-backed Houthis in Yemen was likely intercepted by air defenses on Saturday morning, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said, according to The Times of Israel. The IDF noted that attempts were made to shoot down the missile and they were "apparently successful," with no reports of injuries or impacts.

Sirens were sounded in Beersheba, Dimona, Arad, and surrounding areas in southern Israel. Residents received an early warning alert via push notification on their phones four minutes before the sirens began, warning of a long-range missile attack. The Houthis later claimed responsibility for the launch, stating they had targeted a "sensitive Israeli enemy target" in Beersheba. "The operation successfully achieved its goal, thanks be to Allah," the group said in a statement. The Times of Israel reported that the Houthis have continued attacks against Israel and maritime targets since November 2023, following the October 7 Hamas-led massacre. The Houthis had paused their fire after a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas in January 2025. By that point, over 40 ballistic missiles, as well as numerous attack drones and cruise missiles, had been launched by the group at Israel. One of those missiles killed a civilian and wounded several in Tel Aviv in July, prompt-

ing Israel's first strike in Yemen, The Times of Israel reported.

According to the outlet, since March 18, when the IDF resumed its offensive against Hamas in Gaza, the Houthis have fired 52 ballistic missiles and at least 13 drones at Israel. While some missiles have fallen short, the Houthis remain the primary actor still regularly attacking Israel. Iran conducted a 12-day missile campaign earlier this month, and Hezbollah's rocket fire from Lebanon had ceased following a November ceasefire. In parallel with these ongoing regional threats, the IDF issued tonight an evacuation warning to civilians in the central Gaza Strip. IDF Arabic spokesman Avichai Adraee's warning reads as follows: "To all Gaza Strip residents in Nuseirat, Al-Zahraa and Al-Mughhraqa in the northern coast neighborhoods, Al-Nuzha, Al-Badi, Al-Busma, Al-Zahraa, Al-Bustaneim, Badr, Abu Huraira, Al-Ruda and Al-Safa: The IDF is operating with tremendous force to destroy the capabilities of terrorist organizations in these areas and will attack any area used to launch rockets."

The IDF statement urged the civilians to leave the area immediately. "For your safety, evacuate immediately southward to the Al-Mawasi area and do not return to dangerous combat zones. The terrorist organizations continue to bring disaster upon you – evacuate immediately," the statement concludes.



AAP leader Sanjeev Arora takes oath as Ludhiana West MLA

MI News Service, Chandigarh: Sanjeev Arora, the newly elected MLA from Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab, on Saturday took oath in the state assembly after winning the recently concluded bypoll from Ludhiana West assembly constituency. Punjab assembly speaker Kultar Singh Sandhawan administered his oath in Chandigarh. Speaking on this occasion, Punjab New and Renewable Energy Minister Aman Arora called Sanjeev Arora an honest person while expressing gratitude towards the voters for extending their support. He said that people had supported them since they had faith in AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. "It is a matter of great joy that a very honest person, Sanjeev Arora, has become a member of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha today. I thank the people of Ludhiana West. They have supported us by putting faith in Arvind Kejriwal's policies and Mann's work (as CM). They have supported Sanjeev Arora because of his decency. Many thanks to the public, workers and everyone," Arora, Punjab AAP chief, told ANI. He added, "Any person found involved in corruption or drug business will not be spared; action will be taken (against them)." With Sanjeev Arora winning the Ludhiana West by-election in Punjab, the party's Rajya Sabha seat has now become vacant, and the party is yet to decide on a candidate for the same. Speaking to ANI, Arora said that Kejriwal has already said that the party will take a decision on this matter. "I don't know anything about this (who will go to the Rajya Sabha), our national convener, Arvind Kejriwal, has said that the party will take a decision on this," Arora told ANI. Arora won the Ludhiana West assembly seat by-election by a margin of 10,637 votes, garnering 35,179 votes in total. Sanjeev Arora expressed gratitude to the public and the party leadership after his victory in the Ludhiana West assembly bypoll. Speaking to ANI, Sanjeev Arora said, "I express my gratitude to all the citizens of Ludhiana and also thank all the volunteers, counsellors, MLAs, ministers, leaders, and especially our Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and party supremo Arvind Kejriwal."

**EASTERN RAILWAY**

Following E-tender is invited online by Sr. DEN/2, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-71101 from tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required financial capabilities including those Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector for undertaking for the following work: **[Sr.DEN/2/Howrah]. E-Tender No.: 94\_2025-26, Date: 25.06.2025. Description of work:** Platform raising and development of existing surface of station Dankuni, Gobra & Janai Road in the jurisdiction of SSEW/Dankuni under AEN/Dankuni & Platform raising and development of existing surface of station Gurap, Jhapandanga & Jaugram in the jurisdiction of SSEW/Dankuni under AEN/Dankuni and PF Raising and development of existing surface of station Nabagram in the SSEW/Bardhaman under AEN/Bardhaman. **Approx. Cost:** ₹ 6,13,11,169.72. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 4,56,600. **Cost of Tender Form:** Nil. **Completion Period:** 12 months. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tender online will be done on next working day. **Closing date and time of tender:** 17.07.2025 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website: **www.ireps.gov.in**. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. No manual offer will be accepted. (HWH-163/2025-26) Tender Notices are also available at website: **www.in.dianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in** Follow us at: **@EasternRailway** **easternrailwayheadquarter**



Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi poses for a group photograph with Gallantry and Distinguished Service Awards recipients during the Naval Investiture Ceremony, at Nausena Bhawan, in New Delhi.

"Laluji got big opportunity, did nothing for Bihar...": Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary

MI News Service, Patna: Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary has slammed RJD supremo Lalu Prasad Yadav, saying that he and his party were in power for 15 years in the state but did little for its progress. In an interview with ANI, Samrat Chaudhary, a senior BJP leader in Bihar, took a dig at Lalu Prasad "social justice" model, saying it means "become a king, bring queen (to power) and then prince and princess" and alleged that the former Chief Minister has "no model for progress of Bihar". Noting that Lalu Prasad Yadav ruled the state for 15 years - seven years as Chief Minister, and his wife Rabri Devi being the CM for the next eight years - Samrat Chaudhary said the Rashtriya Janata Dal leader failed to capitalise on the huge opportunity "Lalu ji got a big opportunity. He was the Chief Minister of Bihar and then there was puppet Chief Minister for 8 years. Even after that, he didn't do anything for Bihar," Chaudhary said. Janata Dal-United Nitish

Kumar has been Chief Minister of Bihar since 2005 except for a small period in between. He was Chief Minister for a very brief period earlier. Political parties in Bihar are bracing up for the assembly polls later this year. The BJP and NDA have expressed confidence in returning to power in the Bihar assembly polls and have been reminding people of the "RJD misrule". The NDA leaders have said that Bihar's economy experienced severe stagnation under Lalu Prasad Yadav's rule, with industrial development largely being overlooked. They have said that average GDP growth rate from 2001-2005 was 2.9%, indicating a significant lack of economic progress and that Lalu Yadav's rule was "marred by widespread corruption, including the infamous fodder scam". This, they say, led to "a lack of accountability in government offices and a paralysis in effective governance". Samrat Chaudhary lauded Nitish Kumar for "developing Bihar", stating that his

development work has had a lasting impact on Bihar. "Bihar is a state where if you look at an individual's politics, you'll see a changing face. Politics in Bihar keeps rotating, sometimes we're in power, and sometimes in opposition. Why does Lalu ji follow Nitish ji? Nitish Kumar ji has a lasting impact on Bihar," he added. "They (RJD) say they have social justice, but social justice doesn't mean someone becomes a king. He (Lalu Prasad) came as a son of a poor man and became a king after coming to power. First, the king came, then brought the queen, then brought the prince and princess - this is Lalu ji's concept. There's no model for Bihar's development for him," he added. Chaudhary said he would not have come to politics if Lalu Prasad had not sent him to jail "I would not have entered politics if Lalu Prasad Yadavji had not put me in jail. I would not have entered politics if Lalu Prasadji had not sent 22 members of my family to jail in 1995.

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar hands over appointment letters to 21,391 newly appointed police personnel

MI News Service, Patna: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar distributed appointment certificates to 21,391 newly appointed police personnel at a ceremony held at Babu Auditorium on Saturday. In a post on X, CM Kumar congratulated the new recruits and expressed confidence in their ability to perform their duties with dedication and honesty. He highlighted that their contribution would strengthen the law and order situation in the state, ensuring a safer and better environment for Bihar's residents. "Today, I participated in the appointment letter distribution ceremony for 21,391 newly appointed constables at Babu Auditorium. Heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all the newly appointed police personnel from my side. I am confident that all the newly appointed police personnel will discharge their duties with complete dedication and honesty, further strengthening law and order in the state. This will also ensure a better and safer environment for the state's residents.", the X post read. The CM assured that all posts would be filled by the end of the year, providing employment opportunities to the state's youth and enhancing the Bihar Police force. "For this, more than 2 lakh 29 thousand posts have been created, and the recruitment of police personnel is being carried out rapidly. All posts, as per the sanctioned strength, will be filled by the end of this year. This will provide employment opportunities to the youth of the state

and also strengthen the Bihar Police force," CM Kumar said on X. Earlier, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar inaugurated the much-awaited six-lane Kacchi Dargah-Bidupur Bridge on Monday. The project provides connectivity across the Ganges and will boost regional development. The inauguration marks the completion of the first phase of a project envisioned a decade ago to link previously isolated regions like Diyara Jalla directly with Patna. Minister of Road Construction, Nitin Nabin, appreciated the Chief Minister's vision, stating, "Under the leadership of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, every nook and corner of Bihar is getting better connectivity. Diyara Jalla was completely untouched by the mainland CM Nitish Kumar saw the vision and started this initiative in 2015, and now, in 2025, the first phase of its development is completed. "Former MLA from Raghapur, Satish Rai, who was also present at the inauguration, recalled the initial demand for the project, saying, "Before 2005, there was no development in Bihar. During our election campaign in Raghaypur, I had asked the Chief Minister for direct connectivity. He promised that you need a highway, we need Satish, and today, he has fulfilled that promise." Locals shared heartfelt reactions to the historic moment. Uday Kumar Singh, a resident of the region, expressed his joy, "After independence, it will be for the first time that this place will get direct connectivity to Patna city.

Sunfeast Marie Light Brings a Cooling 'Surjya Bardaan' To Devotees At Rath Yatra 2025

Thousands of Sunfeast Surya Bardaan caps bring a sigh of relief for devotees during the divine journey this year



MI News Service, Puri : The Puri Rath Yatra stands as one of India's most revered spiritual celebrations — a moment when millions walk together in unwavering faith, following the sacred chariots of Lord Jagannath.Sunfeast Marie Light this year has supported this timeless tradition with a thoughtful gesture. During the Rath yatra procession, as pilgrims endure long hours under the blazing sun, Sunfeast Surya Bardaan emerges as a symbol of relief and reverence. The brand unveiled a cooling —Surjya Bardaan cap— infused with faith and blessed by the sun. This cap is crafted with sandalwood and a special menthol cooling layer. When sun rays fall on the SunfeastSurjyaBardaan cap, it activates the menthol cooling in the cap. Hence instead of feeling hot, the sun rays make you feel cool while you experience the calming fragrance of sandalwood allowing devotees to partake in the divine journey with a cool head full of devotion. Mr. Ali Harris Shere, Chief Operating Officer, Biscuits & Cakes Cluster, Foods Division, ITC Ltd. commented "The

sun, which symbolizes energy, vitality, and life, is central to our brand. At Sunfeast Marie Light, our biscuits are made from sun-kissed wheat, and we carry that spirit of warmth and care into everything we do. The SurjyaBardaan cap is our way of honouring tradition while offering thoughtful comfort to the Puri Rath Yatra devotees" Thousands of caps were distributed on the day of Rath Yatra, from experience zones set up on ground. Pilgrims embraced the offering — not only for its utility but for its symbolic message of being nurtured by the very force they walk beneath. Popular Odia actress Archita Sahu also joined Sunfeast Marie Light in this yatra, lending her support to the initiative. She participated in on-ground activities and helped distribute the SunfeastSurjyaBardaan caps. As the sun illuminated the streets of Puri, SunfeastSurjyaBardaan became a quiet, thoughtful presence — walking with the devotees, supporting them every step of the way and reminding them that the divine is not only to be worshipped, but felt in every gesture of care.

Uttarakhand panchayat elections to be held in two phases from July 24

MI News Service, Dehradun: The State Election Commission in Uttarakhand on Saturday issued a notification regarding the conduct of panchayat elections in 12 districts of the state, except Haridwar. The notification signed by Sushil Kumar, Uttarakhand State Election Commissioner, comes after the Nainital High Court on Friday permitted the continuation of the panchayat election process, lifting its earlier stay order issued on June 23. According to the notification, the three-tier panchayat elections will be held in two phases in the state. Voting under the first phase will take place on July 24, and voting under the second phase will take place on July 28. The counting of votes will be done on July 31. The dates for filing nomination papers for the panchayat elections are set from July 2 to July 5. The scrutiny of the nomination papers will be carried out from July 7 to July 9. The dates for withdrawing nominations are set from July 10 to July 11. "Therefore, exercising the powers conferred in Article 243-K of the "Constitution of India", I, Sushil Kumar, State Election Commissioner, Uttarakhand, hereby direct that the elections of members of all the Gram Panchayats, Pradhans of Gram Panchayats, members of Area Panchayats and members of District Panchayats of 12 (twelve) districts of Uttarakhand State (except District Harid-

war) will be conducted..." the notification read. On Friday, after hearing the reservation roster and other documents presented by the government in the Nainital High Court, the division bench of Chief Justice G. Narendra and Justice Alok Mehra agreed to proceed with the process of panchayat elections. It must be noted that after the announcement of panchayat elections on June 21, on June 23, the High Court gave a big blow by staying the elections and seeking answers from the government on many points, including reservation. However, an important hearing was held in the Uttarakhand High Court on Friday regarding the much-awaited three-tier panchayat elections in Uttarakhand. While hearing the petitions filed by the petitioners, the court has given interim relief to the state government and allowed it to conduct the panchayat elections. During the hearing, the advocates on behalf of the state government informed the court that full preparations have been made for the panchayat elections and the legal process has been followed. At the same time, the petitioners raised some technical and constitutional issues After hearing the arguments of both parties, the court refused to stay the elections for the time being and clarified that the election process can move forward.

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma urges removal of 'secularism' and 'socialism' from Constitution's Preamble

MI News Service, Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday launched a book titled 'The Emergency Diaries: Years that Forged a Leader' at the state BJP headquarters in Guwahati. Sarma said that this is the right time to remove the legacies of the Emergency, including the words secularism and socialism added to the Constitution. He said these words were not part of the original Constitution and should be dropped, as secularism goes against the Indian idea of Sarva Dharma Sambhava, and socialism was never part of India's original economic vision. Speaking to the reporters, Himanta Biswa Sarma said, "Today, we launched the book The Emergency Diary, which talks about the struggle and resistance during the

Emergency. When we talk about the Emergency, this is the right moment to remove its remaining impact, just like Prime Minister Modi is working to erase the legacy of colonial rule. Two major outcomes of the Emergency were the addition of the words secularism and socialism to our Constitution. I believe secularism goes against the Indian idea of Sarva Dharma Sambhava. Socialism was also never truly our economic vision, our focus has always been on Sarvodaya Antyodaya." "So, I request the Government of India to remove these two words, secularism and Socialism, from the Preamble, as they were not part of the original Constitution and were added later by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi," Sarma said.

As per mandate under the Article 326 of the Constitution, EC has started the process of Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls in Bihar

MI News Service, Delhi: The Election Commission has started its Special Intensive Revision (SIR) to verify the eligibility of electors in each constituency ahead of Bihar elections, fulfilling its mandate under Article 326 of the Constitution, according to an official statement from the poll panel. Article 326 specifies eligibility to become an elector. Only Indian citizens aged 18 years and above, and ordinary residents in that constituency, are eligible. Special Intensive Revision (SIR) has already started successfully in Bihar for verifying the eligibility of each elector with full participation of all Political Parties," the EC's statement read.

**NOTICE**

I, Smt. Smriti Mistry, Husband- Shri Chittaranjan Mistry, Village- Chakganigachi, Kalkipur, Thana-Garfa, Kolkata-700078 have purchased 03 (Three) Katha, 26 (Twenty-six) Sq.ft. land at Mouza Chakganigachi (J.L.No. 28), Dag No. 17 under Kolkata Block in 1998 (Deed No. 2761/1998) from Power of Attorney Holder Sri Chittaranjan Mistry (Power Deed No. 57/1996) appointed by Sri Nilu Mondal. Then I have applied for mutation of the said land (Case No. MN/2025/1630/8145). If any person has any objection please report at B.L.L.R.O Office (Address - KMC, Building Room No. 328, 5, S.N.Banerjee Road, Kolkata-700013) or E-mail (blroaam@gmail.com) within one month from the date of Publishing.

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I, Hazrat Sek @ Hazrat Sekh, S/o Darbhaks Sk residing at 229, Choubhaga West, P.S- Anandapur, Kolkata - 700105, have purchased 4 (Four) Katha, 03 (Three) Chitaks 31 (Thirtyone) Sq.ft. land at Mouza Choubhaga (J.L. No. 03), Dag No. 313 under Kolkata Block in 2025 (Deed No. 3754/2025) from Power of Attorney Holder Sri Niharendu Bera (Power Deed No. 00397/2022) appointed by Sri Nikhilendu Bera. Then I have applied for mutation of the said land (Case No. MN/2025/1630/8645). If any person has any objection please report at B.L.L.R.O Office (Address - KMC, Building Room No. 328, 5, S.N.Banerjee Road, Kolkata-700013) or E-mail (blroaam@gmail.com) within one month from the date of Publishing.

**NOTICE**

This is to inform that to the all concern that Smt. ANITA GHOSH KARMAKAR, Wife of Sri PRAMIT KUMAR GHOSH, D/o. Lt. BISWANATH KARMAKAR, residing at present at Deziray Complex, Flat no. B-36, Shyamacharan Rakshit Road, Barabazar, P.O & P.S- Chandannagar, Dist- Hooghly which has been written in the passport vide no- N6277899 and ANITA GHOSH which has been written in PAN Card vide no-AUQPG5152M and in EPIC vide no- ZSG2347763 and in Aadhaar Card vide no- 6495 6004 3878 and ANITA GHOSH KARMAKAR and ANITA GHOSH is same and identical person. That it is also here by that Anita Ghosh Karmakar and Anita Ghosh are same and identical person by the Affidavit before the Notary public at Chandannagar on 24/06/2025.

**আমমোক্তারনামা বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

আমার মঙ্গল সুশান্ত দাস, পিতা:- কল্লী চরণ দাস সাহু: ও পো:- ভাঙ্গুর থানা:- ভোমজুর, জেলা:- হাওড়া, প্রতীমা দাস, সোমনাথ দাস, অমর দাস ও আরো অন্যান্য নিম্নলিখিত আমোক্তার মৌসম কর্মকার মহোদয়ের নিকট হইতে এটিঃ ডি: সাব: রেজি: ডোমজুর অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত: ২০৪/২০২৫, ৩০৪/২০২৫ ও এটিঃ ডি: সাব: রেজি: আমের (জগপুর) অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত: ৩১৫৪/২০২৪ আমোক্তারনামা দলিল দ্বারা থানা-ডোমজুর, মৌজা-উত্তর বাগুড়মহ, হালা-এস: আর: খতিয়ান ২১,৫৮৮, ১৪২৮ নম্বর হাল দাগ ২৩৩৫ নং দাগে ০৪.৯৫ শতক জমি এটিঃ ডি: সাব:-রেজিঃ ডোমজুর অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ২৪১৩/২০২৫ নং দলিল মূলে ত্রয় করিয়া নাম পতনের আবেদন করেন। উক্ত বিষয়ে কাহারও কোন আপত্তি থাকলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের ১(এক) মাসের মধ্যে সফটিক B.L. & L.R.O. DOMJUR অফিস এর নিকট আপীল করতে পারেন। অন্যথায় আইনানুগ কার্য হবে।

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**Recruitment against Scouts & Guides Quota for the year 2025-2026**

**INDICATIVE NOTIFICATION**  
**Notification No.: RRC/ER/Scouts & Guides Quota/2025-2026 (Open Advertisement)**  
Online Applications are invited from eligible candidates as per criteria given below for filling up the vacancies against Scouts & Guides Quota of Eastern Railway and Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) for the year 2025-2026 for Three (03) posts in Level-2 (Group 'C') & for Ten (10) posts in Level-1 (Erstwhile Group 'D') category. **The candidates having no Scouts & Guides Qualifications need not apply.**  
The details are given below:  
**1.0 i) Opening date and time of online Applications : 09.07.2025 at 10.00 hrs.**  
**ii) Closing date and time of online Applications : 08.08.2025 at 18.00 hrs.**  
**2.0 Details of Posts to be filled:**

Sl. No.	Category	Level in 7th CPC	GP Rs.	No. of post at Eastern Railway	No. of post at CLW	Total No. of vacancies
1.	Level-2 (Gr. 'C')	2	1900/-	2	1	03
2.	Level-1 (Erstwhile Gr. 'D')	1	1800/-	8	2	10

**3.0 The candidates may apply for Pay Level-1 (Earstwhile Group 'D') or Pay Level-2 (Group-'C') (7th CPC) or "Both". Candidates willing to apply for both the categories should fill online forms separately for each Category. Examination fee, as applicable, has to be paid separately for both the categories.**  
**For Eligibility norms, educational qualification and Scouts & Guides qualification, medical standard, examination fees, other criteria and recruitment process, the interested eligible candidates are instructed to go through the detailed notification for the above Recruitment, which is available on the official website of Railway Recruitment Cell, Eastern Railway/Kolkata, website: www.rrcer.org**  
**The Link for submitting the application ONLINE will be available on the Official Notice Board of RRC-ER/KOL website: www.rrcer.org**  
**Chairperson, Railway Recruitment Cell, Eastern Railway/Kolkata**

**EASTERN RAILWAY**



# ENGAGE & INDULGE

Morning India

## Try these best drinks in rainy season

Rainy season calls for warm, soothing, and immunity-boosting drinks that help fight infections, keep you cozy, and enhance the mood. Here are some of the best drinks to enjoy during monsoon:

- 1. Masala Chai (Spiced Tea)**  
Why: Perfect blend of warmth and spice (ginger, cardamom, cloves).  
Benefits: Boosts immunity, aids digestion, and soothes the throat.
- 2. Ginger-Lemon-Honey Tea**  
Why: Tangy and sweet with a kick of ginger.  
Benefits: Great for sore throat, boosts metabolism, and fights cold.
- 3. Tulsi Tea (Holy Basil Herbal Tea)**  
Why: Antibacterial and anti-inflammatory.  
Benefits: Strengthens respiratory health and reduces stress.
- 4. Hot Chocolate**  
Why: Comforting and indulgent.  
Benefits: Lifts mood, rich in antioxidants (if using dark chocolate).
- 5. Turmeric Milk (Golden Milk)**  
Why: A traditional remedy.  
Benefits: Anti-inflammatory, boosts immunity, aids sleep.
- 6. Herbal Kadha (Ayurvedic Decoction)**  
Ingredients: Tulsi, ginger, black pepper, cinnamon, cloves, honey.  
Benefits: Strong immunity booster, prevents cold/flu.
- 7. Mint-Coriander Detox Drink (Warm)**  
Why: Helps in digestion and detoxification.  
Optional: Add a pinch of cumin and black salt for taste.
- 8. Warm Fruit Infusions (like Apple-Cinnamon)**  
Why: Light, flavorful, and hydrating.  
Benefits: Rich in vitamins and warming in nature.
- 9. Coffee Variants (like Filter Coffee or Spiced Coffee)**  
Why: Comforting for caffeine lovers.  
Tip: Add a hint of cinnamon or nutmeg.
- 10. Bajra or Ragi Malt (Warm Millet Drink)**  
Why: Nutritious, keeps the body warm.  
Benefits: Rich in fiber, calcium, and iron.



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## SLEEPLESS

Three out of five Indians aren't getting adequate nightly sleep, with a quarter reporting their sleep has worsened since the pandemic, according to a new trend report from AGR Knowledge Services. Rather than seeking medical help, most are turning to online solutions and supplements, creating a booming marketplace for sleep aids.

The report, "The Modern Sleep Bazaar: How Sleep Debt Became India's Wellness Opportunity," analyzed digital conversations, search queries and consumer sentiment to map the country's growing sleep crisis and the commercial response.

**Key findings include:**

- Sleep gummies saw 650% spike in search interest over the past year
- Online searches for "how to sleep 8 hours in 4" and similar quick-fix terms are increasingly common
- Interest in natural ingredients like melatonin, magnesium, ashwagandha and chamomile has surged
- Over 30-40 brands are active in India's sleep supplement

space, but few are established players?

"What we're seeing is a fundamental shift from treating sleep aids as one-off solutions to integrating them into nightly rituals," said Suyog Keluskar, President of the Social Media Intelligence wing of AGR Knowledge Services. "Consumers aren't just buying products—they're buying peace of mind and turning sleep into an active wellness practice."

The research reveals significant gaps in the market. While consumers are actively searching for solutions, their digital conversations show heavy emphasis on safety concerns, dependency risks and product effectiveness—indicating demand for more transparency from brands.

The trend represents a major opportunity for established health and wellness companies to enter the space with credibility, particularly as search behaviour shows consumers are looking for reassurance as much as results. This transformation reflects broader changes in how Indians approach wellness, with sleep joining fitness and nutrition as an active health pursuit rather than a passive necessity.

AGR's social listening methodology combines AI technologies with industry expertise to extract insights from real-time online / social media conversations, revealing consumer emotions, fears and aspirations beyond surface-level mentions and hashtags. To request the copy of the report, write to kushal@agr-knowledge.com. AGR executives are also available for interviews and additional data insights.

Researchers and experts attending the recently-held international conference on "Harmonizing Movement: Integrating Yoga with Sports Science for Peak Performance" in Chandigarh at the NSNIS, Patiala, highlighted why lack of sleep and careless consumption of herbal supplements could be injurious to the wellness of top athletes.

For the first time, the Indian contingent at the 2024 Paris Olympics had doctors who were part of the medical team that managed sleep among athletes who participated in the Summer Olympics according to the Sports Authority of India. Experts highlighted the role of yoga and meditation to keep elite players stress free and perform at peak levels. Satbir Singh Khalsa, Associate

Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, said yoga helped optimize sleep that in turn control disorders like obesity, diabetes, stroke and hypertension. "Sleep is very important for both physical and mental recovery and hence sleep awareness should be an integral part of sports education," said Singh, as quoted from SAI Release.

Former Indian women's team hockey captain Rani Rampal agreed with Singh.

Having faced several ups and down in her long career that spanned over 200 international, Rani said, "Yoga helps control your mind and in pressure situation it keeps you in control. In modern day sport, mind control is no less important than skills or physical competence."

The two-day seminar at NSNIS Patiala touched upon several subjects in sports science. Apart from sleep, experts also talked about the use of substance abuse, particularly, herbal supplements.

Wazir Singh Phogat, the High Performance Director (athletics) of Sports Authority of India emphasized how athletes often turn to herbal supplements to enhance strength, endurance, immunity, and recovery.

### KNOWLEDGE

#### WHAT IS A BRAIN ANEURYSM

A brain aneurysm (also called a cerebral aneurysm) is a bulge or ballooning in a blood vessel in the brain, caused by a weak spot in the vessel wall. Over time, blood pressure can cause this weakened area to swell.

#### Key Facts:

**Location:** Often occurs in arteries at the base of the brain.  
**Risk:** Most brain aneurysms don't cause symptoms and go unnoticed. However, they can rupture, leading to bleeding in the brain-a life-threatening condition called a sub-arachnoid hemorrhage.  
**Symptoms of rupture:** Sudden, severe headache (often described as "the worst headache of my life")  
Nausea and vomiting  
Blurred or double vision  
Seizure  
Loss of consciousness  
**Causes and Risk**

#### Factors:

High blood pressure  
Smoking  
Family history  
Head trauma  
Drug use (especially cocaine)  
Certain conditions like polycystic kidney disease or connective tissue disorders

#### Diagnosis:

CT scan  
MRI  
Cerebral angiography

#### Treatment Options:

Unruptured aneurysms: May be monitored or treated with surgical clipping or endovascular coiling.  
Ruptured aneurysms: Require emergency treatment to stop bleeding and relieve pressure on the brain.  
**Summary:** A brain aneurysm is a potentially dangerous condition that can be silent until it becomes a medical emergency. Early detection and proper management are crucial.



### PERSON OF THE WEEK: PARAG JAIN

## THE NEW RAW CHIEF AND WHAT DID HE CONTRIBUTE TO OP SINDOOR?

**Parag Jain**, one of the brains behind the meticulous planning of 'Operation Sindoor', has been appointed as the new Chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), according to an official order issued here on Saturday.

The two-year tenure of Jain, an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer from the 1989 batch of the Punjab cadre, officially begins on July 1. He takes over from Ravi Sinha, who retires on June 30.

"The Appointments

Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Shri Parag Jain, IPS to the post of Secretary, Research & Analysis Wing (R&AW) under Cabinet Secretariat for a tenure of two years from the date of assumption of the charge of the post until further orders, whichever is earlier..." the order read.

The decision to appoint Jain as chief of the external intelligence agency was made by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet earlier this

week, officials said.

Before this, Jain was the head of the Aviation Research Centre, an organisation that deals with aerial surveillance, SIGINT operations, photo reconnaissance flights (PHOTINT), monitoring of borders and imagery intelligence (IMINT).

Jain is known for his exceptional expertise in integrating both human intelligence (HUMINT) and technical intelligence (TECHINT) and is widely credited as the mastermind behind the planning

of 'Operation Sindoor', providing intelligence support that enabled the armed forces to execute precise strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

India hit nine terror camps across the border and Line of Control, including the headquarters of banned terror outfits Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba on May 7.

The missile strikes were guided by pinpointed intelligence gathered by a



team led by Jain, officials said.

With extensive ground experience in Kashmir,

Jain is well-positioned to counter Pakistan's ongoing efforts to rebuild terror infrastructure in PoK.

Jain also brings extensive experience in addressing neighbourhood challenges and issues related to Khalistan terror groups. He played a crucial role in Jammu and Kashmir during the 2019 reorganisation of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Throughout his career, Jain has held several significant positions. He was promoted to the rank of Director General of Police

(DGP) in Punjab on January 1, 2021, though he was on central deputation at the time.

His career includes significant operational contributions during the height of terrorism in Punjab, where he served as SSP and Deputy Inspector General of Police in various districts.

Jain has also served in Indian Missions in Sri Lanka and Canada. During his tenure in Canada, he monitored Khalistan terror modules operating from the soil of that country.



MP: Slippers, cow dung thrown at Shahi Masjid during Jagannath Rath Yatra

**MI News service, Ujjain:** Tensions heightened in the holy city of Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, during the Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra carried out by the Khatri Samaj (Other Backward Class) on the night of June 27, when people from the crowd threw slippers, shoes, and cow-dung cakes at the Shahi Masjid at Chhatra Chowk. Videos of the same went viral on social media, sparking widespread outrage online. Users condemned the act across the spectrum. Based on a complaint by local resident Abrar Ahmed, the Kharak Kuan police lodged an FIR against unidentified individuals under Section 299 (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class of citizens by insulting their religion or religious beliefs) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita (BNS).

However, no arrests have been made as the police claim they are unable to identify the miscreants. “We will check the CCTV from Chhatra Chowk to identify the perpetrators. Appropriate actions will be taken against those who insulted the Shahi Masjid,” station house officer (SHO) Rajkumar Malviya told reporters. Police maintained the law and order situation in the region is under control for the time being. Investigation for the accused is underway.

Sudan’s military accepts UN proposal of week-long ceasefire in El Fasher for aid distribution

**MI News Service, Khartoum:** Sudan’s military agreed to a proposal from the United Nations for a weeklong ceasefire in El Fasher to facilitate UN aid efforts to the area, the army said Friday.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres called Sudanese military leader Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan and asked him for the humanitarian truce in El Fasher, the capital of North Darfur province, to allow aid delivery. Burhan agreed to the proposal and stressed the importance of implementing relevant UN Security Council resolutions, but it’s unknown whether the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces would agree and comply with the ceasefire. “We are making contacts with both sides with that objective, and that was the fundamental reason for that phone contact. We have a dramatic situation in El Fasher,” Guterres told reporters on Friday. No further details were revealed about the specifics of the ceasefire, including when it could go into effect.

Sudan plunged into war in April 2023 when simmering tensions between the Sudanese army and the rival RSF escalated into battles in the capital, Khartoum, and spread across the country, killing more than 20,000 people. The war has also driven more than 14 million people from their homes and pushed parts of the country into famine. UNICEF said earlier this year that an estimated 61,800 children have been internally displaced since the war began.

Guterres said on Friday that a humanitarian truce is needed for effective aid distribution, and it must be agreed upon several days in advance to prepare for a large-scale delivery in the El Fasher area, which has seen repeated waves of violence recently.

Minister of Railways Flags Off MEMU Train No. 08121 from Purulia to Howrah via Masagram and Inspects Santragachi Station Redevelopment under Amrit Bharat Scheme

“The vision of our Hon’ble PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation of this new Indian Railways and to make it reality, over 1.2 million members of the Indian Railways family have been working with dedication.” – Ashwini Vaishnaw

Marking a significant milestone in Indian Railways’ efforts to enhance regional rail connectivity and station infrastructure, Hon’ble Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw along with Hon’ble Union MoS for Education, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Hon’ble MP from Bishnupur, Shri Saumitra Khan, Hon’ble MP from Howrah, Shri Prasun Banerjee, railway officials & citizens, visited Santragachi Railway Station today. During the visit, the Hon’ble Railway Minister inspected Santragachi station’s redevelopment progress under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, aimed at transforming Santragachi into a modern, world-class transit hub.

Following the inspection, the Hon’ble Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw virtually flagged off the inaugural run of Train No. 08121 — MEMU service between Purulia and Howrah via Masagram, fulfilling demand of the region. The flag-off ceremony was joined virtually by dignitaries - Hon’ble MP from Purulia, Shri Jyotirmoy Singh Mahato; Hon’ble MLA from Purulia, Shri Sudip Kumar Mukherjee was joined from Purulia & Hon’ble MLA from Bankura, Shri Niladri Sekhar Dana; Hon’ble MLA from Chhatna, Shri Satyanarayan Mukhopadhyay; Hon’ble MLA from Onda, Shri Amar Nath Shakhia; Hon’ble MLA from Sonamukhi, Shri Dibakar Gharami; Hon’ble MLA



from Indus, Shri Nirmal Kumar Dhara were joined from Bankura.

● Highlights of the Event

Station Inspection: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw inspected infrastructure and passenger amenities at Santragachi Railway Station, as a part of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme redevelopment. Virtual Flag-Off: MEMU Train No. 08121 flagged off via video conferencing from Santragachi Railway Station. Speaking at the event, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw said, “This MEMU train not only restores an important rail link but also revives the spirit of the historic Bankura Damodar Railway. The people of Purulia, Bankura, and Howrah now have access to a cleaner,

faster, and more affordable rail travel. This is a proud moment for all of us.” He further stated, “The vision of our Hon’ble PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation of this new Indian Railways and make it reality, over 1.2 million members of the Indian Railways family have been working with dedication. He also remarked, “Areas that once had miles to go have now witnessed rapid progress. In West Bengal alone, work is underway at around 101 stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme at an extraordinary pace. This is not just development, this is the creation of an entirely new format of Indian Railways. A new age is being crafted — with modern stations re-

placing those that are 50-60 years old. People today aspire for quality & for better experiences.”

● About the New MEMU Service (Train No. 08121) ● Route: Purulia – Bankura – Masagram – Howrah ● Total Distance: 283 km ● Fare: ₹60 (compared to ₹65 via the Kharagpur route) ● Time Savings: 41 km reduction in distance

This MEMU service enhances east-west mobility within West Bengal state and provides a faster, cost-effective route for thousands of daily commuters, including office-goers, students, and traders.

Historical and Strategic Significance

**Legacy:** The route revives the legacy of the Bankura Damodar Railway, first launched in 1916, which was converted to Broad Gauge in 2005 and extended to Masagram by 2012.

**Infrastructure:** Electrification completed in 2021, paving the way for efficient train services.

**Connectivity Boost:** Masagram serves as a junction integrating South Eastern Railway’s Bankura–Masagram line with Eastern Railway’s Howrah–Bardhaman chord rail line.

**Regional Impact:** Expected to improve access, boost tourism, and facilitate industrial and economic growth across Purulia, Bankura, Hooghly, and Howrah districts.

Indian Railways continues to prioritize citizen-centric development and connectivity solutions, ensuring that growth and mobility reach every corner of the country.

Hajis return to the city after performing Hajj



Nurul Islam Khan

Today, Saturday, 320 Allah’s guests Hajis returned to the city on the first flight. The first flight between Kolkata and Malda reached the destination at 9:45 am, i.e. at 9:05 am. The Hajj Committee has informed that two flights will arrive at the airport tomorrow, Sunday, with 640 passengers. This year, about 5,000 Hajis went to perform the holy Hajj Mubarak from the state. It is known that about 4,500 Hajis from neighboring states Jharkhand, Assam and Odisha and other places went to the holy Mecca. In total, 9,500 passengers went to perform Hajj. When they were returning to Kolkata after completing all the work of the holy Hajj Pak, there was a picture of joy and a satisfying scene in their eyes. Returning from the holy Mecca and the golden Medina Sharif, the

pilgrims were like newborns. The pilgrims were fascinated by the love of the beloved Prophet. The guests of Allah and lovers of the Prophet shared that happy story with everyone. Minister Firdaus Hakim, MP Khalidur Rahman, Chairman of the Hajj Committee, Minority Commission Chairman and former MP Ahmed Hasan Imran, Dr. PB Salim, Shakil Ahmed, Obaidur Rahman, Hajj Committee Mohammad Naqi and AKM Farhad as members, along with members of the relevant departments, were present at the airport to receive prayers or convey the good wishes of the pilgrims. The new pilgrims said that they did not face any problem while performing Hajj. They also expressed their happiness at receiving good services from the state government. Overall, the pilgrims returned home healthy and normal after a long absence.

Donald Trump claims again he stopped India-Pakistan war by threatening to ‘cancel



**MI News Service, Washington DC:** US President Donald Trump on Friday repeated his claims that he stopped the war between India and Pakistan by telling his administration officials to “cancel all deals” with the two countries, after which they agreed to stop the fighting.

“We did some great work. India and Pakistan. That was going to be maybe nuclear. We did that. We did a lot of work. I don’t know if there’s ever been a president that’s done much more,” Trump said, as he spoke to reporters at the White House following several decisions from the US Supreme Court, including one limiting the power of lower courts regarding national injunctions in a birthright citizenship case. Trump again repeated his claim that he stopped the war between India and Pakistan, which he claimed could have turned nuclear, after he told the countries that Washington would not “trade” with Delhi and Islamabad. “Serbia, Kosovo is going to go at it, going to be a big war. I said, ‘you go at it, there’s no trade with the United States.... That’s what happened with India and Pakistan. I was negotiating with both of them and I said to (Treasury Secretary) Scott (Bessent), I said to (Commerce Secretary) Howard (Lutnick), cancel all deals with India and Pak-

istan. They’re not trading with us because they’re in a war.” Trump said. Trump said the two countries “called back. ‘What do we do?’ I said, ‘Look, you want to have trade with the United States. It’s great, but you want to go and start using nuclear weapons on each other. We’re not going to allow that.’ And they both agreed, both have great leaders. They both agreed not to do it. So so we did a lot,” Trump said. He added that “some of the bigger countries, India, I think we’re going to reach a deal where we have the right to go in and trade. Right now it’s restricted. You can’t walk in there. You can’t even think about it. We’re looking to get a full trade barrier dropping, which is unthinkable and I’m not sure that that’s going to happen, but as of this moment, we’ve agreed to go into India and trade.” “We’re going to be trading in China. That’s going to come a little bit down the road, but we’re going to be trading in China. We have a lot of great things going and we’re getting along with countries, but some will be disappointed. Because they’re going to have to pay tariffs, and we’ve taken in already hundreds of billions of dollars in tariffs, no inflation,” Trump said. India and Pakistan reached an understanding on May 10 to end the conflict after four days of intense cross-border drone and missile strikes. Trump has repeated the claim several times that he “helped settle” the tensions between India and Pakistan. However, India has been consistently maintaining that the understanding on cessation of hostilities with Pakistan was reached following direct talks between the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) of the two militaries.

Thousands of Yemenis rally in Houthi-controlled region in support of Gaza, Iran

**MI News Service, Aden:** Thousands of Yemenis on Friday gathered in public squares across Houthi-controlled provinces to show their support for Gaza and Iran, according to the Houthi-run Al-Masirah TV. The rallies were organized under the banner “praising Iran’s victory ... and expressing steadfastness with Gaza until victory,” following a previous call by the Houthi group for its supporters to participate in the demonstrations.

In Al-Sabeen Square in central Sanaa, pro-Houthi demonstrators displayed Yemeni and Palestinian flags alongside banners expressing solidarity with Gaza, while chanting anti-Israel and anti-America slogans.

They congratulated Iran on what they described as “the great victory” in its recent conflict with Israel and the United States, and voiced support for “Palestinian resistance operations in Gaza.”

Center secretly implementing NRC in Bihar: Asaduddin Owaisi

**MI News Service, Hyderabad:** All India Majlis E Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi has accused the Election Commission of India (ECI) of “secretly implementing” the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Bihar prior to the forthcoming Assembly elections. He alleged that new voter registration guidelines requiring elaborate birth papers are discriminatory and can result in en masse disenfranchisement of voters, especially the poor and marginalized. In an X post, Owaisi stated, “The Election Commission is implementing NRC in Bihar through the backdoor. To get registered in the voter roll, every citizen will now need to produce documents not just establishing when and where they were born, but also when and where their parents were born.” He further stated that it was “a cruel joke” to expect such documentation from poor citizens in flood-hit regions like Seemanchal. Owaisi cautioned that such actions had the po-

tential to keep legitimate Indian citizens from voting as well as break the public’s confidence in the Election Commission. He reminded that even official estimates put only 75 percent of births registered in India, and numerous government records have substantial errors. The National Register of Citizens (NRC) is a process of verification of citizenship to identify illegal immigrants. It was initially done in Assam, where around 1.9 million individuals were left out of the final list released in 2019, causing indiscriminate fear and anxiety. The central government has already suggested a country-wide NRC but the proposal has come under fire for its ability to exclude vulnerable groups of people.

The NRC has ignited widespread protests in India since 2019, particularly when combined with the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). The NRC-CAA combination was feared by protesters to be used for targeting Muslims. Opposition leaders, civil soci-

ety organizations, and legal practitioners have expressed apprehensions about the practicability, legality, and humanitarian aspects of such an extensive documentation exercise.

Although the central government has not formally proceeded with a pan-India NRC, apprehensions have continued because of the ongoing bureaucratic reforms and public statements from the government officials. The Election Commission of India, however, has not made any official notification connecting voter registration processes with NRC. Opposition party leaders, including Congress and RJD in Bihar, too have voiced alarm at strict documentation norms brought in during the current revision of electoral rolls. Activists of civil rights organisations have sought to know what the Election Commission means and demanded protective measures to prevent any citizen from being unjustly debarred from exercising their franchise.

UN chief calls for ceasefire in Gaza

**MI News Service, United Nations:** UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for a ceasefire in Gaza following the suspension of the 12-day war between Israel and Iran. The conflict between Israel and Iran has dominated headlines, but the suffering of Palestinians in Gaza must not be pushed into the shadows, said Guterres. “The ceasefire achieved between Iran and Israel offers hope. And hope is more needed than ever. So it is time to find the political courage for a ceasefire in Gaza.”

Following the October 7, 2023, attacks by Hamas, Israeli military operations have created a humanitarian crisis of horrific proportions — more dire today than at any point in this long and brutal crisis, he told reporters at the UN headquarters in New York. Families have been displaced again and again, and are now confined to less than one-fifth of Gaza’s land. And even these shrinking spaces are under threat. Bombs are falling — on tents, on families, on those with nowhere left to run. People are being killed simply trying to feed themselves and their families, he noted. “Let me be clear: Israel, as the occupying power, is required by international law to agree to and to facilitate humanitarian relief,” he said, noting that UN-led humanitarian operations continue to be strangled. Xinhua news agency reported. For over three months, shelter materials and fuel for critical services have been blocked. Doctors are forced to choose who gets the last vial of medicine, or the last ventilator. Aid workers themselves are starving, he said. “This cannot be normalized.”

A handful of medical supplies finally crossed into Gaza earlier this week — the first from the United Nations in months. But this only underscores the vast scale of the crisis.

Terror Accused Saquib Nachan Passes Away at Safdarjung Hospital

**MI News Service, New Delhi/Bhiwandi:** Saquib Nachan, a controversial figure and terror accused from Borivali-Padgha village in Bhiwandi taluka, passed away early this morning at Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi. He had been admitted in a critical condition following a brain hemorrhage suffered while in judicial custody at Tihar Jail. Nachan, who had a long and contentious history with law enforcement agencies, was arrested in late 2023 by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) for allegedly heading a banned ISIS module operating in Maharashtra. He had previously faced multiple terror-related charges, including convictions linked to earlier incidents of violence in Mumbai.

According to prison authorities, Nachan collapsed inside Tihar Jail on Sunday, June 22. He was initially rushed to the government-run Deen Dayal Upadhyay (DDU) Hospital, where doctors found him unresponsive

and diagnosed him with a brain hemorrhage. Later doctors at DDU Hospital referred him to Safdarjung Hospital due to the severity of his condition. Nachan reportedly remained unconscious throughout his hospitalisation and never regained consciousness before his demise. His death raises questions about the medical care provided to undertrial prisoners in high-security jails, especially those with serious health conditions. A former office bearer of the banned Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), Saquib Nachan had already served a significant prison term in previous terror-related convictions and was known to maintain a defiant stance against the charges leveled against him. The NIA and Delhi police are expected to conduct a post-mortem and submit a report on his custodial death. Further details, including funeral arrangements and family statements, are awaited.



# Ayush Shetty, Tanvi Sharma cruise into semi-finals of US Open 2025 badminton tournament

IOWA [US] : Indian shuttlers Ayush Shetty and Tanvi Sharma advanced into the semi-finals of the ongoing US Open 2025 badminton competition as they registered victories in their quarter-final encounters of the competition here on Friday.

Fourth seed Ayush Shetty, 34th in the men's singles badminton rankings, progressed to the semi-finals of the BWF Super 300 tournament after beating former junior world champion Kuo Kuan-lin of Chinese Taipei 22-20, 21-9 in the quarter-finals.

Down 19-16 in the first game, Ayush Shetty rallied from behind to clinch the opener in a tie-break before wrapping up the second comfortably to win the match in 38 minutes, as per Olympics.com.

Ayush Shetty will face top seed



and world No. 6 Chou Tien-chen of Chinese Taipei in the semi-finals. The last time the two squared off, Chou Tien-chen beat Ayush Shetty in straight games in



the semi-finals of the Taipei Open earlier this year.

Saturday's encounter will mark Ayush Shetty's third semi-final appearance of the year, fol-

lowing his run to the last four at the Orleans Masters in March.

Meanwhile, world No. 66 Tanvi Sharma also progressed to the semi-finals after beating

Malaysia's Letshanaa Karupathevan, 50th in the badminton rankings, 21-13, 21-16 in the quarters. Tanvi will face world No. 40 and seventh seed Polina Buhrova of Ukraine in the semis.

Elsewhere, India's challenge in the men's doubles ended third seeds Hariharan Amsakarunan and Ruban Kumar Rethinasabapathi lost 21-9, 21-19 to Chiang Chien-Wei and Wu Hsuan-yi of Chinese Taipei in the quarter-finals. Earlier, 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. Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto, who led India in the mixed doubles, suffered an opening-round exit on Wednesday.



## FIH Hockey Pro League Women: India lose 0-3 to China

BERLIN [GERMANY] : China registered a determined 3-0 win against the Indian Women's Hockey Team on Saturday in Berlin, pushing them on the brink of relegation from the FIH Hockey Pro League (Women).

It was a disappointing outing for India, who missed converting from the chances, including a penalty stroke in the fourth quarter when Deepika hit the post, as per a press release from Hockey India.

"We are giving away too many soft PCs," was Chief Coach Harendra Singh's half-time analysis. From only six chances in the circle for China, they scored thrice with goals from Yang Chen (21'), Ying Zhang (26') - both these goals from PC, while Anhui Yu (45') scored a field goal.

"Execution and good structure are what helped us win today," was China's immediate reaction to the victory, which continues to firmly place them in the fourth position on the points table while India remains in the ninth place. A favourable result in the upcoming game between seventh-placed Germany and eighth-placed England would give some hope for India.

India made a good start, winning a Penalty Corner (PC) as early as the 4th minute but failed to convert.

China, meanwhile, which have been on the rise since their incredible Paris Olympic Silver Medal, took the lead in the 21st minute through a PC converted by Yang. She gave Savita no chance of saving it. Five minutes later, Ying pumped one in, to make it 2-0 by halftime, again through a PC. This one was a complete defensive collapse in PC, with the ball going in between defender Jyoti Singh's legs.

China's third goal was a finely-struck field goal by Anhui Yu following which India had no hope of bouncing back. Overall, it has been an underwhelming show by the Indian Women's Hockey Team and they will be desperately hoping to end their campaign with a win when they meet China again tomorrow at 20:00 hours IST.

# Rahi, Mehuli and Niraj finish on top at National Shooting Trials in Dehradun



DEHRADUN (UTTARAKHAND) : Day five of the National Selection Trials 3 and 4 for Group A Rifle and Pistol shooters at the Trishul Shooting Range, Maharana Pratap Sports College, here in Raipur on Saturday, delivered another round of thrilling contests as Olympian Rahi Sarnobat, mixed team rifle Asian champion Mehuli Ghosh, and Navy's Niraj Kumar came out on top in their respective finals.

In the women's 25m pistol T4 final, 2018 Asian Games gold medalist Rahi Sarnobat produced a composed and clinical performance to outclass the field. She scored 40 hits in the final, finishing six points clear of Maharashtra's Abhidnya Ashok Patil, who scored 34. Haryana's Vibhuti Bhatia rounded off the podium with a score of 27, as per a press release from the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI).

Earlier in the qualification, it was a close duel between Rahi and Olympian Rhythm Sangwan, both registering scores of 582. Rhythm with 18 inner 10 hits edged into the top spot in qualification with two more 10s than Rahi. Anjali Choudhary and Vibhuti Bhatia also shot identical scores of 579-17x, with Anjali clinching third place based on the count of inner hits.

The finals lineup also included Ishneet Aulakh (578-16x), Heena Sidhu (577-10x), Abhidnya Ashok Patil (576-21x), and Chinki Yadav (576-14x).

In the women's 10 air rifle (ARW), Mehuli Ghosh shot 253.6 to win T4 finals, after she finished second in qualification, just 0.2 behind Olympian Ramita Jindal (633.5). Meghana M. Sajjanar of Railways finished in second place with 253.1 while Sonam Uttam Maskar held her nerve in the eliminations and clinched third with 231.4, narrowly edging out Ramita (210) by 0.1 at the 20-shot mark.

The qualification leaderboard included Ramita, followed by Mehuli, Meghana (631.9), and Sonam (631.6). Tilottama Sen (631.4), Kashika Pradhan (631.1), T3 winner Narmada Nithin (630.5), and Rajshree Anilkumar (630.1) completed T4 final starting list.

Navy marksman Niraj Kumar delivered a clinical finish in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) Men T3 final, scoring 463.9 to claim top honours against a star-studded lineup. He held steady throughout the 45-shot final to outshot Army's Babu Singh Panwar, who had earlier topped the qualification with an impressive 591-32x but settled for second place in the final with 457.3. Two-time Olympian Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar settled for third place with a score of 447.0

The T3 qualifiers saw a fiercely contested field, with Paris Olympic bronze medalist Swapnil Kusale (590-42x) and Niraj (590-35x) close behind Babu Singh. Nikhil Tanwar (589-39x), Surya Pratap Singh Banshtu (589-27x), Rudranksh Patil (587-30x), and Pratham Bhadana (587-30x) completed the top eight.

The same set of shooters will return to the firing line tomorrow (Sunday, June 29, 2025) for the T4 qualification and final round of the men's 3P event. The day's schedule will also feature the 10m Air Pistol T3 qualifications and finals in both men's and women's categories. (ANI)

# "Line, lengths I bowled were not perfect...": India's Prasidh Krishna on Leeds Test performance

LEEDS [UK] : Ahead of the second Test against England at Edgbaston, Indian pacer Prasidh Krishna admitted that he could not bowl the line and lengths he wanted and would look to control his economy rate in the coming matches.

The second Test will take place at Birmingham from July 2 onwards. While Prasidh took a total of five wickets in the match, the same as pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, his economy rates of 6.40 and 6.10 across both innings attracted plenty of criticism from fans and experts alike, as he offered too many easy-to-hit deliveries.

Speaking ahead of the match in the pre-match presser, Krishna said, "I think if I look at the first innings, I was a little shorter than where I wanted to be, definitely 6-8 metres is ideal. That is what I would say. I think the second innings got slightly better because again the wicket was slightly slower."

"I had to pitch a few slightly behind 8 and then go slightly fuller when I am trying to get a wicket. So yeah, I definitely did not bowl the lengths that I wanted to," he added.

Krishna also said that he would like to bring down his economy rate in the coming games.

"I think I am learning as well. I cannot say anything, it is up to me, it is my responsibility to get better, and that is what I am trying, that is what I am working on and I just want to make



sure I put in the right kind of work and come back here and put up better numbers," he added.

On the possible absence of Bumrah from the second Test, Krishna said that the team is learning from each other no matter who is there and who is not, and the senior pacer had been talking to the

bowling group even before coming to England. "At least for me, I have been part of this team for a few years now, so the conversations are still going on. One thing you cannot get is experience that you have to do it yourself, and yeah, I think all of us are excited. If you look at the team, everybody is here. (Mohammed) Siraj has played a lot of games, he is going to continue playing, and then whoever comes in or whatever happens later, it is a great experience and it is an opportunity, that is the way we look at it," he added.

The pacer admitted that during the last match, the outfield was fast and his line and lengths were "not perfect" and hence the English batters took him on.

"Some of them were edges, some of them I tried bowling bouncers, I ended up giving runs, so I think somebody in the team had to do it. I am happy to do it, but definitely every time I come out to bowl, I am looking to keep the economy right down and build the pressure up," he added.

India's Test squad will consist of series: Shubman Gill (c), Rishabh Pant (vc), Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul, Sai Sudharsan, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Karun Nair, Nitish Reddy, Ravindra Jadeja, Dhruv Jurel, Washington Sundar, Shardul Thakur, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Akash Deep, Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav.

# BLUE TIGRESSES GEAR UP TO FACE RESILIENT TIMOR LESTE IN AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP QUALIFIERS

CHIANG MAI [THAILAND] : After a thumping opening day victory, the Indian senior women's team will look to continue the winning momentum in the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers when they take on Timor Leste on Sunday at the 700th Anniversary of Chiang Mai Stadium.

The match will be streamed live on Changsuek YouTube Channel and Thai Women's Football Facebook Page.

The five-team Group B is currently led by Iraq, who are on four points after a 5-2 victory over Mongolia and a 0-0 draw with Timor Leste. India, who beat Mongolia 13-0, and Thailand, who beat Timor Leste 4-0, are on three points each.

Despite Timor Leste being ranked 158th, 32 places below Mongolia, Indian coach Crispin Chettri believed that the Southeast Asian side would pose a stronger challenge. Having watched all teams in action after the first two match-days, there's now a much clearer assessment of all the remaining three opponents.

"Timor Leste are a better organised team than Mongolia, and I feel they are better organised defensively than Iraq as well. They prefer going for counterattacks. They don't mind keeping the ball either. So, in patches, they are good. But as Thailand dominated the match completely, we can't say much about their attack. But they have got pace in their



team as well," said Chettri, as per the press release from AIFF.

Chettri and his coaching staff were in attendance at the 700th Anniversary of Chiang Mai Stadium on Thursday as Timor Leste restricted 46th-ranked Thailand to four goals.

India, ranked 70, have never faced Timor Leste before. Coached by Indonesian Emral bin Bustamam, Timor Leste have been more active in international football as compared to Mongolia. They finished fourth in the 2024 AFF Women's Cup, where they drew against Laos and Singapore. They have played in four editions of the ASEAN Women's Championship, and the 2-1 win over

Singapore in 2019 remains the only official victory in their history. The 0-0 draw with Iraq on Monday was their first-ever point in an AFC competition.

India utilised their five-day break to recover and prepare for the tighter schedule ahead, with three matches in a week. The Blue Tigresses had two morning training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday, and two evening sessions on Friday and Saturday.

"I think when you have a tournament of four matches, this kind of rest helps in team building. Tactically, we worked on a few things which maybe we didn't do well in the first match. We had four training sessions to work on that.