

Mamata Banerjee to lead July 16 rally against harassment of Bengalis in other states

MI News Service, Kolkata: Allegations of harassment against Bengali-speaking citizens in a number of BJP-ruled states have sparked widespread outrage, prompting West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee herself to lead a mass protest march on July 16. The demonstration, scheduled to commence at 1 PM from College Square and conclude at Dorina Crossing in Kolkata, will witness the participation of large number of Trinamool Congress leaders, workers, and supporters from Howrah, Bhargar, Dum Dum, and Salt Lake, as confirmed by State Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya. Simultaneously, coordinated protest rallies will be held across all districts in the state between 2 PM and 4 PM, while parallel demonstrations are planned in Delhi as well.

Reports of targeted harassment of Bengalis have been surfacing consistently from various BJP-ruled regions, including



File Pic

Odisha and Delhi's Jahangirpuri and Jaihind Colony. Complaints allege that Bengalis are being systematically persecuted — facing abuse simply for speaking their mother tongue, having their electricity and water supplies cut off, and even being denied basic civic services despite possessing proper identification. Earlier, Chief Minister Mamata

Banerjee had voiced her deep concern over this issue through her official X handle, condemning what she termed as deliberate marginalisation of Bengalis outside West Bengal.

On Sunday, addressing the media, state Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya sharply condemned and questioned the constitutional values of the nation

under BJP rule. "What kind of country is this, where being Bengali amounts to being treated as an outsider? Every moment, Bengal's identity and pride are being insulted. Shockingly, the Union Government appears complicit in supporting such criminal acts. People are terrified — essential utilities like electricity and water are being disconnected merely because someone is Bengali. Even valid identity documents are proving futile in securing rights. Coupled with the looming fear of NRC, the situation is worsening," she said.

Chandrima Bhattacharya further announced that Mamata Banerjee, known for her fierce defence of Bengali identity, will personally lead the July 16 rally as a symbolic stand against these discriminatory acts. According to Bhattacharya, Mamata' Banerjee's protest march aims to "send a clear message to the Centre and BJP-led states that Bengalis will not be intimidated."

AAIB report found no mechanical fault with Air India Boeing 787-8 plane

MI News Service, New Delhi: Air India CEO and MD Campbell Wilson on Monday said that AAIB's preliminary report on the Ahmedabad plane crash last month found "no mechanical or maintenance issues with the aircraft or engines", and that all mandatory maintenance tasks had been completed.

Amid speculations in various quarters about the reasons for the fatal crash that killed 260 people on June 12, the Air India chief reiterated that preliminary report identified no cause nor made any recommendations and urged everyone to avoid drawing premature conclusions as the investigation is far from over.

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) on Saturday released its preliminary report on the crash of Air India's Boeing 787-8 plane that killed 260 people, including 241 people onboard. The aircraft, which was operating the flight AI171 from Ahmedabad to

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3 Delhi schools receive bomb threats, nothing found

MI News Service, New Delhi: At least three schools in the national capital received bomb threats on Monday morning, prompting the emergency services to swing into immediate action, a Delhi Police official said. He said that around 8 am, police received phone calls regarding the bomb threats from CRPF Schools in Prashant Vihar and Dwarka Sector 16, as well as another school in Chanakyapuri. "Police teams immediately moved in to check the school premises,"

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'Kanwariyas', Lord Shiva devotees, pull a 'kanwar' with an idol of Lord Shiva as they walk along the Delhi-Haridwar Expressway during the ongoing 'Kanwar Yatra', in Haridwar, Uttarakhand.

Omar Abdullah and NC leaders slip through barricades to offer tributes to martyrs

MI News Service, Srinagar : A day after being locked indoors, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and several other National Conference leaders slipped through the security barricades to pay tributes to July 13 martyrs at Naqshband Sahib graveyard in the Old City on Monday.

Abdullah severely criticised the Lieutenant Governor and the police for trying to stop him and his entourage from entering the martyrs' graveyard. "It is sad that on the instructions of the people who claim that their responsibility is the security



and law and order, we were not allowed to offer 'fateha' here. We were kept in house arrest (on Sunday). When gates opened, I expressed to the control room my desire to offer fateha. Within min-

utes, bunkers were put up and they were not removed late into the night," Abdullah told reporters after paying tributes at the graveyard.

Incidentally earlier this morning, as a defiant

Chief Minister Abdullah in fact scaled the gates of the Naqshband Sahib graveyard and paid tributes to the 22 people killed by the Dogra army on July 13, 1931. The dramatic scene unfolded a day after Abdullah and several leaders of the National Conference and opposition parties were put under house arrest to prevent them from going to the graveyard to mark Martyrs' Day. National Conference President Farooq Abdullah took an autorickshaw from the Khanyar crossing to the martyrs memorial

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SC to hear Uddhav Thackeray faction's plea for Shiv Sena symbol row in August

MI News Service, New Delhi /Mumbai :The Supreme Court has announced that it will hear a plea of Uddhav Thackeray-led faction against the Maharashtra assembly speaker's decision to give the "bow and arrow" party symbol to the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena faction, sometime in August.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joyimalya Bagchi said on Monday that the issue had been pending for long and the uncertainty cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely.

"We will be fixing the matter in August for final disposal of the main case," the bench told senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who appeared for the Uddhav faction. Sibal said they wanted an expeditious disposal of the case in view of the local Sibal said the assembly speaker's decision to hand over the symbol to the opposite party in 2023 based on the legislative majority was contrary to a Constitution bench verdict of the top court. Justice Kant then said, "We will give the exact date of listing of the matter

later as we don't want to clash with other cases." On May 7, the top court asked the Thackeray-led faction to concentrate on local body polls after the party sought an urgent hearing on its plea against the Maharashtra assembly speaker's decision. The top court then said the matter would be taken after the summer break. On January 10, 2024 Maharashtra legislative assembly speaker Rahul Narwekar rejected Shiv Sena (UBT)

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Jaishankar tells Chinese leaders normalisation of ties can produce mutually beneficial outcomes

MI News Service, New Delhi / Beijing : External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has told the Chinese Vice President Han Zheng that continued normalisation of India-China ties can surely produce mutually beneficial outcomes.

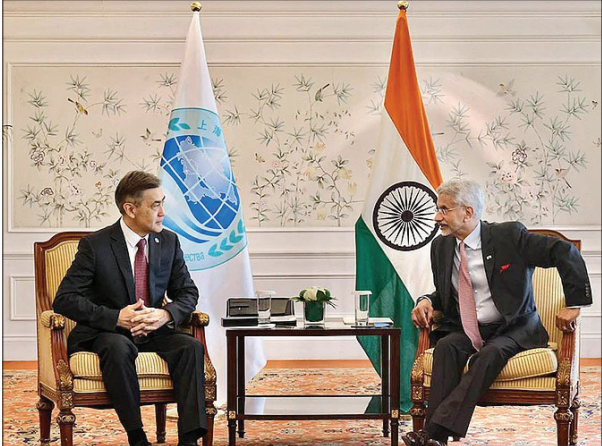
"An open exchange of views between the two sides is very important considering the present complex global situation:", EAM Jaishankar said before the Chinese President on Monday.

The external affairs minister held talks with Zheng shortly after reaching the Chinese capital from Singapore in the second and final leg of his two-nation trip.

Jaishankar is visiting China after about five years to attend a conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in the Chinese city of Tianjin.

Appreciating the resumption of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, the External Affairs minister said, "We have marked the 75th anniversary of the establishment of our diplomatic relations. The resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra is also widely appreciated in India. Continued normalisation of our ties can produce mutually beneficial outcomes."

Jaishankar said an open exchange of views between India and China was important, considering the "complex" global situation. The Union minister told the Chinese Vice President, "Our bilateral relationship, as you have pointed, has been steadily



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during a meeting with the Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Nurlan Yermekbayev, in Beijing, China.

improving since the meeting between Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi and President Xi Jinping in Kazan last October. I am confident that my discussions in this visit will maintain that positive trajectory."

Jaishankar added that an open exchange of views between the neighbouring countries was important, and he is looking forward to such discussions during this visit.

This is External Affairs minister's first visit to China after Galwan standoff in 2020. The visit comes amid strained relations between the two neighbouring nations following China's military support to Pakistan during Operation Sindoor and the Tibet issue. China had aligned with Pakistan in the aftermath of the Pahal-gam terror attack. Meanwhile, China objected to India's position on the "reincarnation" of the Dalai Lama.

Earlier during the SCO defence ministers' meeting, Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh abstained from signing a joint statement as there was no mention of the Pahal-gam terror attack in it.

Today Jaishankar met Han in Beijing shortly after arriving in China to attend a meeting of Foreign ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). The bilateral relationship has been "steadily improving" since last October", Jaishankar said adding " continued normalisation of our ties can produce mutually beneficial outcomes. This visit will maintain the positive trajectory in the relationship between India and China after reaching an understanding last October to end the four-year long military standoff in Ladakh sector of the Line of Actual Control (LAC)". Since PM Modi and

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CM Mamata slams 'Assault on Democracy' by J-K police after Omar Abdullah stopped from paying tributes to Martyrs' graveyard

MI News Service, Kolkata: A major political controversy has erupted after Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah was blocked by police from entering the historic Mazaar-e-Shuhada to offer prayers on Martyrs' Day. Visuals circulated widely on social media showed the J-K Chief Minister scaling a wall to access the graveyard, after being allegedly denied entry by security personnel. The incident, unprecedented in recent political history, has drawn widespread condemnation, with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee calling the police action "an attack on democratic dignity." Reacting strongly via her official social media handle, Mamata Banerjee stated "What is wrong in visiting the graveyard of martyrs? This is not only unfortunate, it also snatches the democratic right of a citizen. What happened this morning to an elected Chief Minister [Omar Abdullah] is unacceptable. Shocking. Shameful." Highlighting the gravity of the situation, Mamata Banerjee noted that preventing an elected leader from paying respects to martyrs is a violation of not just constitutional rights but also human decency. She added that

when law enforcement agencies themselves compromise democratic freedoms, it poses a serious threat to the nation's foundational principles. "If someone like Omar Abdullah can be stopped in this manner, what message does that send to ordinary citizens?" Mamata questioned. The incident occurred yesterday, marking Jammu and Kashmir's historic Martyrs' Day, commemorating the 22 civilians killed in 1931 during protests against Dogra rule. Omar Abdullah later revealed that he had been placed under house arrest the previous day and attempted to visit the graveyard secretly on Sunday morning. "I was again stopped in the name of security. I demand to know under what law I was prevented from paying homage to the martyrs," he said. His father, former Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah, was present during the confrontation. Mamata Banerjee, who recently hosted Omar Abdullah in Bengal, has thrown her full political weight behind him. Her unequivocal support is being viewed as significant by political observers, symbolising solidarity against perceived attempts to suppress regional leadership.

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King Charles to host US President Trump for State Visit in September

MI News Service, London : S King Charles III of Great Britain will host US President Donald Trump for a State Visit at Windsor Castle between September 17 and 19, Buckingham Palace announced here on Monday. Plans for the State Visit of the US President emerged in February when British Prime Minister Keir Starmer handed over the 76-year-old

monarch's formal invitation to Trump at the White House during his visit to Washington DC. The two-night visit marks an unprecedented second State Visit for Trump, who was hosted by the late Queen Elizabeth II during his first presidential term in 2019. This will be the second time that Trump will have received the highest honor offered to a visiting dignitary by

the UK. The King will host Trump and first lady Melania Trump at Windsor Castle from September 17-19, Buckingham Palace in a statement said today. Trump had warmly welcomed the offer of another state visit to Britain when he was handed over the formal invitation by UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer in the Oval Office in February during a diplomatic high

point of their meeting, as Starmer has sought to cement UK-US ties and rally Trump's backing in support of Ukraine against Russia. Trump called the invite an "honor" and said King Charles was a "beautiful man, a wonderful man." Starmer has prioritized good relations with Trump since

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Taxi drivers and commuters near the Howrah Maidan area faced slight disruptions in their work due to the protest rally, 'Nabanna Abhijaan', organized by protesting teachers from Howrah Taxi Stand on Monday.

Sacked teachers march, Mangalahat traders on edge

MI News Service, Howrah: The Nabanna campaign by unemployed but qualified teacher candidates is set to return on Monday, prompting significant administrative action in Howrah. Concrete barricades are being erected at key points including Santragachi Station, Foreshore Road, and GT Road near Howrah Maidan to prevent protesters from marching toward Nabanna.

The renewed agitation,

happening just a week after a similar protest, is already impacting local commerce—particularly the Mangalahat market. Traders say the three-day haat, held every Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday in Howrah Maidan, has been severely affected. According to businessman Rajkumar Mandal, "Though the administration claims it's a one-day protest, shops shut down the day before and remain affected the day after. That's a

three-day loss every time." Another trader, Madan Kumar Das, added, "This market is our livelihood. With around 500 hawkers depending on these three days, repeated disruptions are making survival difficult. The administration could consider rerouting the protest to minimize impact." Traders are urging authorities to find alternative arrangements to avoid further economic hardship in the area.

Civic volunteer's wife found hanging 5 months after marriage

MI News Service, Hooghly: Less than five months after her marriage, 29-year-old Riya Das was found hanging at her in-laws' residence in Rukespur, under the jurisdiction of Balagarh police station. Her death has sparked serious allegations from her family, who claim she was murdered over dowry demands.

Riya, a resident of Bishpara, Magra, was married to civic volunteer Subhash Santra in February. According to her father, Deepak Das, several items—including an electric scooter and a laptop—were provided during the marriage. Despite this, he alleges that Riya was subjected to continued pressure for more dowry, leading to ongoing domestic discord. On Sunday, Riya's body was

found hanging from a ceiling fan in a locked room. Her in-laws claimed that she had not responded to repeated calls that morning, prompting them to alert her parents. Upon arrival, her family broke down the door and rushed her to Zirat Hospital, where doctors declared her dead on arrival. Riya's aunt alleged that she had been a victim of prolonged mental torture and suspicion by her husband and mother-in-law. "If she had been taken to the hospital earlier, she might have survived," the grieving family member said. In contrast, Riya's mother-in-law, Shobha Santra, denied all allegations. She admitted there had been frequent arguments between Riya and her son since the marriage. "She had gone to work at a fac-

tory in Kuntighat. When she didn't return for long, my son called her, and she said she couldn't call earlier because her phone had no recharge. There was an argument between them. My son went to the field this morning—only then the incident took place," Shobha claimed. Police have registered a case of unnatural death. DSP (Crime) of Hooghly Rural Police, Abhijit Sinha Mohapatra, confirmed that the body has been sent for post-mortem examination, which will be conducted in the presence of a magistrate on Monday. Meanwhile, Deepak Das has lodged a formal complaint against Subhash Santra and his mother, accusing them of murder and ongoing dowry harassment. Police have launched an investigation based on the complaint.

Block president reprimanded over controversial remarks against MLA, asked to explain within 3 days

MI News Service, Murshidabad: A senior block-level leader has landed in controversy after making provocative remarks about Sagardighi MLA Byron Biswas during a recent public meeting. The district leadership has issued a formal reprimand, demanding a written explanation within three days. According to sources, the remarks were made during a preparatory meeting held in the Patkeldanga area of Sagardighi on Saturday.

The block president, Me-

hboob Alam, allegedly accused the MLA of sidelining dedicated grassroots workers and attempting to turn Sagardighi into a "second Bhangan." Alam further alleged that the MLA had joined the current organization "to protect his business interests" and was creating divisions within the local community. His statements, made in the presence of a crowd, sparked considerable unrest and drew criticism from within party ranks. Taking swift action, the orga-

nizational district president of Jangipur, Khalilur Rahman, issued a letter to Alam on Monday, demanding an explanation. Speaking on the matter, Rahman emphasized the importance of discipline within the organization. "No leader or worker has the liberty to speak irresponsibly in public forums. Any breach of discipline will lead to strict action," he stated. The controversy has ignited fresh debate over internal differences and discipline among grassroots-level leadership.

Khejuri in tension after two bodies found: Clash arrests, and 12 shutdown sparks chaos

MI News Service, East Mednipore: Tension gripped the Khejuri region on Monday following the recovery of two bodies from Bhangmanari village under Khejuri Police Station. While authorities have registered a case of unnatural death, local opposition leader Suwendu Adhikari has rejected this claim, alleging foul play and calling the incident a "double murder."

In protest, a 12-hour bandh was observed in the area, during which incidents of unrest and sporadic violence were reported from several locations, including Heriya, Banshgoda, and

Kalagechia. Scuffles broke out, and several vehicles attempting to operate during the shutdown were attacked. Ferry services on the Rasulpur River were also suspended as a precaution. Amid heightened tensions, law enforcement arrested eight individuals in connection with enforcing the bandh. Local sources say police presence remains heavy to maintain order. Despite the unrest, Suwendu Adhikari led a scheduled protest march, reiterating his stance on the deaths and raising questions about the authorities' handling of the case. "Why was the body removed from the road with-

out informing the family?" he asked during a public address, further alleging manipulation in the post-mortem process. He claimed that instructions were given to record the cause of death as electrocution. Addressing supporters later in a meeting, Adhikari criticized what he described as administrative inaction and urged residents to stay vigilant. He also made provocative comments, warning of future retaliation and emphasizing grassroots mobilization. The situation in Khejuri remains volatile as the investigation continues and both public and political tensions persist.

Shantanu Thakur urges refugees from Bangladesh to apply under CCA, highlights role of Matua Mahasangha

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: Union Minister of State for Shipping, Shantanu Thakur, on Sunday urged individuals who have arrived in India from Bangladesh to apply for citizenship under the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA). Speaking at a religious event organized by the Matua Dharma Chintan Shibir in Gopalnagar, he emphasized the role of the All India Matua Mahasangh in assisting applicants.

Thakur stated, "Those who have come directly from Bangladesh should apply for CAA. If you have any documents from Bangladesh, submit them to Thakurbati. Applications will be processed from here. No certificate

is required." He further added that the Mahasangh would issue an identity certificate to applicants confirming their affiliation with the organization, which he claimed would be valid for the citizenship application process. When asked about the timing of the appeal, Thakur said, "The government has initiated actions against illegal settlers. Many individuals from Bangladesh and Pakistan are residing in India without valid documents. In this situation, the CAA is crucial for ensuring legal protection for genuine refugees." However, not everyone within the Matua community appears to be aligned with Thakur's stance. Prosenjit

Biswas, former general secretary of Mamata Bala Thakur's faction of the Mahasangh, expressed skepticism. "Shantanu Thakur's visit from locality to locality indicates that people are not showing interest in applying for CAA. Refugees are placing their trust in Mamata Banerjee. His efforts seem more focused on personal political interests than community welfare," he said. The remarks have brought the spotlight back on the issue of citizenship and its deepening link with Matua politics in West Bengal, with opposing factions interpreting the CAA and its impact on refugee communities differently.

A rare turtle spotted in Nadia, forest department rescues it

MI News Service, Shantipur: A rare species of turtle was found in the Steamer ghat area of Ward 16 under Santipur Municipality in Nadia on Sunday. The turtle was spotted by local farmer Ujjal Pramanik while working in his field.

According to Pramanik, the turtle appeared unusual and unlike common local species. Sensing that it could be a protected or endangered species, he immediately informed the Bahadurpur-Palashgachhi beat office of the forest department.

A team of forest officials arrived at the spot shortly afterward and safely rescued the turtle. "I realized it wasn't

a regular turtle and felt it was best not to touch or disturb it. I called the forest office right away," said Pramanik. "If we all stay alert and act responsibly, we can help protect both wildlife and the environment."

Forest officials confirmed that the turtle is indeed a rare and protected species. It has been taken for further identification and will be released into a safe habitat after examination. In recent years, several rare animals have been reported in Nadia district, prompting forest officials to urge the public to report such sightings promptly rather than attempt to capture or handle the animals themselves.

Class 6 student found with red marks all over body inside school

MI News Service, Sonarpur: A class six student from Ramkanal Vidyapeeth in the Sonarpur Police station area was allegedly severely beaten within school premises, leading to his hospitalization and a formal complaint filed against the school teacher-in-charge, Jyotirmoy Mandal. The incident is reported to have occurred last Saturday, after school hours.

According to the student's family, he was on his way to private tuition when he was called back into the empty school building. There, he was allegedly assaulted by the teacher-in-charge, reportedly with the assistance

of the older students. Following the alleged beating, the student fell ill and required hospital admission for injuries sustained on his hands, feet and elbows. The student's mother discovered red marks across his body. When confronted about the incident, school authorities are accused of refusing to cooperate and instead threatening to jeopardize the student's academic future. Out of fear, the student is now reportedly unwilling to return to school. A complaint has been lodged with the Sonarpur police station. Attempts to contact the accused teacher-in-charge, Jyotirmoy Mandal have been unsuccessful.



Devotees gather in large numbers at Bhutnath Temple of North Kolkata to offer prayers on the first Monday of Sawan, marking the auspicious beginning of the holy month with devotion and fervor.

Personal relationship angle surfaces in village leader's death

MI News Service, Birbhum: The mysterious death of Piyyush Ghosh, a regional leader in SrinidhiPoor village under the Sainthia police station limits, has taken a new turn as investigators explore the possibility of a personal relationship dispute behind the alleged murder. Piyyush Ghosh's body was found lying on a road near his home around 2 AM on Saturday night.

According to family sources, Piyyush Ghosh was called out of his house late at night by an unidentified person. Hours later, he was found dead, prompting his father to allege that he had been deliberately murdered. Initial assump-

tions suggested possible political motives, but police investigations have since shifted focus. According to sources, evidence has emerged pointing to a possible extramarital relationship involving the deceased. Investigators suspect that tensions arising from the relationship may have led to the fatal incident. Three individuals have been arrested so far—two women and one man. One of the women is believed to have been involved in a relationship with Piyyush Ghosh. Police are currently questioning the suspects, and their phone call records are being examined for further leads.

Police hold tree plantation drive



Nurul Islam Khan Like in previous years, the auspicious inauguration of the tree plantation program on the occasion of Aranya Week was held at the West Midnapore District Police Lines, under the initiative of the West Bengal Police Welfare Committee. After the auspicious start of the tree plantation program, it will continue from July 14th to July 20th. Forest Week is being celebrated through tree plantation programs in all branches of West Bengal Police.

The chief guest MP Smt. June Malliya, Shri Dhritiman Sarkar, IPS, Superintendent of

Police, West Midnapore District Police, keynote speaker Shri Shantanu Sinha Biswas Mahasoy, Coordinator, were present at the inaugural ceremony. West Bengal Police and Kolkata Police Welfare Committee, Speaker Shri Bijitash Raut Convener, West Bengal Police Welfare Committee, Shri Ruhul Amin Ali Shah, Convener, Kolkata Police Welfare Committee, Other leaders of the West Bengal Police Welfare Committee, various officers and general members of West Midnapore district, and officers and members of the Welfare Committee of all branches of the West Bengal Police were also present.

Rourkela's Aarav Bhide bags Rs 1 crore global scholarship

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: Aarav Bhide from Rourkela has been awarded the prestigious Global Citizen Scholarship (GCS) by Global Indian International School (GIIIS), covering tui-

tion, boarding, and living expenses for Grades 11 and 12. The scholarship, valued at ₹1 crore, is a turning point in Aarav's life and will enable him to choose between the CBSE and IBDP curriculum in Singapore.



SFI activists took part in a protest rally demanding the immediate announcement of Joint Entrance results during their 'March to West Bengal Joint Entrance Examinations Board' in Kolkata on Monday.

Class 8 boy murdered, parents store body in freezer for 13 days seeking probe

MI News Service, Malda : Thirteen days have passed since the mysterious death of eighth-grade student Srikant Mondal, yet his body remains uncremated, stored in a freezer at his home. The incident occurred on July 2, when the student's body was recovered from the dormitory of Rosemary Missionary School in Manikchak.

While the school authorities claim the student died by suicide, the family has rejected this version, alleging physical abuse and foul play by the institution. A written complaint was filed at Manikchak police station, and an initial post-mortem was conducted, reportedly confirming suicide. However, the student's family disputes the findings and insists the report is manipulated to shield the accused. The family alleges that the police are deliberately overlooking crucial evidence, including CCTV footage from the hostel. They also claim that no arrests have been made despite serious allegations against the school authorities, including a specific individual named in the complaint. In protest and in pursuit of justice, the family



has moved the High Court seeking an impartial investigation and re-autopsy. Meanwhile, local residents and the student's family continue to demand immediate action, including the arrest of the accused and a second post-mortem. Villagers have also questioned the lack of administrative initiative to resolve the issue or proceed with the cremation. The continued inaction by authorities has raised significant concerns regarding the transparency and urgency of the investigation into the student's death.

Endangered Tokay Geckos Recovered from Haringhata Residence

MI News Service, Haringhata : In a significant breakthrough, officers from Haringhata Police Station recovered two live endangered Tokay Geckos (locally known as Takkakh) during a raid conducted at a residence in Bamonpara. Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house of one Asadul Mondal, leading to the arrest of Khokon Mondal, DSP D&T, Ranghat Police District, Abdul Kayum said.

During interrogation, Khokon reportedly confessed that he, along with



Asadul Mondal, was involved in smuggling the rare geckos from Bangladesh with the intent to sell them illegally. The Tokay

Gecko, a protected species, is highly sought after in the international black market for its alleged medicinal properties. Authorities estimate the market value of each lizard could exceed 60 lakh.

A specific case has been registered in connection with the recovery, and the arrested individual was produced before the local court on Monday. Police have launched a detailed investigation to uncover the broader smuggling network.

Bengali girl left out of final list- questions raised over responsibility

MI News Service, Cooch Behar: Aarti Ghosh, originally from Tufanganj in West Bengal's Cooch Behar district, has found herself excluded from Assam's National Register of Citizens (NRC), despite the inclusion of her husband and children. The incident has triggered fresh debate over documentation issues and the treatment of interstate migrants in the NRC process.

Aarti, who married Manoj Kanti Gope of Barpeta, Assam, three decades ago, has been a resident of the state for many years and is registered as a voter there. When the NRC process began, she submitted her application along with sup-

porting documents, including her father's identity card and employment records. However, her name did not appear in the final list. "My husband and children are in the NRC. I have submitted every document I had," Aarti said. "But I was later told I needed a certificate based on my father's records. I requested the necessary papers from the Bengal administration multiple times but did not receive them." The issue has reignited concerns over the treatment of individuals who migrate due to marriage and settle in other states. Local leaders in Cooch Behar have visited Aarti's home and expressed concern about what

they describe as a discriminatory process. According to Aarti, she has been residing primarily in Assam since 2019 but continues to travel between the two states to visit her family. Despite her long-standing presence in Assam and her connection to a family whose members are listed in the NRC, her individual exclusion has raised questions about the consistency and transparency of the verification process. Observers say this case reflects broader anxieties faced by women who move between states after marriage and later struggle to prove their citizenship due to gaps in paperwork and bureaucratic roadblocks.

5 Family members thrashed for protesting harassment of daughter

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: Tension gripped the East Magurmari area of Dhupguri on Monday after a youth allegedly attacked a family with a sharp weapon, injuring five members, including a young woman who had earlier protested against sustained harassment. The incident, which took place in broad daylight, has triggered outrage and demands for swift justice.

According to police sources, the accused had been harassing the young woman for an extended period. When her family intervened and objected, he allegedly stormed into their residence on Mon-

day morning and launched a brutal attack using a sharp weapon. Five family members were reportedly assaulted indiscriminately, leaving several of them critically injured. The injured victims were rushed to a local nursing home in Dhupguri and later transferred to Jalpaiguri District Hospital. Medical officials have confirmed that the condition of some victims remains serious. The attack sparked massive public anger. A large group of local residents gathered outside Dhupguri Police Station demanding strict punishment, with some even calling for

the death penalty for the accused. Additional Superintendent of Police, Soubanik Mukhopadhyay, visited the scene in the afternoon to take stock of the situation and ensure calm. In response, the police confirmed the arrest of the accused and stated that a case has been filed under multiple serious charges. An investigation is underway to determine the full scope of the attack and any potential involvement of others. Security in the area has been tightened, and regular patrols are being conducted to prevent any further escalation.

Families forced to ferry bodies in dinghies as crematorium remains submerged

MI News Service, Ghatal: Ghatal remains inundated following days of relentless rainfall, with floodwaters submerging large parts of the municipality—including vital infrastructure like crematoriums. In a stark and heartbreaking image of the crisis, families are now being forced to transport deceased loved ones in dinghies to reach functioning cremation grounds on higher land. One such case involved Gopal Shasmal, 82, a resident of Sukhandrapur in Ward No. 1 of Ghatal Municipality. After he passed away due to illness, his family found themselves without access to the local crematorium, which remains submerged. With

no alternative, they transported his body by dinghy through floodwaters to Argora in Ward No. 2—around 3 kilometers away—where a crematorium constructed on elevated ground remains accessible. Despite being surrounded by floodwater, the elevated Argora cremation ground continues to function, becoming a crucial lifeline for residents during this natural disaster. Visuals from the area reveal the grim reality faced by many, showing bodies being ferried through submerged streets as families battle not only grief but logistical hardship. Locals describe the experience as one of "extreme harassment and helplessness." Meanwhile,

the region continues to face sporadic rainfall. Chandrakona and Ghatal have witnessed both light and heavy showers since Sunday afternoon. Although the water level in the Shilabati and Kethia rivers had shown signs of receding over the past two days, it has started rising again, particularly in Chandrakona. In Ghatal, water levels have marginally decreased but remain dangerously high. As floodwaters disrupt daily life and essential services, questions are once again being raised about the effectiveness and implementation of the much-discussed Ghatal Master Plan, which was intended to mitigate precisely such situations.

Jaishankar tells Chinese leaders...

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President Xi met in Kazan and agreed to revive several mechanisms to normalise bilateral relations to address the long-standing border dispute, Jaishankar said there have also been meetings between the foreign and defence ministers and NSAs of the two countries since then. Jaishankar further noted that the international situation is "very complex" and said an open exchange of views and perspectives between India and China, as neighbouring nations and major economies, is "very important". Jaishankar also conveyed India's support for China's presidency of the SCO.
After holding bilateral meetings with senior Chinese leaders in Beijing, Jaishankar will participate in the SCO Foreign ministers' meeting in Tianjin.

Omar Abdullah and NC leaders slip through...

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while Minister for Education Sakina too surprised everyone by riding pillion on a scooter to the memorial. Security forces had sealed the roads leading to the martyrs graveyard from both Khanyar and Nowhatta sides in downtown Srinagar. As soon as Omar Abdullah's cavalcade reached Khanyar in the old city, he got off his vehicle and walked more than a kilometre to reach the graveyard only to find the gates locked by the authorities.
The chief minister then climbed over the main gate and entered the graveyard premises to offer 'fateha'.
His security men and several other National Conference leaders also climbed over before the gate was finally thrown open. Lashing out at Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and the police for trying to stop him and his entourage from entering the martyrs' graveyard, Omar Abdullah told reporters, "It is sad that on the instructions of the people who claim that their responsibility is the security and law and order, we were not allowed to offer 'fateha' here. "See their brazenness, they tried to stop us today. They also tried to manhandle us. Police sometimes forget the law. Why was I stopped today, when the restriction was for yesterday?" added the furious Chief minister.
For all purposes, this is a free country, he went on to say. "But they think of us

as their slaves. We are not. We are servants, but of the people. I don't understand why they destroy the law while in uniform," he said.
Omar Abdullah said he and his party leaders foiled the police's attempts to catch them.
"They tried to catch us, they tried to tear apart our flag but all of it went in vain. We came here and offered 'fateha'. They think the martyrs' graves are here only on July 13, but they are here all year round."
How long could the L-G administration stop them from paying tributes to martyrs. If not on July 13, it could be July 12 or 14 of December, January or February, he asked.
"We will come here whenever we feel like," Omar Abdullah asserted.
He also put out a post on X, reiterating his determination that he would not be stopped today. "...The unelected government tried to block my way forcing me to walk from Nawhatta chowk. They blocked the gate to Naqshband shrine forcing me to scale a wall. They tried to physically grapple me but I was not going to be stopped today," he said.
July 13 is commemorated as 'Martyrs Day' in Jammu and Kashmir as a tribute to 22 people killed by the Dogra army outside Srinagar's central jail in 1931. The L-G administration had dropped the day from the list of gazetted holidays in 2020.

AAIB report found no mechanical fault with...

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London Gatwick airport, crashed into a building within seconds after take off. In a message to Air India staff, Wilson said the preliminary report found no mechanical or maintenance issues with the aircraft or engines, and that all mandatory maintenance tasks had been completed.
"There was no issue with the quality of fuel and no abnormality with the takeoff roll. The pilots had passed their mandatory pre-flight breatherlyser and there were no observations pertaining to their medical status," he said on Monday.
Further, Wilson said out of an abundance of caution and under the oversight of regulator DGCA, every Boeing 787 aircraft operating in our fleet was checked within days of the accident and all were found fit for service. "We continue to perform all necessary checks, as we will any new ones that authorities may suggest," he added. The airline, he said, will continue to co-operate with the investigators to ensure they have everything they need to conduct a thorough and comprehensive enquiry. "The release of the preliminary report marked the point at which we, along with the world, began receiving additional details about what

took place. Unsurprisingly, it provided both greater clarity and opened additional questions," Wilson said.
Over the past 30 days, he said there has been an ongoing cycle of theories, allegations, rumours and sensational headlines, many of which have later been disproven.
"Until a final report or cause is tabled, there will no doubt be new rounds of speculation and more sensational headlines... Let us not be diverted from what are our top priorities: standing by the bereaved and those injured, working together as a team, and delivering a safe and reliable air travel experience to our customers around the world," Wilson said.
He also stressed that the airline must remain focused on its task and be true to the values of integrity, excellence, customer focus, innovation, and teamwork.
The AAIB report said the fuel supply to both engines of flight AI171 was cut off within a second of each other, causing confusion in the cockpit and the airplane plummeting back to the ground almost immediately after taking off. The 15-page report also said that in the cockpit voice recording, one unidentified pilot asked the other why he had cut off the fuel, which the other denied.



Qualified teachers, staff, and SSC 2016 panel candidates, who remain on waiting lists or were not called for verification, along with hunger strikers, hold a protest rally demanding the immediate release of OMR mirror images, cancellation of illegal appointment notices, an emergency Assembly session, and termination of tainted teachers as per the Supreme Court's April 3rd order, etc. The rally commenced from Howrah Taxi Stand to the State Secretariat, on Monday.
Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

CM Mamata pens and composes song to celebrate Van Mahotsav

MI News Service, Kolkata: On the occasion of Van Mahotsav, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has penned and composed a special song dedicated to environmental preservation. The song, sung by noted Bengali singer RupankarBagchi, was shared via a specially produced video on the Chief Minister's official X handle. With lyrics and melody crafted by Banerjee herself, the song calls for a renewed collective consciousness towards saving nature.
The song's lyrics convey a simple yet powerful message: Sabujbachao, sabujdekhan, sabujermajhe, bibek-jagao. Sabujdhwongshokorona, srishikeuporediona. Ora to bachtchay, ora-o to haste chay. Oder mukhehashiphotao, notunjgerahbane. Nobhoprojronmerpranertane, notunchochenotunersodhane... ("Save the green, show the green,

awaken awareness within the green. Do not destroy nature, do not uproot creation. They wish to live too, they too wish to smile. Let happiness bloom on their faces, in response to the call of a new era, with the passion of the new generation, moving forward in search of a new future.")
Further verses deepen the sentiment: Muktichecheshantirbandhone, sabuj cholechejugarahbane... Ora to kheltechay, ora-o to alodekhai... ("Freedom moves in the bonds of peace, greenery answers the call of time... They too want to play, they too show the light...")
The accompanying video captures significant moments from forestation initiatives across the state, interwoven with visuals of diverse wildlife. It also features a poignant scene of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee herself planting a

tree within the Jagannath Temple premises in Digha Posting the video, Banerjee wrote on her X handle, "Save the green, show the green, awaken awareness amidst the green. My sincere wishes to everyone on Van Mahotsav." A line displayed in the video further reinforces the message: "Do not destroy creation, do not take the life of green vitality. The green islands inspire the will to live." This is not the first time Mamata Banerjee has turned to songwriting for public messaging. Previously, she composed a song ahead of the inauguration of the Jagannath Temple in Digha, which was played throughout the town during the event. Her latest composition for Van Mahotsav, performed soulfully by RupankarBagchi, adds to her growing body of musical work aimed at fostering public engagement with social causes.



In support of the July 21 rally of the Trinamool Congress, MLA Nayana Banerjee, Mayor-in-Council Swapan Samaddar, Deputy Mayor Atin Ghosh, and Councillor Priyanka Saha addressed a gathering at Ward 46 — beside the Kolkata Corporation HQ — in Kolkata, on Monday.

Six boys rescued from drowning in Hooghly river by Kolkata police officer

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a dramatic rescue operation, six minors narrowly escaped death after being swept away by the strong currents of the Hooghly River while bathing in a group. Thanks to the prompt intervention of Kolkata Police's Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) ManikDey, all six were saved and safely reunited with their anxious parents. The incident unfolded on Sunday afternoon near the BijliGhat area of the Hooghly River, where the six boys, all residents of the Metiabruz locality, had ventured for a swim. According to police sources, disaster struck when one of the boys was suddenly dragged

away by the forceful current. In a desperate bid to save their friend, the remaining five boys plunged into the water but soon found themselves equally overpowered by the river's relentless pull. Clinging desperately to a piece of thermocol that floated nearby, the boys attempted to keep themselves afloat while crying out for help. Their frantic screams were fortunately heard by ASI ManikDey, who was on routine patrol duty at BijliGhat at the time. Recognising the gravity of the situation, ASI Dey immediately alerted the nearby rescue team and coordinated the urgent operation.

Elderly woman found dead in Kolkata apartment

MI News Service, Kolkata: Another mysterious death of a solitary elderly woman has sent shockwaves through central Kolkata. On Sunday, the decomposed body of 75-year-old Karabi Bhattacharya was recovered from her government quarters on Christopher Road, under the jurisdiction of Beniapukur Police Station. Police have sent the body for post-mortem examination, as investigators attempt to determine whether her death resulted from natural causes or conceals a more sinister narrative. According to initial reports, Karabi Bhattacharya had been living alone for years in the CIT quarters. Neighbours reported that she had not been seen for several days, raising suspicions. The alarm was finally raised when a foul smell began emanating from her apartment early Sunday morning. Concerned residents immediately notified the local police.



State Sports Minister Aroop Biswas felicitated Sarvartha Mani, who won gold for India, and Aishik Mondal, who secured silver, in the Under-10 category at the recent International Chess Championship held in Batumi, Georgia. The felicitation was conducted on behalf of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Also present at the event was Rajesh Kumar Sinha, Principal Secretary of the Sports Department. The felicitation event was held at the New Secretariat Building on Monday.

Sandeep Ghosh and four others charged in major corruption case

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant development in the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital financial corruption case, a special CBI court in Alipore has formally framed charges against former principal Dr. Sandeep Ghosh and four other accused. The charges, filed under multiple sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act and Indian Penal Code — including Sections 420, 409, 467, 468, and Sec-

tion 7 of the Corruption Act — mark the beginning of the trial proceedings. According to court sources, Debal Ghosh, the original complainant in the case, has been summoned as the first prosecution witness on 22 July. The financial irregularities first came to light in the aftermath of the sensational rape and murder of a young trainee doctor at RG Kar, which led to broader scrutiny into the institution's admin-

3 Delhi schools receive bomb threats,...

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he said. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Dwarka) Ankit Singh said, "Early on Monday morning, Dwarka North police station received a PCR call informing about bomb threat at CRPF School here. The area was promptly sanitised. Local police, sniffer dogs and bomb disposal squads reached the schools soon and conducted due checks." He added that cyber police experts are ascertaining the source of the email.
The compound of all the three schools were also immediately vacated in a systematic manners and the parents were asked to

take back their wards from the respective schools at the earliest as a preventive measure. "Security has been tightened in the school. However, fortunately nothing suspicious has been found so far," the DCP said and describe the threats as nothing but a hoax. Incidentally, in similar incidents a few months ago, another bunch of schools in New Delhi received similar bomb threats, forcing the city police to take immediate steps following which a number of suspects were arrested. All those calls were also turned out to be hoax calls at the relief of the students, teachers and parents of those schools.

SC to hear Uddhav Thackeray faction's...

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plea to disqualify 16 MLAs of the ruling camp, including Shinde. Challenging the orders passed by the speaker in the apex court, the Thackeray-led faction claimed they were "patently unlawful and perverse" and instead of punishing the act of defection. In his ruling on the disqualification petitions, the speaker did not disqualify any MLA belonging to the rival camps. The speaker's ruling further

cemented Shinde's position as the then chief minister, 18 months after he led a rebellion against Thackeray. In 2024 Lok Sabha election the Shinde faction won seven parliamentary seats whereas his faction won 57 seats in the assembly polls, the BJP won 132 seats and the Ait Pawar-led NCP won 41 seats. In December 2024, Fadnavis was back as the Maharashtra Chief Minister with Shinde and Pawar as deputy chief ministers.

King Charles to host US President...

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becoming Prime minister a year ago, stressing the importance of Britain's defence and security alliance with the US and taking care not to openly criticize Trump's tariff policies. The UK was the first country to sign a tariff-reduction deal with the US in May.
Trump's first state visit in 2019, during the tenure of former Conservative Prime Minister Theresa May, included a banquet at Buckingham Palace alongside the Queen.
The president saw anti-Trump protests in London and the flying of a Trump baby blimp in Parliament Square. Trump also attacked London Mayor Sadiq Khan shortly

before arriving for the trip, calling him a "stone cold loser." The second state visit for Trump is unusual: normally second-term US presidents have not been offered a state visit by the UK, and instead have had tea or lunch with the monarch. The Trump state visit will be the third such event of Starmer's premiership, after French President Emmanuel Macron's state visit earlier this month, and the visit of Qatar's emir in December. Macron's three-day visit, during which he announced a new migrants deal with the UK, included a banquet at Windsor Castle, with attendees including Elton John and Mick Jagger.

Fake gun license racket exposed among jewellery firm's armed guards in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a shocking breach of security protocols, armed guards entrusted with the protection of a reputed jewellery firm were found carrying firearms without valid licenses. This revelation surfaced after Kolkata Police's Special Task Force (STF) initiated a probe following a formal complaint lodged by the jewellery company itself.
Acting swiftly, STF officers arrested three security personnel—Dinesh Mahali from Narendrapur, Raju Sardar from Dholahat (both in South 24 Parganas), and Biswajit Sarkar from Chakdaha in Nadia district. All three were deployed at a unit of the jewellery firm, tasked with safeguarding high-value consignments. Suspicion was first raised when company authorities requested verification of their weapon licenses, only to discover glaring irregularities. Alerted to the potential security lapse, Lalbazar headquarters was immediately notified, prompting the STF to launch a full-scale investigation.

firearms licenses. Based on this breakthrough, STF officials recovered three 12-bore guns and 17 rounds of ammunition directly from the arrested trio.
Extending the probe, STF personnel scrutinised the documentation of additional security guards employed by the company. This led to the seizure of 13 fake gun licenses from 13 armed guards, alongside the recovery of 11 unlicensed firearms and 49 rounds of ammunition.
Police sources indicate that investigators are now trying to ascertain whether these guards had been deployed via a third-party agency and whether the agency itself played a role in facilitating their employment without verifying their legal credentials. Authorities suspect the existence of a broader racket supplying forged firearms licenses to security personnel operating across the city. This alarming development has echoes of previous investigations into fake firearms permits, during which West Bengal Police's STF raided multiple arms shops across Kolkata. According to officials, the current case points towards an organised syndicate specialising in the production and distribution of counterfeit gun licenses.

Upon examination, the alleged firearm licenses were confirmed to be forged. Interrogation of the detained guards revealed that they had been performing armed security duties for years without holding any legitimate

Name Change

I, Nurjahan Bibi, age 29 years, w/o Rafikul SK, residing at vill-Basarkhola, P.O.- Basarkhola, P.S.- Kaliganj, Dist. Nadia, Pin-code - 741150, WB. According to my daughter's birth certificate (Reg. No. B/2023/537299, dt. 26.09.2016), her actual name is Nasrin Khatun. Whereas, in her Aadhaar card (No 8971 5731 6471), her name is wrongly recorded as Nurjahan Bibi. Heroby I am declaring that I have an affidavit (No. 36) dated 11.07.2025 at LD Judicial Magistrate (First class) of Krishnanagar court, my daughter's name in Aadhaar card should be mentioned as Nasrin Khatun in place of Nurjahan Bibi.

Name Change

I, Sushanta Saha (Old Name) S/o Manimohan Saha Residing at Maslandapur, P.O - Maslandapur, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743289, West Bengal shall henceforth be known as Sushanta Kumar Saha (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 17/2025 Dated 14-07-2025. Sushanta Saha (Old Name) and Sushanta Kumar Saha (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, HASIBUL SEKH (Son's Name) on behalf my Father Late MOSLEM SEKH (Old Name) Residing at Gokhrapurata, P.O.-Charatalla, P.S.- Chapra, District- Nadia, Pin-741123, West Bengal, India have changed his name and he shall henceforth be known as Late MASLEM SEKH (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Govt of India vide affidavit Dated 14/07/2025. Late MOSLEM SEKH (Old Name) and Late MASLEM SEKH (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, MD ABUBARKATR (Old Name) S/O Late HAJI ABUL HOSSAIN Residing at VILL - Paltadanga, P.O - Sondalia, P.S - Shasan, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743423 West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD ABU BARKAT HOSSAIN (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Barasat vide affidavit no 4633 dated 22-05-2024. MD ABUBARKATR (Old Name) and MD ABU BARKAT HOSSAIN (New Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Sandhya Ghosh (old name) W/o Lt. Asit Kumar Ghosh, residing at Subhasgram Nabatara School Road, P.O. - Subhasgram, P.S. - Sonarpur, South 24 Parganas, Kolkata - 700147, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sandhya Ghosh Dutta (new name) as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate, Calipore Police Court, District 24 Pgs (S), vide Affidavit No. 42779 on 05.07.2025. Sandhya Ghosh and Sandhya Ghosh Dutta both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, HARU VIVEKANAND PAUL (having Aadhaar Card No. 7225 2152 8483 S/O VIVEKANANDA PAUL, residing at Vill +P.O-Nowpara, P.S- Amta, Dist-Howrah, Pin: 721401, West Bengal, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I shall be known as HARU PAUL. By an affidavit in the Court of LD Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class at Howrah on 02.07.2025 that HARU VIVEKANAND PAUL S/O VIVEKANANDA PAUL and HARU PAUL S/O VIVEKANANDA PAUL is the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Lisha pal (having Aadhaar Card (No. 3933 6248 3789), W/o Haru pal, D/o Gopal Patra, residing at Vill & P.O. Nowpara, P.S: Amta, District-Howrah, Pin Code: 721401, west Bengal, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my husband's name is HARU PAL which has been recorded in his Passport being No. N9407173 of Republic of India. Inadvertently my name has been wrongly recorded in my husband's Passport being (No. N9407173) as Lisha pal instead Lisha pal. By an affidavit in the court of Ld Judicial Magistrate at Amta on 11.07.2025 that Lisha pal and Lisha pal is the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Mobarak Molla, S/o Manajat Molla, residing at Vill & P.O - Talalta, P.S- Joynagar at present Bakultala, Dist - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743338, WB, declare that in my passport my name, my father's name and my mother's Name have been inadvertently wrongly recorded as MOBARAK MOLLA, MONOLIA MOLLA and MANCHHURA MOLLA instead of our actual name MOBARAK MOLLA, MANAJAT MOLLA and MANSURA MOLLA respectively as mentioned in Aadhaar Card. That Mobarak Molla and Mobarak Molla both are same and identical person i.e., myself and Monojat Molla and Manajat Molla both are same and one identical person i.e, my father and Manchhura Molla and Mansura Molla both are same and one identical person i.e, my mother vide affidavit 16806/25 dated 10/07/2025 before the Ld. Court of 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore.

NAME CHANGE

I, SK Safiuddin, S/o. Sk. Sahalom, residing at Vill, & P.O.-Sahapur, P.S.-Panchla, Dist.- Howrah, Pin No.- 721310, Have declared by an affidavit No. 2752 dated 07.07.2025 in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Uluberia, that my father's correct name is Sk Sahalom (in Aadhar card, Voter card & my birth certificate) but my father's name has been wrongly recorded in my W.B.B.S.E. (Registration certificate) & W.B.C.H. S.E (admit card) as Sk. Sahalom in place of Sk. Sahalom. Sk Sahalom & Sk. Sahalom both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, ZAMIR AHMED, Son of Late Fayaz Ahmed, resident of 24/13, Kalibitha Sarani (formerly Watganga Street), P.O.- Kirtanore, P.S.- Watganga, Kolkata-700023 declare that in the Aadhar Card being No. 7147 0322 2509 and in the Elector's Photo Identity Card (EPIC) being No. RNSR2658128, my name has been recorded as ZAMIR AHMED, while in the Discharge Certificate of Birth at Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, my name has been recorded as RAMIR AHMAD. To confirm that both names refer to the same person, I made an Affidavit in the Court of the Ld. Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class at Alipore, dated 07.07.2025, being Affidavit No. 42481 dated 04.07.2025 declaring that ZAMIR AHMED and RAMIR AHMAD is the same and one identical person. If anybody have objection, please contact my Advocate, SHOHAM HASSAN RAZA, Mobile No. 9903469348.

Name Change

I, Sk Mahboob Alam (Old Name), Son Of Sk Nisar Ahmad, Residing At P-140/B Mudialy Road, Po - Garden Reach, Ps - Metiabruz, Kolkata - 700024, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shekh Mahboob Alam (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/07/2025. That Sk Mahboob Alam And Shekh Mahboob Alam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Sanooj Ali (Old Name), Son Of Afzal Hossain, Residing At Bonhooghly, Po - Bonhooghly, Ps - Narendrapur, South 24parganas - 700103, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shahnavaz Ali (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/07/2025. That Sanooj Ali And Shahnavaz Ali Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Mokarram Hossain Laskar (old name) S/O Mohammad Mahabub Hossain Laskar, residing at Kalkikapota, Diamond Harbour, Pin-743355, WB, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Mokarram Hossain Laskar (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/07/2025. Md Mokarram Hossain Laskar (new name) and Mokarram Hossain Laskar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Madhumitha Adhikari (Old Name) Daughter Of Late Amiya Kumar Adhikari And Amiya Kr. Adhikari, And Amiya Adhikari, Residing At 66a, Palisree, Po-Regent Estate, Ps-Netaji Nagar, Kolkata-700092, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Madhumitha Adhikari (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 14/07/2025. Madhumitha Adhikari (Old Name) And Madhumitha Adhikari (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Mihir Kumar Halder S/O Late Jagat Bandhu Halder Residing at Raghunathganj, Godown Colony, Po+Ps - Raghunathganj, District - Murshidabad, Pin - 742225, West Bengal, India shall henceforth be known as Mihir Kumar Halder and Mihir Kumar Halder is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 14-07-2025.

Name Change

I, Fajlu Sk, my son is Karimuddin Sk, residing at Vill. Chakloknath, P.O.-Maheswara, P.S.-Ramnagar, Dist- 24 Pgs (S), Pin-743368. In my son's Madhyamik Certificate name is wrongly recorded as Fojlu Sk. Vide affidavit No. 6824 Dated 11.07.2025 in 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Diamond Harbour, Fajlu Sk and Fojlu Sk both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, PRAKASH GUPTA (old name) S/O. LATE GANGA SAHAJI GUPTA, residing at 3 WATKINS LANE, HOWRAH, WEST BENGAL, PIN-711101, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PRAKASH CHAND GUPTA (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 14/07/2025. PRAKASH CHAND GUPTA (new name) and PRAKASH GUPTA (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Arghya De S/o. Sibnath De R/o. 1, No. Farmside Road, Chinsurah R.S., Chinsurah, Hooghly-712102 declared that in my son's birth certificate his name has been wrongly recorded as Debarghya De S/o. Arghya De instead of Debarghya De S/o. Arghya De. Debarghya De S/o. Arghya De & Debarghya De S/o. Arghya De both are the same and one identical person vide an affidavit no. 6003, shown before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court, dated 14/07/2025.

Name Change

I, Sk Alauddin Sarkar S/o. Sk Akbar Ali Sarkar & Sarkar Alaudin Akbar Ali S/o. Akbar Ali Sarkar & Alaudin Sarkar S/o. Akbar Sarkar & Alaudin Sarkar S/o. Akbar Ali Sarkar R/o. Thaipara, Sarai, Pandua, Hooghly all are the same, single and one identical person vide an affidavit no. 5885 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court dated 10/07/2025.

Name Change

I, Sk Lutfar Rahaman son of Late Sekh Abdul Chatter, residing at Purba Rajbati, Rajarhat Dearsa, Dist: North 24 Parganas, Pin-700135, West Bengal, have change my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Lutfar Rahaman as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 14/07/2025. Sk Lutfar Rahaman and Sekh Lutfar Rahaman both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sk Reyajuddin (Old Name) C/o Sk Hasiruddin Residing at Vill - Ariya Padmapur, P.O - Manikabasan, P.S - Ramnagar, District - Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721453, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Riyajuddin (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit. Dated 14-07-2025. Sk Reyajuddin (Old Name) and Sk Riyajuddin (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

DECLARATION CUM AFFIDAVIT

RETIKA YADAV, daughter of Sardha Yadav, residing at 23/1, Chata Wala Gullea, Police Station Bow Bazar, Kolkata - 700012, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I shall be known and recognized as AYAAT KHATOON everywhere. By an affidavit no. 8976) on 31.12.2024 at Alipore court, Kolkata that Retika Yadav and AYAAT KHATOON is the same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, SAMPAA BISWAS (old name) D/o. DHANANJAY BISWAS, residing RAMNAGAR COLONY, WARD NO.35,PO-BHAKTINAGAR, PS NEW JALPAIGURI, SILIGURI, PIN- 734007, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SHAMPAA BISWAS (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 14/07/2025. SHAMPAA BISWAS (new name) and SAMPAA BISWAS (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Ruksana Khatoun (Old Name), Daughter Of Sk Abid Hussain Residing At B-44,Iron Gate Road,Po - Garden Reach,Kolkata - 700024, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ruksana Khatoun (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/07/2025. That Ruksana Khatoun And Ruksana Khatoun Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I,Vishal Saraf(Old Name),W/O Raj Kumar Kedia,R/O 10/3,Hunger Ford Street,Kolkata-700017,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Lalita Devi Kedia(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/07/2025. That Vishal Saraf And Lalita Devi Kedia All Are The Same And One Identical Person

Name Change

I, Shrutika Saraf (Old Name),W/O Sharad Kaseria,R/O Block-10,Flat 2E, 5/7 Buroshibhala Main Road, Kolkata - 700038, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shrutika Kaseria (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/07/2025. That Shrutika Saraf And Shrutika Kaseria All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, TRITHA PRASAD DEB (old name) S/O SANTI PADA DEB, residing at 2/34, Netaji Nagar, PO-Regent Estate, Kolkata-700092, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as TRITHA PRASAD DEB (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/07/2025. TRITHA PRASAD DEB (new name) and TRITHA PRASAD DEB (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, RADHESHYAM DHANDHANYA (old name) S/O LATE SITARAM DHANDHANYA, residing at ROAD NO-3,VIDYA NAGAR, HARMU, DO-RANDA, RANCHI,JHARKHAND-834002, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as RADHEY SHYAM DHANDHANYA (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/07/2025. RADHEY SHYAM DHANDHANYA (new name) and RADHESHYAM DHANDHANYA (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Nazima Bibi (Old Name), Wife Of Sorabuddin Mondal, Residing At Padmapukur Dogacha, Ashoknagar, North 24 parganas - 743703, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nazima Bibi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public Kolkata On 14/07/2025. That Nazima Bibi And Nazima Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, JAMINI RAMJAN ROY and JANINI RANJAN ROY (old names) S/O Dharendra Nath Roy, residing at Vill - Chhoto Sehana, Po- Motiyadharm Mondalpara Gaighata, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743245, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jamini Ranjan Roy (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/07/2025. Jamini Ranjan Roy (new name) and JANINI RAMJAN ROY and JANINI RANJAN ROY (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sanjoy Singha (Old Name) S/O Jatish Chandra Singha, R/O Tegharlia, Jugberia, North 24 Parganas, Pin 700110, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sanjay Singha (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/07/2025. That Sanjoy Singha And Sanjay Singha All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Rashbehari Das & Rasbehari Das (Old Name), Son Of Late Ananta Das, Residing At Maitir Chak,Vtc - Kalinagar, Po - Kak Kallinagar, South 24 parganas - 743347, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rasbihari Das(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/07/2025. That Rashbehari Das & Rasbehari Das And Rasbihari Das All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Achinta Pramanik (Old Name), Son Of Late Sudhir Chandra Pramanik, Residing At Dakshin Kotebarh, Ashutia, East Medinipur - 721266, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Achintya Pramanik (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/07/2025. That Achinta Pramanik And Achintya Pramanik Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, Shekh Nisar Ahmed & Sk Nisar Ahmed (Old Name), Son Of Late Sk Riyaz Ali, Residing At P-140/B Mudialy Road, Po - Garden Reach, Ps - Metiabruz, Kolkata - 700024, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Nisar Ahmad(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 14/07/2025. That Shekh Nisar Ahmed & Sk Nisar Ahmed And Sk Nisar Ahmad Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I, SUSANTA SAHOO (old name) S/o. BISWANATH SAHOO, residing at VILL- DERIACHAK SAPUA, PODERI- VILLACHAK, P.S- KOLAGHAT, PS Medinipur, 721151, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SUSANTA KUMAR SAHOO (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 14/07/2025. SUSANTA KUMAR SAHOO (new name) and SUSANTA SAHOO (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) MAITRAYEE MITRA MANDAL W/o- SUKANTA MANDAL, Residing at - 212/2 Amar Chakraborty Road South, Post- khagra, Ps- Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742103, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MAITRAYEE MITRA MANDAL TO MAITRAYEE MITRA (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MAITRAYEE MITRA in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore, Murshidabad On 14 July 2025. MAITRAYEE MITRA and MAITRAYEE MITRA MANDAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Kutubuddin Shaikh (old name) S/O Sk Abdul Hasem, residing at Vill- Kismet Brahmangram, P.O.- Kalyanpur, Howrah- 711303, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Kutubuddin (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 14/07/2025. Sk Kutubuddin (new name) and Kutubuddin Shaikh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, MANGAL BASKE (old name) S/O CHAMTU BASKE, residing at VILL-SHEORABERIA,P.O-LAKSHMANPUR,PS-JANGIPARA,DIST-HOOGHLY,PIN-712404, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD MIZANUR (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Serampore, vide affidavit No-18, dated 24/05/2022. MD MIZANUR (new name) and MANGAL BASKE (old name) both are same and one identical person

Name Change

I, Rakesh Singhania (old name) S/o. Om Prakash Singhania, residing at 22, Buroshibhala Main Road, Puri Season, 2E, Summer Block, 2nd FLR, Kolkata- 700038, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rakesh Kumar Singhania (new name) and Rakesh Singhania (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sushma Singhania (old name) W/o. Rakesh Kumar Singhania, residing at 22, Buroshibhala Main Road, Puri Season, 2E, Summer Block, 2nd FLR, Kolkata- 700038, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sushma Devi Singhania (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 14/07/2025. Sushma Devi Singhania (new name) and Sushma Singhania (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, SHAIKH AMIR & SK AMIR AHMED (old names) S/O SIRAJ SHAIKH, residing 46, DR SUDHIR BOSE ROAD KOLKATA- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as AMIR SIRAJ SHAIKH (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 14/07/2025. AMIR SIRAJ SHAIKH (new name) and SHAIKH AMIR & SK AMIR AHMED (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, ATIAR GAINE (old name) S/O LATE MD ABDUR RAHIM GAINE, residing at Vill- Katia, P.O.- Katiahat, P.S.- Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MD ATIAR RAHAMAN GAINE (new name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate, 1 Class, at Basirhat, North 24 Parganas, vide an affidavit 11831/25, dated 14/07/2025. MD ATIAR RAHAMAN GAINE (new name) and ATIAR GAINE (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Najir Ahmmad Sardar (old name) S/o. Zamiruddin Sardar, residing at Bireswar, P.O.- Gopalpur, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743445, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nazir Ahamed Sardar (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 14/07/2025. Nazir Ahamed Sardar (new name) and Najir Ahmmad Sardar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Pradeep Jain (old name) S/o. Bhola Nath Jain, residing at 6, Shibirnagar Road, Uttarpara, P.S.- Uttarpara, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin- 712258, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradip Kumar Jain (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 14/07/2025. Pradip Kumar Jain (new name) and Pradeep Jain (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, MD SHANOWAZ, residing at 14, Madar Talla, PS Golabari, W.B. do hereby solemnly affirm and my father's actual name Md. Wais instead of Md. Waise which is wrongly recorded in his Voter ID Card No. CHX1614460, vide an affidavit sworn before the Ld. Executive Magistrate 1st Class at Howrah on 11.07.2025. Md. Wais and Md. Waise both are same and identical person.

Name Change

I, Kartik Chandra Roy Nandy (old name) S/o Jogeswar Roy Nandy, residing at R.N. Avenue South Pansila, P.O.- Pansila, Majumdar Swimming Centre, Barrackpore, 700112, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kartik Roy Nandy (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 14/07/2025. Kartik Roy Nandy (new name) and Kartik Chandra Roy Nandy (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Sealdah Division gets State-Of-The Art RPF ladies Barrack



Seema Deouskar, President , ERWWO felicitating the mother of the constable late Ashwini B. Waghare

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a dedicated effort to enhance accommodation and welfare facilities for women personnel of the Railway Protection Force (RPF), a newly constructed "Martyr Ashwini B. Waghare RPF Ladies Barrack" was inaugurated today at Narkeldanga Rail Colony, Sealdah by Smt. Seema Deouskar, President, Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (ERWWO). The event was graced by the presence of Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, and other senior officials. The barracks has been named in honour of Late Ashwini Baliram Waghare, a brave lady constable of the RPF, as a tribute to her dedicated service. On this solemn occasion, Smt. Seema Deouskar also felicitated the mother of the late constable, expressing heartfelt gratitude on behalf of Eastern Railway. The newly inaugurated RPF Barrack consists of 8 spacious rooms, with provision to accommodate 16 lady RPF personnel, two in each room. For the physical fitness and well-being of the residents, the barracks is equipped with

modern gym facilities. Additionally, a well-furnished dining space, washing machines and water purifier unit have been provided to ensure a comfortable and hygienic living environment.

As part of the auspicious programme, a mass sapling plantation drive was also organised at 'Aayush Van', Narkeldanga Rail Colony. Smt. Seema Deouskar, Shri Milind Deouskar, along with other senior officers planted a variety of Ayurvedic and fruit-bearing saplings, including Cardamom, Lemongrass, Sarpagandha, Zingiber officinale (Ginger), Aloe Vera, kalmegh, Brahmi, Guava, Mango, Jamun and others, promoting environmental sustainability and natural wellness. The event was attended by several Senior Officers including Shri Sheelendra Pratap Singh, Additional General Manager, Eastern Railway, Shri Amiya Nandan Sinha, IG-cum-PCSC/RPF, Eastern Railway, Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah, Principal Heads of Departments/Eastern Railway, and Divisional Railway Officers.

Name Change

I, Mohammad Nur Jjaman Sk, Sk Nuruzaman & Md Nuruzaman Sk (old names) S/O Md Hanif Sk, residing Vill- Basantapur, P.O.- Manikura, P.S.- Amta, Pin- 711410, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Md. Nuruzaman (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 12/07/2025. Sk Md. Nuruzaman (new name) and Mohammad Nur Jjaman Sk, Sk Nuruzaman & Md Nuruzaman Sk (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Abdul Rashid & Sk Abdul Rusul (old names) S/o. Sk Abdul Shobhan, residing Vill- Basantapur, P.O.- Manikura, P.S.- Amta, Pin- 711410, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Abdul Rasul (new name) as declared before the notary public at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 12/07/2025. Sekh Abdul Rasul (new name) and Abdul Rashid & Sk Abdul Rusul (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) GIAUSUDDIN MONDAL S/o- NAYEE MANDAL, Residing at, Vill- Tengridanga, Post- Gaveshpur, Ps- Santipur, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741404, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from GIAUSUDDIN MONDAL TO GIYAS MANDAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) GIYAS MANDAL in all purpose vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 July 2025. GIYAS MANDAL and GIAUSUDDIN MONDAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) JALAP SEKH S/o- FARID SEKH, Residing at, Vill- Pairakol, Post- Benipur, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742140, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JALAP SEKH TO JALEP SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be known as (New Name) JALEP SK in all purpose vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 July 2025, JALEP SK and JALAP SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) JHARUDDIN SK S/O MD MOMIN SK, Residing at, Vill- Nabagram, Post- kumarsanda, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JHARUDDIN SK TO JAHIRUDDIN SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) JAHIRUDDIN SK in all purpose vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 14 July 2025, JAHIRUDDIN SK and JHARUDDIN SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Kartik Chandra Roy Nandy (old name) S/o Jogeswar Roy Nandy, residing at R.N. Avenue South Pansila, P.O.- Pansila, Majumdar Swimming Centre, Barrackpore, 700112, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kartik Roy Nandy (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide affidavit dated 14/07/2025. Kartik Roy Nandy (new name) and Kartik Chandra Roy Nandy (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Awareness & Training conducted for Frontline Railway Staff



MI News Service, Kolkata:

In a significant initiative aimed at enhancing emergency preparedness and lifesaving skills among railway personnel, a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Awareness & Training Programme was conducted today at Manthan, Sealdah, under the aegis of the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Sealdah Division. The training was specially organized for non-medical railway staff including Scouts & Guides, members of St. John Ambulance, and other departmental personnel.

The programme was inaugurated by Shri Rajiv Saxena, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Sealdah, by lighting the ceremonial lamp, in the presence of Dr. Kalpana Mandal, Chief Medical Superintendent (CMS), Sealdah, and other dignitaries. In his address, the DRM emphasized the critical importance of CPR training for frontline railway staff to ensure timely and effective response during medical emergencies involving passengers and beneficiaries. A total of 70

railway staff from various departments enthusiastically participated in the programme, which featured interactive sessions and hands-on training using mannequins.

The training was conducted and moderated by senior doctors from the Indian Academy of Pediatrics, including Dr. Arun Kr Mangalik, Dr. Debjani Gupta, Dr. Nandini Sinha Roy, Dr. Anindita Nandi, along with Dr. Sayantan Saha, Sr. DMO (Pediatrics) and Dr. Chaitali Patra, Sr. DMO (Pediatrics), BRSH. The event was meticulously coordinated by Dr. Sanjeev Chowdhury, Additional Chief Medical Superintendent (Health & Family Welfare), Sealdah

Govt plans further stake sale in LIC

MI News Service, New Delhi: The government is working on further stake sale in Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) and the disinvestment department would work out finer details of the transaction, sources said.

The government currently holds 96.5 per cent stake in LIC. It had sold 3.5 per cent through an initial public offering (IPO) in May 2022 at a price band of Rs 902-949 a share. The share sale fetched the government around Rs 21,000 crore. Sources said the government has given its approval for further share sale in LIC through the OFS route and the discussions are still in the nascent stage.

"It is up to the disinvestment department to look at the market condition and conclude the stake sale," a source said. The government needs to offload another 6.5 per cent stake in the public sector life insurer to meet the mandated 10 per cent public shareholding requirement by May 16, 2027.

The quantum of stake sale, price and timing would be decided in due course, the source added.

LIC's current market capitalisation stands at Rs 5.85 lakh crore. Shares of LIC were trading at Rs 924.40 apiece, down 2.27 per cent over the previous close on the BSE.

E-Auction Notice for Advertisement contract over Kharagpur Division

E-Auction Notice No:ADVT-KGP-2025_06 Date : 11.07.2025

For and on behalf of the President, Union of India, the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur Division, South Eastern Railway, invites e-Auction for: [i] Display of commercial advertisement at the out of home area (i.e. Station circulating area, outside of PF fencing, out side of PF etc.) through Hoardings/Boards at Mourigram Station, Kolaghat Station, Deulti Station. Dasnagar Station, Nalpur Station, Madpur Station, Balichak Station, Birshipur Station, Amta Station, Abada Station, Haldia Station, Kathia Station, Tikiapara Station, Giri Maidan Station, Shyamchak Station, Ramrajatal Station, Shalimar Station, Kulgachia Station, Radhamohampur Station, Hijli Station and Chengail Station; [ii] Display of commercial advertisement by installation, operation and maintenance of One Video Wall/Digital screen at south side circulating area near booking office of Santragachi Station. [iii] Display of commercial advertisement (Non-digital) in the form of boards, glowsign, kiosks etc. at the Inside Station area of Deulti Station, Balichak Station, Abada Station, Hijli Station, Radhamohampur Station, Kulgachia Station, Belda Station, Nalpur Station, Haur Station, Madpur Station, Kolaghat Station, Tikiapara Station, Kathi Station, Fuleswar Station, Chengail Station and Birshipur Station and Shyamchak Station. [iv] Display of commercial advertisement (non-digital) along with awareness message on the specified water vats of Tamluk-Digha-Kathi station and Santragachi-Shalimar-Tikiapara Satation. [v] Display of commercial advertisement through Vinyl wrapping on the entire exterior surface of side walls (barring windows and mandatory markings of Railways) of One EMU Rake playing over KGP division. [vi] Display of commercial advertisement at the interior bay of AC 3 Tier and Sleeper coaches of train no. 12837/12838 (Howrah-Puri Exp.) in the form of vinyl stickers pasting as per RDSO specification. Auction Date : 25.07.2025 at 10.30 hrs. to 18.00 hrs.; Auction Catalogue No: ADVT-KGP-25-06 which are notified in the https://www.ireps.gov.in/website. Interested parties and contractors to take note of this and go through the website as mentioned above for details and related information about the e-Auction notice. For enquiries/clarifications if any, please contact office of the undersigned. (PR-389) Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Kharagpur South Eastern Railway We serve with a smile

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: SANDT/CON/HWH/TN/12/2025, Tender No.: SANDT-CON-12-2025-HWH, Dated: 11.07.2025, Open Tender is invited through e-tendering procedure by Dy. Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer (Con), Eastern Railway, Howrah, 371, Telkol Ghat Road, Howrah-711101 from experienced Signalling & Telecommunication Contractors holding valid Contractor's license, Partnership firms etc. with adequate financial Capacity and sufficient experience for the following work: **Name of the Work:** Balance Infringement Removal and associated activity in relation to engineering work from Bakhtagar to Pradhankhunta in connection of Multitracking work in Asansol Division of Eastern Railway. **Approx. Tender value:** Rs. 23,09,41,606/- **Earnest Money Deposit:** Rs. 13,04,700/- to be deposited in favour of FA & CAO/Con/Eastern Railway/Kolkata. **Cost of the Tender Document:** Rs. 00.00. **Completion Period of the Work:** 12 (Twelve) Months from the Date of issue of LOA. Validity of Offer and Earnest money should be 90 days from date of Opening of Tender. **Date & Time of Closing of Tender:** 04.08.2025 at 11.00 hrs. The Tender Documents can be downloaded and bids can be submitted at www.ireps.gov.in after online payment of "Cost of Tender Document" and "Earnest Money" as mentioned above against this tender on or before the tender closing date and time mentioned above. Tenders complete in all respects and with all documents as stated above should be uploaded at www.ireps.gov.in against this tender. Bidding for the tender is to be submitted through e-tendering on above website. Manual Offers are not allowed against this tender. Any manual offer if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected. Tender Documents, details of tender notice, corrigendum(s) issued from time to time (if any) and other basic information are available at www.ireps.gov.in. Detail tender notice can also be seen in the notice board of Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom. Engineer/Con, Eastern Railway, 371 Telkol Ghat Road, Howrah - 711101. CON-25/2025-26 Tender Notices are also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in

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NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION
E-Auction Notice No.: COM/PUB/HWH/25/21, Dated: 11.07.2025. E-Auction is invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, 4th Floor, Yatri Niwas Near Howrah Station, Howrah-711101 for awarding contract of Commercial Publicity Rights. Catalogue No.: PUB-HWH-25-21 Seq. No.: AA/1, Lot No.: ADVT-HWH-JTL-OSN-19-25-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise- Non Digital). Description: Awarding contract for Commercial Advertisements at Station Premises of all Stations under Cluster-IV (From Jhapter Dhal Station to Gumani Station), Adalaphari Station to Kurva Station, Azimganj City Station to Tajpur Station & Chowhatta Station to Ajoy Cabin of Howrah Division) for a Period of three (03) years. Seq. No.: AB/1, Lot No.: ADVT-HWH-LLH-OSD-119-24-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise - Digital). Description: Awarding Contract for Supply, Installation, Operation and maintenance of Dual Display Fare Repeater System (DDFRS) at Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters & Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) counters with provision of Dynamic BHIM UPI QR code at Stations under Cluster -1 (Liluah, Belur, Bally, Dankuni, Konnagar, Rishra & Shrirampur) of Howrah Division with Scope of Commercial Advertisements for a period of three (03) years. Seq. No.: AB/2, Lot No.: ADVT-HWH-SHE-OSD-120-24-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise - Digital). Description: Awarding Contract for Supply, Installation, Operation and maintenance of Dual Display Fare Repeater System (DDFRS) at Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters & Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) counters with provision of Dynamic BHIM UPI QR code at Stations under Cluster -2 (Seoraphuli, Baidyabati, Bhadrashwar, Mankundu, Chandan Nagar, Chuchura & Tarakeswar) of Howrah Division with Scope of Commercial Advertisements for a period of three (03) years. Seq. No.: AB/3, Lot No.: ADVT-HWH-BDC-OSD-121-24-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise - Digital). Description: Awarding Contract for Supply, Installation, Operation and maintenance of Dual Display Fare Repeater System (DDFRS) at Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters & Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) counters with provision of Dynamic BHIM UPI QR code at Stations under Cluster -3 (Bandel, Nabadwip Dham & Katwa) of Howrah Division with Scope of Commercial Advertisements for a period of three (03) years. AB/4, Lot No.: ADVT-HWH-PDA-OSD-122-24-1 (Advertising - On Station Premise - Digital). Description: Awarding Contract for Supply, Installation, Operation and maintenance of Dual Display Fare Repeater System (DDFRS) at Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters & Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) counters with provision of Dynamic BHIM UPI QR code at Stations under Cluster -4 (Pundooah, Memari, Bardhaman, Bolpur Shantiniketan, Rampurhat) of Howrah Division with Scope of Commercial Advertisements for a period of three (03) years. Auction start date & time: 25.07.2025 at 12.00 hrs. HWH-189/2025-26 Tender Notices are also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in

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Indo-US trade talks resume

MI News Service, New Delhi/ Washington: An Indian commerce ministry team has reached Washington for another round of talks on the proposed bilateral trade agreement (BTA), which will begin on Monday, an official said.

Chief negotiator of India and special secretary in the department of commerce Rajesh Agrawal will join the team on Wednesday. The four-day talks will end on Thursday.

India's deputy chief negotiator for the proposed BTA has reached Washington for the talks on the first phase of the BTA, the official said.

The visit assumes significance as both sides have to iron out issues in sectors, like agriculture and automobiles. It is also important as the US has further postponed the imposition of additional tariffs on several countries, including India, until August 1.

Last week, an official has said that "we are not differentiating between an interim or the first phase of the bilateral trade agreement. We are negotiating a complete deal. Whatever will be finished, we can package it as an interim

deal and for the rest, talks will continue".

Earlier this month, the Indian team was in Washington for talks, with negotiations taking place from June 26 to July 2. The team has once again reached the US for negotiations.

India has hardened its position on the US demand for duty concessions on agri and dairy products. New Delhi has, so far, not given any duty concessions to any of its trading partners in a free trade agreement in the dairy sector.

India is seeking the removal of this additional tariff (26 per cent). It is also seeking the easing of tariffs on steel and aluminium (50 per cent) and the auto (25 per cent) sectors. Against these, India has reserved its right under the WTO (World Trade Organization) norms to impose retaliatory duties. US President Donald Trump announced heavy tariffs on a number of countries, including India, on April 2. However, it was soon postponed for 90 days until July 9 and later to August 1.

From July 7, the Trump administration has issued tariff letters to a number of its trad-

ing partners, including Bangladesh, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, South Africa, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Kazakhstan, Laos, Serbia, and Tunisia.

The US wants duty concessions on certain industrial goods, automobiles, especially electric vehicles, wines, petrochemical products, and agri goods, like dairy items, apples, tree nuts, and genetically modified crops.

On the other hand, India is seeking duty concessions for labour-intensive sectors, such as textiles, gems and jewellery, leather goods, garments, plastics, chemicals, shrimp, oil seeds, grapes, and bananas in the proposed trade pact.

The two countries are looking to conclude talks for the first tranche of the proposed bilateral trade agreement (BTA) by fall (September-October) this year. Before that, they are looking for an interim trade pact.

India's merchandise exports to the US rose 21.78 per cent to USD 17.25 billion in April-May this fiscal year, while imports rose 25.8 per cent to USD 8.87 billion.

Gadkari inaugurates India's 2nd longest cable-stayed Sigandur Bridge



MI News Service, Shivamogga: Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated India's second-longest cable-stayed Sigandur bridge here.

While senior BJP leaders attended the event, none from the state cabinet attended it.

According to officials, the bridge constructed across Sharavathi backwaters between Ambaragodu-Kalasavalli in Sagara taluk of this district has been built at a cost of Rs 472 crore.

This bridge is expected to significantly reduce the distance from Sagara to the vil-

lages around Sigandur, a place which is known for the Chowdeshwari temple.

The event was attended by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, Senior BJP leader B S Yediyurappa, among others.

However, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah or any of his ministers did not attend the event. Recently, Siddaramaiah had urged Gadkari to postpone the inauguration of the bridge and foundation stone laying ceremony of infrastructure projects at Sagara taluk in Shivamogga on July 14, stating that he was not informed in advance.

Citing his scheduled visit to Indli taluk in Vijayapura dis-

trict, the CM in a letter to Gadkari had said, it would have been more appropriate for MoRTH to have consulted with the state government before scheduling such a programme, and requested him to instruct the officials in this regard.

Noting that an inauguration programme of various developmental schemes is already scheduled under his Chairmanship in Indli taluka of Vijayapura district on the same day, he said it would have been more appropriate for MoRTH to have consulted with the state government before scheduling the state-level programmes.

Karnataka Minister Priyanka Kharge said, "Now, someone from Delhi decides that this is the time to inaugurate something and sends the invitation very late, showing that you are invited, but you can't make it to the event. They are inaugurating projects on video conference and claiming the propriety. We have also invested money in this, given the structure and land. Everything has been happening only from Delhi, as if the state government has no role in it. This is wrong."

Secretly recorded calls between spouses admissible in divorce cases: SC

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court held that secretly recorded conversations of spouses are admissible as evidence in matrimonial cases, saying the fact that spouses are snooping on each other is proof of the marriage is not going strong and hence can be used in judicial proceedings.

A bench comprising Justice B V Nagarathna and Satish Chandra Sharma set aside a verdict of the Punjab and Haryana High Court in a case. The high court had held that the secret conversations between spouses are protected under Section 122 of the Evidence Act and cannot be used in judicial proceedings.

Setting aside the high court order, the bench restored the trial court order and said recorded conversations can be taken note of during the matrimonial proceedings.

It asked the family court to

proceed with the case after taking judicial note of the recorded conversations.

The apex court said the fact that spouses are recording the conversations of each other is a proof in itself that their marriage is not going strong and hence can be used in the judicial proceedings. Section 122 deals with communication during marriage and says that "no person who is or has been married, shall be compelled to disclose any communication made to him during marriage by any person to whom he is or has been married".

The case stems from a Family Court decision in Bathinda that allowed the husband to rely on a compact disc containing recordings of phone calls with his wife to support claims of cruelty. The wife challenged this in the high court, arguing that the recordings were made without her knowledge or con-

sent and violated her fundamental right to privacy.

The high court accepted the wife's plea and ruled the evidence inadmissible, stating that surreptitious recording amounted to a clear breach of privacy and was legally unjustified.

However, Justice Nagarathna disagreed with this position.

"Some arguments have been made that permitting such evidence would jeopardise domestic harmony and matrimonial relationships as it would encourage snooping on the spouses, therefore infringing the objective of Section 122 of the Evidence Act.

"We don't think such an argument is tenable. If the marriage has reached a stage where spouses are actively snooping on each other, that is in itself a symptom of a broken relationship and denotes a lack of trust between them," she said.

Money laundering case: ED grills Robert Vadra

MI News Service, New Delhi: Robert Vadra, the businessman husband of Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, deposed before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday for questioning in a money laundering case linked to UK-based arms consultant Sanjay Bhandari and some others, official sources said.

The 56-year-old Vadra arrived at the federal probe agency's office located in central Delhi after 11 am. He was accompanied by Priyanka

Gandhi Vadra, MP from Kerala's Wayanad Lok Sabha seat. The businessman's statement was recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the sources said.

He was called by the agency twice last month for questioning in this case but he sought deferment of his summons as he had to travel abroad. Vadra is being investigated by the agency in three different money laundering cases, including two pertaining to alleged irregularities in land deals.

He was questioned by the ED in April for three consecutive days in a case linked to alleged irregularities in a 2008 Haryana land deal case. The businessman is also being investigated by the anti-money laundering agency in a case related to alleged financial irregularities in a land deal in Rajasthan's Bikaner.

The case linked to Vadra

and Bhandari pertains to the ED findings reported in a chargesheet in 2023 alleging Bhandari "acquired" the 12, Bryanston Square house located in London in 2009 and got it renovated "as per the directions of Vadra and the funds for renovation were provided by Robert Vadra." Vadra has denied that he owned any London property directly or indirectly. Terming these charges as a political witch hunt against him, he has said that he was being "hounded and harassed" to subvert political ends.

The ED is expected to file a fresh chargesheet in the Bhandari case following the recording of Vadra's statement.

The 63-year-old Bhandari fled to London in 2016 soon after the Income-Tax department raided him in Delhi. He was recently declared a fugitive economic offender by a Delhi court.

Maoist IED blast injures 3

MI News Service, Bijapur: A teenage girl and two other persons were injured after a pressure improvised explosive device (IED) planted by Naxalites went off in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district, police said.

The incident took place when the three persons, residents of Dhangol village under Madded police station limits, had gone to a nearby forest to collect mushrooms, a police official said.

They inadvertently came in contact with the pressure IED, which exploded causing inju-

ries to their legs and faces, he said.

The three persons, identified as Chidom Kanhaiya (24), Kurse Santosh (26) and Kavita Kudiam (16), were shifted to Bijapur district hospital, he said.

Naxalites often plant IEDs on dirt tracks to target security personnel, who use such routes during anti-Naxal operations inside forests.

Civilians have fallen prey to such traps laid by Naxalites in the past in the Bastar region, which includes Bijapur district.

PAG Raju becomes new Guv of Goa, Kavinder Gupta named new LG of Ladakh



MI News Service, New Delhi: Former civil aviation minister Puspapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju was on Monday appointed as the Governor of Goa and former deputy chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir Kavinder Gupta named as the new Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh.

Professor Ashim Kumar Ghosh will be the new Gov-

ernor of Haryana, according to an official communique.

The appointments will take effect from the dates they will assume charge of their respective offices, it said.

President Droupadi Murmu has accepted the resignation of Brigadier B D Mishra (Retired) as Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Ladakh, it said.

The president is pleased to appoint Gupta as the Lt Governor of Ladakh, Raju as the Governor of Goa and Professor Ashim Kumar Ghosh as the new Governor of Haryana, the communi-

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আমার মক্কেল শ্রীমতি তপসী কান্তি স্বামী শ্রী মধুসূদন কাউর সাহেব. ডোমজুড় (বারংপাড়া) পোস্ট. ডোমজুড়, বালু. ডোমজুড়, জেলা- হাওড়া, পশ্চিমবঙ্গ ৭১১০০৬. হাওড়া জেলার ডোমজুড় থানার অধীনে ৩০ নং জে.এল.ভুক্ত, ডোমজুড় মৌজার, (১) হাল ৫৫২০ নং খতিয়ান আর এন ১১০০ নং দাখা ইহতে আগত আর আর ১১০০৪ নং দাপের কার্বেসে ১ পতর সম্পত্তি (২) হাল এন আর ৯৯০৪ নং খতিয়ানে আর এন ১১১১ নং দাখা ইহতে আগত আর এন ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (৩) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (৪) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (৫) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (৬) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (৭) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (৮) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (৯) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (১০) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (১১) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (১২) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (১৩) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (১৪) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (১৫) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি (১৬) হাল এন আর ১১১১ নং দাখা ২ পতর সম্পত্তি 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Additional stop-
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during **Shravani Mela**

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to provide additional stoppages of following Shravan Mela trains at Dumri Halt and Athmal Gola Stations over East Central Railway during Shravani Mela with immediate effect: • 03511 Asansol – Patna Shravani Mela Special will arrive Dumri Halt station & Athmal Gola station at 22:12 hrs. & 23:17 hrs. respectively and 03512 Patna – Asansol Shravani Mela Special will arrive Athmal Gola station & Dumri Halt station at 03:55 hrs. & 04:55 hrs. respectively. Both the trains will stop at above stations for 02 minutes. • 03553 Asansol – Danapur Shravani Mela Special will arrive Dumri Halt station & Athmal Gola station at 23:17 hrs. & 00:11 hrs. respectively and 03554 Danapur – Asansol Shravani Mela Special will arrive Athmal Gola station & Dumri Halt station at 04:44 hrs. & 05:39 hrs. respectively. Both the trains will stop at above stations for 02 minutes.

Shravani Mela Special
to be run between
Asansol & Govindpuri

MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear the expected rush of passengers, the Railway has decided to run Shravani Mela special train between Govindpuri & Asansol. This special train will offer additional capacity and flexibility to accommodate the extra rush of passengers during the Mela period.
04158 Govindpuri – Asansol Shravani Mela Special will leave Govindpuri at 08:15 hrs. on every Monday between 14.07.2025 & 11.08.2025 (05 trips) to reach Asansol at 06:30 hrs on the next day and 04157 Asansol – Govindpuri Shravani Mela Special will leave Asansol at 07:45 hrs on every Tuesday between 15.07.2025 & 12.08.2025 (05 trips) to reach Govindpuri at 08:40 hrs on the next day. The special train will stop at Chittaranjan, Madhupur and Jasidih stations over Asansol Division jurisdiction in both directions en-route. The train will have Only General Second Class accommodations.

Israel pounds Gaza as
criticism grows of plans
for camps in Rafah

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: forces continue bombard-
ing Gaza a day after killing
95 Palestinians across the
Strip, including seven chil-
dren waiting for water and
17 people at a busy market
in Gaza City. Criticisms of
Israel's plan to set up an in-
ternment camp in Gaza are
growing, with Israeli oppo-
sition leader Yair Lapid
saying it would amount to a
"concentration camp" if
Palestinians there are not
allowed to leave.

First section of 21 km undersea tunnel of the Bullet train project opens between Ghansoli and Shilphata in Maharashtra

- Next-Gen E10 Shinkansen Trains to Power Mumbai– Ahmed-
abad Bullet Train under India-Japan Partnership
- E10 Shinkansen to Debut Simultaneously in India and Japan
- Shinkansen Technology to Power Entire 508 km Bullet Train
Corridor, Redefining Speed, Safety & Reliability



MI News Service, Delhi: The bullet train project has achieved a major milestone of opening the first section of the 21 km undersea tunnel between BKC and Thane. The bullet train project recently achieved a major milestone by completing 310 km of viaduct construction. Track laying, construction of overhead electrical wires, stations, and bridges is going on at a

rapid pace. The construction work in

Maharashtra has also picked up pace. In parallel, the progress on procurement of systems for operations and control is also going on well. Rolling Stock: Japanese Shinkansen is currently running E5 trains. Next generation trains are E10. In the spirit of strategic partnership between Japan and India, the Japanese



government has agreed to introduce E10 Shinkansen trains in the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet train project. It is noteworthy that E10 will be introduced simultaneously in India and Japan. Japanese Technology: The entire 508 km corridor is being developed with Japanese Shinkansen technology. It will set new benchmarks for speed, safety, and reliability. This reflects the deep strategic and technological cooperation between India and Japan. Construction at Rapid Pace: Civil works are progressing at a rapid pace across the alignment. 310 km viaduct is constructed. 15 river bridges are completed and 4 are in the advanced stages of construction. Out of 12 stations, 5 are completed and

3 more are now reaching completion stage. The station at BKC is an engineering marvel. The station will be located 32.5 m below ground and the foundation is designed to support the construction of a 95 m high building above ground. Future Corridors in Pipeline: The success of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) project is laying the foundation for future bullet train corridors in India. Future corridors are also under active consideration.

This remarkable pace of development showcases India's capability to execute world-class infrastructure using cutting-edge global technology, with Japan playing a pivotal role as a trusted partner in this transformative journey.

Hamas, PIJ say peace talks must ensure Israeli army withdrawal

MI News Service, Gaza: Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) said on Sunday that the ongoing indirect negotiations with Israel must lead to an end to the war, full Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, opening of the crossings, and reconstruction.

The remarks came during a meeting between the leaders of the two movements, the location of which was not specified, according to a statement released by Hamas. The Hamas delegation was headed by Muhammad Darwish, head of Hamas' Shura Council, while Secretary-General Ziyad al-Nakhalah headed the PIJ delegation. "The two factions discussed developments in the ongoing negotiations through international mediators and the Israeli side's responses to the proposals presented to reach a ceasefire agreement," the statement said. The statement emphasized

that any potential agreement must fulfill Palestinian aspirations, including ending the war, which has caused human suffering and heavy casualties among civilians.

The indirect negotiations between Israel and Hamas in the Qatari capital Doha are entering a "critical and complex phase," according to a Hamas source, who warned that Israel's "intransigence" could lead to the collapse of the talks.

The Hamas source said that the two delegations reviewed the Israeli responses, noting that the main obstacle to progress in the talks lies in Israel's "intransigence regarding the withdrawal maps."

He added that what is required is a preliminary withdrawal of Israeli forces to the January lines, with a guarantee of a full withdrawal from the Gaza Strip after the negotiation process.

6 killed, 27 injured as passenger bus falls into gorge in E. Pakistan



MI News Service, Islamabad: At least six people were killed and 27 others injured when a passenger bus fell into a gorge on a motorway in Pakistan's eastern Punjab province around midnight Sunday, police said on Monday. The accident occurred when the bus, with 41 passengers on board, overturned and plunged into a gorge, Saqib Waheed, a spokesperson of the Motorway Police, told Xinhua. Five people, including four women, died on the spot, while another succumbed to injuries at a hospital. "The injured had been transferred to various hospitals where seven of them are in critical condition," he added. Waheed said the investigations indicated that the accident occurred due to the driver's negligence amid slippery road conditions caused by rain. Road accidents in Pakistan have become an alarming issue, with a significant increase in both frequency and severity over the years. Reckless driving, poor road conditions, and inadequate vehicle maintenance are among the primary causes of the high accident rate.

Removing 'Secular' and 'Socialist' from the Constitution's Preamble is an attack on Indian identity – Sanjay Hegde

MI News Service, New Delhi: Amidst growing national debate around secularism and socialism in the Constitution, a crucial seminar titled "The Preamble Under Pressure: Challenges to India's Foundational Principles" was held today, Saturday, July 12, 2025, at the Deputy Chairman Hall of the Constitution Club of India, New Delhi. The seminar was organized by "Hum Bharat Ke Log", a citizens' platform committed to preserving the core spirit of the Indian Constitution.

Senior Supreme Court advocate Sanjay Hegde, who attended the event as a guest speaker, said, "The removal of 'secular' and 'socialist' from the Preamble is a direct assault on India's inclusive culture and the values of the freedom struggle. Those uncomfortable with these terms represent a divisive ideology."

Veteran journalist Anil Chaudhary remarked, "The Preamble sets the direction for building a truly



equal citizenry. We must understand that the roots of this nation are deep and firm, and 'secular' and 'socialist' are its very foundation." He further added that while the RSS is currently pushing to remove these terms, such attempts are not new. A private member's bill was introduced in Parliament back in 2005 with the same demand. "These efforts reflect a longstanding agenda of the RSS

and corporate lobbies, which must be strongly opposed," he said.

Shahnawaz Alam, National Secretary of the Indian National Congress, said, "The RSS has always attempted to divide the country on communal lines and preserve caste hierarchies. That is precisely why the terms 'secular' and 'socialist' bother them. Anyone who supports equality and a religion-neutral state must resist

this conspiracy." He criticized political parties who invoke Ambedkar's legacy—like Mayawati, Ramdas Athawale, and Chirag Paswan—for remaining silent in the ongoing debate. "While they claim to be ideological heirs of Ambedkar, they have failed to defend his constitutional vision at this critical juncture," he added. Supreme Court advocate Shariq Abbasi said, "Tampering with the Preamble weakens the Constitution. Removing certain words is equivalent to diluting the very essence of our constitutional framework."

Activist Manvi Verma emphasized, "We must fearlessly and consistently challenge the BJP's attempt to make Ambedkar's secular and socialist ideals irrelevant." Journalist Masihuzzama Ansari, speaking at the event, stated, "This seminar is being held at a time when the soul of the Constitution and democratic values are under serious threat.

Nimisha Priya execution: There is nothing much we can do, Centre tells Supreme Court

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Government of India informed the Supreme Court on Monday that it is doing everything "utmost possible" in the case of Nimisha Priya, an Indian nurse from Kerala who is facing execution in Yemen on July 16 for the murder of a Yemeni national.

Attorney General R Venkataramani, appearing for the Centre, told a bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta that given the geopolitical situation and diplomatic limitations with Yemen, the Indian government's scope for intervention is extremely limited. "There is a point up to which the Government of India can go, and we have reached that point," said Venkataramani, emphasizing the sensitive nature of



the case and the challenges of dealing with a country like Yemen.

Nimisha Priya, a native of Kollengode in Palakkad district, was convicted in 2020 for the murder of her former business partner, a Yemeni national. The incident occurred in July 2017, and her appeal was rejected by the Supreme Judicial Council of Yemen in November 2023. Following this,

Yemen's public prosecutor ordered her execution, scheduled for July 16. She is currently incarcerated in Sana'a Central Prison. The government's statement comes amid growing criticism from political leaders and the public. AICC general secretary and Alappuzha MP K C Venugopal has accused the Centre of inaction and lack of urgency in the matter. He called the death sentence a "grave travesty of justice" and criticized the government for not intervening decisively, despite repeated pleas to the Prime Minister and the Ministry of External Affairs. With the execution date fast approaching, pressure is mounting on the Indian government to explore any remaining diplomatic or legal avenues to save Priya's life.

Iran, UAE call for regional participation to ensure security in West Asia

MI News Service, Tehran: Iran and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Sunday highlighted the necessity to ensure security in West Asia through the participation of all regional states, the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported. In a phone call, Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Ali Akbar Ahmadian and UAE's National Security Advisor Sheikh Tahnoun bin Zayed Al Nahyan discussed regional issues, bilateral ties, and the Israeli-U.S. "aggression" against Iran, the report said. Ahmadian praised the UAE's condemnation of Israel's military "aggression" against Iran, stressing that the regional countries' security was "intertwined" and in need of all regional states' participation. "If a regional country's security is threatened by foreign risks, the entire region will be challenged," he added. Ahmadian also underlined Iran's principled policy of expanding relations with its neighbors. The UAE's national security advisor also noted that all regional states should guarantee the region's security. "If a regional state's security is compromised, it would negatively affect all other countries of the region," he said. On June 13, Israel launched major airstrikes on several areas in Iran, including nuclear and military sites, killing senior commanders, nuclear scientists and civilians. Iran responded with multiple waves of missile and drone attacks on Israel, causing casualties and damage. After 12 days of fighting, a ceasefire between Iran and Israel was reached on June 24.

Around 30 killed in Israeli strikes in Gaza

MI News Service, Deir al-Balah: Israeli strikes in the Gaza Strip killed at least 30 people on Sunday, including six children at a water collection point, local health officials said, despite attempts by mediators to bring about a ceasefire.

Israel and Hamas appeared no closer to a breakthrough in talks meant to pause the 21-month war and free some Israeli hostages. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was in Washington last week to discuss the deal with the Trump administration, but a new sticking point has emerged over the deployment of Israeli troops during the truce, raising questions over the feasibility of a new deal.

Israel says it will only end the war once Hamas surrenders, disarms and goes into exile, something it refuses to do. Hamas says it is willing to free all the remaining 50 hostages, less than half said to be alive, in exchange for an end to the war and the full withdrawal of Israeli forces.

Gaza's Health Ministry said Sunday that more than 58,000 people have been killed in the war. The ministry doesn't differentiate between civilians and combatants in its count but says more than half of the dead are women and children. In the Oct 7, 2023, attack that sparked the war, Hamas-led militants killed some 1,200 people and abducted 251 in a raid on northern Israel. Throughout the war in Gaza, violence has also surged in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, where funerals were held Sunday for two Palestinians, including Palestinian-American Sayfollah Musallet, 20, who was killed in an attack by Israeli settlers, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry. Children killed at a water collection point in

central Gaza, officials at Al-Awda Hospital said it received 10 bodies after an Israeli strike on a water collection point in nearby Nu-seirat. Among the dead were six children, the hospital said.

Ramadan Nassar, a witness who lives in the area, told The Associated Press that around 20 children and 14 adults were lined up Sunday morning to fill up water. When the strike occurred, everyone ran and some, including those who were severely injured, fell to the ground, he said.

He said Palestinians walk some 2 kilometres to fetch water from the area. The Israeli military said it was targeting a militant but that a technical error made its munition fall "dozens of metres from the target." It said the incident was being examined. Additionally, health officials said an Israeli strike hit a group of citizens walking in the street on Sunday afternoon, killing 11 people and injuring around 30 others in central Gaza City. Dr Ahmed Qandil, who specialises in general surgery and laparoscopic, was among those killed, the Gaza Health Ministry said in a statement. One of the ministry's spokespeople, Zaher al-Wahidi, told the AP that Qandil was on his way to Al-Ahli Arab Baptist Hospital when the strike happened. All bodies and those wounded were taken to Al-Ahli hospital, according to al-Wahidi.

The military said it was unaware of a strike on the home, but has struck over 150 targets over the past 24 hours, including what it said are weapons storage facilities, missile launchers and sniping posts. Israel blames Hamas for civilian casualties because the militant group operates out of populated areas.

Karnataka Congress MLA pitches Nitin Gadkari for PM, cites RSS age-limit remark

MI News Service, Shivamogga: Karnataka Congress MLA Belur Gopalakrishna has suggested Union Minister Nitin Gadkari as the ideal successor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, should he step down on turning 75 years of age. The legislator's remarks come in response to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's recent statements regarding leaders stepping aside at the age of 75.

During an event in Nagpur on Wednesday, RSS chief Bhagwat cited Sangh ideologue late Moropant Pingley's statement about stepping aside after 75 years of age. "Gadkari should be the next Prime Minister of the country, the reason is Gadkari is with the common man. He has done good work for the development of the country, in terms of highways and other things. The people of the country know his service and the kind of person he is," Gopalakrishna said. Speak-



ing to reporters here on Saturday, he referred to a statement reportedly made by Gadkari voicing concern over the poor of the country and claiming that the rich were getting richer. "Considering this, it comes across that he has a concept (for development of the country) and such people should be made (the PM). Mohan Bhagwat has indicated that those who have turned 75 years of age will have to step down, so I feel that time has come for Gadkari," he added. Claiming

that veteran BJP leader B S Yediyurappa was made to resign as chief minister of Karnataka, after he turned 75, the Congress MLA said none of his party leaders are speaking about Modi.

"The BJP's sinners made him (Yediyurappa) resign with tears in his eyes. He was a senior leader who built BJP and brought it to power in the state. Why different treatment to Modi ji? Wasn't it under Modi's instruction Yediyurappa was made to step down?"

Jadeja's hard-fought fifty, resistance by tailenders keeps alive India's hopes in Third Test

LONDON [UK] : Stubborn resistance from Indian tailenders and a fighting half-century from Ravindra Jadeja has kept India's hopes alive third Test against England at Lord's with the visitors needing 30 runs to win but with only one wicket in hand.

At Tea, India was 163/9, with Mohammed Siraj (2*) and Jadeja (56*) unbeaten with an interesting struggle on between the bat and the ball.

India started the first session at 58/4, with KL Rahul (33*) joined by Rishabh Pant.

Rishabh did start with two boundaries against Jofra Archer, but the fired up pacer cleaned up Pant's stumps for just nine runs in a game-changing moment. India was reduced to 71/5 and needed 122 to win with half their side gone.

Skipper Ben Stokes arrived

with a ball in hand during the 24th over and produced another miracle. He managed to take down KL Rahul, trapping him leg-before-wicket with a massive nip-backer. Rahul wanted to block, but his bat got stuck in the pad and could not come across the line of the ball. Stokes took a review, and it proved to be a success, sending back KL for 39 in 58 balls, with six fours. India was 81/6, with Stokes having his second scalp.

India continued to crumble, as Washington Sundar's stay at the crease lasted just four balls and yielded no runs. Archer's superb reflexes came in clutch as he stretched out his right hand to take a brilliant catch to get his third wicket. India was 82/7.

The all-rounder pair of Ravindra Jadeja and Nitish Kumar Reddy fought hard, taking



the team to 100-run mark in 32 overs.

The partnership of hope between Jadeja and Nitish lasted for just 30 runs, as Woakes

cleaned up Nitish for 13 runs, with the batter edging the delivery to Jamie. India was 112/8, and lunch was taken.

As the session resumed, Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah continued their grind, with Bumrah even pulling out a surprise pull shot for a crisp four. Jadeja also cut the deficit further with a slog over midwicket for six runs, pushing their partnership into the 20s.

The deficit went below 50 runs, to 48, courtesy of four runs off byes delivered by spinner Shoaib Bashir. The resilient partnership crossed the 30-run mark as well.

Their partnership ended, with Bumrah skying one in the air, being removed by skipper Stokes for five in 54 balls. Substitute Sam Cook took the catch. India was nine down for 147 runs, ending a 35-run stand.

India reached the 150-run mark in 64.4 overs. Jadeja continued the fight for India, with a four greeted by a huge roar from the crowd as the deficit was reduced to 39 runs. An outside edge went straight to the boundary, bringing up Jadeja his fourth-successive fifty, this one in 150 balls, with four boundaries and a six. However, no sword celebration came out this time around, with the enormity of the task at hand known to him.

Siraj and Jadeja took India through the session without any loss.

Earlier, India ended the fourth day at 58/4, with Rahul unscathed at 33*.

The fourth day started with England at 2/0 during their second innings, with both their openers Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett, present.

JHARKHAND DEFEATED ODISHA 1-0 TO WIN TITLE

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RANCHI : Hockey Jharkhand crowned as the Champions of the 15th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship - Division 'A' after defeating Hockey Association of Odisha 1-0 in the Final, here at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh AstroTurf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi., Hockey Haryana secured the Bronze medal after defeating Hockey Mizoram 3-3 (SO 5-4) in the 3rd/4th position match.

In the final match, Hockey Jharkhand won 1-0 against the Hockey Association of Odisha. Both the teams played distinctly and prevented each other from scoring with strong defence skills but it was Jirn Soy Munda (27') who paved the way for Hockey Jharkhand to lift the trophy after netting the only goal of the match on their home soil.

Also, in the 3rd/4th Place match between Hockey Haryana and Hockey Mizoram, Hockey Haryana secured the third place and won the Bronze medal after defeating Hockey Mizoram 3-3 (SO 5-4) in a nail biting thriller. K Vanlalpeki (9') opened the goal count on the scoreboard for Hockey Mizoram but Captain Bhavya (19'), Durga (27') and

Manjinder (30') soon took the lead for Hockey Haryana to push Hockey Mizoram on the backfoot throughout most of the game. Hockey Mizoram tried hard but couldn't but was unable to convert the opportunities against the strong defence of Hockey Haryana until the very last minute where Laldinpuli (60', 60') heroics helped Hockey Mizoram end the match with a draw as the final whistle was blown, as she scored two back-to-back goals.

In the shoot-out, again it was a neck-to-neck competition between both the teams. Captain Bhavya, Manjinder, Neeshu, Radhika and Harshita scored for Hockey Haryana in all the five chances that they got. On the other hand, Laldinpuli, K Vanlalpeki, C Lalruatsiami and Lalnunfeli only could score out of their five chances and fell short in a closely contested game. Hockey Haryana's Goalkeeper Saina's match-winning save in the shootout stood out to be difference maker and helped her side end their campaign on the podium.

Chief Guest of the final match Sports Minister Sudivya Kumar and Hockey India Secretary General Bholanath Singh felicitated players.



"Cole Palmer is the best in the world...": Chelsea goalie hails midfielder after FIFA Club World Cup win



NEW YORK [US] : Following his side's FIFA Club World Cup win, Chelsea goalkeeper Robert Sanchez hailed the midfielder Cole Palmer, who scored a brace, saying that "what he does is magic" and will be the world's best in "two or three years".

Chelsea captured their second FIFA Club World Cup title, courtesy of a Palmer brace, downing the UEFA Champions League champions Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) in the final by 3-0 on Sunday night.

Following the win, Sanchez told FIFA about Palmer, "Cole Palmer is the best in the world. If he is not the best now, he is going to be in the next two to three years. "He is a top player. He shows it in all the matches. What he does is magic. When he gets chances, he takes them. Today he scored two goals, almost a hat-trick. Impressive,"

Malo Gusto, another one of Palmer's teammates, said that the star player is a "bit on his own and reserved".

"But he is a very good person. He knows when to speak up. He also knows how to be funny to help the team relax a bit. We all have a very good relationship. We are really happy to have this kind of player.

Everyone knows Cole now. Everyone knew him before. He is a top player, like many others on this team. He did a lot for us tonight," he added.

Speaking about the match, during which he captured the 'Player of the Match' and 'Player of the Tournament' awards, Palmer said, "We did not mind, we just used that as extra motivation and we worked through the trouble out there. I thought we were spot on today, especially the gaffer. We had a good game plan, and we executed it."

Sanchez said that PSG had written off Chelsea heading into the game.

"It looked like it, no?" said the Spanish star.

"From everything we read and saw in interviews, the truth is that they did. They have had a very good season, but they had not faced us. PSG have a lot of quality, they play with a lot of intensity and energy, but for me, we have much more quality. I told my teammates that we have more energy than them, more intensity than them, that we are going to win the game. And that is what they did. We got in their face from the first minute, and when we got chances, it was goal, goal. "What a final. We put

in a lot of effort in this tournament, so we deserved it. I am very happy, delighted that we played a great match, and were able to score goals. We could have scored more," he added.

Favourites PSG had not let up a goal in their previous four games heading into the final of the men's football tournament, but they found themselves behind in the 22nd minute, when Cole Palmer controlled a clever layoff from Malo Gusto before bending a sumptuous effort into the far corner, giving Chelsea the early breakthrough, according to Olymipcs.com.

Eight minutes later, the 23-year-old doubled Chelsea's lead: this time latching on to a ball from deep and, with the same ice-cool precision, bent it into the far corner once again. Copy, paste.

And just when PSG thought they'd contained the threat, Palmer morphed into a creator. A slide-rule pass split the defence, freeing João Pedro, who applied a touch of Brazilian mischief to delicately lift the ball over a helpless Gianluigi Donnarumma.

The half-time break couldn't come fast enough for PSG, who had struggled to deal with Chelsea's intense press all evening.

The second half was less eventful than the first, which included the first-ever half-time show at a FIFA-organised event, with performances from Coldplay, Doja Cat, J Balvin, and Tems.

Both managers made adjustments, but PSG, the European champions, were especially desperate for a way out. However, Chelsea's Liam Delap, who came on for Pedro, twice made Donnarumma make amazing saves, which kept the scoreline respectable.

PSG finished the game with 10 men after João Neves received a straight red card for pulling Marc Cucurella's hair five minutes from time.

Chelsea added the Club World Cup trophy to the UEFA Conference League trophy they won back in May, capping off an impressive debut season for Italian Maresca at Stamford Bridge. (ANI)

"Find this ridiculous: Broad slams ICC for fining Siraj for aggressive celebration at Lord's

LONDON [UK] : Former England pacer Stuart Broad lashed out at the International Cricket Council (ICC) for fining Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj for his "aggressive celebration", and pointed out that "Gill swears live on" and "carries on".

Siraj has been penalised 15 per cent of his match fee after a breach in the ICC Code of Conduct during the fourth day of the third Test match against England at 'Home of Cricket', Lord's on Sunday. Siraj was guilty of breaching Article 2.5 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to "using language, actions or gestures which disparage or which could provoke an aggressive reaction from a batter upon his/her dismissal during an International Match.". After the dismissal, Siraj celebrated close to the batter in his follow-through and made contact as Duckett began his walk back to the Lord's long room. Taking to X, Broad wrote, "Find this ridiculous. Siraj



15% for aggressive celebration. Gill swears live on tv & carries on and what? It's either both or neither. Players aren't and shouldn't be robots but consistency is key."

In addition to the fine, one demerit point has been added to Siraj's disciplinary record, for whom it was the second offence in a 24-month period, taking his tally to two demerit points. Notably, skipper Gill was seen sledging and shouting some explicit words at Crawley during the final moments on day four. Gill has so far, not been fined for his punishment. Coming to the match, India are in massive trouble while chasing 193 runs at Lord's, at 112/8 after the first session on the final day, with all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja as their final hope.

Former India speedster Varun Aaron joins Sunrisers Hyderabad as new bowling coach

NEW DELHI : Sunrisers Hyderabad have roped in former India tearaway Varun Aaron as the new bowling coach ahead of the next season of the Indian Premier League.

The Sunrisers took to X on Monday to announce Varun's appointment, which read, "A fiery addition to our coaching staff! Welcome Varun Aaron as our new bowling coach."

Before Aaron's appointment, former New Zealand quick James Franklin served as SRH's bowling coach last season, replacing ex-South Africa speedster Dale Steyn. The 35-year-old, who announced his retirement at the beginning of the year, is set to replace Franklin and will work to fine-tune the 2016 IPL winners' bowling attack for the 19th season of the cash-rich league.

Varun was a familiar face in the cash-rich league. He represented Delhi Daredevils (now Delhi Capitals), Gujarat Titans, Royal Challengers Bengaluru, Rajasthan Royals and Punjab Kings. His last appearance in the league dates back to the 2022 season.



son. He made two appearances for Gujarat Titans, scything two wickets at an average of 26.00. Overall, Varun boasts 44 scalps in 52 matches at an average of 33.66. He lifted the title with GT in 2022.

In a country that has starved

for explosive pacers, Varun announced himself to the world as a genuine quick. He made the headlines by clocking 153 kph during the 2010-11 Vijay Hazare Trophy final against Gujarat. With the sheer pace with which he bowled and consistent perform-

ances, Varun looked set to become the next big thing in the world of cricket.

Varun was awarded for his mouth-watering display in 2011 when he was named to the India Emerging Players squad that went to Australia. He earned a call-up to the India ODI squad for the series in England but sat on the bench for the entire series. Varun went on to make his ODI debut in October 2011, and a month later, he earned his maiden Test cap for India.

With the rise of a new generation of pacers, Varun's opportunities became limited. He made nine appearances in Tests and nine in ODIs. During his time in red-ball cricket, Varun picked up 18 wickets, averaging 52.61. In the 50-over format, Varun scythed 11 scalps at an average of 38.09.

Varun's last appearance in competitive cricket came in the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy for Jharkhand against Goa. He ended the match with figures of 2/29 in his six-over spell as Jharkhand cruised to a comfortable 31-run victory with consummate ease.

"THIS WIN MEANS A LOT IN MANY WAYS...": SINNER AFTER CAPTURING MAIDEN WIMBLEDON TITLE

LONDON [UK] : Following his maiden Wimbledon title win, world number one Italian star Jannik Sinner reflected on his win and remarked that he is trying to learn and understand from his past mistakes.

Sinner avenged his heartbreaking French Open final loss as he outclassed his rival and Spanish sensation Carlos Alcaraz to secure his maiden Wimbledon title on Sunday. The 23-year-old captured his fourth major title, after two Australian Open and a US Open triumph, defeating Alcaraz 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 in a clash oozing with class and intensity in every shot. This was Sinner's first-ever Wimbledon final.

Speaking following his win exclusively to Star Sports, Sinner said, "This win means a lot in many ways. I think it was a very difficult match-up. Playing against Carlos -- I had lost the last five matches against him -- was never easy. But at the same time, I have tried to understand and learn from my mis-

takes. As I always say, the most important thing is to improve -- both as a player and as a person -- so I am very happy I was able to do that today. Of course, the work never stops, so we will keep working and see what I can achieve in the future."

Flipping the script, Sinner also managed to put an end to Alcaraz's career-best 24-match win streak and became the first Italian to capture what many consider the most prestigious Grand Slam title. Sinner's picture-perfect finals record of 5-0 has been broken, and one loss has been added to it.

The 23-year-old Italian was extremely precise with his groundstrokes, but still lost the first set. Alcaraz came out aggressively, hitting with heavy pace and using drop shots well. He showed trademark resilience to bounce back from 2-4 in the first set and have it to his name with a backhand defensive block. But Sinner followed it with three hard-fought wins in



the next three sets to take the trophy home.

Sinner had dropped just 17 games during his first three matches at Wimbledon and survived a major scare in the fourth round, when Grigor Dimitrov was forced to leave the field due to injury despite leading the game. Sinner also needed some medical attention on his elbow, but he battled hard against Ben Shelton and Novak Djokovic to register his fifth Grand Slam final appearance.

Following the match, Sinner said, as quoted by the ATP website, that playing against the Spanish star is "so difficult" and encouraged his rival to "keep going and keep pushing".

"I would like to start with Carlos. Again, an amazing tournament, but mostly thank you for the player you are. It is so difficult to play against you, but we have an amazing relationship off the court and on the court, we just try to build up, and to do that, we need the

best teams in the world. Keep going, keep pushing, and you are going to hold this trophy many times. You already have two titles," said Sinner to Alcaraz.

"It is so special. Seeing my parents here, my brother, my whole team, it is amazing. Actually, a special thanks to my brother, because there is no Formula 1 race this weekend, that is why he is here," he continued. (ANI)

SINNER AVENGED HIS HEARTBREAKING FRENCH OPEN FINAL LOSS AS HE OUTCLASSED HIS RIVAL AND SPANISH SENSATION CARLOS ALCAZAR TO SECURE HIS MAIDEN WIMBLEDON TITLE ON SUNDAY.