

Vice Presidential election on Sep 9, announces ECI

The BJP has also intensified its focus on North Bengal, evident from the recent visit of new state BJP president Shamik

Before her North Bengal tour, the Chief minister will visit Jhargram on August 6 and 7, ahead of the annual Adivasi Diwas celebrations on August 9. While she traditionally attends the event on the main day, this year she will inaugurate the celebrations on August 7 and return to Kolkata the same day, marking a deviation from usual protocol for reasons not officially disclosed.

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Parliament – 233 elected
members of Rajya Sabha
(five seats are currently
vacant), 12 nominated
members of Rajya Sabha

The Home Ministry notified his resignation on July 22 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on X: "Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji has got many opportunities to serve our country in various capacities, including as the Vice President of India. Wishing him good health."

“It is not a question of Bengal alone, but the whole country,” he added.

“The language that was integrated with ‘Charyapad’ (Bangla), its value must be acknowledged. Various poems have been written in that language. The messages of Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam have been laid out very clearly in their works. These values must be acknowl-

Referring to the detention of hundreds of migrant workers from West Bengal in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Odisha and Delhi on the suspicion that they are illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, the Nobel laureate in Economics in early 2000, said, "This issue is

The ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC), and particularly Chief minister Mamata Banerjee and the party's All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee, MP, have been raising their voice on the issue of 'Bengali Asmita' over the last one month, alleging that Bengali-speaking people, especially poor Muslim migrant workers, are being harassed in BJP-ruled states and

The BJP, on the other hand, has dismissed the allegations, claiming that the TMC did not think about the welfare of migrant workers over the last 14 years, and was now raising the issue with an eye on next year's assembly elections in the state.

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Earlier, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said in a message to voters, "The draft electoral rolls of Bihar are being published on

Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi also stood in solidarity with INDIA bloc MPs, joining their protest at Makar Dwar outside Parliament. She held a banner that read "SIR-attack on Democracy" and stood beside her daughter, Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi. A cartoon shared online depicted a man labelled "EC" in uniform and shackled, holding what looked

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he explained. After the commissioning is complete, he said the radars will be activated and it will start collecting data over "all ICE, all land, all the time" from the Earth.

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A total of 1,44,124 pilgrims have departed from the Jammu base camp for the Valley since July 2, when Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch.

Last year, over 5.10 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at the cave shrine, which houses a naturally

"The yatra resumed this morning from the Baltal route," said an official, adding, "In view of maintenance works required, be carried out on the Pahalgalam axis of Amarnath Yatra route following the recent rains, the yatra shall continue only through Baltal axis." The official said that no convoy movement would be allowed towards the Baltal and Nunwan base camps from Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu on Thursday. With incessant rain lashing several parts of Jammu and Kashmir, roads towards the cave became unsafe to travel even for experienced pilgrims. In view of that holy pilgrimage was suspended

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Kolkata to host Captains Cup 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: The battlefield is ready, and warriors from every corner of the country are gearing up for India's most electrifying martial arts tournament — the 4th Transient Captains Cup 2025, slated to explode into action from August 15-17 at Silver Point School, Kolkata.

Organized by the National Combat Sports Federation (NCSF) in partnership with Mike's Martial Arts, this year's edition promises more adrenaline, more talent, and more grit than ever before.

From Mumbai to Assam, Darjeeling to Barrackpore, 12 powerhouse teams will converge on Kolkata to compete in a dazzling array of combat styles in-

cluding Kickboxing, Kyokushin Karate, and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. The lineup includes elite academies from across the country like Combatant Sports Academy (Mumbai), Anbu's Combat Club (Darjeeling), Rhino MFC (Assam), Gladiator Academy (Barrackpore), while the City of Joy will be represented by Mike's Martial Arts, Alpha Fitness and Self Defence, Battleborn Warrior Sports, The Combat Gym, Kratoz Combat, Fitchclub Combat, Oyama Dojo, — all ready to test their mettle in front of roaring crowds.

"This year, we're not just hosting a tournament — we're unleashing a nationwide celebration of martial excellence," said Sensei Mayukh Banerjee,

Founder of Mike's Martial Arts. "It's thrilling to welcome some of the best talent from across India to our city. Expect powerful strikes, breathtaking submissions, and the kind of heart that defines true warriors."

With more than a hundred top-tier competitors expected, the Captains Cup continues to be a launchpad for future legends, while also championing women's participation and youth development in combat sports.

Backed by title sponsor Transient Data Technologies, banking partner UCO Bank, ITC Limited and hospitality partner LBD Resorts, this edition is set to be bigger, bolder, and more unforgettable than ever.

Gold Necklace stolen by Nail Artist, recovered by Kalyani Police

MI News Service, Kalyani : A gold necklace stolen by a nail artist from a local flat, was recovered by Kalyani police on Wednesday.

According to police sources, one Subhankar Mondal, a resident of B-2/339 (LIG) under Kalyani police station limits in Nadia, lodged a complaint on July 31 stating that a nail artist had visited his home the previous day. The next morning, he found that a gold necklace was missing from his flat.

Based on his complaint, a specific case was registered at Kalyani PS. During the investigation, the nail artist Isha Adhikari (around 23) was detained and later confessed to the theft during interrogation. The stolen gold necklace was subsequently recovered.



Shubhankar Mondal said that the nail artist came to their flat for the nail extension works of her wife Trisha. He stayed for more than two hours and returned at around 2.30 pm. on Wednesday. But next day, before going to a wedding program, they found the golden necklace was

lost. " Then we suspected the nail artist because outsiders come out home very rare and recently none came at our flat except Isha. During nail extension works my wife went to other rooms including washroom. At that time she took up the golden necklace from the ornament box kept on table along bed, " Shubhankar said.

He then called the artist over phone to know about it. She refused. Then Ghosh lodged complaint with Kalyani police. Subsequently she, on pressure of the cops, confessed. The necklace was of around 12 grams.

Finally it was recovered from a jewellery shop at Kalyani A block.

Police said the investigation is still in progress.

Police foil possible pre-puja plot, seized arms from warehouse, 3 arrested

MI News Service, Chakdaha: In a major pre-Puja crackdown, Nadia police unearthed a cache of illegal arms from a warehouse in Chakdaha on Thursday night and arrested three alleged criminals. Investigators suspect the weapons were being stockpiled for a possible subversive act ahead of the festive season.

Acting on a tip-off, officers from Chakdaha police station raided a warehouse in Darap pur Shitala tala village. One youth, identified as Priyanshu Biswas, was detained at the spot and interrogated. His statement led police to a startling finding inside the warehouse.

A 7 mm. country-made pistol, a magazine, four rounds of live ammunition, a large sword, and a sharp weapon were recovered from the premises, police said. Based on further leads, two more suspects were apprehended from nearby areas.

All the 3 accused were produced in court on Friday. Police are continuing to question them to trace the origin of the arms and determine whether a larger network is involved.

"In recent weeks, we have seized multiple illegal firearms from different parts of Ranaghat



Police District," a senior officer said. "This raises serious concerns about possible attempts to disrupt peace during the upcoming Durga Puja season."

To address these developments, Additional SP of Ranaghat Police District, Siddhartha Dhapola, held a press conference at Chakdaha police station on Friday. Also present were the officer-in-charge of Chakdaha PS, Arindam Mukhopadhyay and other senior officials. Investigators are now probing whether the weapons were brought in from outside the district for storage or distribution. Police have not ruled out the possibility of more arrests as the probe deepens.

Two day teachers training camp of Ananda Marga Primary School

MI News Service, Khagrabari: A two day teachers training camp has inaugurated today in Ananda Marga Primary School, Khagrabari, Coochbehar. Almost 150 teachers of 16 Ananda marga schools of Coochbehar district participated in the training camp. The camp was inaugurated by the Central ERAWS secretary Acharya Tathagatananda Avadhut. Dr. Biswajit Bhowmik, Regional Director of IGNOU, Siliguri, Sri Sushanta Kumar Roy, Headmaster, Bhetagu-



ri Lal Bahadur Ssastry High School, Coochbehar, Dr. Sunandita Bhowmik, Assistant Professor, Coochbehar Panchanan Barma University and Acharya Prajnanananda Avadhut, Principal, Purulia Ansda Marga High School remained present as trainers. The impact of Neohumanism on Ananda Marga School and psychological foundations of education were highlighted in the camp. The teachers were taught different skills and techniques of classroom management.

Adult female literacy and Women Empowerment Programme

MI News Service, Kolkata: "The International Mission for Social Welfare and Charity" (I.M.S.W.C) organized its 45th Anniversary of National and International Convention for integrated management framework on Constitutional Rights of Women, adult female literacy and Women Empowerment, help generate a social environment, through the open and distance learning education, free from inequalities disfavoring women. Free secondary education, vocational and practical training for women and girls, to provide universal access, equity, quality at primary, upper primary, secondary and higher secondary education. Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace for Women, Gender Pay Gap and Wage Disparity. Digital Economy and Women Entrepreneurs. Prevention of Acid Attacks for women, Women and Economic Empowerment, Legal Aid and Support for Women. IMSWC ensured that Political Participation and Leadership, Importance of Women's Political Representation, Judiciary in Women's Justice, Women in Politics and decision Making. on. 25th July, 2025, at. Mangalamedu, Sengunam and Chettikulam village of Perambalur district, within the

state of Tamil Nadu. The 593 women, adult female and especially girls Children have participated in this Programme.

26th July, 2025. IMSWC arranged Innovative integrated programme for free school education for women and Promoting Adult Education in women empowerment, Higher Education, health, nutrition coverage. Women's Empowerment and Development. IMSWC Provides free inclusion and inclusive education for adult women and to be able to ensure that women stay in power, there is a need for creating more harmony and balance between responsibilities within the family and professional work, IMSWC enables the highest integrity the highest standards of excellence and mutual respect in all women. at. Thamarakulam, Chinnakada and Umayanallor village of kollam district, within the state of Kerala. The 658 women and especially girls Children have participated in this Programme.

27th July, 2025. IMSWC also organized Integrated management workshop on universal elementary quality and standards in free School education for women and girls'. Homeless girls Children regular individual contact, offering much needed

love and care, and to ensure their civil, economic and fundamental right of every girls Children, to a standard of living adequate for the child's physical, mental, Spiritual moral and social development, logistical support, project on Violence Against Women, poverty reduction, Social Security, food, Clothing, wasteland, Prevention of Human Trafficking and Exploitation, Cyber Crimes against Women, Sexual harassment and abuse, Strategies to Combat Gender-Based Violence, physical abuse, rape and murder. Providing support for social integration, mental health, legal issues, and personal development. community development, advocacy, skill development. To provide a conducive learning environment through learning activities, discovery and exploration in a child friendly and child centered manner. These include child development, enjoy better health care, nutrition and well being. at. Ratanpur, maruki and kansara village of Sitamarhi district, within the state of Bihar. The 739 women, widows and especially girls Children have Participated in this Programme.

28th July, 2025. IMSWC arranged Decentralization devel-

State acting on alternative fuel via recycling in agri sector

MI News Service, Kolkata: State agriculture minister Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay has mentioned that special mechanisms have been applied to produce fuel alternative to coal while working with paddy. He was recently speaking at West Bengal Rice Conclave organised by Indian Chamber of Commerce.

He further mentioned that alternative fuel arising out as a by-product could be a game changer for the state as it will whittle down coal dependency and also produce employment in the state. Advance mechanisms are also being used to enhance the quality of fertilizers in the state, Sobhandeb added.

ECI identifies several fake voters during sample checking

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Election Commission of India has identified several fictitious names that were included in the electoral rolls of two Assembly segments — Moyna in East Midnapore and Baruipur (East) in South 24-Parganas — during a sample checking of the new voters enrolled in the past two months.

The findings assume significance as they could strengthen the case of the EC to conduct a special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bengal ahead of the 2026 Assembly polls. It also holds significance as nearly 70,000 Form 6 applications — through which new voters apply to get their names included in the electoral rolls — were received by the poll panel over the past two weeks.

The exercise of sample checking, EC sources said, was initiated after it received more than 70,000 applications for enrollment as voters, mainly from seven bordering districts, in the past two weeks or so. During the sample checking, the EC decided to pick some of the newly included voters to check their eligibility.

"The findings were surprising. A total of 87 newly added voters in Moyna and 38 of the recently included electors in Baruipur (East) were found to be fictitious. It was also found that there were severe lapses on the part of the assistant election registration officers (AERO) of the Assembly segments," said a source on the poll panel.

Sources also said that details of about 600 new voters — who were included in the past two months in the two Assembly segments — were checked during the sample survey. It was found that many names were added to the electoral rolls based on a single document. Moreover, there were forged documents that were used to add the names to the list.

It was also found that most of the fictitious names were added to the list without carrying out field verification.

While the poll panel officials were tight-lipped about the number of voters added to the electoral rolls of these Assembly segments, they said that the AEROs of the two segments were called to the office of the chief electoral officer of Bengal in Kolkata.

"They were asked to explain why so many fictitious voters were added to the list. The officials admitted that there were lapses on their part but blamed data entry operators for the mistake. They promised that they would delete the names from the list immediately," said an official.



Protesters from the Joint Platform of Doctors, West Bengal, and Abhaya Mancha took part in a protest march over the lack of justice, one year after Abhaya's murder. The march proceeded to the CGO Complex in Salt Lake, Kolkata, on Friday.

State govt gives back 'good life' to Malda family after Delhi police harassment

MI News Service, Malda: The Malda district administration made elaborate arrangements to receive the family of Muktar Khan, the 40-year-old migrant worker who had alleged torture by Delhi police, promising him and his wife "a good and safe life".

They reached Malda town this morning and left for their village, Phirojabad in Chanchal-I block, around 75km away.

Muktar and his wife Sajnoor Parvin said it would not be easy for them to overcome their "trauma" in Delhi where cops "abused and manhandled" them, suspecting them to be Bangladeshi infiltrators.

Parvin had spoken to reporters at Kolkata's Trinamool Bhavan — in the presence of senior party leaders like Firhad Hakim, Kunal Ghosh, Samirul Islam and others — on their ordeal.

Her husband Muktar said: "We had lost all hopes of returning home. But chief minister Mamata Banerjee's timely intervention made it possible."

Muktar, who worked as a cleaning staff in Delhi for over

15 years, said: "We earned well in Delhi. Everything was going well. But things changed in the past couple of months when we returned to Delhi after our brief break in the village."

Parvin recounted their nightmare started last Friday when Delhi cops "branded" them as Bangladeshis. She repeated what she said in Calcutta about their being roughed up by cops, who didn't spare manhandling her 18-month-old son, the youngest of her three kids. On being detained that day, she said they were released after paying ₹25,000 to the cops.

After the chief minister posted the video of them being manhandled by Delhi cops on her X handle on Sunday evening, which the saffron ecosystem branded as fake, the family was picked up by the Delhi police that same night.

"I and my wife, our three minor children, my father Ajmal Khan and my mother Farida Bibi got inhuman treatment in police custody," alleged Muktar.

Like in Calcutta, the couple on Thursday repeated they were forced to sign Hindi and English

documents, which they could barely understand.

"We were so frightened that we signed them. We were freed on Monday night," said Parvin.

Helped by the Bengal government, the family reached Calcutta on Wednesday.

On Thursday, they reached Malda by the NJP-bound Vande Bharat Express and were kept in the Malda zilla parishad guest house where they had their health check-up.

District magistrate Nitin Singhanian said they were making provisions for a good and safe life for the family.

"We will arrange a respectable source of income for Muktar and his wife. Their children's education will be arranged by the administration. Doctors will monitor their health. The family will get facilities of all state schemes they are entitled to," he said.

For now, two constables and eight civic volunteers are guarding their house.

Nihar Ranjan Ghosh, the TMC MLA of Chanchal, who met them on Thursday, said: "The state

has sanctioned Rs 1.5 lakh primarily for a concrete house for the family."

"We are grateful to the chief minister and the state government. But the atrocities we endured in Delhi will remain vivid in our memory," Muktar said.

Political observers said that backing Muktar's family was a part of Trinamool's broader strategy before the 2026 state polls.

"Trinamool wants to drive home the point that the state government will extend all possible help to affected migrant workers if they return home to consolidate its support base and exert pressure on the BJP," said an observer.

The BJP claimed the Khan family's charges were baseless. "Senior officers of the Delhi police have clarified that the charges levelled by the couple are baseless and motivated. Trinamool is in a spot. Hence it is using the administrative mechanism to hide the mess," claimed Pratap Singha, the BJP chief of Malda (north) organisational district.

Chakdaha road water logged for last month, CPIM catches fish on the road with net, BJP MLA swims

MI News Service, Chakdaha (: Local BJP MLA Bankim Ghosh was seen swimming on a water logged road at Chakdaha in Nadia on Friday to protest the apathy of concerned authority regarding removing the woo. According to him, the road is the life line of Chakdaha and about 1.5 lakh people use it daily. But since last one month it is water logged. A file with DPR and budget of Rs. 22 crore is laying in almirah of a concerned Officer, Ghosh alleged.

The concerned road of around 2 km. connects station and NH 12 at Chakdaha in Nadia. According to sources, it is partly under Panchayat and partly under Chakdaha Municipality. The road, so to speak, is the life line of Chakdaha. The bus stand, a little away from Chakdaha station, is adjoining to it and all local bus routes use the road. Not only that, the auto, toto (e - rickshaw) and many other vehicles move along the road to reach NH 12.

But it is an old problem. Ghosh said, " I have moved to several offices within the last 5 years, with a view to remove



the burning problem of the said road. From DM, Nadia to concerned Minister Pulak Roy. Eventually, I came to know that a DPR was prepared and sent for processing. The project showed that it will incur a cost of Rs. 23 crore. But there is a doubt if the finance department would sanction the big amount, an officer said to me."

However, he alleged that the file was idly laying in the almirah of an officer of PWD in

Kolkata for about last 4 months. It hints the negative future of the project, he added.

The locals have been facing a critical problems since about last one month.

However, Ashok Mandal, Savapati, Chakdaha Panchayat Samiti, said, " Our project of around Rs. 22 crore is sent to the concerned department and we are hopeful that the work will be initiated after Puja." He stated that the first phase work

of road of about 2 km. from NH 12 to Basant Kumari School will be done with drainage system. Finally, the drains will flow through the town and meet at Ganga. While BJP showed protest on Friday, CPIM protested on Thursday. CPIM sailed boat on road with placard written ' Dwaree Nouka ' and spread fishing net on road to satire the water logged situation. Swimming of BJP MLA Bankim Chandra Ghosh also was a satire.



opment programme for Rural employment Generation training Programme for Women and Girls 'On Horticulture, Fruits and Vegetables Processing, Agriculture cultivation, Mat making, Embroidered Sari , mushroom cultivation, Computer Software and application, Architecture, Dress Making, and women empowerment through innovative handloom production and economically capacitating and strengthening of rural poor women and girls and provides financial independence and to Create income Security opportunities for the rural Women and Girls. To develop the skills necessary to address and overcome gender inequality and discrimination.

Adult female school education, digital Literacy for Women. at. Gunanagar, Samuguri and Bhogamur village of Namsai district, within the state of Arunachal Pradesh. The 588 women and especially girls Children have Participated in this Programme.

29th July, 2025. IMSWC arranged Access to Integrated development programme for bridge education for girls' and adult female, Cultural expression and Sports and Game coverage, social integration and to prevent abuse, discrimination, stigmatization, negligence, dowry, Child marriage and exploitation against women and girls. To provide social, polit-

ical context of women's empowerment. IMSWC provides for their protection and care from domestic violence against woman and girls'. Promoting Women's Education, widows and Adult exclusion in Education, Girls' school Education and Literacy workshop, Providing support for social integration, mental health, legal issues, personal development and to advocate for women's rights, Political movements, Electoral Participation of Women, equal pay, Violence Against Women and Social Justice, prevention of forms of Gender-Based Violence domestic, Workplace, Community, human Trafficking and Exploitation, Cyber Crimes Against Women, Sexual harassment and Abuse, Strategies to Combat Gender-Based Violence. at. Ghughudanga, Kuripara and Belakoba Girls' High School (Higher Secondary) of Jalpaiguri district within the state of West Bengal. The 776 women, adult women, widows and especially girls Children have Participated in this Programme. The International Mission for Social Welfare and Charity's Secretary General-Shri, Debasis Ghosh graced the occasion to spread the message that Compulsory free education to all girls

children and remind mothers about the importance of sending their daughters to school and to ensure a favorable teaching, learning atmosphere for girls in schools. He special focus on adult and widows education who suffered in pitiable condition owing to the socio-economic condition. He promote women's economic, social and political participation and integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence. Preventing female feticide. Ms. Mali Bagchi spread the message that support to women free education at the grassroots. Fundamental human right for women and girls. She provides legal protection to women against sexual harassment and ensures their rights to work with dignity and safety. Renowned and respected personalities Mr. Debasis Ghosh-Secretary General of IMSWC and Chief Secretary of Indian Detective and Investigation Organization, Miss. Mali Bagchi-President of The International Mission for Social Welfare and Charity, Honorable Smt. Annapurna Devi-Minister, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India, Honorable Shri Dharmendra Pradhan-Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Education, Government of India, Honorable Smt. Sanghamitra Ghosh- IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Smt. Leena Gangopadhyay- Chairperson, West Bengal Commission for Women, Honorable Smt. Shama Parveen-IAS, District Magistrate and Collector, District: Jalpaiguri, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Shri, Dhiman Barui-IAS, Additional District Magistrate (General), District: Jalpaiguri, Government of West Bengal, Honorable Shri, Nilanjan Mukherjee-WBCS(Executive), District Social Welfare Officer, District: Jalpaiguri, Government of West Bengal, Srmoth Swami. Suratmananda Moharaj, Srmoth Swami. Purnamayandana Moharaj, Srmoth Swami. Kamalasthananda Moharaj were present at this Programme.

ECI publishes draft electoral...

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like an Electronic Voting Machine (EVM), with a speech bubble saying “YES SIR.” The tweet was tagged with the hashtag #SIR, hinting at the opposition’s allegation that the Election Commission is operating under the influence of the central government, particularly in the context of developments in Bihar.

The publication of the draft electoral rolls also marks the beginning of the “claims and objections” phase, which will run until September 1. During this period, voters who believe their names were wrongly deleted can approach the relevant authorities for redressal. According to the Election Commission,

there were 7.93 crore registered voters in Bihar before the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process began late last month.

However, the revision has sparked criticism and protests from the Opposition, who have raised concerns over possible large-scale deletions of voters to the tune of about 6.5 million.

In the initial stage of the SIR, voters were issued “enumeration forms” by booth-level officers (BLOs) or booth-level agents (BLAs) appointed by political parties. These forms were to be signed and returned along with valid identity documents. Voters also had the option of downloading and submitting the forms online.

Rahul Gandhi alleges having 100...

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proceedings in Parliament, Kharge, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, DMK’s TR Baalu and A Raja, as well as other opposition MPs raised slogans and protested against the Special Intensive Revision

(SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar.

There was a huge banner in front of them which read ‘SIR- Loktantra Pe Vaar’ as they lined up near the steps of the Makar Dwar of Parliament and staged a protest for the ninth consecutive day.

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culture differences and the other thing is that we are on the opposite side of the world. We have to work together and we have the common love for technology”, he said “The two scientists (of ISRO and NASA) are building partnerships by working together, friendships. This NISAR partnership is more than building an amazing satellite, it is teams that are together to solve bigger problems,” he noted. To a query on the opportunities the collaboration with ISRO offers for NASA, NASA Earth Sciences Division Programme Executive Sanghamitra B Dutta said, “This is the first large earth observing mission that India and the United States have put together. India is also working on this human space flight. So there are collaborations between the US and India on this over the last 4-5 years.” “Indian astronaut Subhanshu Shukla recently went to the International Space Station that has also been built as part of a collaboration between the US and India. We are enormously proud to work with each other and it will come in future in the commercial area, space collaboration and technology development, science area,” she said.

Regarding the mission’s dual-band radar, Dutta said radar missions have happened in the past. “But simultaneous observation (of the Earth) in two different frequencies by two different radars flying together did not happen before. Scientists need not confine to the boundary of a country and they always discuss possibilities of new missions and bigger and better science,” she said. Dutta said scientists from ISRO and NASA came up with the idea to fly two Radars at once, using two different frequencies to collect more data in different technical ways.

“The idea was first discussed between Space Applications Centre, ISRO Ahmedabad and scientists from Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA. They discussed, brainstormed and came up with the idea of two radars working simultaneously.” Supporting Dutta’s statement, Bawden said there are major benefits of having two frequencies. “We have technology challenge, and at the end of the day, we are building the technology to address scientific questions and NASA has the long L Band while ISRO has S band. It is fantastic to study agriculture like how corn grows, soya beans grow,” he said.

Amarnath Yatra from Jammu...

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on both the tracks Baltal and Pahalgam yesterday. No new batch of devotees was allowed to depart from Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu to holy ‘Baba Barfani’ nestled in South Kashmir’s Himalayas on Thursday morning.

Divisional Commissioner, Jammu, Ramesh Kumar Jangid has said that owing to incessant rain , the safe movement of pilgrims has been affected from Base Camps in Kashmir, adding, given that the yatra will be halted from Jammu.

Matrimonial site meetup turns into nightmare

MI News Service, Kolkata: A young man’s search for a life partner through a matrimonial website ended in deception and theft, as he was drugged and robbed during a planned meetup at a hotel near Kolkata’s Airport Gate 2.5. The accused woman, along with her Bangladeshi accomplice, has been arrested by the Airport police following an official complaint filed on July 27.

The complainant, an employee of a private firm, had uploaded his profile and photo on a matrimonial platform after deciding to get married. Soon after, he connected with a woman online, and their conversation gradually progressed to an in-person meeting. They agreed to meet at a hotel near Airport Gate 2.5.

According to the vic-

tim, upon arrival at the hotel, the woman asked him to visit the restroom. During that time, she allegedly prepared coffee. After drinking it, he began to feel disoriented and eventually lost consciousness. When he regained consciousness several hours later, he discovered that his mobile phone, wallet, and bag had been stolen—and the woman was gone.

He promptly lodged a complaint at the Airport police station with the help of hotel staff. Investigators collected CCTV footage from the hotel and used the woman’s phone number, obtained from the victim, to contact her—posing as a prospective suitor. Using mobile tower location tracking, they successfully traced and arrested the woman.

SC upholds CM Mamata’s recommendation for VC appointments

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant development, the Supreme Court of India has directed that the appointments of Vice-Chancellors at two state universities in West Bengal be carried out in accordance with the recommendation of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. The apex court on Friday mandated that Sonali Chakravarti Banerjee be appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University, while the first-choice candidate listed in the Chief Minister’s preference order be appointed at Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University.

This directive comes amidst a prolonged standoff between the state government and the Governor of West Bengal regarding the appointment of interim Vice-Chancellors

across several universities. The dispute had escalated to the Supreme Court, which had, in July 2024, constituted a Search-cum-Selection Committee led by former Chief Justice U.U. Lalit to streamline the process. The committee was tasked with preparing a panel of recommended candidates for each university, to be submitted to the Chief Minister.

However, Governor C.V. Ananda Bose later informed the court that he had reservations regarding 15 out of the 36 recommended names, citing procedural issues. This divergence in opinion between the Governor and the Chief Minister led the court to seek a detailed report from the committee. That report was submitted last week.

On Friday, a bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joydip Bagchi heard the matter and issued an interim order focused on the two aforementioned universities. The court underscored the impartiality and procedural integrity of the committee, and directed Justice Lalit to finalize the order of preference for candidates as swiftly as possible, after considering the views of both the state and the Governor.

The next hearing in this case has been scheduled for four weeks from now. Until then, the appointments at Rabindra Bharati University and Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University will proceed in accordance with the Chief Minister’s recommendations, as endorsed by the Supreme Court.

Bangladeshi actress Shanta Pal arrested for fraudulent property purchase

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a sensational development, Bangladeshi model and actress Shanta Pal has been arrested by Kolkata Police for allegedly forging Indian identity documents to purchase property jointly with her live-in partner in South Kolkata. According to police sources, she entered India using a valid Bangladeshi passport but later acquired fake Aadhaar, PAN, and voter ID cards to pose as an Indian citizen.

Investigations reveal that Shanta claimed to have entered into a so-called “digital marriage” with an Andhra Pradesh-based youth named Ashraf, a merchant navy employee whom she had met through social media. However, authorities have found no legal precedent or procedural validity for such a digital union.

A former employee of a Bangladeshi airline, Shanta was a celebrated figure in the Bangladeshi fashion circuit. She won several beauty contests, including titles in the Indo-Bangla Beauty Pageant (2016) and represented Bangladesh in Miss Asia Global (2019). She also ventured into acting, appearing in a Bangladeshi film Bachelor in Trip and was involved in several South Indian and Bengali film projects, including a few unreleased titles.

Shanta moved to Kolkata in 2023, bringing Ashraf along. The couple initially rented apartments in Park Street and later in Golf Green, where they began their live-in arrangement. During this period, she allegedly created fraudulent documentation, listing herself as a resident of Gopalpur in Bardhaman district, West Bengal. With the help of a local document racket, she secured multiple identity cards and eventually spent nearly 60 lakh on real estate.

Using both her fabricated documents and Ashraf’s identity, the duo managed to buy the property under joint ownership. Police also suspect her involvement in a wider document fraud network. Notably, in 2021, Shanta had courted controversy during the Miss Universe Bangladesh pageant by alleging irregularities in the final selection. She even filed a legal complaint in Dhaka Metropolitan Court and made headlines after posting suicidal threats on social media. Her case has now brought attention to the alarming ease with which foreign nationals may exploit India’s documentation systems. Kolkata Police’s special branch is continuing the investigation, with further interrogations underway to uncover the extent of the fraud and any associated accomplices.



Congress activists held a protest rally against Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and U.S. President Donald Trump at Jadubabur Bazar in Kolkata on Friday.

Nabanna march disruptions: PIL planned to protect civic life

MI News Service, Kolkata: Frequent disruptions in Howrah due to repeated “Nabanna Abhijan” rallies have prompted prominent environmental activist Subhas-Datta to take legal action in the public interest. Datta is preparing to file a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the Calcutta High Court, citing severe inconvenience faced by daily commuters, students, and emergency medical services during such demonstrations.

Since the West Bengal state secretariat ‘Nabanna’ was relocated to Howrah in 2013, the city has witnessed multiple political and non-political mobilisations aiming to reach the administrative headquarters. These events lead to massive congestion, particularly on vital corridors like Howrah Bridge, GT Road, Foreshore Road, and Kona Expressway, with police barricades and traffic diversions paralyzing the city’s normal functioning.

“Over 25 lakh people commute through Howrah daily, with more than 15 lakh residing in the city. On protest days, they are virtually held hostage, with metro, local trains, and roads severely impacted,” said Datta, calling the situation a violation of fundamental citizen rights.

Ahead of the PIL, Datta has submitted a formal representation to five top administrative officials, including the Chief Secretary, Home Secretary, Director General of Police, Howrah District Magistrate, and the Police Commissioner. He stated that crores of taxpayers’ money are being spent on deploying police forces, erecting barricades, and repairing damaged infrastructure — costs he believes should be borne by the political parties organising such protests.

“While democratic rights must be protected, they cannot come at the expense of the common citizen’s constitutional rights,” Datta argued.

He also raised concerns over broader issues plaguing Howrah, including illegal encroachments, unregulated e-rickshaws, poor drainage, and unplanned urbanisation, which are further exacerbated by such protest activities. This is not the first legal intervention of its kind. In the past, traders from the Mangalhat market in Howrah also moved court against disruptions, leading to restrictions on protest gatherings near Nabanna. Now, Subhas-Datta is once again turning to the judiciary to restore normalcy in Howrah.

Khidirpur fire: 387 compensation claims, temp stalls to be built

MI News Service, Kolkata: The process of compensating traders affected by the devastating fire at the Orphananjpur Market in Khidirpur is well underway. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has received 387 applications for compensation, and a thorough assessment is currently being conducted to determine the extent of damage—whether shops were fully destroyed or partially affected.

According to KMC sources, the scrutiny process is nearing completion. One key issue that has emerged during verification is that several of the affected shops are not registered under the current owners’ names, having been transferred informally over the years. To resolve these ownership discrepancies, the municipal team is cross-checking documentation. Traders with clear and verified paperwork will be prioritized for financial aid and rehabilitation.

The state government has announced a two-tier compensation package: 1 lakh for those whose shops were completely gutted, and 50,000 for partial damage.

In parallel with the

compensation process, KMC has begun constructing temporary market stalls on a vacant plot adjacent to the original site to ensure rapid rehabilitation. An initial Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been drawn up for 250 stalls, though that number may rise to 320 based on final demand. The project faced initial resistance from some locals, which escalated into a legal challenge. However, after securing a favourable court ruling, construction activities were greenlit.

Debolina Biswas, Chairperson of the local borough, stated that the administration is making every effort to expedite relief. However, heavy monsoon rains have disrupted construction, slowing progress. Despite this, efforts are underway to complete the work as quickly as possible.

In the aftermath of the devastating fire at Khidirpur’s Orphananj Market, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has initiated enhanced fire safety protocols across its municipal markets. Recognising the urgent need for systemic fire preparedness, the

civic body has decided to conduct comprehensive fire audits across 53 KMC-run markets, with implementation already underway.

The responsibility for these audits has been entrusted to the Fire and Emergency Services Department, which has completed initial assessments in 13 major markets including College Street, Bansdroni, Lake Road, New Alipore, Park Circus, Gariahat, and Bakultala.

Between July 7 and 22, joint teams from KMC and the fire department carried out on-site inspections. These audits have focused on assessing the availability and functionality of water sources, the necessity for new reservoirs or pumping stations.

Mayor Firhad Hakim stated that many of the city’s municipal markets are old and poorly planned, making them particularly vulnerable to fire hazards. The fire audits are aimed at identifying risks and ensuring a swift response strategy. “Based on the fire department’s recommendations, the KMC will undertake all necessary development and safety upgrades in these markets,” he said.

Police bust fake Aadhaar SIM racket, two arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata: A massive SIM card fraud operation involving fake Aadhaar cards has raised serious security concerns across West Bengal, including Kolkata. According to alarming reports from the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), nearly 23,000 SIM cards have been issued in recent months using forged Aadhaar details—prompting a swift crackdown by Kolkata Police and intelligence agencies.

Officials reveal that a significant number of these illegally obtained SIMs have landed in the hands of cybercriminals, while others have been funnelled into different states, potentially feeding organized fraud networks. More worryingly, intelligence agencies suspect that some of these SIM cards may have reached sleeper cell operatives of terror outfits, making the issue not just a cyber-crime, but a potential national security threat.

Two individuals—Ramesh Dubey and Samad Khan—have been arrested so far. Investigators allege that the duo created fake documents, acquired SIM cards from local distributors, and sold them to cyber fraudsters at rates ranging from 800 to 1,000 per SIM. The scam reportedly involves manipulated Aadhaar cards, where the number re-

mains unchanged but names and photos are altered. Officials suspect possible collusion from employees at certain Aadhaar registration centres.

These SIMs are now being used in a range of fraudulent activities—from phishing and financial scams to international VoIP calls and WhatsApp-based frauds, complicating digital surveillance. The DoT has already submitted a comprehensive list of the fraudulent numbers to the West Bengal government, which triggered an immediate probe by the Lal-bazar Detective Department.

Sources say that SIM cards used in cybercrimes are typically discarded within a week, making it nearly impossible to trace the perpetrators. This tactic allows cybercriminals to remain untraceable, frustrating investigators. The Ministry of Home Affairs has expressed deep concern over the potential misuse of these SIMs for anti-national activities.

Authorities are now investigating whether any government employees or Aadhaar centre staff were complicit in the scam. With the possibility of terrorist links, both the Centre and State have classified the situation as a “high-risk security issue.” The probe continues to expand as law enforcement tracks deeper connections behind this large-scale identity and telecom fraud.

KMC explores paver blocks for improved road durability

MI News Service, Kolkata: Year after year, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) introduces new road repair strategies, yet the city’s streets continue to suffer from chronic degradation. Last year, KMC experimented with plastic roads as a supposed remedy. However, within months, heavy rains exposed potholes and deep craters across several key thoroughfares. Now, the civic body has unveiled its latest solution: paver blocks.

According to KMC officials, water is the primary enemy of asphalt. During monsoon, rainwater washes away bitumen layers, leaving roads vulnerable and eroded despite repeated investments. In response, KMC has decided to replace asphalt with interlocking paver blocks on major city roads. A few pilot projects using this method have already been implemented across

the city.

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Experts argue that beyond material innovation, quality of construction and materials used is the real issue. Even when budget allocations are sufficient, poor-quality materials lead to rapid deterioration. As a result, minor water accumulation is enough to dislodge poorly laid asphalt patches, worsening road safety. The latest push for paver blocks has sparked cautious optimism, but also considerable skepticism, particularly within KMC’s roads and engineering department. Many fear that unless structural issues and quality control are addressed, even this strategy may fail to deliver lasting improvements.

Kolkata Durga Puja introduces Entry tickets ahead of Mahalaya



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I, Nanigopal Baroi S/o. Late Ganendra Nath Baroi R/o. Tinna Shasthitala, Tinna, Pandua, Hooghly-712149 declared that in my son's (Tapan Barai) birth certificate my name recorded as Nonigopal Barai & recorded as Nani Baroi in his Madhyamik Pass certificate. Nani gopal Baroi & Nonigopal Barai & Nani Baroi are same as an identical person eye of law.

Name Change
I, Hamanta Roy S/o. Motia Roy (old name) R/o. Purbapara, Konchmali, Boinchi, Pandua, Hooghly-712134, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Hemanta Roy S/o. Matilal Roy (new name) vide an affidavit no. 6812 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 01/08/2025. Hamanta Roy S/o. Motia Roy & Hemanta Roy S/o. Matilal Roy all are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) HELEMA AHMED W/o- MUKUL AHAMED Residing at, Vill - Kuttitola Lane, Post-Malda, Ps- Englishnazar, Dist-Malda, Pin- 732101, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from HELEMA AHMED To HELENA AHMED (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) HELENA AHMED in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 25 July 2025, HELENA AHMED and HELEMA AHMED both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SUKURULLA SEKH S/o- ANCHAR SEKH Residing at, Vill - Miraraypara, Post- Plassey, Ps- Kaliganj, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 741156, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SUKURULLA SEKH To SUKUR ALI SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SUKUR ALI SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 25 July 2025, SUKUR ALI SK and SUKURULLA SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Murtaza Ali son of Julum Miya, residing at 14/15, Nando Ghosh Road, PS- Golabari, Howrah 711101, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Murtaza Ali as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 01/08/2025. Murtaza Ali and Murtuza Ali both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sankari Sue S/o Anil Sue Residing at Vill-Po - Indus, District - Bankura, Pin - 722201, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Shankari Sue. I declare that Sankari Sue and Shankari Sue is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 01-08-2025.

Name Change
I, Anil Kumar Sue S/o Late Kashinath Sue Residing at Vill+Po - Mandra, Ps - Indus, District - Bankura, Pin - 722201, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Anil Sue. I declare that Anil Kumar Sue and Anil Sue is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 01-08-2025.

Name Change
I, SK JAMALUDDIN (Old Name) S/o SEKH HABIBAR RAHAMAN resident of V-137/1, KARBALA ROAD, PO-BARTALA, PS-RAJABAGAN, KOLKATA - 700015 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from SK JAMALUDDIN to SEKH JAMALUDDIN and henceforth I shall be known as SEKH JAMALUDDIN in all purpose, vide affidavit no. 06AC 237436 sworn before the Notary Public at ALIPORE on 01/08/2025 SEKH JAMALUDDIN and SK JAMALUDDIN both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Meena Jangid W/O Dinesh Kumar Jangir, I/O SV138/6, SV Air Force Station Kakinada, Dist. Paschim Medinipur, have changed My Name from Meena Jangid to Meena Jangir both are same and one identical person Vide Affidavit No. 2053/25, dt. 11.07.2025 before Notary at Midnapore court.

NAME CHANGE
I, Nadeem Ahmad, R/O- H No. 29, B.L. No.- 3, Nayabazar, P.O.- Kankinara, P.S.- Bhatpara (Old Jagaddal), Dist.- 24 PGS (N), Pin- 731226. So Now I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Nadim Ahmed as declared before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Barrackpore Court vide affidavit no. 10AC 292091 dated 03/07/2025 Nadeem Ahmad & Nadim Ahmed all are same & identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Lalit Bajaj, S/O- Rajesh Bajaj, R/O- P/12, Girish Avenue Baghbazar, Kol- 700003. Now I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Lalit Mohan Bajaj as declared before Notary Public, Sealdah Court vide affidavit no. 4750 dated 30/07/2025 Lalit Bajaj and Lalit Mohan Bajaj both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sorola Bajaj, W/O- Rajesh Bajaj, R/O- P/12, Girish Avenue Baghbazar, Kol- 700003. Now I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Sarla Bajaj as declared before Notary Public, Sealdah Court vide affidavit no. 4749 dated 30/07/2025 Sorola Bajaj and Sarla Bajaj both are same and identical person.

Chanda Kochhar found guilty in Videocon loan case: Report

MI News Service, New Delhi: An appellate tribunal under the Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators (Forfeiture of Property) Act (SAFEMA) has held former ICICI Bank CEO Chanda Kochhar guilty of accepting a Rs 64 crore bribe in exchange for sanctioning a Rs 300 crore loan to the Videocon Group in 2009. The tribunal, in its July 3, 2025 order, concluded that the payment was a quid pro quo arrangement, with the money routed through Supreme Energy Pvt Ltd to NuPower Renewables Pvt Ltd, a company controlled by Kochhar's husband, Deepak Kochhar.

The loan in question had been cleared by a committee headed by Chanda Kochhar herself, reported NDTV Profit. Overturning a 2020 order from the adjudicating authority under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), which had directed the release of assets worth Rs 78 crore, the tribunal described the earlier ruling as based on "irrelevant considerations" and for having "ignored material facts."

According to the tribunal's findings, the Rs 64 crore was transferred just one day after ICICI Bank disbursed the Rs 300 crore loan to Videocon International Electronics Ltd. While NuPower was originally held in the name of Videocon promoter Venugopal Dhoot, the tribunal accepted Dhoot's PMLA statement that Deepak Kochhar was in full control of the company. The tribunal backed the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) view that the ₹64 crore represented proceeds of crime, reinforcing the provisional attachment of Kochhar family assets.

Among the attached properties is a prime flat in Mumbai's Churchgate area, which the tribunal said was acquired by Kochhar's family trust through Videocon-linked companies at an undervalued price of Rs 11 lakh. While Chanda Kochhar has denied wrongdoing, the tribunal noted "gross misconduct" and failure to disclose a conflict of interest during the loan sanctioning process. The ruling marks a key turning point in a case that originated from a January 2019 FIR filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), based on 2016 whistleblower complaints. The FIR named Chanda Kochhar, Deepak Kochhar, and Videocon Group's Venugopal Dhoot, charging them with criminal conspiracy, cheating and abuse of official position.

Kochhar had stepped down as ICICI Bank CEO in October 2018. She, her husband, and Dhoot were arrested in December 2022 but are out on bail. The case remains under judicial scrutiny, with the Supreme Court monitoring the proceedings. Of the total seized assets, only Rs 10.5 lakh in cash has been returned to Kochhar after she furnished proof of legitimate origin.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) JOLEKHA SEKH W/O- ABUR RAHIM SEKH Residing at, Vill - Barabehun, Post-Bhatra, Ps- Burdwan, Dist- Purbabardhaman, Pin- 713125, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JOLEKHA SEKH To JULEKHA KHATUN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) JULEKHA KHATUN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 25 July 2025, JULEKHA KHATUN and JOLEKHA SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SABANA PARVIN W/o- MD SADIKUL HOQUE Residing at, Vill - Biswaspara, Post-Chhoto Sujapur, Ps- Kaliachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732206, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SABANA PARVIN To SABANA BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SABANA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 25 July 2025, SABANA BIBI and SABANA PARVIN both are Same and one identical person.

South Eastern Railway undertakes Swachhata Activities

Additional General Manager Administers Swachhata Pledge to SER officials



Soumitra Majumdar, Additional General Manager, South Eastern Railway administering Swachhata Pledge to Officers and Staff at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach on 01.08.2025.

MI News Service, Kolkata: South Eastern Railway has initiated Swachhata Activities from 1st August, 2025 to 15th August, 2025 till the occasion of Independence Day Celebration at Headquarters and at Divisions.

In connection with that, Shri Soumitra Majumdar, Additional General Manager, South Eastern Rail-

way, administered the Swachhata Pledge to Officers and Staff at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach on 01.08.2025. South Eastern Railway officials took oath to maintain cleanliness and keep India as a neat and clean country. SER Officers and Staff took pledge to remain committed towards cleanliness and devote time

for this. Principal Head of the Departments, Senior Officers and Staff of SER Headquarters were present at the pledge taking ceremony. Further Cleanliness Activities to be undertaken at Headquarters and at four divisions of South Eastern Railway and all Officers & Staff will take part in cleanliness drive.

Myntra under ED scanner for flouting FDI norms

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) filed a Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) case against Flipkart-backed e-commerce platform Myntra Designs Pvt Ltd and its related entities for flouting foreign direct investment (FDI) norms to the tune of over Rs 1,654 crore.

Myntra and related entities carried out multi-brand retail trade operations while claiming to function as "wholesale cash and carry" businesses, an activity not permitted under the current FDI policy, according to the ED. The agency said this was a misrepresentation in violation of India's FDI policy, which places curbs on foreign investment in multi-brand retail. The case was registered against the Bengaluru-headquartered Myntra, its linked companies and its directors, under Section 16(3) of FEMA after receiving what it called 'credible information.'

Further details on individual liability or potential penalties are expected as the probe progresses. The investigation comes at a time when e-commerce firms operating in India, particularly those backed by foreign investment, are facing increasing regulatory scrutiny for allegedly bypassing FDI rules through

complex business arrangements. In November, 2024, the ED conducted several searches under the FEMA at 19 premises located in Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Panchkula (Haryana) at main vendors of Amazon and Flipkart.

According to the agency, the e-commerce entities providing marketplace are violating FDI rules by influencing the sale price of goods or services and not providing a level playing field for all the vendors. Earlier, an Indian antitrust investigation found that Amazon as well as Walmart-owned Flipkart had violated local competition laws by giving preference to select sellers on their shopping websites, according to Reuters. Both refuted the charges. In August 2024, commerce minister Piyush Goyal said Amazon's investments in India have often been used to cover its business losses, adding that such losses "smell of predatory pricing." Myntra generated a profit of Rs 31 crore in FY24, a sharp turnaround from a loss of Rs 782 crore in the previous year. Revenue grew 15 per cent to Rs 5,122 crore in FY24 as the company delivered growth along with profitability. Flipkart acquired Myntra in 2014 and Walmart bought Flipkart in 2018.

India-UK FTA to make commodities cheaper

MI News Service, New Delhi/London: India and the UK inked a free trade agreement (FTA) that will cut tariffs on British whisky, cars and an array of items, besides boosting bilateral trade by around \$ 34 billion annually. Commerce minister Piyush Goyal and his British counterpart Jonathan Reynold signed the deal in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his British counterpart Keir Starmer.

PM Modi called the trade pact as a milestone moment in bilateral relations. "Today marks a historic day in our relations. I am delighted that after the hard work of several years, today our two nations have signed the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement," Modi said. "New opportunities will be created in the British market for India's agricultural produce and processed food industry." The FTA is expected to benefit 99 per cent Indian exports from tariff and will make it easier for British firms to export whisky, cars and other products to India, besides boosting the trade basket, according to Indian officials. The UK said Indian consumers will benefit from improved access to the best British products -- from soft drinks and cosmetics to cars and medical devices - - as average tariffs will drop from 15 per cent to 3 per cent after the FTA kicks in.

Exports such as shrimp, tuna, fishmeal, and feeds, which currently

attract duties ranging from 4.2 per cent to 8.5 per cent in the UK, will now be able to access the British market duty-free. Other imported goods, such as medical devices and aerospace parts, will also be cheaper in India now. "Significant share of medical devices like surgical instruments, diagnostic equipments, ECG machines, X-Ray systems will not attract any duty," a commerce ministry official told. Exporting labour-intensive products such as footwear and clothing will now be easier, and the cost of whiskey and cars imported from the UK will reduce. The deal will also provide duty-free access to several domestic sectors such as leather, electrical machinery and chemicals in the British market, said Goyal. Goyal said the agreement will ensure duty-free exports of nearly 95 per cent of agricultural products, while fisherfolk gain from zero duty on 99 per cent of marine exports, boosting their incomes. India's talent in IT, services, and education will gain from easier access to the UK's high-value markets and will make it more affordable for Indians to live in the UK. Indian firms and freelancers will have access to 36 service sectors in the UK with no 'Economic Needs Test'.

Indian professionals can work in 35 UK sectors for 24 months, even without an office in the country. They will be exempt from UK social security payments for three years under this deal.

Regulation of trains Due To Developmental Works in Eastern Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: In view of developmental works in Eastern Railway, the following trains will be regulated as under:

Division of trains via Asansol-Andal-Sainthia and vice versa

Sl.	Train No.	Train Name	Journey Commencing On
1	12551	SMVT Bengaluru-Kamakhya Express	13/9/25 & 20/09/25
2	12552	Kamakhya- SMVT Bengaluru Express	10/9/25 & 17/09/25
3	13417	Digha-Malda Town	11/9/25 & 18/09/25
4	13418	Malda Town-Digha Express	11/9/25 & 18/09/25
5	13425	Malda Town- Surat Express	13/9/25 & 20/09/25
6	13426	Surat- Malda Town Express	08/09/25 & 15/09/25
7	15629	Tambaram-Silighat Town	08/09/25 & 15/09/25
8	15630	Silighat Town-Tambaram Express	12/09/25 & 19/09/25
9	15639	Puri-Kamakhya Express	09/09/25 & 16/09/25
10	15640	Kamakhya -Puri Express	07/09/25 & 14/09/25
11	15661	Ranchi- Kamakhya Express	10/09/25 & 17/09/25
12	15662	Kamakhya-Ranchi Express	09/09/25 & 16/09/25
13	15929	Tambaram-New Tinsukia Express	11/09/25 & 18/09/25
14	15930	New Tinsukia -Tambaram Express	08/09/25 & 15/09/25
15	22611	MGR Chennai-New Jalpaiguri	10/09/25 & 17/09/25
16	22612	New Jalpaiguri-MGR Chennai Express	12/09/25 & 19/09/25

Short Termination & Short Origination of trains:

SL	Train No.	Train Name	Journey Commencing On	short terminated at	short originated from
1	13503	Bardhaman-Hatia MEMU Express	01/9/25, 02/9/25, 11/9/25, 14/9/25, 18/9/25, 19/9/25, 20/9/25, 21/9/25 & 22/9/25	---	Asansol
2	13504	Hatia-Bardhaman MEMU Express	31/8/25, 01/9/25, 10/9/25, 13/9/25, 17/9/25, 18/9/25, 19/9/25, 20/9/25 & 21/9/25	Asansol	---

Great achievement of RPF Madhupur Post under operation Rail Prahari



MI News Service, Kolkata: The RPF Madhupur Post, Asansol Division, has cracked a major vehicle theft case under Operation Rail Prahari. On the night of 19/20 July 2025, a bike was stolen from Madhupur station premises. Acting on CCTV analysis and surveillance, RPF personnel led by SI D. Prasad apprehended the accused Sunil Shakur (28, Dhanbad) on 29th July 2025, who confessed to the crime. During interrogation, he admitted to stealing more

16 bikes from Madhupur, Giridih and Dhanbad areas. Based on this input, a joint raid was conducted with local police on 29/30 July 2025, resulting in the recovery of 14 stolen two-wheelers and the arrest of three more persons, including the receiver of stolen vehicles. The arrested persons, including the habitual offender Sunil Shakur, have been remanded to judicial custody. Further investigation is in progress with full assistance from RPF.

iPhone exports from India surge 53%

MI News Service, New Delhi: India's iPhone exports surged 53 per cent year-on-year in the first half of 2025, hitting 23.9 million units, up from 15.6 million units in the same period last year—marking Apple's fastest-ever first-half ramp in exports from the country, according to a Moneycontrol report citing data from market analyst firm Canalisys. The US emerged as the primary export destination, accounting for 78 per cent of iPhones shipped from India in the first half of 2025 — up from 53 per cent a year ago. In contrast, the share of other key markets such as the Netherlands, UAE, Czech Republic, UK and Japan declined, each contributing between 2–4 per cent this year. "Foxconn led with over half the volume, while the Tata group now accounts for nearly 4 in 10 iPhones exported from India. This shift reflects

improving yield rates, line maturity, and Apple's growing confidence in India as a core manufacturing base," said Sanyam Chaurasia, principal analyst at Canalisys. India is now seeing the early stages of iPhone 17 production testing, with Tata Electronics also involved in handling component manufacturing. Chaurasia added that customs data from June points to an uptick in critical iPhone 17 component imports to Foxconn's India facility, signalling an accelerated trial production phase ahead of Apple's traditional September launch. While the ramp-up reflects Apple's growing bet on India, it comes at a critical time. The reported exit of Chinese engineers from Foxconn India introduces short-term execution risks, even as the company pushes to localise operations using Taiwanese, Vietnamese and Indian talent.

Khurda Road Railway Division Continues Intensive Cleanliness Drive under Swachhata Abhiyan



MI News Service, Khurda Road: As part of Indian Railways' commitment to a cleaner and greener India, the Khurda Road Railway Division has launched a comprehensive Swachhata Abhiyan (Cleanliness Drive), continuing from 01 August to 31 October 2025, aligning with the Independence Day celebrations and broader national Swachh Bharat Mission. The campaign was flagged off with a Swachhata Pledge taken by railway employees and cleanliness staff across stations and railway establishments.

Key highlights of the campaign include: ● Swachhata-Themed Selfie Booths (01–03 August): Installed at major stations to engage passengers and spread awareness. ● Mass Awareness Drives: Focused on responsible behavior such as use of dustbins, anti-littering, and bio-toilet usage. ● Cleanliness Announcements & Pamphlets: Regular PA announcements in trains and stations; distribution of clean-

liness pledge pamphlets. ● "Use the Dustbin, Donate a Dustbin" Campaign: Encouraging active passenger participation. ● Poster Displays & Audio-Visual Campaigns: To promote environmental sustainability, responsible waste disposal, and railway cleanliness.

Special Focus (16 Aug – 31 Oct): ● Cleaning of toilets, vestibules, linen areas in trains. ● Pest and rodent control in coordination with IRCTC. ● Coach inspections, bio-toilet cleaning, OBHS counseling drives. ● Cleanliness in pantry cars, food stalls, base kitchens, and canteens. ● Waste segregation, plastic-free platforms, and bio-composting initiatives. ● Cleanliness in Railway Colonies, offices, hospitals, and schools. This extensive drive emphasizes passenger cooperation, urging everyone to "Use the Bin – Keep Railways Clean." The division aims to set a benchmark in cleanliness, hygiene, and ecosystem sustainability in the railway ecosystem.

Swachhata pledge marks launch of Swachhata Abhiyan in Howrah Division ahead of 78th Independence Day



MI News Service, Howrah: As India approaches the 78th anniversary of its Independence, Indian Railways has reaffirmed its commitment to the national mission of cleanliness and public hygiene. In line with this vision, the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway has commenced a fortnight-long Swachhata Abhiyan from 1st August to 15th August, 2025. To kickstart the campaign, Swachhata Pledge ceremonies were organized at several locations across the division. These events were held under the leadership and guidance of Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager/Howrah, emphasizing the core message of collective responsibility in maintaining cleanliness in railway premises and beyond. The main highlight of the opening day was the administration of the Swachhata Pledge by Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager/Howrah joined by

all branch officers of the division. The pledge was taken at the conference hall of the newly inaugurated DRM Building, symbolizing a unified commitment from the top leadership to foster a culture of hygiene, orderliness, and national pride.

The Swachhata Abhiyan will feature a range of activities, including intensive cleanliness drives, awareness campaigns, public participation initiatives, and inspections at stations, offices, colonies, and railway installations. Through this initiative, the Division aims to inspire railway personnel, passengers, and the general public to uphold the values of cleanliness as a tribute to the spirit of Independence.

Howrah Division remains dedicated to the national objective of a Swachh Bharat and continues to take proactive steps toward ensuring a cleaner and healthier environment for all.

Clarification on foundation design of Kavi Subhash Metro Station and its infrastructure maintenance

MI News Service, Kolkata: It has come to the notice of Metro Railway that certain statements have been made in some sections of the media regarding the foundation design of Kavi Subhash Metro Station, suggesting it to be of shallow or raft foundation type with a depth of 1–3 metres. Additionally, concerns have been raised about the alleged poor maintenance of Kavi Subhash station infrastructure. Metro Railway would like to clarify that this information is not correct. The foundation of Kavi Subhash Metro Station has been constructed using deep pile foundations extending up to 22 metres, arranged in pile groups comprising 2 to 4 piles. All design decisions are based on detailed geotechnical investigations following established engineering standards to ensure structural integrity and passenger safety. Furthermore, the maintenance of Metro Railway infrastructure is carried out as per laid down procedures. Metro Railway appreciates public interest in infrastructure development and welcomes informed deliberations.

Centre withdraws order recommending cuts in 'Udaipur Files' movie, Delhi HC dispose of petitions

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Central government on Friday withdrew the order recommending 6 cuts in the movie Udaipur Files.

EASTERN RAILWAY

Abridged Tender Notice No. : EL-ASN-CON-TRD-176-2025-NIT, Tender No. : EL-ASN-CON-TRD-176-2025, Date: 31.07.2025. Open Tender is invited through e-tendering procedure by Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer (Con), Eastern Railway, Asansol Division, Station Road, Pin-713301 from experienced Electrical Contractors, Partnership firms etc. with adequate financial capability and sufficient experience for the following work: **Name of work :** Design Drawing, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 2X25KV A.C. Single Phase Overhead Equipment LT Supply Transformer, Aluminium Feeder Wire, AEC Earthing and BEC Earthing in connection with multi tracking DFCOL work from Kalipahar DFCC Chhainage 205.778 (KPK) and KM 261.135 (PKA-KM-260.2) on Asansol Division of Eastern Railway, Station Road, Asansol. **Tender Value :** Rs. 94,92,48,475.64. **Earnest Money:** Rs. 48,96,300/- **Cost of Tender Document:** Nil. **Completion period:** 30 (Thirty) months. **Date and time of closing:** 27.08.2025 at 15.00 hrs. 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 and 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 This tender notice can also be seen in the notice board of Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer (Con, Paschim Burdwan, Asansol-713301.

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E-Tender No. : 118-2025-26, 119-2025-26, 120-2025-26 & 121-2025-26, dated 30.07.2025. Following e-Tenders are invited online by Divisional Engineer/III, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, Near Railway Station, Howrah-711011 from Tenderers having experience of Similar Nature of work and required financial capabilities including those registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work under Sr. DEN/3/Howrah. **Sl. No. 1, E-Tender No. : 118-2025-26. Description of work :** Construction of Ladies Dressing Changing Room alongwith attached toilet to facilitate of all Ladies Staff under section of ADE/NAZ. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 58,20,485.95. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 1,16,400/-. **Completion Period:** 06 months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. **Sl. No. 2, E-Tender No. : 119-2025-26. Description of work :** Rectification of depressed PF surface & protection of High Bank platform portion, Lifting of PF surface & changing damaged chequered tiles etc. at KCV, BCF, KMDC, LBP etc. under the section of SSE/WK/AWE in the jurisdiction of AEN/KW/AE. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 2,16,14,010.24. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,58,100/-. **Completion Period:** 06 months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. **Sl. No. 3, E-Tender No. : 120-2025-26. Description of work :** Howrah Division-CTR(S)/7-848 TKM In following Locations-BDC - KWAE, BSE DN Loop Line No. 10 0.915 = 0.915 TKM, JTI DN Loop Line No. 10 0.965 = 0.965 TKM ABKA DN Loop Line - 0.944 = 0.944 TKM DTAE DN Loop Line 0.936 = 0.936 TKM SMAE UP Loop Line 0.056-0.960 = 0.904 TKM NDAE DN Loop Line 1 0 - 0.948 = 0.948 TKM PSAE DN Loop Line 2 0 - 0.907 = 0.907 TKM PTAE DN Loop 0 - 1.329 = 1.329 TKM & TFR - 45.762 TKM In following Locations- BDC - KWAE, DN 27.000 - 32.203 = 5.203 TKM, 32.249 - 34.265 = 2.016 TKM, 34.590 - 36.000 = 1.410 TKM DN 51.605 - 58.490 = 6.395 TKM UP 58.000 - 58.535 = 28.535 TKM, 87.442 - 89.455 = 2.013 TKM under the Jurisdiction of AEN/NDAE under Sr. DEN/3/HWH. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 1,75,10,734.42. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,76,800/-. **Completion Period:** 12 months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. **Sl. No. 4, E-Tender No. : 121-2025-26. Description of work :** Howrah Division-TFR(P)-21.441 TKM in locations- BDC - KWAE : UP 17.100 - 21.821 = 4.651 TKM, 25.481 - 34.730 = 6.249 TKM, 35.239 - 38.360 = 0.121 TKM, 42.320 - 42.781 = 7.361 TKM, BDC - KWAE : UP -8.00 -8.90 = 1.80 TKM, BDC - KWAE : UP 9.800-10=0.2 TKM, 10.307-11.185= 0.878 TKM, 11.719-11.900= 0.181 TKM, TFR-19 Sets-(TTR (TS+TWS+WCMSC)-1 IN 12 -14 Sets & TFR(TWS+WCMSC)-1 IN 8.5-5 Sets, & TSR (P)-1.27 TKM in location - BDC-KWAE: DN - 10.40-11.67 = 1.27 TKM & TFR=0.027 TKM in location - BDC-KWAE : UP 2.180-2.200 = 0.020 TKM, 3.700 - 3.790 = 0.090 TKM, 5.340 - 5.490 = 0.15 TKM, 5.791 - 9.028 = 1.238 TKM, 7.112 - 7.370 = 0.258 TKM, 10.077 - 11.810 = 2.740 TKM, 57.900 - 58.145 = 0.245 TKM, 59.795 - 59.960 = 0.165 TKM, 62.535 - 62.625 = 0.090 TKM, 63.092 - 64.690 = 1.598 TKM, DN 53.840 - 54.270 = 0.430 TKM, 54.730 - 54.900 = 0.170 TKM, 56.750 - 56.980 = 0.230 TKM, 56.997 - 57.200 = 0.203 TKM, 57.800 - 58.200 = 0.400 under the Jurisdiction of AEN/NDAE under Sr. DEN/3/HWH. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 2,34,41,366.49. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,67,200/-. **Completion Period:** 12 months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/bank/holiday strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be done next working day. **Closing date and time of tender :** 21.08.2025 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of EMD and TDC- Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Document Cost, in respect of e-tendering, should be accepted through Net Banking or payment gateway only. **Note :** Fixed deposit receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for Tenders invited on IREPS (e-Tender Portal). No manual offer will be accepted.

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It also said that it would hear the parties afresh and would pass an appropriate order in revision. Noting the statement given by the Additional Solicitor General (ASG), the Delhi High Court disposed of two petitions seeking a stay on the release of the movie. The division bench headed

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

Sr.Coaching Depot Officer, Santragachi, South Eastern Railway KGP Division, acting through the President of India invites an open tender, through e-tendering in www.ireps.gov.in website as per details mentioned below. Eligible tenderers are requested to apply for the same through online only at www.ireps.gov.in website as per details mentioned below. No offline tender will be accepted. Please read the tender document uploaded in the document section for details. **Tender Notice No. C-MCC-N3-DT-30-07-25, Name of the work :** "Mechanized cleaning of Coaches at New composite Grid, at Santragachi Coaching Depot" for 3 years. **Tender Value :** ₹ 32,89,22,939.68/-, **EMD :** ₹ 17,94,600/- **Closing date of Tender :** 25.08.2025 at 12.00 hrs., **Cost of Tender Document :** ₹ 10,000/- (non-refundable) (PR-468)

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. : 222-S/1/W-II. Date: 30.07.2025. Following e-Tenders are invited online by Divisional Engineer/III, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd floor, DRM Building, Kaiser Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following work: **Sl. No. 1, Tender No. : TN-105-25-26. Name of the work :** I) Provision for repair and renovation at Panel Room, Relay room, SM Chamber, LC Gate at Shantipur under SSE/Works/Ranaghat in the jurisdiction of AEN/Ranaghat. II) Provision of repair and renovation of LC gate road, station approach road & connecting roads under SSE/Works/Ranaghat in the jurisdiction of AEN/Ranaghat. **Tender Value :** Rs. 96,91,933.10. **EMD :** Rs. 1,93,800/-. **Sl. No. 2, Tender No. : TN-104-25-26. Name of the work :** I) Provision for repair and renovation at Panel Room, Relay room, Pump Room, SM Chamber, LC Gate etc. with all other ancillary works at Bethuadahari and Krishnanagar under SSE/Works/Krishnanagar in the jurisdiction of AEN/Ranaghat. II) Provision for Repairing and Renovation of station approach road at Krishnanagar, Badkulla, Muragacha, Dhubali & Bahadurpur station including Repairing and Renovation of circulating area at Krishnanagar station with other ancillary works under SSE/Works/Krishnanagar in the jurisdiction of AEN/Ranaghat. **Tender Value :** Rs. 1,03,81,083.26. **EMD :** Rs. 2,01,900/- **Date and time of closing of tender :** 22.08.2025 at 15.00 hrs. for each. **Completion period for the work :** 06 months for each. **Date and time of opening of tender :** 22.08.2025 at 15.30 hrs. for each. The Tender documents and other details are at website www.ireps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily rejected.

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EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. : SG.Tender/DSTE/SDAH/563, dated 31.07.2025. e-tender is invited by Sr. DSTE, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Control Building, DRM Building, Kaiser Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following work: **e-Tender No. SDSTE/TELE/17/25-26/CAP, REV. Name of work with its location :** Provision of Train Indication Board (IPIS System) at 26 no. of stations and provision of Train Indication Board (IPIS System) at 15 no. of stations over Sealdah Division and CAMC of the system for 5 years after expiry of warranty period for three years. **Tender Value :** ₹ 9,32,11,483.45. **Earnest Money/Bid Security to be deposited :** ₹ 6,16,100/- **Cost of tender document :** Nil. **Completion period of the work :** 09 Months. **Tender Submission start date :** 14.08.2025. **Tender Submission end date:** 28.08.2025 upto 14.00 hrs. **Tender bid opening date :** 28.08.2025 at 14.30 hrs. Details may be available at www.ireps.gov.in. **Technical Eligibility Criteria :** The tenderer must have successfully completed or substantially completed any one of the following categories of work(s) during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited : (i) Three similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of the tender, or (ii) Two similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or (iii) One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of advertised value of the tender. **Financial Eligibility Criteria:** The tenderer must have minimum average annual contractual turnover of V/N or 'V' whichever is lesser; where V=Advertised value of the tender in crores of Rupees, N=Number of years prescribed for completion of work for which bids have been invited. The average annual contractual turnover shall be calculated as an average of "total contractual payments" in the previous three financial years, as per the audited balance sheet. However, in case balance sheet of the previous year is yet to be prepared/audited, the audited balance sheet of the fourth previous year shall be considered for calculating average annual contractual turnover. The tenderers shall submit requisite information as per Annexure-VIB of GCC 2022 (Form-6 of the instant tender document), along with copies of Audited Balance Sheets duly certified by the Chartered Accountant/Certificate from Chartered Accountant duly supported by Audited Balance Sheet. **Other document to be submitted :** As mentioned in the tender document. **Similar nature of Work :** "Any work of supply & installation of Train Indication Board/Coach guidance system/PA System/Clock/IPIS/Touch screen enquiry system/Display board." **Note :** The tenderer shall submit along with the tender offer, documents in support of his/her claim to fulfill the eligibility criteria as mentioned in the tender document. Each page of the copy of documents/certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer, shall be self-attested/digitally signed by the tenderer or authorized representative of the tendering firm. Self-attestation shall include signature, stamp and date (on each page). (SDAH-150/2025-26)

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Tender Notice No. : SG.Tender/DSTE/SDAH/562 dated 31.07.2025. e-tender is invited by Sr. Divisional Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, Sealdah, Eastern Railway, 2nd Floor, Control Building, DRM Office, Kaiser Street, Kolkata-700014 for the following work: **e-Tender No. : SDSTE/TELE/17/25-26/CAP, Name of work with its location :** Reliability improvement work with replacement and rehabilitation of telecom gears and Telecom cable, OFCs in Ranaghat-Gede-Shantipur-Lalgola, Ranaghat-Bangson, Sealdah-Ranaghat & Circular section of Sealdah Division. **Tender Value :** ₹ 2,76,68,738.62. **Cost of tender document :** Nil. **Earnest Money/Bid Security to be deposited :** ₹ 2,88,400.00. **Completion period of the work :** 12 Months. **Tender Submission Start Date :** 12.08.2025. **Tender Submission End Date :** 26.08.2025 upto 14.00 hrs. **Tender Bid Opening Date :** 26.08.2025 at 14.30 hrs. Details may be available at www.ireps.gov.in. **Technical Eligibility Criteria:** The tenderer must have successfully completed or substantially completed any one of the following categories of work(s) during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited: (i) Three similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of the tender, or (ii) Two similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or (iii) One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of advertised value of the tender. **Financial Eligibility Criteria:** The tenderer must have minimum average annual contractual turnover of V/N or 'V' whichever is less; where V = Advertised value of the tender in crores of Rupees, N = Number of years prescribed for completion of work for which bids have been invited. The average annual contractual turnover shall be calculated as an average of "total contractual payments" in the previous three financial years, as per the audited balance sheet. However, in case balance sheet of the previous year is yet to be prepared/audited, the audited balance sheet of the fourth previous year shall be considered for calculating average annual contractual turnover. The tenderers shall submit requisite information as per Annexure-VIB of GCC 2022 (Form-6 of the instant tender document), along with copies of Audited Balance Sheets duly certified by the Chartered Accountant/Certificate from Chartered Accountant duly supported by Audited Balance Sheet. **Other document to be submitted :** As mentioned in the tender document. **Similar nature of Work:** Any work Railway Telecommunication work involving supply, installation, testing & commissioning of SDH/PDH (STM, MUX etc.), equipments or IPIS items (TIB, PA system, clock, CODB etc.) or electronic/IP exchange/intercom or Quad/OADC based networking for different application of Railways. **Note:** The tenderer shall submit along with the tender offer, documents in support of his/her claim to fulfill the eligibility criteria as mentioned in the tender document. Each page of the copy of documents/certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer, shall be self-attested/digitally signed by the tenderer or authorized representative of the tendering firm. Self-attestation shall include signature, stamp and date (on each page). (SDAH-145/2025-26)

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by Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyay and Justice Tushar Rao Godeola noted the statement given by ASG Chetan Sharma on institutions, stating that the Government is withdrawing the order of July 21, which recommended cuts in the movie Udaipur Files. We will hear the parties afresh.

While disposing of the petitions, the Delhi High Court on Friday directed the parties to appear before the revisional authority on Monday.

The High Court has directed the authority to take an appropriate decision by Wednesday.

The High Court was dealing with the petition moved by Mohd. Javed, who is an accused in the murder case of Kanhaiya Lal. Maulana Arshad Madani filed another petition. In response to a query by the chief justice, from where did the government get the power to recommend the cuts in the movie? ASG Chetan Sharma submitted that the recommendations of the examining committee were sent to the chairperson, and it is as per the dictum of the rules under the Act. The government has not issued any notification after examining the movie in question. It means the revision stands dismissed. On the concern of the petitioner Mohd Javed regarding the fair trial, ASG submitted that Judges are trained in a particular way, they don't get influenced by the movies. It is the answer to the question of the petitioner.

The officials informed him that the proposed policy could generate around 22 lakh new jobs in the coming years, marking a potential turning point in Uttar Pradesh's rise as a global

EASTERN RAILWAY

The following E-Tender is invited by the Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ (General), Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Remote Control Building, Kolkata-700014 in connection with the following work: **Sl. No. : 1, Tender No. : ELEG-OT-1223-2025-26-R, Particulars of the work:** Provision of Maintenance free earthing over Sealdah Division. **Tender value :** ₹ 2,67,03,380/- **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,83,500/- **Sl. No. : 2, Tender No. : ELEG-OT-1250-2025-26, Particulars of the work:** Provision of AT power and RDSO auto change over panel at Interlocked Level crossing gate over Sealdah. **Tender value :** ₹ 68,87,799/- **Earnest Money :** ₹ 1,37,800/- **Sl. No. : 3, Tender No. : ELEG-OT-1260-2025-26, Particulars of the work :** Electrical works in connection with the commissioning of MRI Machine at B. R. Singh Hospital, Sealdah. **Tender value :** ₹ 9,17,000/- **Earnest Money :** ₹ 18,300/- **Completion period :** 08 months for Sl. No. 1, 09 months for Sl. No. 2 and 3. **Cost of Tender Document :** 0.00. **Tender Closing Date & Time :** 21.08.2025 at 14.00 hrs. **Tender Bid Opening Date & Time :** 21.08.2025 after 14.00 hrs. Details of Tender Notice and corrigendum issued from time to time are available at website www.ireps.gov.in

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CORRIDGUM
Corrigendum to Tender No. DCPM-GS-ENG-SDAH-05-25-26 published earlier by Dy. Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti Unit/Engg, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, Control Building, DRM Building, Kaiser Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014. Name of work : Sealdah Division - Engineering Design Consultancy Work including Topographical Surveying and Geotechnical Investigation Works in connection with Construction of ROB in lieu of Level Crossings at different locations under the jurisdiction of Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway (Total 40 Level Crossings). The bid due date of the Tender has been extended to 11.08.2025. All other terms and conditions will remain same.

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EASTERN RAILWAY

Metro Railway, Kolkata
Complete Traffic Block on Green Line on 03.08.2025 (Sunday)
There will be a Complete Traffic Block between Esplanade to Sealdah in Green Line on 03.08.2025 in connection with ATO Testing. No services will be available on that day in Green Line-2. Normal services in Green Line will be available from Monday (04.08.2025). Inconvenience caused is deeply regretted.

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Tender Notice No. : SG.Tender/DSTE/SDAH/562 dated 31.07.2025. e-tender is invited by Sr. Divisional Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, Sealdah, Eastern Railway, 2nd Floor, Control Building, DRM Office, Kaiser Street, Kolkata-700014 for the following work: **e-Tender No. : SDSTE/TELE/17/25-26/CAP, Name of work with its location :** Reliability improvement work with replacement and rehabilitation of telecom gears and Telecom cable, OFCs in Ranaghat-Gede-Shantipur-Lalgola, Ranaghat-Bangson, Sealdah-Ranaghat & Circular section of Sealdah Division. **Tender Value :** ₹ 2,76,68,738.62. **Cost of tender document :** Nil. **Earnest Money/Bid Security to be deposited :** ₹ 2,88,400.00. **Completion period of the work :** 12 Months. **Tender Submission Start Date :** 12.08.2025. **Tender Submission End Date :** 26.08.2025 upto 14.00 hrs. **Tender Bid Opening Date :** 26.08.2025 at 14.30 hrs. Details may be available at www.ireps.gov.in. **Technical Eligibility Criteria:** The tenderer must have successfully completed or substantially completed any one of the following categories of work(s) during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited: (i) Three similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of the tender, or (ii) Two similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or (iii) One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of advertised value of the tender. **Financial Eligibility Criteria:** The tenderer must have minimum average annual contractual turnover of V/N or 'V' whichever is less; where V = Advertised value of the tender in crores of Rupees, N = Number of years prescribed for completion of work for which bids have been invited. The average annual contractual turnover shall be calculated as an average of "total contractual payments" in the previous three financial years, as per the audited balance sheet. However, in case balance sheet of the previous year is yet to be prepared/audited, the audited balance sheet of the fourth previous year shall be considered for calculating average annual contractual turnover. The tenderers shall submit requisite information as per Annexure-VIB of GCC 2022 (Form-6 of the instant tender document), along with copies of Audited Balance Sheets duly certified by the Chartered Accountant/Certificate from Chartered Accountant duly supported by Audited Balance Sheet. **Other document to be submitted :** As mentioned in the tender document. **Similar nature of Work:** Any work Railway Telecommunication work involving supply, installation, testing & commissioning of SDH/PDH (STM, MUX etc.), equipments or IPIS items (TIB, PA system, clock, CODB etc.) or electronic/IP exchange/intercom or Quad/OADC based networking for different application of Railways. **Note:** The tenderer shall submit along with the tender offer, documents in support of his/her claim to fulfill the eligibility criteria as mentioned in the tender document. Each page of the copy of documents/certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer, shall be self-attested/digitally signed by the tenderer or authorized representative of the tendering firm. Self-attestation shall include signature, stamp and date (on each page). (SDAH-146/2025-26)

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New policy to transform UP into global leather footwear manufacturing hub: CM Yogi

hub for footwear and leather manufacturing.

Currently, India ranks as the second-largest producer and consumer in the world in this sector, with Uttar Pradesh playing a significant role. Over 200 operational tanneries are located in Kanpur and Unnao, while Agra is recognised as the 'Footwear Capital' of the country.

Moreover, Yogi also emphasised that the policy should not only promote leather and non-leather footwear manufacturing units, but also extend special incentives to ancillary units producing components like buckles, zips, soles, insoles, laces, dyes, chemicals, heels, threads, tags, and labels. He also stressed support for units manufacturing specialised machinery for leather stitching, cutting, moulding, and production of non-leather safety shoes.

This integrated approach, he said, would help establish a complete and localised 'design-to-delivery' ecosystem within the state. Additionally, he highlighted the need for robust strategies for skilling, packaging, and marketing to enhance product quality and competitiveness.

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Regulation of trains for Track Maintenance Work near Dum Dum Jn. Station

MI News Service, Kolkata: For track maintenance work on down suburban line at Dum Dum Jn. station limit, 7 hours (from 22:50 hrs. of 2.8.2025 to 05:50 hrs. of 3.8.2025), traffic block has been planned. Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been made:-
CANCELLATION OF EMU LOCAL ON 2.8.2025 (Saturday):
Sealdah - Bongaon : UP33861/DN33858
Sealdah - Naihati : UP31447/DN 31450
CANCELLATION OF EMU LOCAL ON 3.8.2025 (Sunday):
Sealdah - Kalyani Simanta: UP 31313/DN 31316
Sealdah - Naihati: UP 31411/DN 31414
Sealdah - Habra: UP

33651/DN 33652
Sealdah - Dankuni: UP 32211, 32213, 32215, 32217/DN 32212, 32214, 32216, 32218
Sealdah - Barasat: UP 33431/DN 33432
Sealdah - Ranaghat: UP 31611/DN 31612
Sealdah - Bongaon: UP 33817/DN 33826
Moreover, DN 33812 Bongaon - Sealdah EMU local will be short terminated at Dum Dum Cantt. Station instead of Sealdah and UP 33813 Sealdah - Bongaon EMU local will be short originated from Dum Dum Cantt. Station instead of Sealdah & will be rescheduled at 04:45 hrs. from Dum Dum Cantt. station on 3.8.2025 (Sunday). The block is absolutely essential from the safety point of view as well as smooth running of trains.

Regulation of trains for Track Maintenance Work near Bandel Station

MI News Service, Kolkata: For track maintenance work near Bandel station, traffic and power block has been planned on 02.08.2025 (Saturday). Consequently, following arrangements have been made :
Cancellation of EMU locals on 02.08.2025 (Saturday) :
From Bandel : 37538, 37540, 37751
From Naihati : 37537, 37539
From Katwa : 37746
Moreover, 13465 Howrah - Malda Town Intercity Express will be controlled for 30 minutes enroute.

Educational meeting in Pakshi



Nurul Islam Khan

A four-day semi-annual educational meeting was held in Pakshi, organized by Furfura Darbar Sharif. Today, on the fourth day, i.e. Friday, the current Gaddishin of Furfura, Pir Shaikh Mishkat Siddiqui Sahib, presented the sermon. The Pir Sahib prayed for world peace.



A shop owner arranges 'Rakhis' ahead of the 'Raksha Bandhan' festival, in Agartala.

Additional stoppage of six (6) express trains at different stations in Dhanbad division over East Central Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of six (06) express trains at Bhandaridah, Chhipadohar, Obra Dam, Barwadih, Gurpa, Gujhandi, Phulwamtanr and Bokaro Thermal stations in Dhanbad Division over East Central Railway for two (2) minutes as under :

11447 Jabalpur - Howrah Express (journey commencing on & from 02.08.2025) will arrive at Bhandaridah, Chhipadohar & Obra Dam stations at 15:36 hrs, 10:32 hrs & 06:00 hrs respectively and 11448 Howrah - Jabalpur Express (journey commencing on & from 02.08.2025) will arrive at Bhandaridah, Chhipadohar & Obra Dam stations at 18:56 hrs, 23:26 hrs & 04:31 hrs respectively.

spectively.

13025 Howrah - Bhopal Express (journey commencing on & from 04.08.2025) will arrive at Barwadih & Obra Dam stations at 22:27 hrs & 03:05 hrs respectively and 13026 Bhopal - Howrah Express (journey commencing on & from 06.08.2025) will arrive at Barwadih & Obra Dam stations at 03:16 hrs & 22:38 hrs respectively.

13151 Kolkata - Jammu Tawi Express (journey commencing on & from 02.08.2025) will arrive at Gurpa & Gujhandi stations at 19:29 hrs & 19:08 hrs respectively and 13152 Jammu Tawi - Kolkata Express (journey commencing on & from 02.08.2025) will arrive at Gurpa & Gujhandi stations at 07:16 hrs & 07:37 hrs respectively.

13403 Ranchi - Bhagalpur Express (journey commencing on & from 02.08.2025) will arrive at Phulwamtanr station at 22:24 hrs.

18603 Ranchi - Bhagalpur Express (journey commencing on & from 02.08.2025) will arrive at Phulwamtanr station at 18:19 hrs. and 18604 Bhagalpur - Ranchi Express (journey commencing on & from 03.08.2025) will arrive at Phulwamtanr station at 01:57 hrs.

19607 Kolkata - Madar Jn Express (journey commencing on & from 07.08.2025) will arrive at Bokaro Thermal station at 19:02 hrs. and 19608 Madar Jn - Kolkata Express (journey commencing on & from 04.08.2025) will arrive at Bokaro Thermal station at 07:35 hrs.

General Manager felicitates retired Metro Employees



MI News Service, Kolkata: Today i.e. on 01.08.2025, Shri P. Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway has felicitated 104 retired Metro employees. Terming these staff as the pride of Metro Railway, General Manager thanked them for giving their best for the improvement of Metro Railway. All senior officers and staff were present in this programme.

BJP leader Yogesh Raj among 38 convicted in 2018 Bulandshahr violence over alleged cow slaughter

MI News Service, Bulandshahr: Nearly seven years after mob violence over alleged cow slaughter rocked Bulandshahr, a district court on Tuesday convicted 38 people including BJP leader and former Bajrang Dal district convener Yogesh Raj in connection with the incident that claimed the lives of police inspector Subodh Kumar Singh and a local youth.

The violence erupted on December 3, 2018, in Chingrawathi village, Syana tehsil, after carcasses of cows were reportedly discovered in a sugarcane field near Mahav village. The rumours triggered a mob that clashed with police, set the Chingrawathi outpost ablaze, damaged vehicles, and pelted stones. Inspector Singh, who had been investigating a cow slaughter case, was shot dead. A 20-year-old man, Sumit Kumar, also died, allegedly in police firing.

The Special Investigation Team filed a chargesheet against 44 people. On Tuesday, the court found 38 guilty — five for murder under Section 302 IPC, including Yogesh Raj, and the rest for rioting, arson, criminal conspiracy, and attempt to murder. One accused was a minor and is being tried separately, while five others died during the trial.

Sentencing for the 38 convicts will be announced on August 1. All are in judicial custody. The verdict is being seen as a significant moment in a case that highlighted political involvement in mob violence, cow vigilantism, and systemic delays in justice.

No deal between Iran, US amid zero enrichment demand: Iranian FM

MI News Service, Tehran: There will be no deal between Iran and the United States as long as Washington demands that Iran agree to zero uranium enrichment, Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi has said. In an interview released on Thursday, Araghchi told Financial Times (FT) in Tehran that the two sides can negotiate, but "with zero enrichment, we don't have a thing." Noting that Iran retains its capabilities to enrich uranium, Araghchi said when and how the country restarts its enrichment "depends on the circumstances," according to the FT report.

As for the possibility of resuming the nuclear talks between Iran and the United States, Araghchi said "the road to negotiation is narrow but it's not impossible," urging Washington to show "real determination to show a win-win deal" and come up with "real confidence-building measures." Washington must explain why it attacked Iran, compensate Iran for the damage it has done, and ensure it will not attack Iran again during future talks, he said. Xinhua news agency reported.

On Monday, Araghchi had stated that Iran needs to continue domestic uranium enrichment for the production of radiopharmaceuticals and to fuel the country's "nascent" nuclear power reactors. "No one in their right mind would abandon the fruits of tremendous investment in homegrown and peaceful technology which is saving lives — and simply because bullying foreigners demand it," Araghchi said on social media platform X. Iran has stepped up diplomatic efforts in recent weeks over the nuclear issue. Last week, Iran as well as France, Britain and Germany, collectively known as the E3, resumed nuclear talks in Istanbul. Iranian Foreign Ministry Spokesman Esmaeil Baghaei said a team of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will visit Iran within the next two weeks, during which a manual regarding the future of Iran's cooperation with the IAEA will be presented. In recent days, Washington has repeatedly demanded that Iran completely cease uranium enrichment, a request firmly rejected by Tehran.

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European powers' rising call for Palestine's statehood exposes transatlantic divide

MI News service, London: Mounting civilian suffering and humanitarian crises in Gaza are pushing European powers toward formal recognition of the State of Palestine, exposing a widening rift between Europe and the United States over the future of the Middle East peace process.

France is taking the lead, with Britain and Germany increasing pressure on Israel to act. On July 24, French President Emmanuel Macron announced that his country would officially recognize Palestine during the United Nations General Assembly in September, making it the first G7 country to do so.

France's decision marks a shift from previous European positions on the issue. According to Le Monde, the tipping point was Israel's continued bombardment of Gaza and its deliberate obstruction of humanitarian aid, which has fueled famine and civilian suffering. The failure of ceasefire negotiations, limited U.S. diplomatic engagement, and the Israeli Knesset's recent symbolic vote to annex parts of the West Bank have reinforced perceptions in Paris and London that long-standing international mediation efforts have broken down. Adel Bakawan, a researcher at the French Institute for International

and Strategic Affairs, said France was seizing a "window of political opportunity" as U.S. influence in the region continues to decline. "France is offering an alternative vision," he said. Analysts view the move as a calculated effort to inject momentum into a peace process long dominated by Israel, Hamas, and the United States, all of whom, they say, have shown little appetite for compromise. In London, the British government stepped up pressure on Israel on Tuesday, as Downing Street issued a statement urging "immediate and meaningful" action to ease the humanitarian disaster in Gaza.

'Swachhata Abhiyan - 2025' campaign observed across Malda Division



MI News Service, Malda: As part of 78th Independence Day of our nation the 'Swachhata Abhiyan - 2025' campaign is being observed over Malda Division from 1st August to 31st October 2025 with a series of cleanliness activities aimed at promoting hygiene and environmental consciousness. To formally inaugurate the campaign, Divisional Railway Manager, Malda, Shri Manish Kumar Gupta administered the Swachhata Pledge to officers and staff to contribute 100 hours per year, or Two (2) hours per week, towards cleanliness. The pledge-taking ceremony witnessed enthusiastic participation from Railway officials, including Chief Medical Superintendent, Malda, Smt. Anupa Ghosh, along with other Senior Branch Officers and staff members.

In alignment with the objectives of the campaign, an awareness drive was also conducted to educate employees about the harmful

effects of consuming Pan and Gutkha, which often lead to life-threatening diseases such as cancer. Leading the campaign, Smt. Anupa Ghosh sensitized employees about the health hazards and also emphasized the importance of refraining from spitting in public places, as it undermines cleanliness and public health efforts. Such awareness and cleanliness campaigns were simultaneously carried out at Malda Town Station, Bhagalpur Station, DEMU Shed/Sahibganj, and Diesel Shed/Jamalpur, engaging staff across multiple departments. This three-month-long campaign will focus on intensive cleanliness drives across stations, office premises, trains, tracks, and railway colonies, along with awareness programmes for staff and passengers and will reaffirm the Railways' commitment to maintaining a carbon-neutral and clean environment..

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JSCA Stalwarts Dominate East Zone Selection for Duleep Trophy 2025-26

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RANCHI : In a significant moment of pride for Jharkhand cricket, the East Zone Selection Committee has handpicked six exceptional talents from the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) for the upcoming Duleep Trophy Domestic Season 2025-2026. The selection meeting convened today at the JSCA International Stadium Complex, Ranchi, marked a monumental recognition of Jharkhand's cricketing prowess on the national stage.

The prestigious Duleep Trophy, renowned for being a breeding ground for India's future cricketing elites, is scheduled to be held at the BCCI Centre of Excellence, Bengaluru, from August 28 to September 15, 2025.

A total of six formidable players from the JSCA fold have carved their names into the elite squad representing East Zone. Leading this illustrious contingent is Ishan Kishan, who has been entrusted with the captaincy, reflecting his tactical acumen and aggressive batting flair.



Joining him are dynamic top-order batsman Virat Singh, the technically sound Sharandeep Singh, the ever-reliable all-rounder Utkarsh Singh, the emerging left-arm spinner Manishi, and the explosive young wicketkeeper-batsman Kumar Kushagra.

This selection is being hailed as a testament to the robust cricketing infrastructure and relentless talent cultivation undertaken by JSCA in recent years. It is also indicative of Jharkhand's steady rise as a formidable force in Indian domestic cricket.

With the Duleep Trophy often regarded as the litmus test for players eyeing national team call-ups, the inclusion of these six players underscores the strategic depth and bench strength JSCA has nurtured. Particularly notable is the blend of seasoned campaigners like Ishan Kishan and Virat Singh, who bring international and IPL experience, alongside promising young guns like Kushagra and Manishi, eager to leave their mark.

JSCA Secretary and former Team India player Saurabh Tiwari

expressed his elation, stating, "This is a proud day for Jharkhand cricket. The consistent performances of our players across domestic formats have finally been rewarded at the zonal level. We believe this contingent has the capability to shine at the national platform and pave their way into Team India's future plans."

The upcoming Duleep Trophy fixtures will not only provide these players with a highly competitive environment but also serve as a critical platform to catch the selectors' eye for India A tours and potentially the senior national side. With Ishan Kishan at the helm, leading a squad brimming with Jharkhand talent, cricket aficionados are anticipating a power-packed campaign from the East Zone contingent, heavily reliant on the JSCA stalwarts to deliver match-winning performances. The cricketing fraternity in Ranchi and beyond now eagerly awaits the team's exploits in Bengaluru, hoping to witness another chapter of Jharkhand's cricketing renaissance.

Oval Test: Siraj-Prasidh fightback as England finish at 215/7 at Tea (Day 2)

LONDON [UK] : Three scalps each from Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna brought India right back into the game as England finished on 215/7, trailing by nine runs at the end of the second session on Day 2 of the fifth Test at the Oval, on Friday.

Prasidh took two wickets right before tea as he removed England's highest run scorer of the ongoing series, Jamie Smith, for eight, followed by Jamie Overton for a duck.

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Prasidh Krishna gave the host an early blow in the second session as he removed Zak Crawley 64 off 57 balls, and Joe Root joined Pope in the middle.

Krishna's partner from the other end, Mohammed Siraj, joined the party as he removed Pope for 22 off 44 balls in the 25th over, and Harry Brook joined Root in the middle.

Root continued to attack Indian seamers; he surpassed Sachin Tendulkar (7216 in India) to have the second most runs at home venues in Tests. The No.1 Test batter now has 7220 in England.

Root also completed 2000 Test runs against India at home. Only Don Bradman has a higher aggregate against an opponent in home Tests (2354 vs England).

Siraj removed Root in the 33rd over for 29 off 45 balls, and Jacob Bethell joined Brook in the middle. England reached 190/4 after 36 overs, trailing India by 34 runs, with Harry Brook and Jacob Bethell at the crease.

Siraj, on a toe-crushing yorker, removed Bethell, who was struggling to put bat on ball for 6 in the 37th over. As a partnership was building between Brook and Jamie Smith, Prasidh Krishna removed Smith 8 courtesy of a brilliant catch from KL Rahul in slips.

Earlier in the day, a five-wicket haul by pacer Gus Atkinson and a quickfire 92-run opening stand by Ben Duckett and Zak Crawley pushed India to the back foot during the first session of the second day of the fifth Test against England at The Oval on Friday.

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(52*) and Ollie Pope (12*) unbeaten. They trail by 115 runs. India kick-started day two at 204/6, with Karun Nair (52*) and Washington Sundar (19*) unbeaten.

The duo started the day on a positive note, with Nair and Sundar getting a boundary each against Josh Tongue in the first over of the day.

Nair did survive a leg-before-wicket against Atkinson, but Josh Tongue got him lbw for 57 in 109 balls, with eight fours. Tongue sprayed it down the leg side and well outside off, but the ball nipped back in sharply and beat the inside edge of Nair's bat to crash into his back pad knee roll.

India was 218/7, with the 55-run partnership over between the duo. Sundar also holed it to the deep square leg in the hands of Jamie Overton, with Tongue getting his wicket for 26 in 55 balls, with three fours. India was 220/8.

Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna were done away with by Atkinson, who got his five-wicket haul. India was bundled out for 224 runs in 69.4 overs. Atkinson (5/33) and Tongue (3/57) were destructive with the ball for England, never letting India settle with a massive partnership.

Brief Scores: England: 215/7 (Zak Crawley 64, Ben Duckett 43; Prasidh Krishna 3/51). Vs India 224 (Karun Nair 57, Sai Sudharsan 38; Gus Atkinson

PAKISTAN TO FACE AFGHANISTAN AND UAE IN T20 TRI-SERIES AHEAD OF ASIA CUP

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Pakistan will lock horns with Afghanistan and the United Arab Emirates in a triangular series which will be played in the T20 format from August 29 onwards, as per the ICC. The tournament will take place ahead of the Asia Cup in September, as the sub-continent teams prepare for next year's T20 World Cup. The opening fixture will see Pakistan square up against last year's T20 World Cup semi-finalists, Afghanistan. All three teams will face each other twice, with the top two sides then advancing to the final scheduled for 7 September. The two teams have played against each other at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium five times in T20Is, with Pakistan having got the better of Afghanistan thrice while the latter have emerged victorious on two other occasions. Pakistan are currently in the midst of a three-match T20I series against West Indies, having lost 2-1 against Bangladesh in their previous assignment.

Meanwhile, Afghanistan last featured in the shortest format back in December, when they bested Zimbabwe 2-1 in a three-match series.

UAE also arrive into the tournament on the back of a memorable T20I series win against Bangladesh in May.

Tri-series schedule:

- (All matches to be played in Sharjah)
- August 29 - Afghanistan v Pakistan.
- August 30 - UAE v Pakistan.
- September 1 - UAE v Afghanistan.
- September 2 - Pakistan v Afghanistan.
- September 4 - Pakistan v UAE.
- 5 September - Afghanistan vs UAE.
- 7 September - Final.



Day 5 Results: 15th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2025

CHENNAI (TAMIL NADU) : On Day-5 of the 15th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2025, Chhattisgarh, Manipur, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab and Haryana had a fruitful outing after securing win in their respective matches at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Chennai, according to a release from Hockey India.

In the first match, Chhattisgarh won 6-2 against Bengal in Division 'B'. Adarsh Raj Singh (3', 8', 20', 60') scored the opening goal of the match and stood out as the top goal scorer for Chhattisgarh. Aman Verma (48') and Abhishek Yadav (58') also scored one goal each to put their team in a strong position.

On the other side, Abhishek Shaw (6') and Hiten Rajak (35') scored for Hockey Bengal but fell short. In the next match, Manipur Hockey defeated Hockey Himachal 6-0 in Division 'B'. Getik Ningombam Singh (4', 55') and Saikhom Nishi Singh (56', 58') scored a brace each to strengthen their position in the game.

In contrast, Manimatum Maibam (37') and Sanjit Singh Konthoujam (41') also contributed



with one goal each to take the game further away from Hockey Himachal.

Also, in the next match of Division 'A', Uttar Pradesh Hockey defeated Delhi 10-1. Shahrulkh Ali (5', 29', 38', 43') scored four goals in the match for Uttar Pradesh joined by Romit Pal (20', 25') who

also scored a couple of goals in the second quarter.

Dhanuk Karan (23'), Sunil Pal (26'), Mohammad Danish (42') and Mohd Aqib Raynee (60') also scored one goal each to confirm the first victory in the tournament. In response, Captain Uday Randhawa (51') scored the conso-

lation goal for Delhi.

Odisha faced off Maharashtra in the next match of Division 'A' where Hockey Association of Odisha won 5-1 after defeating the opponent.

Arman Soreng (12', 43', 49') scored a hat-trick, joined by his teammates Sanjeet Raj Lakra (51') and Deepak Prakash Toppo (17'), who also scored one goal each. On the other side, Rehan Shafi Khan (34) managed to score the only goal for his side, Hockey Maharashtra.

Also, in the next match, Hockey Punjab defeated Hockey Karnataka 10-0. Mandeep Singh (5', 41') scored a brace whereas Gursimranpreet Singh (14'), Varinder Singh (17'), Arshpreet Singh (23'), Yuvraj Singh (30'), Akash Deep (36'), Jashanpreet Singh (47'), Anurag Singh (55') and Vijay Kumar Pal (60') also scored one goal each to secure first win in the tournament.

In the last match today, Hockey Haryana won 3-0 against the Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu. Captain Ankur Ror (28', 53', 55') led from the front and single-handedly took the game away from his opponent, the Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu.

ISRL crosses season two dates with fan parks, motorsport festivals

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : The Indian Supercross Racing League (ISRL), in collaboration with the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI), on Friday officially confirmed the Season 2 racing calendar, marking the return of India's most electrifying stadium-based motorsport spectacle.

After a record-breaking debut season with 30,000-plus live spectators across three rounds and over 11.50 million broadcast and digital viewers, ISRL is back to deliver a bigger, bolder, and more immersive experience for motorsport enthusiasts across the country.

ISRL SEASON 2 CALENDAR

- Round 1: October 25 & 26
- Round 2: December 6 & 7
- Round 3: December 20 & 21

Each round will feature two adrenaline-fueled days of official

practice sessions, high-stakes qualifying heats, and thrilling main races, where Indian riders will compete shoulder-to-shoulder with international stars from six continents.

Fans can expect:

- Immersive Reise Moto Fan Parks - featuring pit-lane access, AR/VR racing simulators, live entertainment, and family-friendly interactive zones.
- Meet-and-Greets with Riders and exclusive behind-the-scenes experiences.
- Lifestyle and automotive showcases, turning each round into a full-fledged motorsport festival.

"ISRL Season 2 is designed to be more than just a race, it is a celebration of motorsports culture in India. With international legends, home-grown heroes, and



the first-ever ISRL Fan Park presented by Reise Moto, we are bringing fans closer to the thrill of Supercross than ever before," -- Eeshan Lokhande, Co-founder, ISRL

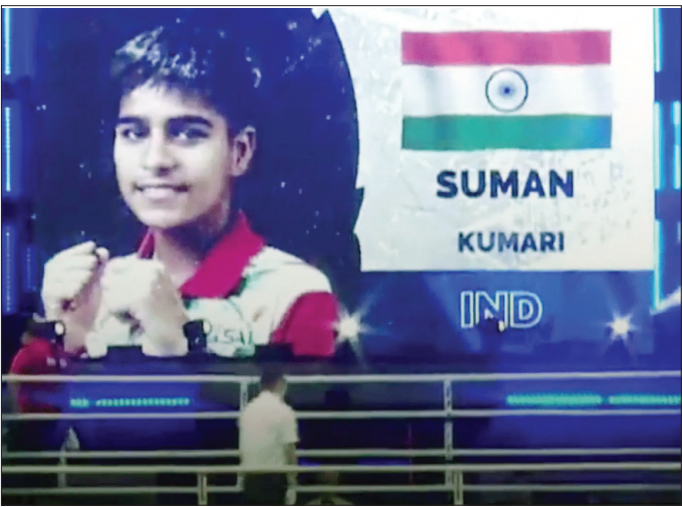
With strategic gaps between rounds, teams will fine-tune their

machines to ensure world-class racing that pushes the limits of skill, speed, and spectacle. Season 2 is set to cement India's place on the global Supercross map, uniting motorsport fans, families, and thrill-seekers in a next-generation racing festival.

Young boxers begin their campaign at U19 Asian Boxing Championships 2025 in Bangkok

BANGKOK [THAILAND] : India's junior boxing team kicks off its campaign today at the U19 Asian Boxing Championships 2025 in Bangkok, with four young athletes representing the country on the opening day. As the tournament unfolds, these rising stars are set to showcase their grit and determination against some of Asia's toughest opponents.

The morning session, scheduled for 9:30 AM IST*, saw Suman Kumari taking on Meng-Sin Cheng of Chinese Taipei in the Women's Light Flyweight (48kg) category, in which the Indian pugilist emerged victorious. Additionally, Aakash Badhwar will step into the ring in the Men's Flyweight (50kg) division, facing a formidable opponent



in Odilshoh Khalimov of Uzbekistan, as per a release from BAI.

The action continues in the evening session at 4:30 PM IST*, where Sarthi Saini will face off against Haosheng Zhang of China in the Light Middleweight (70kg) category. Later in the session, Lokesh will represent India in the Light Heavyweight (80kg) division, going up against Norbek Abdullaev of Uzbekistan. These bouts mark a significant start for India at the championships, with each athlete carrying the promise of future glory. With focused preparation and national pride on their shoulders, the Indian contingent is aiming to set a strong tone early in the tournament. India have sent a total

of 40 promising youngsters to the Asian U19 and U22 Boxing Championships. Spanning until August 12, the tournament will bring together 396 boxers from 26 nations, making it one of the premier stages for emerging talent across the continent, as per a release from BAI.

The tournament is being held at the iconic Indoor Stadium Huamark, the event is being organised by the Asian Boxing in association with World Boxing and the Thailand Boxing Association. It featured two age groups, U19 (born between 2007 and 2008) and U22 (born between 2004 and 2006), with both men and women competing under Olympic-style boxing rules.

