

# Morning India

## Mamata Banerjee's 'Amader Samadhan' scheme for outreach begins in West Bengal

**MI News Service, Kolkata :** Ahead of the 2026 assembly elections, the West Bengal government on Saturday launched a Rs 8,000-crore outreach programme to address local issues like setting up street lamps, improving road conditions and ensuring water supply across districts.

The programme - Amader Para, Amader Samadhan (Our neighbourhood, our Solution) - is the first-of-its-kind initiative in the country, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had said while outlining the scheme on July 22.

A task force headed by State Chief Secretary Manoj Pant would monitor the programme, and district-level task forces have been formed as many camps started functioning on Saturday.

"We are sanctioning Rs 10 lakh per booth. In total, the state government will be spending Rs 8000 crore on this programme. It will start on August 2," she had said last week.

While these camps will be held for two months, there will be an administrative evaluation for 30 days, a government statement said.

"The implementation or addressing the issues raised by the people will take a period of three months from the day of launch," it said.

In the Kolkata Municipal Corporation area, there is one camp for every two booths.

"We had seen that there are small teething issues plaguing a locality, which are too localised but need urgent attention.

"While local civic bodies, people's representatives and various agencies are there to look into various issues - like the setting up of a tap, need for an

electric pole or ensure proper lighting in the area, this interactive initiative is an inclusive one where various things can be brought up for being sorted out under one umbrella," a senior government official said. However in view of the growing demand from the people of different localities in districts specially in semi urban areas, decision has also been taken to repair local roads under the programme as many of these roads are full of pot holes causing immense problem for the plying of all types of vehicles includ-



ing two wheelers.

Mamata Banerjee had said state government officials will be present on the ground to listen to the people's problems, and the centres will address these issues in a locality.

You (citizen) can track schedule, status and progress at [apas.wb.gov.in](http://apas.wb.gov.in). You decide how your booth's budget is spent," said the government advertisement on Saturday announcing the start of the outreach programme.

The programme is rooted in the vision of a self-reliant Bengal, where

the focus is not merely on delivery but on deep listening, transparency and collaboration, the statement said.

Government officials will be physically present in every locality to listen to grievances, register demands, and oversee the process, which will likely span over two months, it said.

"The initiative is unprecedented in the history of India, and it reflects the state government's commitment to placing people at the heart of policymaking," another statement said earlier.

## Meghalaya govt orders probe into 'mysterious disappearance' of 4,000 tonnes of coal

**MI News Service, Shillong :** In order to prevent massive corruption in government departments, the Meghalaya government has ordered a Commissioner level inquiry into the alleged misappropriation of over 4,000 metric tonnes (MT) of coal in the state. Informing this Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong, who also holds the Home portfolio, said on Saturday that instructions have been issued to the district authorities and the police to conduct a thorough inquiry into the matter.

"We have asked Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police to investigate if there has been any misappropriation or illegal diversion of coal," the Deputy Chief minister said.

The directive comes close on the heels of a revelation by a High Court-appointed committee that over 4,000 metric tonnes of coal, already declared as extracted and inventoried, have vanished from two designated storage sites. The Committee, in its latest report to the Meghalaya High Court, said the disappearance raises serious questions about the state's mechanism for monitoring coal stock and preventing illegal transportation. Tynsong further stated that the government will take strong and appropriate action if any wrongdoing is established.

"If there is anything wrong, we will proceed according to the law. Even if it requires us to approach the Supreme Court, we will do so," he added.

The state's probe will focus on tracing both diesel and coal inventories, including movement, documentation, and field verification. A comprehensive report will be prepared and shared with the court in due course, an official said. The committee, in its latest report to the Meghalaya High Court, said the disappearance raises serious questions about the state's mechanism for monitoring coal stock and preventing illegal transportation. After the court pulled up the state government, state minister Kyrmen Shylla - who is from Jaintia hills that has the most coal reserves in the state - was quoted as saying: "I am not trying to justify but we need to remind ourselves that if you remember, Meghalaya has one of the highest rainfall in the country. So due to this high and heavy rainfall anything can happen. "Remember, there is an allegation that because of the rains in Meghalaya, floods happened in Assam, and from East Jaintia hills, rain water goes to Bangladesh. You never know, it could be because of the rains the coal got carried away," the minister had told reporters in Shillong on Monday.



Firemen are trying to douse the blaze at Deys Medical at Bondel road near Bondel rail gate in South Kolkata on Saturday.

## PM Modi launches Rs 2,183.45 crore development projects in Varanasi

**MI News Service, Varanasi :** In his second visit to his Parliamentary constituency in three months, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones for as many as 52 development projects worth approximately Rs 2,183.45 crore in Varanasi on Saturday. .

In a major move to support farmers, the Prime Minister, as promised a couple of days ago, also released the 20th installment of the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi, transferring Rs 20,500 crore to the bank accounts of over 9.70 crore eligible farmers across the country.

Additionally, he distributed assistive devices such as wheelchairs, tricycles, and visual aids to many people with disabilities and senior citizens during a special programme held at Banauli village in the Sevapuri block in his constituency in this holy city.

"Hum Kaashi ke har parivar-jan ke pranaam karat hai (I extend my respectful greetings to every family of Varanasi)", said the Prime minister in the local dialect, drawing massive cheers from the crowd as he began his address.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, both his deputies—Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak—along with several ministers, public representatives, and BJP's state unit president Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary were present at the event.

According to Dilip Patel, head of the BJP's Kashi region unit, this marks PM Modi's 51st visit to his parliamentary constituency since he assumed office in 2014..

Coming just ahead of Rakshabandhan and in the auspicious month of Shravan, the visit is expected to provide a significant developmental boost to the Purvanchal region.

The 52 projects span key sectors such as road infrastructure, healthcare, education, sports, tourism, and urban development. Initiatives include road construction and their widening, hospital upgrades, improvement of educational institutions, better drinking water and sanitation, development of sports infrastructure, establishment of a homeopathic college, construction of paved ghats for religious tourism, expansion of electricity and parking facilities, pond renovation, and the setting up of libraries, animal hospitals, and dog care centres, according to an official statement.

These initiatives are designed to drive comprehensive urban transformation, revitalize cultural heritage, enhance connectivity, and elevate the overall quality of life in Varanasi. The Prime Minister landed in Varanasi at nearly 11 AM and soon afterwards laid the foundation stone and opened several development projects worth around Rs 2,200 crore. Dedicating the success of Operation Sindoor to Mahadev's blessing, PM Maodi said, "The vow I had taken to avenge the sindoor of our daughters has been fulfilled — and it was only possible with the blessings of Lord Mahadev. I dedicate the success of Operation Sindoor at his feet." Later in his address Prime Minister

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## Mamata Banerjee likely to visit flood hit Ghatal

**MI News Service, Kolkata :** West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee is likely to visit Ghatal in West Midnapore district on 5 August to survey the flood-like situation there.

According to informed sources, the visit, a day ahead of her proposed plan to visit Jhargram, on 6 August, attains much importance. During her visit the Chief minister might hold an administrative meeting to streamline the efforts in pro-

viding relief to the marooned people apart from directing relief and rescue efforts and the rehabilitation process.

Around 13 wards under Ghatal civic body and five Gram Panchayat areas are under water. Attendance in schools was thin, forcing many schools to postpone examinations.

Meanwhile, amid alleged release of excessive waters by the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), a worried state secretariat at Na-

banna today wrote to the DVC for releasing waters without a proper plan in place.

As sources claimed, chief engineer of the state irrigation department has sent the letter, asking the DVC to release waters adhering to a proper plan.

The DVC had in the last 24 hours released 49,000 cusecs of waters, which would further precipitate the crisis as most rivers are in a spate.

## My promise to avenge Pahalgam attack fulfilled with blessings of Lord Shiva, says PM Modi

**MI News Service, Varanasi :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised that his promise to avenge the Pahalgam terror attack through Operation Sindoor was fulfilled with the blessings of Lord Shiva.

"My heart was filled with sorrow for the 26 people who lost their lives in the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22," Modi said while addressing a public meeting in his parliamentary constituency

Varanasi on Saturday ..

"My promise to avenge 'Sindoor' of our daughters was fulfilled with the blessings of Lord Mahadev," he said, adding, "I dedicate the success of Operation Sindoor at the feet of Mahadev."

The prime minister also stressed that the "unity of 140 crore countrymen" became the "strength of Operation Sindoor". Not a single world leader asked

India to stop Operation Sindoor, PM earlier said in the Lok Sabha

The prime minister is in Varanasi -- his Lok Sabha constituency for the third term running -- to inaugurate and lay foundation for development projects worth over Rs 2,183 crore and to distribute the 20th installment of the PM KISAN Samman Nidhi worth Rs 20,500 crore to over 9.70 eligible farmers nationwide.

## 2 more terrorists killed in encounter in J-K

**MI News Service, Srinagar :**

After a few days lull, two more terrorists were killed following a fierce encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district on Saturday, officials said.

The overnight encounter began after security forces launched a cordon and search operation in a forest area at Akhal in the south Kashmir district, following specific intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists there.

After an initial exchange of fire between the two sides on Friday evening, the operation was halted for the night before it began from early this morning, the officials said. "Intermittent and in-

tense fire fight continued through the night. Alert troops responded with calibrated fire and tightened the noose while maintaining contact. One terrorist has been neutralised by the security forces so far. Operation (Akhal) continues," Army's Chinara Corps said in a post on X this morning. Efforts are now being made to establish the true identity of both the deceased terrorists, they said. The encounter comes days after three heavily armed terrorists who carried out the deadly Pahalgam attack on April 22 were killed by security forces near Srinagar under 'Operation Mahadev'.

They gunned down Sulieman alias Asif, the alleged mastermind of the

Pahalgam attack, along with two of his associates, in an encounter at Mular in the Harwan area near Dachigam National Park on July 28. The other terrorists killed in the action were identified as Jibran, who was involved in the Sonamarg Tunnel attack last year, and Hamza Afghani.

26 people, mostly tourists, were shot dead by terrorists at Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam, which prompted the armed forces to launch Operation Sindoor on May 7 against the terror infrastructure in Pakistan.

On Thursday, two more terrorists were killed near the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch. Police said that the duo had infiltrated

from Pakistan and were intercepted soon after they entered the Indian side.

Meanwhile, praising the valour of the armed forces in tracing and eliminating the three Pahalgam terrorists, Prime minister Narendra Modi during his visit to his Parliamentary constituency Varanasi today said "My promise to avenge 'Sindoor' of our daughters was fulfilled with the blessings of Lord Mahadev," adding, "I dedicate the success of Operation Sindoor at the feet of Mahadev."

"My heart was filled with sorrow for the 26 people who lost their lives in the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22," and promised to avenge the misdeeds, Modi said.

## Pakistani woman deported after Pahalgam attack to get visitor's visa



**MI News Service, Jammu / New Delhi :** The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has informed the Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh High Court that it has decided to grant a visitor's visa to Rakshanda Rashid, a Pakistani woman who was deported from Jammu after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, prompting the court to dismiss her petition seeking nod to return to her family here.

The court, has however, stated that the MHA order should not con-

stitute a precedent in any manner. Rashid (62), a Pakistani citizen who married Sheikh Zahoor Ahmed 35 years ago in Jammu, was deported as part of the decision taken by the Indian government to deport Pakistani nationals staying in India in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives.

Her husband is Sheikh Zahoor Ahmed, chairman of the Muslim Front, Jammu. Sharing details, advocate Ankur Sharma said, "The UT

government and Government of India had challenged a previous single-judge order wherein it was directed to bring back Rakshanda from Pakistan within 10 days following her deportation. The authorities have now agreed to issue a visitor visa to her."

Rakshanda had applied for the renewal of her long-term visa (LTV), which had expired in January. While the authorities were processing her case, the Pahalgam attack

unfolded and she was told to leave for Pakistan after the Centre's decision to deport all Pakistani nationals. A division bench, comprising chief justice Arun Palli and justice Rajnesh Oswal, on Friday gave its assent to the authorities concerned for allowing the visitor's visa to the elderly woman. The court, however, said that the arrangement "shall not constitute a precedent in any

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## Heavy rains cause floods in several areas of Himachal Pradesh

**MI News Service, Shimla :** Normal life has been thrown out of gear in most parts of Himachal Pradesh as heavy rains throughout the night flooded many areas in the state, particularly in Una district.

Since Friday evening, the worst affected Una district received extremely heavy rainfall measuring 222.8 mm, leading to water accumulation on roads, in markets, and other areas, severely im-



pacting daily life.

The Chandigarh-Dharamshala National Highway has also experienced flooding in places, with water entering some residences, officials said on Saturday. Local drivers and shopkeepers faced considerable difficulties. Around 10 feet of water flooded homes behind the nearby Patanjali store, prompting residents

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## No duty concessions to US on agri, dairy, GM foods as India toughen stand

**MI News Service, New Delhi :** After the imposition of an additional 25 per cent import duty on Indian goods entering American markets from August 7 by the US President Donald Trump (on Thursday), India has toughened its stance on extending duty concessions on agri products, dairy and GM foods in the proposed bilateral trade agreement (BTA) with the US.

With the US not being able to finalise a permanent trade deal with India so far and specially after President Trump has unilaterally announced the imposition of additional 25 per cent tariff, India has decided to toughen its stand on the reciprocal basis on some of its essential products,

informed sources said here on Saturday. .

Earlier, this 25 per cent duty was to be imposed from August 1. The President has also not specified the amount of additional penalty, which he has announced on India for buying crude oil and military equipment from Russia. Incidentally, India and the US have entered into negotiations for a fair, balanced and mutually beneficial BTA in March 2025 with a target to complete the first tranche/phase of the pact by October-November this year. So far, five rounds of talks have been completed. For the next round, the US team, headed by Assistant US Trade

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# Phono typical patient receives womanhood recognition after successful surgery at Krishnanagar District Hospital



**MI News Service, Krishnanagar:** In a rare surgery, a group of physicians converted a phono typical patient into a total female after isolating testicles and constructing the vagina (sex organ ). The surgery of a 20 years old person took place at Krishnanagar District hospital in Nadia on last Wednesday. She is fit now and released from hospital on Saturday.

The young woman from West Midnapore district had long suffered from complications related to her sexual organs. Though born with testies, her external appearance was feminine. She also had undescended testes lodged in her abdomen and a small vaginal opening. Psychologically, she identified herself as a woman, but physical discomfort and mental distress had haunted her for years.

This suffering came to an end with a complex and

Dr. Bhowmik said, "We have constructed a vagina for her through surgery. This operation is not only a triumph of medical science but also a fulfilment of our human responsibility. Every individual has the right to live in their true identity — that is our greatest achievement."

The case demonstrates that with care, skill, and dedication, even the most complex surgeries can be successfully performed in government hospitals.

The patient's family, local residents, and fellow doctors have expressed deep gratitude to Dr. Bhowmik and his team.

This is not merely a medical success — it marks the beginning of a new chapter in the patient's self-identity, self-confidence, and love for life. The courageous effort by Krishnanagar District Hospital and Dr. Bhowmik will remain a matter of pride for West Bengal's public healthcare system.

Dr. Jana stated that he had separated the testicles from body of the said patient. Dr. Bhabatosh stated that the patient faced no cost for the whole treatment. "While there was the need of Rs. 15 thousand, I borne that. But it cost at least 2 lakh in kolkata," Dr. Bhowmick said.

One such incident of complexity happens per 60 thousand to 1 lakh cases, Bhowmick added.

## Woman's secret fling turns public spectacle

**MI News Service, Burdwan:** Tension gripped the Bagdi-para area of Guskara town in East Burdwan on Friday evening after a man allegedly caught his wife attempting to elope with another man. The incident quickly escalated into a public spectacle, drawing a large crowd and prompting police intervention. According to local sources, the woman, a former elected municipal representative, was reportedly attempting to leave with a man from the Memari area in a private car around 7:45 PM. Her husband, who had long suspected an extramarital relationship, confronted the pair near the vehicle. In

a fit of rage, he allegedly assaulted both his wife and the man accompanying her.

Eyewitnesses say the commotion on the road attracted local residents, who intervened to prevent further violence. The situation quickly escalated, but no severe injuries were reported. Police arrived at the scene shortly thereafter to control the situation. However, since neither party lodged an official complaint, the police left after restoring order. The couple, married for eight years and parents to a six-year-old child, had reportedly faced marital tension for some time. The husband claimed he had previously warned

## SSB saves Nepali girls from traffickers in Darjeeling

**MI News Service, Darjeeling:** In a major breakthrough in the fight against human trafficking , the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) intercepted a vehicle near the India-Nepal border in Darjeeling and rescued several minor girls suspected of being trafficked from Nepal under the false promise of work aboard. The swift action by border forces prevented what could have been another tragic case of cross-border exploitation.

According to officials, the girls—all residents of Nepal—were allegedly lured with promises of employment in a foreign country and brought into India illegally. The trafficking operation was uncovered during routine checks at the border, where the vehicle carrying the

minors was stopped and seized. Authorities suspect the group was being transported to Siliguri as a transit point, from where they were to be taken to another destination. "The SSB acted promptly based on intelligence inputs. The vehicle was stopped before it could enter deeper into Indian territory," said a senior official familiar with the operation. "We are now coordinating with the Nepal government to ensure the safe repatriation of the rescued girls to their families." This incident is the latest in a disturbing pattern of trafficking attempts reported from North Bengal. In recent weeks, police and border forces have rescued dozens of individuals, including 54 victims in one operation and 34 in another, many

## Mothbari murder suspected after grisly find in field

**MI News Service, Malda:** Panic and shock gripped Ganapasrad village in the Mothbari area of Malda district on Saturday morning after the body of an unidentified young woman was discovered in a secluded field. The woman had visible injuries to her head and body, and early signs point toward a possible murder.

According to local residents, the field where the body was found is isolated, surrounded by vacant plots and gardens, and rarely visited. The settlements are located at a distance, making the discovery all the more unsettling. The body, found lying face down and partially covered with a veil, appeared

to be that of a married woman, according to some locals. However, no one from the village could identify her. Eyewitnesses reported finding the bloodied body while passing through the field early in the day. Word of the discovery quickly spread, drawing a large crowd to the site. Police from Mothbari Police Statio arrived shortly thereafter and recovered the body, which has been sent to Malda Medical College and Hospital for a post-mortem examination. Preliminary assumptions suggest two possibilities: the woman may have been murdered at the spot, or she may have been killed elsewhere and her body dumped in the deserted field to



Joni Saraf, Director, Salasar Bakers Pvt. Ltd., Zakir Hossain, Chief Convener, Foodtech 2025, Dhiman Das, President, Misthi Udyog, Ashish Agarwal, Director, Bhikaram Chandmal, Anuvrat Pabrai, Vice President, Indian Ice cream Manufacturer Association, Anupam Deka, MD, Repose Food Pvt. Ltd. Adsam, Aseem Soni, CEO, Switz Group India, Sandeep Naulakhwa, Executive Member, NRAI, Nemisha Ghia, CEO, Dream Bake (Winkies), along with Rachit Kapur, Director, N K Kapur & Co. Pvt. Ltd. at the inauguration of 22nd International Kolkata Foodtech 2025, Eastern India's premier (B2B) Exhibition.

## Puja payouts amid potholes: Jamuria locals question priorities

**MI News Service, Asansol:** A controversy has erupted in Jamuria, Asansol, over the government's decision to grant ₹1.10 lakh to each Durga Puja committee, while vital infrastructure—especially schools and roads—remains in disrepair. Though Puja organizers welcomed the ₹25,000 hike from last year, residents of Bakshimulia village voiced outrage over the state of local public education.

The secondary school in Bakshimulia, serving students from multiple wards and nearby panchayat areas, faces a dire teaching shortage. Once staffed with 17 teachers, only 9 remain today. No new appointments have been made, and a court-ordered cancellation of past hires further depleted staff. Teachers are now forced to handle subjects outside their expertise, with non-teaching staff sometimes stepping in. The result has been a sharp decline in academic outcomes—only 42 out of 92 students passed the Madhyamik exam this year. Compounding the crisis is the school's access road, which remains unpaved and becomes nearly impassable during the monsoon.

## 'Amar Para Amar Samadhan', Kalyani residents demand for roads and drainage systems repair, ICDS school building



**MI News Service, Kalyani:** 'Amar Para, Amar Samadhan' program took place at booth no. 221 and 222 booths under ward 17 of Kalyani Municipality in Nadia, with many booths in the States on Saturday. It was arranged at the 5 Pally Community Hall at Kalyani A block.

Many of the residents of the said area came to the said hall and placed their demands. Most of the people demanded regarding the repairs of the internal roads and drainage systems.

The other few demands include the establishment of Children Park and Shiv Temple in the ward and repair of the existing Manasha Temple.

The appeal of a better Anganwari building also was there among the demands.

The Kalyani Municipality area holds at least one big playground at each ward. The aged people of the ward have placed the demand of the sitting provision surrounding one of the local grounds.

However, the Vice Chairman of Kalyani Municipality Balaram Maji, who went to the program, said, "There is no problem to fulfill the demands that came during the 'Amar Para Amar Samadhan' program from the local residents."

## Citizenship confusion: NRC notice to Bengal man sparks outcry

**MI News Service, Cooch Behar:** Panic has gripped a family in Rampur Block 2 of Cooch Behar after Dipankar Sarkar, a lifelong West Bengal resident, received multiple notices related to the National Register of Citizens (NRC)—despite never having settled in Assam. Dipankar, a migrant laborer who has worked in Assam for over 15 years, was first served an NRC notice earlier this year and another more recently. Initially dismissing it as an error, he became alarmed after repeated calls from police demanding proof of his citizenship.

"I didn't take the first notice seriously. But now the police are calling often. I've submitted all the documents I have," said Dipankar, who returned home on July 10 to resolve the matter. However, some key documents remain unavailable. His neighbors expressed shock, noting that Dipankar's family has deep roots in Rampur. "His father was born here. They may be of refugee origin, but they've lived here for generations," said a local resident. District leader Abhijit De Bhowmik visited Dipankar's home, calling the situation "deeply concerning" and blaming "dangerous political divisions." This isn't the first case—Uttam Kumar Brajabasi of Dinhatra faced similar harassment, drawing condemnation from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who decried the targeting of legitimate citizens under the NRC. With more such cases emerging in border districts, fears are mounting over administrative confusion threatening the rights of long-settled families with historical ties to Bangladesh. Calls for urgent clarity and protection are intensifying.

## Baby girl delivered on train, mother and child both safe

**MI News Service, East Medinipur:** A young woman gave birth to a healthy baby girl aboard the Guwahati Express on Friday morning, thanks to the timely and coordinated efforts of railway staff and passengers. The extraordinary incident unfolded when 21-year-old Shaha Banu Devi, a resident of Assam's Bongaigaon district, went into labour while travelling from Bengaluru with her family.

According to railway sources, the expectant mother began experiencing severe labour pains shortly after the train crossed Balasore. Realizing the urgency of the situation, her family members immediately alerted the Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel and the train's Ticket Examiner (TTI). With no time to transfer her to a medical facility, Shaha Banu Devi delivered her baby girl inside the moving train. Upon receiving the emergency alert, the train was halted at Belda station in West Bengal's Paschim Medinipur district. Railway officials, local healthcare responders, and RPF personnel sprang into action. Ambulances and stretchers were brought to the platform as the mother and newborn were safely evacuated from the compartment and rushed to Belda Super Specialty Hospital. Hospital authorities later confirmed that both mother and child are stable and in good health. "The passenger's condition was deteriorating, and it was becoming risky to delay further," a railway police officer said. "We are relieved that the emergency measures helped save two lives." The incident has drawn praise for the railway staff and fellow passengers, who acted with remarkable urgency and compassion. Their swift response turned a potential crisis into a moment of joy, as a new life began amidst the rhythm of the rails.

## Mob justice in Durgapur: BJP leaders assault innocents

**MI News Service, Durgapur:** A disturbing case of mob justice has jolted Durgapur, where BJP workers—allegedly led by Yuva Morcha leader Parijat Gangopadhyay—brutally assaulted the occupants of a cattle-laden vehicle in broad daylight on Thursday. The attack occurred in the DPL Township area and quickly drew massive outrage after horrifying visuals of the assault went viral on social media. The victims were accused of cow smuggling, tied up, beaten, robbed, and humiliated—forced to walk while holding their ears in a public display of shame.

TMC leader and Pandaveswar MLA Narendranath Chakraborty condemned the act as "a dangerous escalation of political hooliganism," asserting that the men had legally purchased cows from Bankura and were transporting them to Jemua with valid documentation. Asansol-Durgapur Police Commissioner Sunil Kumar Chowdhury confirmed that the transport was fully legal, dismissing the cow smuggling allegations. Two BJP-linked individuals—Deepak Das and Anish Bhattacharya—have been arrested, while 15–20 others have been identified. "No one is above the law," said the Commissioner, vowing swift justice. Parijat Gangopadhyay remains absconding but issued a defiant statement claiming the men lacked valid documents, justifying the mob's actions as "public resistance." He vowed to continue his campaign against cow smuggling, regardless of arrest. The incident has deepened political tensions in West Bengal, with TMC accusing BJP of promoting lawlessness. Civil society voices are raising alarms over the growing trend of mob violence cloaked in religious rhetoric, calling this case a critical test for law enforcement and democratic accountability.



State Minister Aroop Biswas attended the 76th Durga Puja celebration organized by the Tollygunge National Association and Shantinagar Residents in Ward 97 of Tollygunge on Saturday.

## Divorce turns deadly: Man killed over daughter's broken marriage

**MI News Service, Malda:** In a shocking incident of post-divorce violence, a man was killed and his son severely injured after being attacked with sharp weapons in the Harugram Barobigha area under Kaliachak police station limits on Friday night. The incident is believed to be a fallout of a bitter marital dispute that ended in divorce just a year after the couple's wedding.

According to police sources, the deceased has been identified as Tajmul Sheikh (50) and the injured as his son Fayim Sheikh (20), both residents of the Chamapara area under Bamagram Mosimpur gram panchayat. The two were returning home after working in the fields when they were ambushed by a group of armed

assailants near Harugram Barobigha. Eyewitnesses say the attackers, armed with scythes, assaulted both father and son in full public view. Locals rushed to the scene, prompting the assailants to flee. The victims were taken to Malda Medical College and Hospital, where Tajmul Sheikh was declared dead on arrival. Fayim Sheikh is currently undergoing treatment and remains in a critical condition. The victim's family alleges that the attack was carried out by Rasiul Sheikh, the father of Fayim's former wife, along with a relative Hasnat Sheikh and several others. The motive, they claim, was revenge over the divorce and a prior unresolved financial settlement. "My son Fayim married Rasiul Sheikh's daughter a year ago. But she was involved in an extramarital affair. After we raised concerns, the marriage was dissolved through a village meeting," said Mini Bibi, wife of the deceased. "The panchayat imposed a fine of ₹2.5 lakh on the girl's family, but they refused to pay. Out of revenge, they attacked my husband and son." Police confirmed that a written complaint has been filed by the victim's family, and an FIR has been registered. "The accused are currently absconding. A search operation is underway to apprehend them," said a senior officer from Kaliachak police station. The incident has triggered tension in the locality, with calls for swift justice from the community. Authorities have assured that strict action will be taken against the perpetrators.

## Haldia hospital leadership replaced amid service complaints

**MI News Service, Haldia:** In a significant administrative shake-up, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Haldia Subdistrict Hospital have been removed from their posts following allegations of prolonged negligence and poor hospital management. The decision was made during a high-level meeting of the Patient Welfare Committee held on Friday. District Magistrate Purnendu Maji, District Chief Health Officer (CMOH) Dr. Bibhas Roy, Subdivisional Magistrate of Haldia, and other senior officials were present during the meeting, where long-standing grievances against the hospital's leadership came under sharp scrutiny.

According to administrative sources, the decision to relieve Superintendent Subhash Mahat and Assistant Superintendent Arnab Munian stemmed from multiple complaints related to unsanitary conditions in the hospital premises—including unclean wards and unhygienic toilet facilities. Reports suggest that a few days prior to the meeting, the District Magistrate had conducted a surprise nighttime inspection of the facility, during which patients and their families expressed serious concerns about the hospital's deteriorating state. The feedback reportedly left the officials deeply dissatisfied. "The

committee reviewed numerous complaints about hospital maintenance and service quality. These issues were raised during the meeting," said Dr. Bibhas Roy. "While the formal order will be issued by the Directorate of Health Services, the hospital's administrative responsibilities have currently been handed over to Deputy CMOH-1, Dr. Narayan Midya." The move has been welcomed by sections of the local community, who had long demanded action to address the hospital's declining infrastructure and service standards. Authorities have assured that steps will be taken to restore quality care and improve patient facilities at the hospital.

## 1 Ladakh FC Earn Historic Point in Durand Cup Debut with 1–1 Draw Against Tribhuvan Army FC

**MI News Service, Jamshehpur:** Debutants 1 Ladakh FC made a dream start to their maiden Durand Cup campaign by holding seasoned Nepalese side Tribhuvan Army FC to a 1–1 draw in a hard-fought Group C encounter of the 134th IndianOil Durand Cup which was played here at the JRD Tata Sports Complex. Defender Siju headed in the opener in the 23rd minute to script history as the first-ever Ladakhi player to score in the iconic tournament, before Tribhuvan Army's Nirajan Dhami equalised with a calm finish just before the break.

All 43 matches of the 134th IndianOil Durand Cup will be broadcast LIVE on the Sony Sports Network (Sony Ten2 HD) as well as livestreamed on the SonyLiv OTT platform.

Tribhuvan Army FC Head Coach Megh Raj K.C. made three changes to his starting line-up bringing in goal keeper Bikes Kuthu, Aviskar Khadka and Nirajan Dhami in place of Samit Shrestha, Aayush Timsina and Nawayug Shrestha while 1 Ladakh FC Head Coach Rajan Manifielded a strong eleven in a 4-3-3 formation with deadly trio Kamallesh, Ajay and Bhaaranayu, leading the attack.

1 Ladakh FC creating history

score and execute a trademark 'Siu' celebration. Two minutes of added time followed, and the half ended at 11.

The second half began with Tribhuvan Army FC pushing forward with urgency, dominating possession and setting the tempo. Their midfield began to dictate the play, creating multiple half-chances through both flanks. Despite the pressure, 1 Ladakh FC's defence remained resolute, anchored by a disciplined backline and sharp goal-keeping.

Tribhuvan Army's forwards tried to break through with quick combinations and set pieces, but Ladakh's debutants stayed organized, often resorting to quick counters to relieve the pressure. As the half wore on, fatigue set in, with several players from both sides requiring treatment and hydration breaks.

While the Nepal side came close on a couple of occasions, most notably with a curling effort that narrowly missed the postthey failed to convert their chances. Ladakh showed grit and heart, ensuring the game ended in a well-earned 1–1 draw. The result marks a proud moment for 1 Ladakh FC, who claimed their first Durand Cup point in historic fashion.

as they become the first team from the Himalayan region to feature in Asia's oldest football tournament and trying to soak in the atmosphere. They are playing with a youthful squad and making their debut in a national tournament for the first time in their history.

In what marks a landmark occasion for Ladakh football, debutants 1 Ladakh FC stunned Tribhuvan Army FC with an early lead at the JRD Tata Sports Complex. In the 23rd minute, defender Siju powered a precise header from a corner to give the youthful side a shock advantage.

Tribhuvan Army, dominant in possession during the opening exchanges, struggled to create clear-cut chances until the final 20 minutes. By the 35th minute, a Ladakh stalling their momentum but Tribhuvan Army grew into the game and, in the 40th minute, NirajanDhami delivered a composed finish, tapping in a through ball following a swift counterattackto level the



The Institute of Oriental Studies and Research organized an international conference and convocation ceremony at Baranagar Rabindra Bhavan. The Adi Shakti Award, which is presented to successful and distinguished women in various fields of society, was awarded during the event. This time, the recipients included: Actress and Baranagar Vidhan Sabha MLA Sayantika Banerjee, Lawyer and Baranagar Municipality Chairperson Aparna Maulik, Orator and Rabindra Bharati University Professor Dr. Pritha Ghosh Sen, Dancer and Professor Dr. Debarati Sen and Musician and Professor Dr. Anupama Ghoshal.

Dr. Shashi Panja, Minister in the Government of West Bengal, sent a message of greetings on the occasion. The main convener and organizer of the event was eminent astrologer Shyamal Bhattacharya, who urged the younger generation to come forward in the promotion and practice of Oriental studies in the days to come.



PM Modi launches Rs 2,183.45...

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Modi took a swipe at Congress and Samajwadi Party and said, "Everyone understands that Pakistan is upset. But Congress and the Samajwadi Party cannot handle the pain that Pakistan is going through. Pakistan is crying, and here, Congress and SP are crying, seeing the condition of terrorists." "Congress is constantly insulting the valour of our forces. Congress has called Operation Sindoor a 'tamasha'... In this politics of vote bank and appeasement, Samajwadi Party is no less. Their leaders were questioning why the Pahalgam terrorists were killed on this particular day? Should I call and ask them before taking any action? Anyone with common sense should be able to answer, do we need to wait to kill terrorists? Should we have given them a chance to flee? They are the same people who would give a clean chit to terrorists when they were in power, and now they are upset when terrorists are killed. They have a problem with the name of the operation as 'Sindoor'," added the Prime Minister. PM Modi said, "Our government is working tirelessly for the welfare of farmers. The earlier governments did not even fulfil one scheme they had promised. BJP government delivers what it promises. PM Kisan Samman Nidhi has become an example of the strong will and intentions of the government... The anti-development governments like SP and Congress would spread rumours and mislead people in all ways possible."

Pakistani woman deported after...

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applications pending with the authorities on acquiring Indian citizenship and the long-term visa. Rakshanda was deported to Pakistan on April 29 and on June 6, the single-judge bench ordered her return to India. She had entered India on February 10, 1990, via a train through Attari on a visitor visa for 14 days to visit Jammu. She continued to stay on owing to the LTV granted by the authorities annually. During her stay, she married the Indian national in Jammu.

Heavy rains cause floods in...

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Disaster Management Control Cell toll-free number 1077 in case of any emergency and avoid approaching pits and riverbanks. "The administration is working diligently to clear roads and address water-logging issues. Instructions have been issued to concerned officials to provide immediate financial assistance to those affected," Lal stated. Substantial damage has occurred to development projects as well as government and private properties in various locations, which is currently being assessed. The administrative staff is actively engaged in relief, rescue, restoration, and monitoring efforts. While the Beas River and its tributaries are flooded, a section of the bridge over the river near Sujampur Tira in Hamirpur district has developed cracks. Additionally, the road link between Sujampur Tira and Khairi near Sandhole has been completely severed due to high water levels in the river.

No duty concessions to US on...

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Representative for South and Central Asia Brendan Lynch, is visiting India from August 25. Normally in a trade agreement, two trading partners either significantly reduce or eliminate import duties on the maximum number of goods traded between them. Besides, they ease norms to promote trade in services and increase two-way investments. The India-US BTA is aimed at more than doubling the bilateral trade to USD 500 billion by 2030 from the present USD 191 billion, as was decided during Prime minister Narendra Modi's visit to Washington in February this year. But what are the major demands of the two countries from each other in the BTA? According to the informed sources here, the US wants duty concessions on certain industrial goods, automobiles, especially electric vehicles, wines, petrochemical products, agri goods, dairy items, apples, tree nuts, and genetically-modified crops. India, on the other hand, is seeking the removal of this additional tariff (25 per cent now) and cut in tariffs on steel and aluminium (50 per cent), auto sector (25 per cent), labour-intensive sectors, such as textiles, gems and jewellery, leather goods, garments, plastics, chemicals, shrimp, oil seeds, grapes, and bananas.



The West Bengal Youth Congress calls a protest march to Raj Bhavan, demanding safety for Bengali-speaking citizens and an end to atrocities in BJP-ruled states. They also urge the central government to ensure the safety and dignity of Bengali-speaking citizens nationwide. The rally commenced from Raja Subodh Mallick Square in Kolkata on Saturday.

"Amader Para, Amader Samadhan" to bring governance to booth level

MI News Service, Kolkata: Following the resounding success of the "Duare Sarkar" initiative, the Government of West Bengal is set to roll out a more focused and localized outreach programme titled "Amader Para, Amader Samadhan" (Our Neighbourhood, Our Solution). Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee urged people to visit the camps, share their opinions, and cooperate with government officials. She expressed confidence that, like other initiatives, this project would also be a grand success.

On Saturday, she wrote on X (formerly Twitter), "On the first day today, 632 camps are being held across the state. Every camp is also offering services under 'Duare Sarkar'. For the 'Amader Para, Amader Samadhan' initiative, our government will provide

over 8,000 crore, allocating 10 lakh per booth."

This pioneering move aims to take governance directly to the booth level, ensuring swift and transparent resolution of citizen grievances. Scheduled to commence on August 2 and continue until November 3, the programme will provide access to 16 key categories of public services, thereby deepening administrative reach and accountability.

Among the services to be made available are improvements in drainage and sewage infrastructure, including covered drains, soak pits, and culvert construction. Drinking water supply will be bolstered through installation of tube wells, water pipelines, tanks, and other sustainable arrangements. Enhanced public lighting, featuring both LED and solar-powered solutions, will be provided to

improve visibility and safety. The initiative also focuses on sanitation, including the construction of public toilets in market areas, and the upgradation of ICDS centres, ensuring better roofing, water facilities, secure boundaries, playgrounds, and general safety measures. Primary schools will see infrastructural enhancements such as wall art for beautification, toilet repairs, benches, potable water systems, and roof maintenance.

Efforts will also be directed toward reviving local ponds through excavation and embankment reinforcement, as well as creating effective waste management zones. Public spaces will be developed with benches and shaded areas, while marketplaces will undergo stall repair, drainage improvement, and installation of adequate lighting. Cultural infrastructure

will be encouraged through small performance stages, flag-posts, community centres, and designated festival zones. Public transport amenities like bus stop shelters, rickshaw stands, pavements, footbridges, and ambulance access will be expanded. Green initiatives include open-air gyms, tree base reinforcement, and park benches. Significant attention will also be paid to electricity infrastructure, with better distribution systems, transformers, poles, and power storage. Road repairs will be undertaken wherever needed.

Around 27,000 camps will be held across more than 80,000 booths, forming one centre for every three booths. Citizens will be able to report issues directly, and every submission will be digitally tracked to ensure transparency and timely action.

Red Road to remain closed for Independence Day Parade rehearsals

MI News Service, Kolkata: In preparation for Independence Day celebrations, Kolkata Police has announced traffic restrictions from August 5 to 8. Key roads in central Kolkata, including Red Road, will remain closed between 5:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. each day due to full-dress rehearsals for the ceremonial parade. According to the official traffic advisory, the following roads will be inaccessible during the rehearsal hours: Red Road, Casuarina Avenue, Northbound flank of Khidderpore Road Hospital Road, Lovers Lane and Kingsway. Kolkata Traffic Police has confirmed that alternative routes will be arranged to manage vehicular movement. Commuters are advised to plan their travel accordingly to avoid inconvenience.

Massive Fire at med factory near Bondel Gate



MI News Service, Kolkata: A devastating fire broke out at the Dey's Medical factory near Bondel Gate around 4 PM. Ten fire engines have rushed to the scene, as thick black smoke engulfed the area. The presence of large quantities of chemicals inside the pharmaceutical factory caused the fire to spread rapidly. Being located in a residential zone, panic gripped the neighbourhood. Initially, four fire engines rushed to the spot, followed by six more as the situation escalated. Local sources indicated that repair work was underway at the factory, including welding activities earlier in the day. It is suspected that the fire may have originated from the welding. Authorities are also investigating whether anyone is trapped inside.



The Trinamool Mahila Congress, under the leadership of State Ministers Chandrima Bhattacharya and Shashi Panja, held a demonstration condemning the attack and harassment faced by Bangla-speaking people in other states. The protest was also joined by MP Mala Roy and other dignitaries, in Kolkata on Saturday.

Digital control room to be inaugurated at Nabanna

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant leap towards modernization and administrative efficiency, a state-of-the-art Digital Control Room is set to be inaugurated on the third floor of Nabanna, the administrative headquarters of West Bengal. The initiative marks a decisive step in the government's effort to digitize all official records and enhance real-time surveillance across the state.

According to official sources, the control room will not only digitize documentation processes but also provide live access to CCTV footage from multiple districts and remote regions. This centralized visual mon-

itoring system is expected to play a pivotal role in ensuring law and order throughout West Bengal.

The control room will operate under the direct supervision of the Additional Director General (ADG) of Law and Order. The operational team will include one Sub-Inspector, two Assistant Sub-Inspectors (ASIs), and six constables. To ensure uninterrupted functionality, the unit will run 24/7, divided into three rotational shifts, ensuring seamless vigilance and response. In fact, a few months ago, the groundwork for this ambitious project was laid when a CCTV control unit was established at

Nabanna, similar to the existing model employed by the Kolkata Police. Through that facility, senior police officials were able to access real-time visuals from thousands of CCTV cameras installed across the state. Building on that framework, the Digital Control Room is now being integrated with the Director General's Control Room, creating a unified and fortified surveillance network. This expansion not only improves visual monitoring capabilities but also symbolizes the government's commitment to digital governance, transparency, and proactive law enforcement.

Indian Air Force honours Centenarian and Nonagenarian veterans in Kolkata



The Indian Air Force paid tribute to three of its most distinguished veterans—Centenarian Master Warrant Officer Ganesh Chandra Roy (Retd), Flight Lieutenant Amalendu Chakraborty (Retd), and Corporal Deepak Mitra (Retd). The felicitation event took place at the Advance Headquarters Eastern Air Command in Vijay Durg, Kolkata, marking a moment of immense pride and reverence for the armed forces community.

These veterans, who served the nation with valour and dedication during some of the most defining moments in

India's defence history, were honoured not only for their service but also for the legacy they carry

as living examples of commitment, resilience, and courage. Each veteran was presented with a ceremonial shawl, symbolising the gratitude of a nation they once protected from the skies.

Senior officers of the Indian Air Force, serving personnel, and members of the veteran fraternity gathered to express their collective admiration. Emotional tributes were paid through speeches that highlighted the inspirational journeys of the veterans and the powerful impact of their stories on today's generation of air warriors.

Firhad Hakim slams hoardings over Netaji's home, orders immediate action

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim has voiced strong disapproval over the placement of advertisement hoardings in front of the historic residence of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on Elgin Road, calling it a deeply disrespectful act that undermines Bengal's heritage. Visibly angered, Hakim stated that the trend of obscuring culturally significant buildings with hoarding boards has become a damaging "urban culture" that must be immediately reversed.

Responding to public outrage, Hakim instructed municipal officials to promptly remove the offending boards and take firm action against both the owners and the advertising agencies responsible. "What has been done in front of Netaji's house is wrong and unacceptable," he said, underlining that such commercial intrusions near heritage sites will not be tolerated. The Mayor has also demanded a city-wide review to identify similar violations in front of the homes of other eminent personalities and ordered that those too be cleared without delay.

Notably, many of the structures covering Netaji's residence were officially sanctioned by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation through tenders—a fact that has now placed the civic body in an awkward position. Hakim, however, appeared resolute in pushing back against even officially permitted hoardings, making it clear that the city's history and respect for its icons must take precedence over commercial interests.

During his weekly civic interaction programme Talk to the Mayor, Firhad Hakim's frustration was evident as he lashed out at the oversight and demanded accountability from within his own administration. He emphasized that policies and regulations mean nothing if they fail to protect the city's legacy. His intervention has not only triggered immediate on-ground action but also ignited a larger debate over the unchecked spread of advertisement infrastructure across Kolkata. As the removal process begins, the Mayor's firm stance has sent a strong message—that in the battle between profit and heritage, the latter must prevail.

Torrential rains tragedy: Infant drowns, elderly woman dies from snakebite

MI News Service, Kolkata: Relentless rainfall in South Bengal has caused severe flooding, submerging streets and homes. Two tragic deaths have occurred: a six-month-old infant, Rishika Ghorui, drowned in water-logged conditions inside her home in North Dum Dum, and Mitu Pramanik, 60, died from a venomous snakebite in Bidhannagar, likely due to wildlife intrusion from flooding. Locals blame poor drainage for repeated waterlogging, while officials cite extraordinary rainfall. Councillors acknowledge the devastation and are working on drainage solutions. These incidents have sparked public outrage over inadequate infrastructure and rising urban flooding risks, highlighting the urgent need for better flood management and emergency response in the region.



**Name Change**  
I, Binita Keshri And Binita Gupta (Old Names) W/O Gauri Shankar Gupta, Residing At 113.Diamond Harbour Road, Po & Ps -Behala, Kolkata-700034, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Vinita Gupta (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 31/07/2025. Binita Keshri And Binita Gupta (Old Names) And Vinita Gupta (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Supia Khatun (Old Name), Wife Of Saiful Purkait, Residing At Vill-Bikihakola, Ps-Panchla, Howrah, 711322, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Supia Begam (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/08/2025. Supia Khatun (Old Name) And Supia Begam (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Deepak Das (Old Name) S/O Late Lalit Mohan Das, Residing At 181/3.Dakshindari Road, Ps-Lake Town, Dist-24 Parganas (North), Pin-700048, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dipak Das (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 01/08/2025. Deepak Das (Old Name) And Dipak Das (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Akash Deep Majhi (S/O Shiv Kumar Majhi), resident of Kalyani University, Leckchers Quarters, Kalyani, Nadia, WB - 741251, state that my parents' names were wrongly recorded in my Birth Certificate (Reg. No. KM-B/07451-2008, Dt. 29/09/2004) as Siu Kumar Majhi and Mina Devi instead of Shiv Kumar Majhi and Mina Majhi. Aadhaar Cards (No. 322125 63185) bear their correct names. By affidavit at A.C.M. (first class), Kalyani Court in Nadia on 01.02.2025, I declare that the above statements are true.

**Name Change**  
I, Samshad Alam (Old Name), S/o of Late Abdul Aziz residing at 19, Mcleod Street, Circus Avenue, Kolkata - 700017 shall henceforth be known as SHAMSHAD ALAM (New Name) which is my actual name as per my Aadhaar Card No. & 81593363042 as declare before the court of I.d. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore vide affidavit No. 26577 dated 30.07.2025. Samshad Alam and Shamshad Alam both are same and one identical person, i.e., myself.

**Name Change**  
I, Priyanka Nandi, (Aadhaar Card Being No. 8987 7403 1293 ) Wife of Sri Subhankar Modak, residing at Maharaja Manindra Nandi Road, P.O. & P.S.- Nabadwip, District-Nadia, Pin- 741302, West Bengal, Permanent Address at Rupak Bhavan, 272, Road No. - 5, Sushikrishna Shikshayatan (Balika ), H.B. Town, P.S. -Sodepur, P.S. -Khardah, Dist-District- North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700110, West Bengal, do hereby solemnly affirm and declared that before my marriage I, was known as Priyanka Nandi Daughter of Sri Nirmal Nandi and after my marriage I, am known as Priyanka Nandi Modak Wife of Sri Subhankar Modak. That I, am Priyanka Nandi and Priyanka Nandi Modak is the same and one identical person. Vide an affidavit sworn before in the court of I.d Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Barrackpore, District North 24 Parganas, dated on 19/07/2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Sekh Minhazuddin (old name) S/o Sekh Ruhul Amin Residing Sekh para, VTC,Kantila,PO-Nibra,Sub-dist: Domjur,Dist-Howrah,WB,Pin-711409.I declare that my name was wrongly recorded as Sekh Minhazuddin instead of Sekh Minhazuddin (new name) in my passport (No.N3954885) vide an affidavit before the I.d. judicial magistrate 1st class at Alipore Date 29.07.2025, that Sekh Minhazuddin (old name) and Sekh Minhazuddin (new name) both are the same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, SURESH AGARWAL, S/o Kailash Chand Agarwal residing at 32A, Nalini Ranjan Avenue, New Alipore, P.O.-New Alipore, Kolkata-700053, WB.I Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SURESH CHAND AGARWAL (Aadhaar No. 7716-3971-5067) as declared before the first class judicial magistrate, kolkata vide Affidavit No.4602 dated 01.08.2025. SURESH AGARWAL and SURESH CHAND AGARWAL both are the same and one identical person.

**Change of Name**  
I, Snehasis Chatterjee, residing at Kaushallya, P.O.- Kharagpur, P.S.-KGPT(T), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur-721301, solemnly affirm and declared that henceforth my daughter's actual / correct name with surname is SNEHAPRIYAA CHATTERJEE instead of SNEHAPRIYA CHATTERJEE as declared in the Court of I.d. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kharagpur, vide Affidavit No. 1742 Dated 19/03/2025. SNEHAPRIYA CHATTERJEE D/o Snehasis Chatterjee and SNEHAPRIYA CHATTERJEE D/o Snehasis Chatterjee are same and identical person.

**Change of Name**  
I, Manikalya Paidy Sai Mohan Rao S/o Manikyala Nooka Raju, residing at Barpara, Bara Ayga, Ward No.- 31, P.O.- Nimpura, P.S.-Kharagpur (Town), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur - 721304, shall henceforth be known as M P S Mohan Rao S/o Manikyala Nooka Raju as declared in the Court of I.d. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kharagpur, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur vide Affidavit No. 9070 Dated 31/07/2025. Manikalya Paidy Sai Mohan Rao S/o Manikyala Nooka Raju and M P S Mohan Rao S/o Manikyala Nooka Raju both are same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Tahid Mondal (old Name) son of Rahim Bok Mandal, residing at Vill- Kachua, P.O.- Kachua, P.S.- Matia, Pin-743424, Dist- North 24 Parganas, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tahid Ali Mandal (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Tahid Ali Mandal (new name) and Tahid Mondal (old name) all are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Abdul Aziz Shaikh (Old Name), Son Of Sekh Aolad Hosen, Residing At,Duryardhaballavpur, West Medinipur - 721122, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sekh Abdul Aji (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 31/07/2025. Abdul Aziz Shaikh (Old Name) And Sekh Abdul Aji (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Alia Ali (Old Name), Wife Of Abul Hayat, Residing At 5 Sudam Street, Nakhuda Masjid, Jorasanko, Kolkata- 700073, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Alia Ali Hayat (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 21/07/2025 Alia Ali And Alia Ali Hayat Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sekh Jakir Hosen (Old Name), S/O Sekh Jahangir Ali, Residing At Vill- Metekhal Uttar Para, Po-Bhagabatipur, Ps-Chanditala, Hooghly, 712701, West Bengal, Have Chaned My Name And Shall Hence forth Be Known As Sekh Jakir Hossein (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/08/2025. Sekh Jakir Hosen (Old Name) And Sekh Jakir Hossein (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Gouri Shankar Keshri (Old Name) S/O Late Kashi Prasad Gupta And Kashi Prasad Shaw,Residing At 113.Diamond Harbour Road, Po & Ps -Behala,Kolkata-700034,West Bengal,India.Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Gauri Shankar Gupta (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 31/07/2025. Gouri Shankar Keshri (Old Name) And Gauri Shankar Gupta (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mohua Chatterjee And Mahua Chatterjee Dasgupta (Old Names) W/O Sudipta Dasgupta,Residing At Bijay Laxmi Apartment,D-3/3rd Floor,West Appar Garden, Post-U.C. Danga,Asansol, Dist-Paschim Burdwan, Pin-713304, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mohua Chatterjee Dasgupta (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 31/07/2025. Mohua Chatterjee And Mahua Chatterjee Dasgupta (Old Names) And Mohua Chatterjee Dasgupta (New Name) All Are Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sabia Khatoun (Old Name) W/O Saheb Alam R/O 62 Mackenzie Road, Po & Ps- Karmahati, North 24 Parganas, Pin-700058, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sabiha Parveen (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/08/2025. That Sabia Khatoun (Old Name) And Sabiha Parveen (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mehru Nisha (Old Name) W/O Md Ikbal,Residing At 145.M.C. Mitro Road, Halishahar, Hazingarg, Dist-24 Parganas (North),Pin-743135, West Bengal,India.Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mehru Nisha (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 31/07/2025. Mehru Nisha (Old Name) And Mehru Nisha (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Hasan Ali Gazi (Old Name) S/O Late Md Zamir Ali Gazi,Residing At Daulatpur,Sardar Para,Po-Pailanhat,Ps-Bishnupur, Dist-24 Parganas(South),Pin-700104,West Bengal,India.Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Hasan Ali Gazi (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 25/07/2025.Hasan Ali Gazi (Old Name) And Md Hasan Ali Gazi (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sekender Sk On Behalf Of My Minor Daughter Mousum Nur (Old Name)Residing At Vill-Udayrampur, Po-Kanyanagar, Ps-Bishnupur, Dist-24 Parganas (South), Pin-743398, West Bengal, India, Have Changed Her Name And She Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mousum Nur Sk (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 25/07/2025. Mousum Nur (Old Name) And Mousum Nur Sk (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sekender Shaikh Mohammed (Old Name) S/O Late Samad Ali Sk,Residing At Vill-Udayrampur, Po-Kanyanagar, Ps-Bishnupur, Dist- 24 Parganas (South), Pin-743398, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sekender Sk (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 25/07/2025. Sekender Shaikh Mohammed (Old Name) And Sekender Sk (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Rahima Bibi (old name) daughter of Abdul Aji, residing at Vill- Chak Kalikapur, P.O.- Gouri Bhoj, P.S.- Matia, Pin- 743445, Dist- North 24 Parganas, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Raima Bibi (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Raima Bibi (new name) and Rahima Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Ashif (old name) son of Md Younus, residing at 1/H/3, Aga Mehdi Street, Kolkata-700016, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Asif (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Md Asif (new name) and Md Ashif (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Raju Shaw (old name) S/O Ashok Shaw, residing at 18/2B, Dharendra Nath Ghosh Road, P.O.- Howanipore, P.S.- Kalighat, Kolkata-700025, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Raju Roy (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Raju Roy (new name) and Raju Shaw (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Monira Firdous (old name) W/O Md Abdullah & D/O Late Md Naushad, residing at 2A/H/19, Chatu Babu Lane, P.O. & P.S.- Entally, Kolkata- 700014, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Monira Firdoush (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Monira Firdoush (new name) and Monira Firdous (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Aditi Mallick (old name) D/O Debi Prasad Mallick, residing at 31/2, 2nd Floor, FL No-2B, Lala Babu Shire Road, P.O.- Belur Math, P.S.-Bally, Dist.- Howrah, Pin- 711202, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Aditi Debi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Aditi Debi (new name) and Aditi Mallick (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Nisha Khatoun (old name) D/O Abdul Rub, residing at 18/1, Mominpur Road po khidderpore ps Ekbalpore kolkata-700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shahani Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Shahani Begum (new name) and Nisha Khatoun (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, SAIRA BIBI (Old Name as per Spouse Passport No :- M6877531) W/O.- SOLEMAN SHAIKH, Residing at VILL.- DAKSHIN BADHIA, PO.-MIRGODA, PS.- RAMNAGAR, EAST MEDINIPUR, Pin- 721446, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) SAYARA BIBI (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 01/08/2025. SAYARA BIBI (New Name) and SAIRA BIBI (Old Name) both are same identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, SHAIKH ASRAF QUGI (Old Name) S/O LATE- SK AKKEL KAJI, residing at VILL- Durgapur, PO.- Sagareswar, P.S.- Ramnagar, DIST.- East Medinipur, Pin- 721446, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) SK ASRAF KAJI (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 01/08/2025. SK ASRAF KAJI (New Name) and SHAIKH ASRAF QUGI (Old Name) both are same identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, FIROJ SHEIK & FIROJ SK (Old Name) S/O LATE- SHEIK FEKON, Residing at VILL.- RANISAI, P.O.- RANISAI, PS.- RAMNAGAR, EAST MEDINIPUR, Pin- 721446, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) SHEIK FIROJE (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 01/08/2025. SHEIK FIROJE (New Name) and FIROJ SHEIK & FIROJ SK (Old Name) both are same identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, GANESH JANA (Old Name) S/O SUDHA KRISHNA JANA, residing at VILL.- Beucha, PO.- Balpai, PS.- Sabang, DIST.- West Medinipur, Pin- 721155, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) GANESH CHANDRA JANA (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 01/08/2025. GANESH CHANDRA JANA (New Name) and GANESH JANA (Old Name) both are same identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Giasuddin Baidya (Old Name), Son Of Neburall Baidya, Residing At Baidyapara,Usthi, South 24 parganas - 743375, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Giasuddin Baidya (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/08/2025. Md Giasuddin Baidya And Giasuddin Baidya Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Shakil Akhter Mohammed (Old Name), Son Of Md Abulais,Residing At 4/2/H/2, Mominpore Road, Po-Khidderpore,Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Shakil Akhtar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 31/07/2025. Shakil Akhter Mohammed And Md Shakil Akhtar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ranjit Kumar Roy & Ranjit Roy (old names) S/O Guruchand Roy, residing at Basta Dakshin Para, Aranghata, Dhanata, Nadia-741501, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ranajit Roy (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Ranajit Roy (new name) and Ranjit Kumar Roy & Ranjit Roy (old names) all are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Gurupada Pramanik (old name) son of Basanta Pramanik, residing at Ekartpur Paschim Para, P.S.- Mahishadal, Purba Medinipur, Pin- 721628, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Guru Prasad Pramanik (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Guru Prasad Pramanik (new name) and Gurupada Pramanik (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Asmatara Mondal Sultana (old name) wife of Mithu Mondal, residing at Mojammel Haque Road, Balgachi Road, Santipur, Dist.- Nadia, Pin- 741404, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asmatara Mondal (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Asmatara Mondal (new name) and Asmatara Mondal Sultana (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Gopa Chatterjee (Old Name), Wife Of Saikat Chatterjee, Residing At 20/5/D Puratan Kuthi Road,Cosimbazar Raj,Berham-pore, Murshidabad - 742102, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Gopa Acharjee (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 01/08/2025. Gopa Chatterjee And Gopa Acharjee Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Rojina Mondal (old name) daughter of Kabir Mondal, residing at Vill- Arsulla, P.O.- Baduria, P.S.- Baduria, Pin- 743401, Dist- North 24 Parganas, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rojina Mondal Sardar (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Rojina Mondal Sardar (new name) and Rojina Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sabina Iyassin (old name) daughter of Abdul Latif Molya, residing at Vill- Arsulla, P.O.- Baduria, P.S.- Baduria, Pin- 743401, Dist- North 24 Parganas, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chhabina Yesmin (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Chhabina Yesmin (new name) and Sabina Iyassin (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Manowara Bibi (Old Name), Wife Of Sekh Abdul Aji, Residing At, Duryardhaballavpur, West Medinipur - 721122, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Moh Manoyara Khatun (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 31/07/2025. Manowara Bibi (Old Name) And Moh Manoyara Khatun (New Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

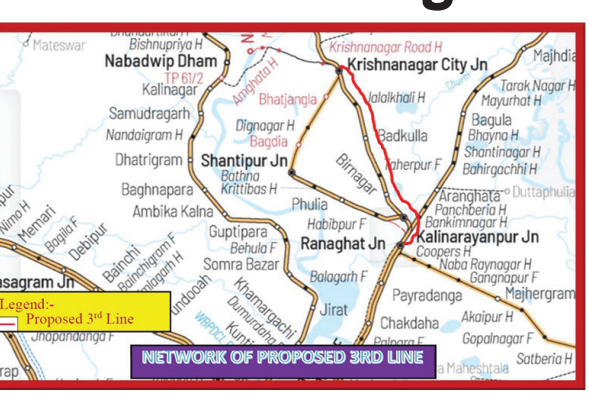
**Name Change**  
I, Sayan Kar (old name) S/O Asish Kar, residing at Prafulla Nagar, Ward No-24, Nabadwip, Dist.-Nadia, Pin- 741302, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shayan Kar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Shayan Kar (new name) and Sayan Kar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Nisha Khatoun (old name) D/O Abdul Rub, residing at 18/1, Mominpur Road po khidderpore ps Ekbalpore kolkata-700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shahani Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Shahani Begum (new name) and Nisha Khatoun (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Swati Roy Samanta (old name) W/O Partha Sarathi Roy, residing at 2D, Ishan Mondal Garden Road, P.O.- Sahapur, P.S.- Behala, Kolkata- 700038, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Swati Roy (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Swati Roy (new name) and Swati Roy Samanta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Partha Mondal (old name) S/O Biswanath Mandal, residing at Balti, P.S.- Swarnunagar, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743273, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Partha Mandal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Partha Mandal (new name) and Partha Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

# Railway Board approved for Construction Of 3rd Line between Ranaghat and Krishnanagar



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The Proposal for sanction of the work “3rd line between Ranaghat to Krishnanagar City (26 km) of Eastern Railway” at a cost of ₹474.09 Cr has already get nod from Railway Board and is at the final stage of sanction. Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Railway Board and other key Members of Railway Board like Member/Infra, Member (Operations & Business Development) , Member Finance have already endorsed the proposal and dlosed for sanction of Hon'ble Minister of Railways. The 3rd line project between Ranaghat and Krishnanagar, under Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway, is set to transform one of the busiest suburban and freight corridors of West Bengal. With seven stations, four major bridges, and vital connectivity to both passenger and freight networks—including the Gede-Darshana route to Bangladesh—the project aims to ease congestion, improve punctuality, and support the socio-economic and cultural vibrancy of Nadia district. **Project Brief:** ER proposal for a 3rd line from Ranaghat to Krishnanagar City (26 km) is proposed under the umbrella for Multi tracking/flyover/bypass line for capacity augmentation. The Project is identified under Mission 3000MT of Indian Railways. **Justification to the proposal:-** (i) Ranaghat – Krishnanagar City is a double line section, part of Ranaghat – Murshidabad –

# RESTORATION OF TRAINS

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The following Trains which were earlier Diverted/Short Terminated/Short Originated, will now run as per their existing route & schedule:

Sl. No.	Train No.	Train Name	Journey Commencing On
1	12551	SMVT Bengaluru-Kamakhya Express	13/9/25 & 20/9/25
2	12552	Kamakhya-SMVT Bengaluru Express	10/9/25 & 17/9/25
3	13417	Digha-Malda Town	11/9/25 & 18/9/25
4	13418	Malda Town-Digha Express	11/9/25 & 18/9/25
5	13425	Malda Town -Surat Express	13/9/25 & 20/9/25
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
17	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
18	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

# Indian Railways Launches Cleanliness Campaign

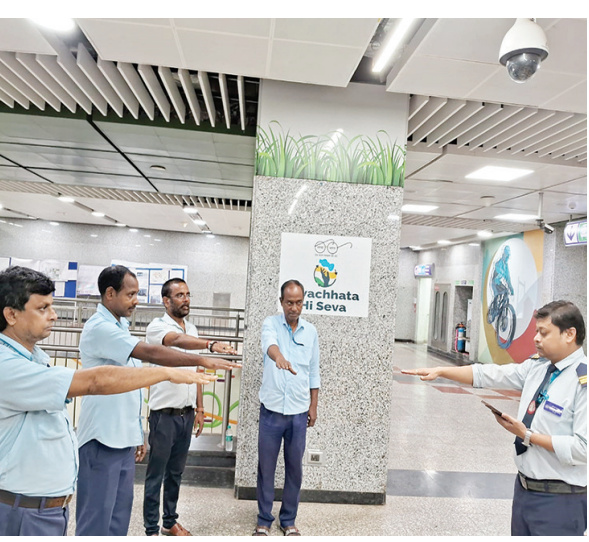
- The campaign will run from August 1 to August 15, 2025, at all major stations across the country.
- Chairman and CEO of the Railway Board, Satish Kumar, administered the cleanliness pledge to officers and staff at New Delhi Railway Station.
- A large-scale cleanliness drive was carried out at various railway stations through voluntary labor (shramdaan).
- To raise awareness among passengers about keeping stations clean, street plays (nukkad natak) will be organized at stations.



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Connecting the spirit of Independence Day with cleanliness, Indian Railways has launched a nationwide cleanliness campaign from August 1 to August 15, 2025. Railway Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Satish Kumar inaugurated the campaign at New Delhi Railway Station by administering a cleanliness oath to railway officers and employees. He also participated in the voluntary cleaning activities along with officials and staff. On this occasion, tree plantation drives were also organized. Satish Kumar inspected the cleaning machines being used at the station and interacted with passengers to gather feedback on cleanliness. He emphasized the need to raise awareness among passengers to maintain cleanliness within station premises. To this end, street plays will be held at various railway stations. Speaking about the campaign, he said that the Indian Railways is playing a commendable role in the Prime Minister's Swachh Bharat Mission. This initiative will run in two phases—Phase 1 from August 1 to 15, and Phase 2 from August 16 until October. However, the effort will not end in October; the aim is to incorporate cleanliness into daily routines and work culture so passengers can enjoy clean stations. He mentioned how Delhi Railway Station has improved significantly. Places that once served as dumping grounds have now been transformed into gardens, offering a better environment. He conducted inspections at multiple locations and reviewed the cleanliness standards. Across the country, railway employees and officials are monitoring cleanliness at around 7,000 stations to ensure better facilities for passengers. He added that cleanliness isn't limited to stations alone; adequate measures are being taken to maintain cleanliness inside trains as well. "We have implemented the Clean Train Station initiative and promptly address complaints received through Rail Madad (Rail Help). Through this campaign, we aim to build awareness among passengers," he said. The event was also attended by Northern Railway General Manager Ashok Kumar Verma, Delhi Divisional Railway Manager Pushpesh Raman Tripathi, along with several other railway officials and staff. Simultaneously, extensive cleanliness drives and tree plantation programs were carried out at various stations. The campaign was inaugurated by: 

- Naveen Gulati (Member Infrastructure) at Delhi Sarai Rohilla Station
- Braj Mohan Agrawal (Member Traction & Rolling Stock) at Hazrat Nizamuddin Station
- Hitendra Malhotra (Member Operations & Business Development) at Delhi Cantt Station
- Usha Venugopal (Member Finance) at Delhi Junction
- R. Rajgopal (Director General, Human Resources) at Anand Vihar Terminal
- Hari Shankar Verma (Director General, Security) at Faridabad Station
- Dr. Jagdish Chandra (Director General, Railway Health Services) at Tughlakabad Station.

# Swachhta Abhiyaan started in Metro Railway



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Metro Railway is conducting Swachhta Abhiyaan from 01st August 2025. During this Abhiyaan, intensive cleaning and sanitization drives at stations, trains and other railway establishments are being carried out. As a part of this programme, 'Swachhta Pledge' was taken at different stations of Metro Railway today i.e. on 02.08.2025 .

**Name Change**  
I, Joytsana Begum (Old Name), Wife Of Jaynaddin Sekh, Residing At Vill- Latifpur,Po-Huria, Bardhaman - 713423, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Naima Begam (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 01/08/2025. Joytsana Begum And Naima Begamboth Are The Same And One Identical Person.



"Country does not run according to Rahul Gandhi...": Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh

MI News Service, Kolkata: Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan) Singh on Saturday mocked Congress leader and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi against targeting the Election Commission "and claims of possessing 'atom bomb' of proof regarding vote rigging."

"The country does not run according to Rahul Gandhi; the country runs on democracy, it runs on legal processes. A few days ago, Rahul Gandhi was roaming around with a copy of the Constitution, so is it written in the Constitution that a person who is not a citizen of this country will also be a voter of this country?" Ranjan Singh told ANI.

Earlier on Friday, Rahul Gandhi had levelled serious allegations against the Election Commission of India (ECI), accusing it of direct involvement in large-scale voter fraud, with the Congress having "open-and-shut proof" of the alleged theft.

Gandhi said that the find-

ings of an investigation by the Congress amount to nothing short of an "atom bomb" with implications severe enough to shake the very foundations of the ECI.

"We had a suspicion of voter theft, and we got into its granularity. Since the Election Commission was not helpful in the investigation, we did our own. It took six months, and the things we found are an 'Atom Bomb' and when this atom bomb explodes, you won't see the Election Commission in the country," he added.

Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan) Singh also hit out at the Leader of Opposition in the Bihar Assembly, Tejashwi Yadav, over his allegation that his name was missing from the voter list and said that he had no concern for facts.

He further said, "Tejashwi Yadav engages in such politics; he has no concern for facts. He does politics without facts; when the Election Commission has already clarified, what need is there

for anyone's explanation?" Tejashwi Yadav, on Saturday, alleged that his name was missing from the voter list amid the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in Bihar. However, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has refuted his claim.

"My name is not there in the electoral roll. How will I contest the elections?" Tejashwi Yadav asked after he was unable to fetch his name using his Elector's Photo Identity Card (EPIC) number.

ECI clarified that Tejashwi's name is included in the draft voter list at serial number 416.

"It has come to our attention that Tejashwi Yadav has made a mischievous claim that his name does not appear in the draft electoral roll. His name is listed at Serial Number 416 in the Draft Electoral Roll. Therefore, any claim stating that his name is not included in the draft electoral roll is false and factually incorrect," the poll body said.

650-750 private hospitals all over Haryana to withdraw Ayushman Bharat services from Aug 7

MI News Service, New Delhi : Around 650-700 private hospitals in Haryana are set to withdraw from the Ayushman Bharat scheme starting August 7 due to pending dues of over ₹500 crore.

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) Haryana claimed that despite multiple assurances from government officials, payments continue to be delayed, with some hospitals experiencing delays of up to 4-5 months.

Speaking to ANI, Dr Ashok Mahajan, who was the Former President of Haryana IMA, said, " IMA Haryana does not want to withdraw Ayushman services; it is being forced to! Hospitals have bills running into crores and are unable to pay their doctors, staff and vendors. They are forced to take this step to prevent further losses. They seem to be funding this government scheme; SHA pays late, and deductions are made without any reason."

"Nearly 650-700 private hospitals all over Haryana will withdraw services. Assurances are plenty, but payment is much less! After our protests, the government pays every 3-4 months and then waits for the next protest. Even after

assurances from the highest offices in the State, our dues keep on piling up," he added.

According to the letter written by IMA Haryana to the CEO AB HPA Haryana, the scheme is facing several challenges. "Ayushman Bharat Yojana, a prestigious scheme of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is facing recurrent problems in Haryana due to the apathy of the Government itself. Time and again, we have been apprising officials of irregular payments, at times delayed by 4-5 months."

States letter

Earlier, a meeting was also held with the Chief Minister of Haryana and other Senior officials, but none of the assurances were fulfilled.

"In our meeting with Chief Minister Nayab Saini ji on January 8th, we were assured that all the payments will be made in the stipulated time of 15 days. We again had a high-level meeting with CS CPM Haryana Rajesh Khular ji on February 3rd. There again, we were assured that all problems are being solved now, and after 10 March 2025, all things will be fully streamlined."

"Unfortunately, none of these assurances have been

fulfilled. Payments are still much delayed and irregular; unnecessary deductions are still being made; Processing of cases is also delayed; Grievances are difficult to raise on the portal; and the NABH incentive of many hospitals has been cut under the guise of re-empanelment on the new portal," it said.

This decision affects numerous hospitals across districts like Gurugram, Faridabad, and Karnal, which have significant numbers of beneficiaries relying on the scheme for medical treatment.

Over 1.2 crore people in Haryana are enrolled in the scheme, including low-income families and senior citizens. The withdrawal of private hospitals may lead to difficulties in accessing healthcare services, putting additional pressure on government hospitals.

The Haryana government has assured that the process of releasing funds has begun, and they are hopeful of resolving the issue within a week. However, hospitals remain sceptical, citing unfulfilled assurances from previous meetings with government officials

Ranchi Gears Up for EAST TECH 2025: Raksha Rajya Mantri Announces Eastern India's Premier Defence Technology Conclave

MI News Service, Ranchi: In a major push towards self-reliance in defence and regional industrial empowerment, Ranchi is set to host EAST TECH 2025, Eastern India's premier defence technology conclave, from 17th to 19th September 2025. The announcement was made during a press conference on Saturday by Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth, highlighting the Government of India's commitment to Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence innovation and manufacturing.

Organized by the Eastern Command of the Indian Army in collaboration with the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM), EAST TECH

2025 aims to strengthen military-industry collaboration and leverage the region's rich industrial base, skilled manpower, and mineral wealth. Seth praised the Eastern Command's leadership and emphasized Ranchi's strategic importance in India's defence preparedness.

A key feature of the conclave will be the release of Problem Definition Statements (PDS)—detailing the Indian Army's operational requirements in surveillance, mobility, communications, cyber defence, and force protection. These will be shared in a dedicated webinar to help vendors align solutions with real-time military needs. The webinar will also

initiate vendor registration and facilitate trial support for promising technologies.

The conclave is expected to attract over 200 defence and technology vendors, including more than 50 MSMEs and start-ups, as well as DRDO, DPSUs, and major private defence firms. Highlights include live equipment demos, product showcases, and technical briefings, encouraging co-development and innovation.

EAST TECH 2025 seeks not only to enhance operational capabilities but also to integrate Eastern India into the national defence ecosystem, paving the way for a future Defence Industrial Corridor in the region.

"All should respect decision of court": Karnataka Minister MC Sudhakar on Prajwal Revanna's sentence in rape case

MI News Service, Bengaluru: Karnataka Minister MC Sudhakar on Saturday said that the court's decision has to be respected after expelled JDS leader and former Lok Sabha MP Prajwal Revanna was sentenced to life imprisonment in a rape case.

Speaking to ANI, Minister MC Sudhakar said, "We have never expected such a thing would happen in Karnataka, that too from a person being a Member of Parliament...We all should respect the decision the court has given. It has been proved that he committed the act."

Earlier today, expelled JDS

Leader and former Lok Sabha MP Prajwal Revanna was sentenced to life imprisonment by the Special Court for People's Representatives in connection with a rape case of a domestic worker at a farmhouse in Holenarasipura in Hassan district.

A fine of Rs 10 lakh has also been imposed on expelled JDS Leader and former Lok Sabha MP Prajwal Revanna. The court said that the victim will be given a compensation of Rs 7 lakh.

On Friday, a special court in Karnataka found Prajwal Revanna, expelled JDS(S) leader and former MP from Hassan,

guilty in a rape case involving a domestic help. The case is related to an incident at a farmhouse in Holenarasipura, Hassan district.

Revanna, the grandson of former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, was convicted in one of four rape cases filed against him. The conviction comes just 14 months after the case surfaced.

Following the verdict, Revanna broke down in court. The matter came into light in April last year after obscene videos of sexual harassment against multiple women were leaked ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. He was arrested in May 2024 after returning from Germany.

He had earlier been denied bail by both the Karnataka High Court and the Supreme Court.

Revanna had challenged the Karnataka High Court order dated October 21, whereby it dismissed his regular bail and anticipatory bail pleas.

On May 31 last year, he was arrested at Bengaluru airport by CID's SIT on his return from Germany, where he had remained for 35 days, after hundreds of explicit videos surfaced, allegedly featuring him with multiple women.

"If my own EPIC number could be changed...", Tejashwi Yadav slams EC on draft electoral rolls

MI News Service, Patna: Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav has launched a scathing attack on the Election Commission of India (ECI) on the draft electoral rolls for Bihar, alleging his own EPIC (Electors Photo Identity Card) number has been "changed."

"If my own EPIC (Electors Photo Identity Card) number could be changed, then how many people's EPIC numbers have been changed? These are the questions we are posing to the Election Commission. This is a conspiracy to cut people's names from the voter list...", he said.

ECI released the draft electoral rolls on Friday afternoon, following the completion of the Enumeration Phase under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) 2025. It said the public has one month to submit claims and objections, assuring that "no name will be removed from the draft voter list without a stated reason."

Tejashwi further, in a post on X, alleged that ap-

proximately 65 lakh voter names have been arbitrarily removed from the electoral rolls, and the new draft list still lacks clarity and explanation. He accused the Election Commission of going back on its promises of transparency and fairness.

"There has been deliberate manipulation in the process of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) 2025 of the electoral rolls. The Election Commission is now going back on its own commitments. Even after removing nearly 65 lakh voters, the new draft list remains ambiguous. It is unfortunate that the Commission continues to alter its decisions, withdraws from transparency, and disregards suggestions, complaints, and demands from the opposition while releasing a half-baked list."

"Initially, the Election Commission had assured that the details of every name deleted from the voter list-along with reasons such as death, shifting of residence, duplication, or being untraceable--would

be shared with all political parties. This was meant to ensure trust in the fairness, transparency, and democratic spirit of the process. However, the Commission has now backtracked on its own orders and assurances."

He further criticised the format of the lists being shared with political parties. "The so-called ASD (Absent, Shifted, Dead) list being provided to political parties in various districts only carries the title: 'Part-wise list of elector of concerned constituency whose Enumeration Form is not submitted and whose name is not in Draft Roll 2025. While this list identifies which names are missing from the draft voter roll, it does not mention why they were excluded," he said.

The lists, titled "Part-wise list of electors of the concerned constituency whose Enumeration Form is not submitted and whose name is not in Draft Roll 2025," do not specify the reasons for deletion.

"This makes it impossible for political parties or

the public to verify whether a name was removed due to death, migration, or any other legitimate reason," Tejashwi claimed.

According to him, an average of 25,000 to 30,000 names have been cut from each assembly constituency. "On average, 25,000 to 30,000 names have been deleted from each assembly constituency. This list does not help political parties or citizens understand whether a name was removed due to death, change of residence, duplication, or any other reason. How can one determine from a list of 25,000-30,000 names who is deceased and who has shifted?" he mentioned in the post.

Meanwhile, the Election Commission of India on Saturday said that not a single claim or objection has been filed by any political party in the first 24 hours of the publication of the draft electoral rolls in Bihar.

"From August 1 (3 PM) till August 2 (3 PM), all political parties put together, have filed 'Zero' claims and

objections for the addition of the names of eligible electors and deletion of the names of ineligible electors," said the poll panel in a press note.

The ECI in a press note said, "As per SIR order, after the completion of the Enumeration Phase from 24 June to 25 July 2025, the draft Electoral Rolls have been published for Bihar on 1 August 2025."

A detailed list of electors whose names appeared in the June 24 rolls but were missing in the new draft was also shared with political parties for cross-verification.

Additionally, 1.60 lakh Booth Level Agents (BLAs) nominated by District Presidents of 12 political parties actively participated in the process on the ground.

The commission enabled electors to verify their names through the official link -- https://voters.eci.gov.in -- using their EPIC numbers.

They were also allowed to file claims and objections for inclusion or deletion of names through the same portal.

Telangana Minister Konda Surekha to face criminal case in KTR defamation suit

MI News Service, Hyderabad: The Nampally Court has directed the police to register a criminal case against Telangana Minister Konda Surekha in connection with a defamation complaint filed by BRS Working President and former Minister KT Rama Rao (KTR).

After reviewing preliminary evidence submitted by the complainant, the court observed that there is prima facie material to proceed under Section 356 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and corresponding procedural provisions under the BNSS Sections 222 read with 223.

The court instructed that a criminal case (CC) be registered and a notice be served to the accused on or before August 21, 2025.

The court concurred with the arguments of KTR's counsel, Advocate Siddharth Pogula, who stated that Minister Konda Surekha made baseless and defamatory allegations against KTR in public, all without any factual basis.

Responding to objections raised by Konda Surekha's legal team, the court firmly rejected their contentions that the complaint was speculative or outside jurisdiction. The bench ruled that the court had proper author-

ity to admit the complaint, citing a previous High Court direction (Criminal Petition No 5670/2024).

The court also rejected the defence's arguments concerning the admissibility of a pen drive submitted as evidence, stating that the requirement of a Section 65-B certificate under the Indian Evidence Act was premature at this stage, and that it could be addressed during the trial phase.

The court held that the electronic material in question would be evaluated according to legal procedure when the case reaches the evidence stage.

Importantly, the court noted that there was no proof that Konda Surekha's controversial statements had already appeared in the media, reinforcing the claim that these specific remarks were made directly by her and could not be dismissed as hearsay or misreporting.

Taking into account the sworn statements of five witnesses (PW1 to PW5) and accompanying documentation, the court concluded that there exists a prima facie case of a punishable offence under BNS provisions and has, therefore, ordered the registration of a criminal case and issuance of notice to Konda Surekha.

Malayalam writer, scholar and former MLA Prof MK Sanu passes away

MI News Service, Kochi: 97-year-old Malayalam writer, scholar and former MLA Prof MK Sanu passed away at Amrita hospital in Kochi at around 5:35 pm on Saturday.

He had been undergoing treatment in the hospital for the past week after sustaining injuries in a fall, as per the hospital's statement.

He was the recipient of Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, instituted by Kerala Sahitya Akademi, in 2013 and Kendra Sahitya Akademi award in 2011.

Born on October 27, 1928, in Thumboli in Alappuzha District, he served as a school teacher for 4 years. Later, he became a professor in government

colleges.

In 1958, he published his first book, 'Anchu Sastra Nayakanmar' (Five Major Scientists'). In 1960, he also published a book of criticism, Kaattum Velichavum. He retired from service in 1983.

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The Thekkal Kanmai tank in Thiruparankundram one of the major water bodies in Madurai has dried up this year due to intense heatwave, on Saturday.

"He has his reasons for saying so...": Shashi Tharoor on Rahul Gandhi's 'dead economy' remark

MI News Service, Mumbai: Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Saturday refused to comment on party leader Rahul Gandhi's endorsing US President Donald Trump's 'dead economy' remark about India and said the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha may have had his "own reasons" for saying so.

The remarks came after Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Thursday agreed with US President Donald Trump's statement that the Indian economy is "dead" and said he is "glad" that the US President has stated a fact.



90 billion worth of goods to America. We can't be in a position to lose that or have it diminish significantly."

"We must wish our negotiators strength to get a fair deal for India. We should also be talking to other regions for exporting our goods. Then we could make up for some of what we might lose in the US. We have to support our negotiators," he added.

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ident has stated a fact.

Speaking to reporters, Rahul Gandhi said that the whole world knows the Indian economy is "dead" except for the Prime Minister and Finance Minister.

"Yes, he is right. Everybody knows this except the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister. Everybody knows that the Indian economy is a dead economy. I am glad that President Trump has stated a fact. The entire world knows that the Indian economy is a dead economy. BJP has finished the economy to help Adani," Rahul Gandhi said.

On Wednesday, US President Donald Trump made a shocking statement on his social media platform Truth Social after the announcement of 25 per cent tariffs against India and threatened an additional "penalty" for importing Russian oil.

I oppose mindset that rejects Indian languages, lays out red carpet only for English...: Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnis

MI News Service, Nagpur : Amid the ongoing language row in Maharashtra, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis on Saturday opposed the mindset of rejecting Indian languages and laying out a "red carpet" only for English.

Speaking to the media, the CM stated that he firmly believed there was nothing wrong with Marathi students also wanting to learn another Indian language alongside Marathi. Fadnis emphasised that Marathi is already mandatory in Maharashtra, and it's essential for the state's cultural and linguistic identity.



navis told the media.

Earlier on July 25, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar asserted the primacy of Marathi in the state.

"Here, Marathi is spoken first, then Hindi; this is Shahu, Phule and Ambedkar's Maharashtra," Ajit Pawar told reporters in Mumbai on Thursday.

"After leaving their mother tongue, people speak Hindi outside the state and then speak English. If those living here cannot speak Marathi, they should say that they do not know Marathi; we respect them, nothing like this will happen," he added.

These remarks come amid heated debates in Maharashtra over the alleged "imposition" of Hindi and the choice of medium of instruction in schools.

The controversy in the State began with a government Res-

olution issued on April 16, mandating the introduction of Hindi as a third language from Classes 1 to 5. The move drew sharp criticism, with many accusing the state government of attempting to impose Hindi.

The language row has resulted in sporadic violence in the state, including assaults on Hindi-speaking individuals by political workers.

**আমমোজারনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

এতদ্বারা সকলকে জ্ঞাত করা যাচ্ছে যে, শ্রী অমিত রায় পিতা এনিয় ভূষণ রায়, সাক্ষি ১১৬, ১২৭ সোনাটুলি লেন, চকরাজার, চুড়ুড়া, হুগলী-৭১১১০০ মহাশয় বিবাহ ইং ১৮/০৩/১০১৫ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., চুড়ুড়া, হুগলী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রার্স I-3876/2025 নং আমমোজারনামা দলিল বলে আশার মঞ্চে শ্রীমতী রুবি রায়, স্বামী এনিয় ভূষণ রায়, সাক্ষি ৭/১১৬, ১২৭ সোনাটুলি লেন, চকরাজার, চুড়ুড়া, হুগলী-৭১১১০০ মহাশয়কে ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোজার দায়িত্ব করেন এবং উক্ত ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত আমমোজারনামা পৃষ্ঠাঃ ক্ষমতা প্রাপ্ত আমমোজার দায়িত্ব দিয়ে তপশীল ববিত সম্পত্তি বিবাহ ইং ০৮/০৭/২০১৫ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., চুড়ুড়া, হুগলী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রার্স I-8902/2025 নং ক্ষমতা প্রাপ্ত দলিল মূলে শ্রীমতী মন্ডা দেবেনা, স্বামী শ্রী সঞ্জয় দেবেনা ও পিতা এনিয় ভূষণ রায়, সাক্ষি ৭/১১৬, ১২৭ সোনাটুলি লেন, চকরাজার, চুড়ুড়া, হুগলী-৭১১১০০ মহাশয়কে ৩ কঠা ১ হাক ৬ বর্গফুট সম্পত্তি দানকর করিয়েছেন। উপস্থিতি - জেলা হুগলী, থানা চুড়ুড়া, মৌজা বালি, ৯ নং জোড়া এল ভুক্ত, আর.এস. ১৮৮৫, ১৮৮৬, ১৮৮৭ ওয়ালা হল এল.আর. ১৯০৩ নং খতিয়ানে, আর.এস. ১০৬৫ ১১৫ থানা হল, ৪৩০১ নং দাগে, বাজু ভদ্রা ৫ কঠা ৫ হাক ১৮ বর্গফুট তদ্বারা ৩ কঠা ১ হাক ৪১ বর্গফুট সম্পত্তি আমমোজারনামা ও স্বয়ং ক্ষমতা বলে আর ভুক্ত দান পত্র দলিল মূলে দানকর করিয়েছেন। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাচ্ছে যে, শ্রীমতী মন্ডা দেবেনা, স্বামী শ্রী সঞ্জয় দেবেনা ও পিতা এনিয় ভূষণ রায়, আর.এস. ১৮৮৫, ১৮৮৬, ১৮৮৭ ওয়ালা হল এল.আর. ১৯০৩ নং পত্রে নথিভুক্ত করা ১১৫ থানা হল, ৪৩০১ নং দাগে, বাজু ভদ্রা ৫ কঠা ৫ হাক ১৮ বর্গফুট তদ্বারা ৩ কঠা ১ হাক ৪১ বর্গফুট সম্পত্তি আমমোজারনামা ও স্বয়ং ক্ষমতা বলে আর ভুক্ত দান পত্র দলিল মূলে দানকর করিয়েছেন। এতদ্বারা সকলকে অবগত করা যাচ্ছে যে, শ্রীমতী মন্ডা দেবেনা, স্বামী শ্রী সঞ্জয় দেবেনা ও পিতা এনিয় ভূষণ রায়, আর.এস. ১৮৮৫, ১৮৮৬, ১৮৮৭ ওয়ালা হল এল.আর. ১৯০৩ নং পত্রে নথিভুক্ত করা ১১৫ থানা হল, ৪৩০১ নং দাগে, বাজু ভদ্রা ৫ কঠা ৫ হাক ১৮ বর্গফুট তদ্বারা ৩ কঠা ১ হাক ৪১ বর্গফুট সম্পত্তি আমমোজারনামা ও স্বয়ং ক্ষমতা বলে আর ভুক্ত দান পত্র দলিল মূলে দানকর করিয়েছেন।

আমমোজারনামা আদিত থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রচার হইবার আগামী ১ মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট অফিসে আপত্তি জানাইতে পারিবেন, অন্যথায় নিম্ন অনুসারে কার্য করা হইবে।

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# Study finds how certain diabetes medications might prevent dementia

WASHINGTON [US] : According to a study published, sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 (SGLT-2) inhibitors used to treat type 2 diabetes may prevent dementia, with higher advantages with prolonged treatment.

The findings of the Korea study were published in The BMJ.

The effect size may have been exaggerated in this observational analysis, the researchers add, and they now state that randomized controlled trials are required to corroborate these results.



According to the World Health Organization, the number of people with dementia globally is expected to reach 78 million by 2030 and type 2 diabetes is associated with a greater risk of developing dementia. A recent study of over 65s with type 2 diabetes suggested a decreased risk of dementia associated with SGLT-2 inhibitors versus another type of diabetes drug, dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitors. But the effects on younger people and specific types of dementia (eg, Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia) remains unclear. To address this, researchers used the Korea National Health Insurance Service database to identify 110,885 pairs of adults with type 2 diabetes aged 40-69 years who were free of dementia and started taking either an SGLT-2 inhibitor

or a DPP-4 inhibitor between 2013 and 2021. All participants (average age 62; 56% men) were matched by age, sex, use of the diabetes drug metformin, and baseline cardiovascular risk and were followed up for an average of 670 days to see who developed dementia.

Potentially influential factors including personal characteristics, income level, underlying risk factors for dementia, other conditions and related medicine use, were also taken into account.

Over the follow-up period, a total of 1,172 participants with newly diagnosed dementia were identified. Dementia rates per 100 person years were 0.22 for those using SGLT-2 inhibitors and 0.35 for those using DPP-4 inhibitors, corresponding to a 35% reduced risk of dementia associated with

use of SGLT-2 inhibitors compared with DPP-4 inhibitors. The researchers also found a 39% reduced risk for Alzheimer's disease, and a 52% reduced risk for vascular dementia associated with SGLT-2 inhibitors compared with DPP-4 inhibitors.

What's more, the effect of SGLT-2 inhibitors seemed more pronounced with longer treatment duration. A 48% reduced risk of dementia was seen for more than two years of treatment versus a 43% reduced risk for two years or less. This is an observational study so no firm conclusions can be drawn about cause and effect, and the authors note that details of health behaviours (eg, smoking and alcohol consumption) and duration of type 2 diabetes were not fully available.

However, they point out that

this was a large study based on nationally representative data that included relatively younger people with type 2 diabetes, and results were highly consistent across subgroups. As such, they say SGLT-2 inhibitors might prevent dementia, providing greater benefits with longer treatment, and they call for randomised controlled trials to confirm these findings. This study reports promising results that have important implications for clinical practice as well as from a public health perspective, say researchers from Taiwan in a linked editorial. They agree that further trials are needed to confirm these findings, and suggest that studies are also needed "to explore the underlying mechanisms of any neuroprotective effects of SGLT-2 inhibitors." As no cure currently exists for dementia and few effective treatment options are available, strategies that can potentially prevent onset are critically important, they write. Given the substantial socioeconomic and public health burdens associated with both dementia and type 2 diabetes, they also recommend that clinical guidelines and healthcare policies should be updated regularly to incorporate latest best evidence on the potential benefits of SGLT-2 inhibitors, including reduced dementia risk.

# Study finds temperature can influence microbial competition in rivers

LOS ANGELES [US] : Wastewater-derived antimicrobial resistance genes (ARGs) can penetrate and initially join natural biofilms after being injected into a river, a study said. Although, they may not last long, researchers reported this week in mSphere.

However, as the river's temperature rises, the frequency of invasive ARGs reduces considerably, indicating that the preexisting microbial community is removing the resistant intruders. In barely two weeks, the concentration of ARGs in river water at 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit) returned to its initial level.

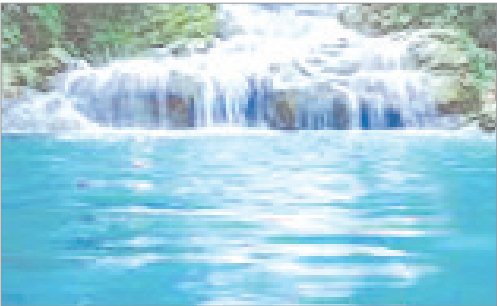
The finding suggests that rivers may offer a kind of defence against the spread of ARGs in wastewater. It was also contrary to what the researchers expected.

Most ARGs in wastewater originate in human faeces and thrive at the temperature of the human body, which is higher than most waterways. The microbiologists anticipated that warm rivers would be a welcome environment. "We thought they should be rather well-adapted to higher temperatures," said microbiologist Uli Klumper, PhD, at Technische Universitat Dresden's Institute of Hydrobiology.

"So if river temperatures are rising with climate change, we wanted to know if these bacteria from wastewater would have an easier time integrating with the natural biofilms."

Klumper co-lead the study with his PhD student Kenyum Bagra, who joined TU Dresden on a DAAD exchange fellowship from the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, who led the study. The work was funded through the ANTIVERSA project by BiodiversA, a European biodiversity organization.

Klumper, Bagra and their colleagues first immersed 27 glass slides in the Lockwitzbach River,



in eastern Germany, for a month. "It's relatively pristine," Klumper said.

They collected the slides, which had amassed a natural biofilm from the river, and immersed them in artificial river systems at 1 of 3 temperatures. After a week, they observed that the abundance of naturally occurring ARGs increased in the warmest water, at 30 degrees Celsius.

Then, they exposed all the test slides to wastewater for 1 day and monitored the abundance of ARGs, both those that occurred naturally and those from wastewater, over the next 2 weeks. The ARGs from the wastewater readily invaded the biofilm in all 3 cases, with no difference in abundance by temperature.

"The introduction seems to be temperature independent," Klumper said.

But that's where the similarities ended. In the warmest water, the abundance of the invasive ARGs dropped significantly over 2 weeks. By the end of the experiment, the overall level of ARGs had returned to its initial, natural abundance, and the invasive ARGs had all but vanished.

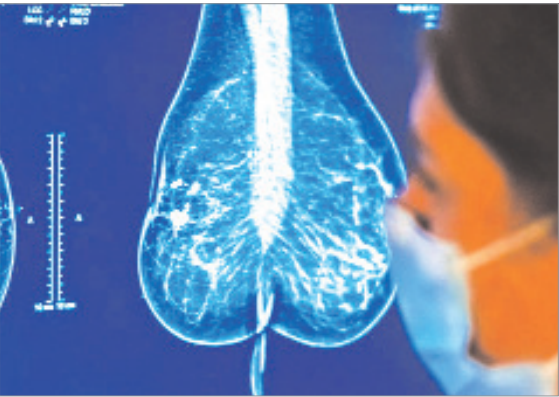
# Study reveals how new breast imaging tech transforms cancer diagnosis

ILLINOIS [US] : A new breast imaging technique detects cancer with high sensitivity while significantly lowering the likelihood of false-positive results, according to a study published today in Radiology: Imaging Cancer, a journal of the Radiological Society of North America.

Researchers believe the method can deliver more reliable breast cancer screening to a larger range of individuals. Mammography is an effective new breast imaging technique detects cancer with high sensitivity while significantly lowering the likelihood of false-positive results, according to a study published today in Radiology: Imaging Cancer, a journal of the Radiological Society of North America. The screening method for early detection of breast cancer; however, its sensitivity is reduced in dense tissue due to the masking effect of dense fibroglandular tissue.

Because nearly half of the screening population has dense breasts, many of these individuals require further breast imaging, usually with an MRI, following mammography. Low-dose positron emission mammography (PEM) is a novel molecular imaging technique that provides improved diagnostic performance at a radiation dose comparable to that of mammography. For the study, 25 women, median age 52, recently diagnosed with breast cancer, underwent low-dose PEM with the radiotracer fluorine 18-labeled fluorodeoxyglucose (18F-FDG). Two breast radiologists reviewed PEM images taken one and four hours post-18F-FDG injection and correlated the findings with lab results.

PEM displayed comparable performance to MRI, identifying 24 of the 25 invasive cancers (96 per cent). Its false-positive rate was only 16 per cent, compared with 62 per



cent for MRI. Along with its strong sensitivity and low false-positive rate, PEM could potentially decrease downstream healthcare costs, as this study shows it may prevent further unnecessary work compared to MRI. Additionally, the technology is designed to deliver a radiation dose comparable to that of traditional mammography without the need for breast compression, which can often be uncomfortable for patients. "The integration of these features--high sensitivity, lower false-positive rates, cost-efficiency, acceptable radiation levels without compression, and independence from breast density--positions this emerging imaging modality as a potential groundbreaking advancement in the early detection of breast cancer," said study lead author

Vivianne Freitas, MD, MSc, assistant professor at the University of Toronto.

"As such, it holds the promise of transforming breast cancer diagnostics and screening in the near future, complementing or even improving current imaging methods, marking a significant step forward in breast cancer care."

Low-dose PEM offers potential clinical uses in both screening and diagnostic settings, according to Dr Freitas.

"For screening, its ability to perform effectively regardless of breast density potentially addresses a significant shortcoming of mammography, particularly in detecting cancers in dense breasts where lesions may be obscured," she said.

"It also presents a viable option for patients at high risk who are claustrophobic or have contraindications for MRI."

The technology could also play a crucial role in interpreting uncertain mammogram results, evaluating the response to chemotherapy, and ascertaining the extent of disease in newly diagnosed breast cancer, including involvement of the other breast. Dr Freitas, who is also a staff radiologist in the Breast Imaging Division of the Toronto Joint Department of Medical Imaging, University Health Network, Sinai Health System, and Women's College Hospital, is currently researching PEM's ability to reduce the high rates of false positives typically associated with MRI scans. "Should PEM successfully lower these rates, it could significantly lessen the emotional distress and anxiety linked to false positives," Dr Freitas said. Additionally, it might lead to a decrease in unnecessary biopsies and treatments.

# Do you know genetic malfunction causes rare lung disease? Study finds

NEW YORK [US] : One of the most significant cells in the body is the macrophage. This immune cell, dubbed "big eater" in Greek, eats and breaks down dangerous substances like dust, debris, bacteria, and cancer cells. Macrophages play a particularly important role in the lungs, where they combat bacterial infections and remove excess surfactant, a lipid- and protein-rich covering that is essential for lung health but can accumulate sticky matter if left unchecked.

Researchers from Rockefeller University and other institutions have discovered a hereditary illness that causes defective cell function that was previously unknown.

By noticing an unexpected link between a particular subset of sick kids, the researchers were able to make their breakthrough. These nine youngsters had fought lifelong battles with life-threatening conditions such as progressive polycystic lung disease, pulmonary alveolar proteinosis (PAP), and recurring viral and bacterial infections that frequently left their lungs riddled with cysts and left them gasping for air. But as genomic data revealed, the children shared another characteristic: the absence of a chemical receptor that is supposed to call alveolar macrophages into action. It's the first time that this missing receptor, called CCR2, has been linked to disease. The researchers, including Rockefeller's Jean-Laurent Casanova and Institut Imagine's Anna-Lena Neehus, recently published their results in Cell.

The study also found that the children are missing half of their alveolar macrophages, which are located in the air sacs of the lungs.

"It was surprising to find that CCR2 is so essential for alveolar macrophages to properly function," said Casanova. "When it comes to lung defense and cleanup, people without it are operating at a double loss."

More formally known as C-C motif chemokine receptor 2, CCR2 sits on the sur-

face of alveolar macrophages, a kind of monocyte (or white blood cell). It responds to the presence of a chemical ligand, or binding molecule, known as CCL-2, which is also expressed by monocytes.

The receptor and ligand work together to summon macrophages to the site of an infection, and to maintain the appropriate level of surfactant; too little can lead to collapsed lung tissue, and too much can result in narrowed airways.

It was among these immune cells that first author Neehus, of Casanova's lab at the Institut Imagine in Paris, was seeking evidence of genetic deficiencies that might



alter their behavior. While combing through the genomic data on 15,000 patients in a database, she found two Algerian sisters, then aged 13 and 10, who'd been diagnosed with severe PAP, a syndrome in which surfactant builds up and the gas exchange that takes place in alveoli is hindered. About 90 per cent of PAP cases are caused by anti-

bodies that cripple a protein that stimulates the growth of infection-fighting white blood cells. The girls, however, didn't have the PAP autoantibodies. Instead, they had no CCR2--a newly identified genetic mutation. Perhaps its lack was connected to their pulmonary conditions, Neehus thought.

"It looked interesting and promising," she recalled. She soon found seven other children in the cohort who had the same CCR2 mutation and serious lung conditions: two more pairs of siblings, and one trio of siblings. They were from the United States and Iran. To explore the impact the variant might have on the children, the researchers

analyzed the children's clinical histories, lung tissue samples, and genetic data.

Several key findings emerged. "First we discovered that these patients have only half the normal counts of pulmonary alveolar macrophages, which explains the different types of lesions they have across the pulmonary tissues," says Casanova. With

only half a crew, the reduced cleanup unit couldn't keep up with its workload, leading to tissue injury.

The macrophages were otherwise normal, as were the children's other immune cells. Without CCR2 signaling, monocytes have no idea where they're needed. In the study, a live-imaging analysis of the monocytes from the lungs of a 10-year-old girl with CCR2 deficiency showed the cells milling about aimlessly, unsure where to go. (See gif at top.) In contrast, live imaging of monocytes from a healthy control patient shows them migrating in the same direction, summoned by the teamwork of CCR2 and CCL-2.

This directionlessness also makes those with a CCR2 deficiency more susceptible to mycobacterial infections, because the macrophages can't find their way to the tissue clusters where mycobacteria take up residence, and thus digest the invaders. This had dire effects for three of the children in the study, who developed bacterial infections after being vaccinated with a live-attenuated strain of Mycobacterium bovis, an agent of tuberculosis. Their immune systems failed to assemble a legion of macrophages at the vaccination site in the shoulder, causing tissue destruction or hard nodes that had to be surgically removed, or lymph node infections. (All of the children were effectively treated with antibiotics.)

The children inherited the deficiency from their parents--and yet their parents were healthy. "Each of the parents carries one disease copy of the gene, and both parents gave the affected copy to their children," said Neehus. "The parents aren't affected because they each only have one copy, whereas the kids have two."

Several children were the result of consanguineous marriages, in which the parents are related. The offspring of such pairings have a higher risk of inheriting the mutation that causes CCR2 to disappear.

# Study finds how new type of cell therapy help ARDS patients

LOS ANGELES [US] : A novel form of cell therapy may help patients who are critically ill with acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) brought on by severe COVID-19, according to a study. Professor Justin Stebbing of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) is a co-senior author of a recent study that examines the application of agentT-797, an allogeneic, unmodified invariant natural killer T (iNKT) cell treatment developed by MiNK Therapeutics. The work was published in the journal Nature Communications. The iNKT cell therapy has the effect of rescuing depleted T cells and inducing an anti-inflammatory cytokine response, perhaps activating antiviral immunity to assist these patients fight infection while also reducing severe, pathogenic inflammation of the lung. The new research was carried out at three medical centres and found that agentT-797, which is also under investigation in cancer trials, could be manufactured rapidly, had a tolerable safety profile and appeared to have a positive effect on mortality among critically unwell COVID-19 ARDS patients receiving intensive care. The exploratory trial included 20 mechanically ventilated patients with severe ARDS secondary to Covid-19. Of the 20 patients in the trial, 14 survived (70 per cent) at 30 days (compared to a control group of 10 per cent), and there was an 80 per cent lower occurrence of bacterial pneumonia amongst those who received the highest dosage of agentT-797, compared to those who received fewer cells. Twenty-one patients were treated overall (the main trial, plus one under compassionate use), which included five who were also receiving veno-venous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (VV-ECMO), known as 'the most aggressive salvage therapy' for critically ill patients with ARDS. In

VV-ECMO, deoxygenated blood is pumped through a membrane lung and returned to the body via a cannula. This trial is believed to be the first immune cell therapy of any type to be used in critically unwell patients undergoing VV-ECMO. Survival of the VV-ECMO cohort was 80 per cent after 30 and 90 days, and 60 per cent after 120 days. This compares favourably to the overall survival of 51 per cent for patients with Covid-19 who were treated with just VV-ECMO at the same institution, during the same time-frame. Joint senior author Justin Stebbing, Professor of Biomedical Sciences at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) in Cambridge, England, said, "During this small, exploratory study we observed that MiNK's iNKT cell treatment, which is also being advanced for people with cancer, triggered an anti-inflammatory response in ARDS patients. "Despite a poor prognosis, critically ill patients treated with this therapy showed favourable mortality rates and those treated at the highest dose also had reduced rates of pneumonia, underscoring the potential application of iNKT cells, and agentT-797 in particular, in treating viral diseases and infections more broadly. "AgentT-797 was manufactured rapidly and as opposed to using patients' cells, it is 'off-the-shelf' and made from healthy donors' cells. The potential of this therapy to be used across a number of severe infections warrants randomised controlled trials."

Dr Marc van Dijk, Chief Scientific Officer at MiNK and co-author of the study said, "These published findings reinforce the unique power and potential of iNKT cells to mitigate severe acute respiratory distress. "The data demonstrate agentT-797's encouraging survival benefit, ability to help clear secondary infections, and tolerable administration in ventilated patients and those on VV-ECMO support."





## Continuation of running of four (4) Shravani Mela Special Trains

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Railway is always keen to serve passenger demand ensuring safety and feasibility. As a step forward towards fulfilment the need of the passengers & pilgrims during Shravani Mela, Railways has decided to continue the service of 05597/05598 Jaynagar – Asansol – Jaynagar tri-weekly Shravani Mela Special, 05545/05546 Raxaul – Deoghar – Raxaul tri-weekly Shravani Mela Special, 03654/03653 Gaya – Madhupur – Gaya Shravani Mela Special and 03268/03267 Patna – Madhupur – Patna Shravani Mela Special as per its existing stoppage & timings. 05597 Jaynagar – Asansol Shravani Mela Special will leave Jaynagar on 10.8.2025 & 12.8.2025 and 05598 Asansol – Jaynagar Shravani Mela Special will leave Asansol on 11.8.2025 & 13.8.2025. 05545 Raxaul – Deoghar Shravani Mela Special will leave Raxaul on 10.8.2025 & 12.8.2025 and 05546 Deoghar – Raxaul Shravani Mela Special will leave Deoghar on 10.8.2025 & 12.8.2025. 03654 Gaya – Madhupur Shravani Mela Special will leave Gaya on 10.8.2025 & 11.8.2025 and 03653 Madhupur – Gaya Shravani Mela Special will leave Madhupur on 11.8.2025 & 12.8.2025. 03268 Patna – Madhupur Shravani Mela Special will leave Patna on 10.8.2025 & 11.8.2025 and 03267 Madhupur – Patna Shravani Mela Special will leave Madhupur on 11.8.2025 & 12.8.2025.

## Continuation of running of Danapur – Bhagalpur – Danapur Shravani Mela Special Train

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** To clear the extra rush of the passengers & pilgrims during Shravani Mela, Railways has decided to continue the service of 03234/03233 Danapur – Bhagalpur – Danapur Shravani Mela Special as per its existing path, stoppages & timings. 03234 Danapur – Bhagalpur Shravani Mela special will leave Danapur at 15:30 hrs. on 2.8.2025 & 4.8.2025 to reach Bhagalpur at 22:00 hrs. on the same day and 03233 Bhagalpur – Danapur Shravani Mela special will leave Bhagalpur at 01:00 hrs. on 3.8.2025 & 5.8.2025 to reach Danapur at 07:50 hrs. on the same day. The train will have general second class and sleeper class accommodation.

## Abbas says Portugal's intention to recognize State of Palestine "positive step"

**MI News Service, Ramallah:** Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas welcomed on Friday Portugal's announcement of its intention to take steps to pave the way for its recognition of the Palestinian state in September, describing it as a "positive step." "We appreciate this courageous and positive step by the Portuguese government, which consolidates the path of the two-state solution and confirms the international community's consensus on the need to end the suffering of the Palestinian people," Abbas said in a statement published by the Palestinian news agency WAFA. Abbas called on countries that have not yet recognized the State of Palestine to take such steps in support of peace. Portuguese Prime Minister Luis Montenegro said on Thursday that the government intends to consult President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa and all political parties represented in Parliament to consider recognizing the State of Palestine during the 80th United Nations General Assembly in September.



India's ambassador to Spain Dinesh K. Patnaik along with senior officials from Indian Air Force poses for a group picture while receiving the last of the 16 Airbus C-295 military transport aircraft at the Airbus Defence and Space assembly line in Seville, Spain.

# Former JD (S) MP Prajwal Revanna gets life imprisonment in rape case

**MI News Service, Bengaluru:** The Bengaluru Special Court, on Saturday, August 2, sentenced life imprisonment to former MP and suspended JD(S) leader Prajwal Revanna in a sexual assault and rape case involving a 48-year-old domestic help. The court also imposed a total fine of Rs 10 lakh on him. On Friday, the 34-year-old was convicted by the special court in one of the four sexual abuse and rape cases registered against him. The domestic help worked as the family's Gannikada farmhouse in Hassan district's Holenarasipura. She was raped at Hassan farmhouse and Bengaluru residence twice in 2021, and the act was recorded by the accused on his mobile phone. Earlier in the day, while the prosecution sought a life sentence for Revanna, the former MP sought leniency, claiming he did nothing wrong and that his only mistake was his



'fast' growth in politics. He broke down in court as he appealed to the judge for a lesser punishment. "...they say that I have raped multiple women, but none of the women have come out voluntarily to complain, they came six days prior to election (Lok Sabha polls last year)...the prosecution side brought them purposefully and made them give a complaint."

Prajwal told the court. Pointing out that the woman (victim) had not complained to anyone, including her husband or kin, about the alleged rape, he said that she came and gave complaint when certain videos were circulated. Stating that he will bow down to the court's conviction, Prajwal said, "I have a family, I have not seen my mother and father for six months now....please give me a less sentence is what I request the court." "The only mistake I made in my life is growing fast in politics," Prajwal, arrested in May last year upon his arrival from Germany, told the court. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) which probed the case had filed a 1,632-page charge sheet with 113 witnesses in the case in September, 2024. Prajwal Revanna is the grandson of former Prime Minister and JD (S) patriarch H D Deve Gowda.

## Howrah Division Intensifies Swachhata Abhiyan with Prabhat Pheris, Awareness Campaigns, and Workshops



**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In continuation of the ongoing \*Swachhata Abhiyan\* being observed in the run-up to the 78th Independence Day, the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organized a series of cleanliness-focused activities on 2nd August 2025. These initiatives were undertaken under the guidance of Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah, with the aim of reinforcing the values of cleanliness, community participation, and national pride. As part of the day's events, \*Prabhat Pheris\* (early morning cleanliness marches) were organized at key locations across the division including Rampurhat, Bandel, Katwa, Tarakeswar, Howrah, Pakur, Azimganj, and Bardhaman stations. Railway staff, along with local stakeholders and passengers, actively participated in these marches, spreading the message of hygiene and environmental responsibility. \*Awareness campaigns\* were also conducted at Rampurhat, Pakur, Azimganj, and Bardhaman stations. These campaigns aimed at sensitizing passengers and railway personnel about the importance of maintaining cleanliness in station premises and trains. Informative public announcements were made to encourage behavioral change. Additionally, \*Workshops and Training Programs\* were held at Bandel and Azimganj to educate railway staff about best practices in sanitation, waste management, and passenger interaction. These sessions served as capacity-building platforms to equip staff with the knowledge and motivation to actively contribute to the Swachhata mission. Through these initiatives, Howrah Division reiterates its commitment to the Government of India's vision of a \*Swachh Bharat\* and continues to lead by example in making Indian Railways cleaner, greener, and more passenger-friendly.

## Over 10,000 Gaza families receive cash aid amid hunger crisis: UN

**MI News Service, United Nations:** Relief workers have handed cash to more than 10,000 hungry families in Gaza, who find little food on the market to spend on, UN humanitarian aid workers said. "Market prices remain highly volatile and out of reach for many," the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said on Friday, August 1. OCHA said that nearly a week after the Israelis allowed the scale-up of aid and the safe passage for



relief convoys, the assistance that has entered Gaza remains insufficient. Convoys continue to face obstacles and danger along the routes mapped out by the Israeli authorities, Xinhua news agency reported. The office said the months-long deprivation of most life-sustaining basics has led to a deepening of the crisis, and large numbers of people reportedly continue to be killed and injured searching for food. More than 100 people

were killed in the past two days along food convoy routes or near Israeli militarised distribution hubs. UN Children's Fund Deputy Executive Director Ted Chaiban, who just returned from Israel and Gaza, described some of the mission to reporters at the UN headquarters in New York. "We called for more humanitarian aid and commercial traffic to come in, moving closer toward 500 trucks a day, to stabilize the situation and reduce the desperation of the population ... We need to flood the strip with supplies using all channels and all gates," he said. OCHA said fuel remains in short supply, although limited quantities have been allowed to enter Gaza in recent days. "The United Nations and our partners need hundreds of thousands of liters of fuel every day to power critical facilities, including health, water and sanitation, as well as emergency telecommunication services," the office said.

## Palestinian state backed by Western allies as Gaza war rages

**MI News Service, Gaza Strip:** Plans announced by France, the United Kingdom and Canada to recognise a Palestinian state won't bring one about anytime soon, though they could further isolate Israel and strengthen the Palestinians' negotiating position over the long term. The problem for the Palestinians is that there may not be a long term.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu rejects Palestinian statehood and has vowed to maintain open-ended control over annexed east Jerusalem, the occupied West Bank and the war-ravaged Gaza Strip — territories Israel seized in the 1967 war that the Palestinians want for their state. Israeli leaders favour the outright annexation of much of the West Bank, where Israel has already built well over 100 settlements housing over 500,000 Jewish settlers. Israel's offensive in Gaza has reduced most of it to a smoldering wasteland and is pushing it toward famine, and Israel says it is pressing ahead with plans to relocate much of its population of some 2 million to other countries. The United States, the only country with any real leverage over Israel, has taken its side. Palestinians have welcomed international support for their decades-long quest for statehood but say there are more urgent measures Western countries could take if they wanted to pressure Israel.

"It's a bit odd that the response to daily atrocities in Gaza, including what is by all accounts deliberate starvation, is to recognize a theoretical Palestinian state that may never actually come into being," said Khaled Elgindy, a visiting scholar at Georgetown University's Centre for Contemporary Arab Studies. "It looks more like a way for these countries to appear to be doing something," he said. Fathi Nimer, a policy fellow at Al-Shabaka, a Palestinian think tank, says they could have suspended trade agreements with Israel, imposed arms embargoes or other sanctions. "There is a wide tool set at the disposal of these countries, but there is no political will to use it," he said. Most countries in the world recognized Palestinian statehood decades ago, but Britain and France would be the third and fourth permanent members of the UN Security Council to do so, leaving the US as the only holdout. "We're talking about major countries and major Israeli allies," said Alon Pinkas, an Israeli political analyst and former consul general in New York. "They're isolating the US and they're leaving Israel dependent — not on the US, but on the whims and erratic behavior of one person, Trump." Recognition could also strengthen moves to prevent annexation, said Hugh Lovatt, an expert on the conflict at the European Council on Foreign Relations. The challenge, he said, "is for those recognizing countries to match their recognition with other steps, practical steps." Netanyahu says creating a Palestinian state would reward Hamas and eventually lead to an even larger Hamas-run state on Israel's borders.

## Sealdah Division conducts safety seminar for Track Maintainers with Focus on Monsoon Precautions

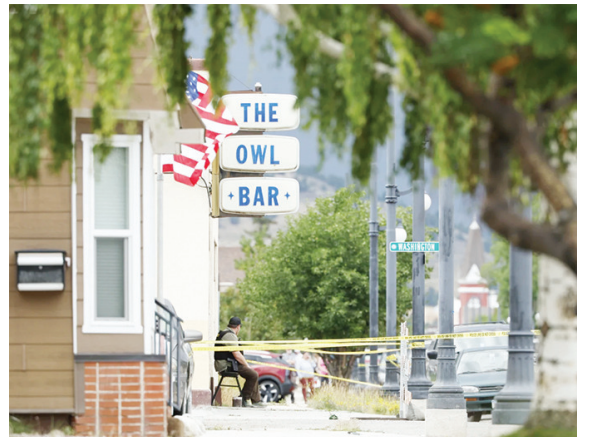


**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway, successfully organized a comprehensive safety seminar and interactive session on 1st August for track maintenance personnel, emphasizing personal safety protocols and special precautions required during the ongoing monsoon season. The programme was graced by the presence of Shri Vikram Gupta, Principal Chief Engineer, Eastern Railway, who served as the Guest of Honour and delivered the keynote address. In his speech, Shri Gupta emphasized the critical importance of personal safety in day-to-day railway operations, particularly highlighting the enhanced risks and necessary precautions for track patrolling activities during the current monsoon period. The seminar had sessions delivered by Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infra), Sealdah Shri Rajesh Kumar and Sr. DEN (Co-Ordination), Sealdah Shri Sachin Suman. The seminar witnessed the active participation of around 200 track maintainers from the Civil Engineering Department, along with Chief Engineer (General), Eastern Railway Shri Sunil Kumar Mondal, and Divisional Officers of Sealdah Division, Sub-Divisional Officers, and Supervisors. Key focus areas of the seminar included: • Personal

safety protocols for track maintenance personnel • Special monsoon-related precautions for track patrolling • Use of safety equipment and protective gear • Emergency response procedures during adverse weather and unusual/abnormal occurrences The interactive session proved particularly valuable, providing a direct platform for track maintainers to share their field experiences, raise safety concerns, and engage in meaningful dialogue with senior officials.

Speaking at the event, PCE/ER emphasized that personal safety remains the top priority for Eastern Railway, especially during challenging weather conditions like the monsoon season when track patrolling activities require extra vigilance and adherence to safety protocols. The initiative reflects Sealdah Division's proactive approach to safety management and its commitment to creating a robust safety culture among frontline railway workers. Such regular safety interactions ensure continuous reinforcement of safe working practices and help prevent accidents in railway operations. This safety seminar is part of Sealdah Division's ongoing efforts to strengthen safety awareness and maintain the highest standards of operational safety across the division.

## 4 killed in bar shooting in U.S. Montana, search for suspect ongoing



**MI News Service, Los Angeles:** Four people were killed in a bar shooting on Friday in Anaconda, U.S. state of Montana, local media reported, citing law enforcement officials.

The shooting occurred Friday morning at The Owl Bar in Anaconda, a city located in southwestern Montana, NBC Montana reported. The suspect was identified as Michael Paul Brown, according to a Facebook post by the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Law Enforcement Center. "Be advised suspect

in shooting is believed to be armed and dangerous," said the post.

Officials posted a photo of the suspect on Facebook and advised the public to stay out of the Stumptown area and surrounding areas.

Montana Highway Patrol also said in a Facebook post that there is a "heavy law enforcement presence west of Anaconda near Stumptown Road and Anderson Ranch Loop Road."

"Authorities are searching for a suspect believed to be armed. Please avoid the area," the agency added.

# Donald Trump orders nuclear submarines to reposition amid war of words with Russia

**MI News Service, Washington D.C.:** United States President Donald Trump has ordered two nuclear submarines to shift their locations relative to Russia, as part of his latest tit-for-tat with Russian leader Dmitry Medvedev. On Friday, Trump posted on his platform Truth Social that the submarine movements came in response to the "highly provocative statements" Medvedev, a former Russian president, made this week.

A day earlier, Medvedev had warned that Trump should be mindful of "how dangerous the fabled 'Dead Hand' can be", a

reference to Russia's Cold War-era nuclear weapons system. "I have ordered two Nuclear Submarines to be positioned in the appropriate regions, just in case these foolish and inflammatory statements are more than just that," Trump wrote.

"Words are very important, and can often lead to unintended consequences, I hope this will not be one of those instances." In recent weeks, Trump has been enmeshed in an escalating war of words with Medvedev, who currently serves as the deputy chairman of Russia's Security Council under current President

Vladimir Putin. Medvedev and Putin have a close relationship: When Medvedev served as president from 2008 to 2012, Putin was his prime minister. Afterwards, when Putin returned to the presidency, Medvedev served as his prime minister from 2012 to 2020.

But as Trump voices increasing frustration with Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine, he has increasingly singled out Medvedev, a noted war hawk, as a target for his anger. Both men have hinted at their countries' nuclear capabilities, and their public exchanges have grown in-

creasingly tense. In a social media post earlier this week, Trump pivoted from a discussion of trade between India and Russia to an attack on Medvedev for his sabre-rattling remarks.

"I don't care what India does with Russia. They can take their dead economies down together, for all I care," Trump wrote. "Russia and the USA do almost no business together. Let's keep it that way, and tell Medvedev, the failed former President of Russia, who thinks he's still President, to watch his words. He's entering very dangerous territory!" Medvedev, mean-

while, has appeared to relish how his words provoke the US president.

"If some words from the former president of Russia trigger such a nervous reaction from the high-and-mighty president of the United States, then Russia is doing everything right and will continue to proceed along its own path," Medvedev responded in a post on Telegram. Medvedev then proceeded to reference the zombie apocalypse series The Walking Dead, in an apparent nod to the devastation Russia has the power to cause.

"And as for the 'dead econ-

omy' of India and Russia and 'entering dangerous territory' — well, let Trump remember his favourite films about the 'Walking Dead'."

This week is not the first time Trump and Medvedev have taken their beef online. In late June, the two men likewise sparred and flexed their nuclear arsenals. "Did I hear Former President Medvedev, from Russia, casually throwing around the 'N word' (Nuclear), and saying that he and other Countries would supply Nuclear Warheads to Iran?" Trump wrote on June 23.



BENGAL TIGERS UNVEILED AS NEWEST FRANCHISE IN LEGEN-Z T10 LEAGUE

JAIPUR (RAJASTHAN) : As excitement builds for the debut season of the LEGEN-Z T10 League, Bengal Tigers, one of the six franchises, will take the field under the ownership of NRI businessman Sunil Raniwala.

The Bengal Tigers, led by former Australian white-ball captain Aaron Finch, feature a powerful blend of international firepower and raw Indian street talent, handpicked from thousands of trialists across India.

Speaking on the League, Sunil Raniwala said, "I'm happy to be joining LEGEN-Z T10 League. I've seen how tennis ball cricket is being played in India and I believe India's true cricketing soul is found on the streets. Having Bengal Tigers is my way of giving back to a game that connects every corner of the country." Venkatesh Prasad, Chairman of the LEGEN-Z T10 League, welcomed the addition of Mr. Raniwala to the ownership roster, saying, "Having a visionary like Sunil Raniwala own the Bengal Tigers is an endorsement of our core idea-that cricket belongs to every Indian, whether in gullies or global boardrooms." Sunder Agarwal, COO LEGEN-Z T10 League said, "We are thrilled to welcome the Bengal Tigers franchise to the LEGEN-Z T10 family. Mr. Sunil Raniwala's passion for the game and his global perspective will add immense value to the league." Chiranjeev Dubey, Founder & CEO of the League, added: "Each franchise brings its own story. With Mr. Raniwala and Bengal Tigers, we have an ownership that understands both aspiration and execution. We're thrilled to have them onboard."

The Bengal Tigers will be among the first to take the field in the inaugural match of the tournament, as they face Royal Challengers Delhi at 5 PM on August 7 at the Sawai Mansingh International Stadium, Jaipur.

Yashasvi Jaiswal's 118-run knock guides India to 304/6 against England at Tea on Day 5; visitors lead by 281 runs



LONDON [UK] : Young Indian opener Yashasvi Jaiswal's exceptional innings of 118 runs gave India an upper hand after the end of the second session in the fifth and final Test of the Anderson Tendulkar Trophy 2025, which is being played at the Kennington Oval in London on Saturday.

At the stroke of Tea on Day 3 of The Oval Test, Team India are 304/6 with Ravindra Jadeja and Dhruv Jurel unbeaten on the crease. After the end of the session, the Shubman Gill-led side led by 281 runs.

The visitors started the second session from 189/4 with Jaiswal (85\*) and Gill (11\*) unbeaten on the crease.

India didn't have a good start to the session as they lost the

joined left-hand batter Ravindra Jadeja on the crease.

The Indian cricket team touched the 300-run mark just before Tea as Jurel smashed 13 runs in an over, which was bowled by Tongue.

Both batters, Jurel and Jadeja, built an unbeaten 31(40) partnership before going back after the end of the second session.

For the Three Lions so far, Atkinson has snapped three wickets (3/99 in 23 overs), Tounge has grabbed two wickets (2/100 in 26 overs), and Jamie Overton has bagged one wicket (1/74 in 18 overs) in their respective spells.

Earlier, India started Day 3 on 75/2, with Yashasvi Jaiswal (51\*) and night-watchman Akash Deep (4\*) unbeaten on the crease, leading by 52 runs.

Jaiswal carried on his good form from overnight; meanwhile, England have endured an innings to forget in the field, dropping as many as four catches.

India crossed the 100-run mark in the 23rd over. Jaiswal pushed the ball for a couple of runs off Gus Atkinson. In the 30th over, the duo of Jaiswal and Deep completed a 50-run stand for the third wicket.

Deep slammed a four off Atkinson to bring up his maiden fifty in Test cricket.

This was the 18th hundred

partnership in this series, the most in a Test series in this century (since 2000), surpassing 17 in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in 2003-04.

Indian skipper Shubman Gill joined Jaiswal after the departure of Deep.

Earlier in the match, four-wicket hauls from Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna and an attacking half-century from Yashasvi Jaiswal put India at the driver's seat at the end of the second day's play during the fifth Test against England at The Oval on Friday.

At the end of the day's play, India was 75/2, with Jaiswal (51\*) and night-watchman Akash Deep (4\*) unbeaten. They lead by 52 runs.

In their first innings, England had scored 247 in response to India's 224. However, Prasidh Krishna (4/62) and Mohammed Siraj (4/86) bowled exceptionally well to deny England a massive lead and triggered a batting collapse.

The final session of the day kicked off with England being 215/7, with Harry Brook (33\*) joined by Gus Atkinson, a capable lower-order hitter.

Brief Scores: India: 224 and 304/6 (Yashasvi Jaiswal 118, Akash Deep 66; Gus Atkinson 3/99) vs England: 247 (Zak Crawley 64, Harry Brook 53; Prasidh Krishna 4/62).

ARC Stasya Pandya qualifies for Junior National Equestrian Championship



BENGALURU (KARNATAKA) : Amateur Riders' Club (ARC) rider Stasya Pandya recently competed at the Regional Equestrian League (REL), where she qualified for the Junior Nationals. The event was hosted at the Embassy International Riding School (EIRS) in Bengaluru. It was evaluated by a panel of experienced and certified equestrian judges, ensuring a fair and professional assessment of all participants.

The event saw categories of show jumping and dressage competitions and saw participants from across Delhi, Bangalore, Chennai, Kolkata and Mumbai.

The Regional Equestrian League (REL) is a national-level benchmark event for young and aspiring Indian equestrian athletes to compete and qualify for the Junior National Equestrian Championship (JNEC) and other national-level competitions.

Stasya astride Jisamer scored an average of 64.602% in Children I Dressage and has officially qualified for the Junior National Equestrian Championship to be held in December.

Results - Player Name (Horse Name/ Score Percentage)

Stasya Pandya (Jisamer/64.602%)

Reflecting on her success at the REL 2025, Stasya says, "Horses have always helped me through a lot in life. When I start-

ed, I thought of riding only as fun and happiness. But as I rode and competed more, I realized it's not just about the joy, it's about how it shapes me as a person. My understanding, personality, and focus have improved tremendously.

My family has been very supportive, ensuring I have access to all the necessary facilities and training. My extended family at Amateur Riders Club (ARC), along with the top-tier training facilities and the specialised coaching program by my coach, Robin Tshering, have greatly improved my riding skills. In equestrian sports, your biggest competitor is yourself. The better I become, the more opportunities I create for myself to build a successful future, with the hope of one day representing India." (

## Lakshya Sen, Tharun Manne palli bow out in semis, end India's campaign at Macau Open 2025

MACAU [CHINA] : India's campaign at the Macau Open 2025 came to an end on Saturday after Lakshya Sen and Tharun Manne palli suffered defeats in their respective semi-final matches at the Macao East Asian Games Dome, as per Olympics.com.

With their exit, India had no more representatives left in the BWF Super 300 tournament. On Friday, the men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty had bowed out in the quarter-finals.

Paris 2024 semi-finalist Lakshya Sen, seeded second in Macau and currently ranked 17th in the world, went down in straight games against Indonesia's Alvi Farhan, a former junior world champion



and world No. 25. The Indonesian, seeded fifth, defeated Lakshya 21-16, 21-9 in just 39 minutes.

Lakshya began the match with three quick points, but Farhan responded with four back-to-back points of his own. From there on, the Indian shuttler was always chasing the game. Farhan looked in control throughout, taking the first game comfortably and dominating the second even more. This was Lakshya's best run on the BWF Tour this year, having reached the quarter-finals of the All England Open earlier. Farhan now leads their head-to-head 1-0. Meanwhile, Tharun Manne palli's impressive run in Macau also came to a halt. The 23-year-old, who made headlines by knocking out top seed Lee Cheuk Yiu of

Hong Kong China in the Round of 16 and beating People's Republic of China's reigning junior world champion Hu Zhe'an in the quarters, fell short against Malaysia's Justin Hoh.

Manne palli started strong and led 12-12 in the first game, showing the same confidence that saw him defeat Hoh in the Thailand Open earlier this year. Though the Malaysian fought back, the Indian held his nerve to take the opener 21-19. However, world No. 45 Hoh bounced back in the next two games, winning 21-16, 21-16 to seal the match in one hour and 21 minutes. Indian shuttlers will now shift focus to the Hong Kong Open, part of the 2025 BWF World Tour, which begins on September 9.

## "We all hope he renews his contract": Inter Miami coach Mascherano on Lionel Messi's stay with the club

FLORIDA [US] : The Leagues Cup is in full swing, but talk around Lionel Messi's possible contract extension with Inter Miami continues to grab headlines. Speculation is growing that the Argentine legend could stay on with the club till 2028, according to Goal.com.

Ahead of Inter Miami's upcoming Leagues Cup fixture against Necaxa on Saturday, Miami's head coach Javier Mascherano shed some light on Messi's future.

"Regarding Leo, we all hope he renews his contract," he said, as quoted from Goal.com.

"It'll be a decision between him and the club - it's something they've been discussing privately. When the time is right, and if they reach an agreement, they'll announce it. I also saw those



rumours, but all I can say is that we're all hopeful he'll stay with us," he added.

Messi's current contract with the Herons runs until December, but the club is in no mood to part ways with their star man. Reports suggest that Inter Miami is planning to offer the World Cup winner a three-year extension, which would keep him at the club well

beyond the next FIFA World Cup.

Mascherano also hinted that Messi is likely to start the match against Necaxa, highlighting the benefit of playing multiple games at home during this phase.

"Leo made it clear the other day - it was a message between the lines," he said, as quoted from Goal.com.

"He feels much better playing than resting. Before the match against Cincinnati, he was carrying a bit of fatigue, and thankfully he was able to rest," he added.

"We're lucky to be playing several games at home, we don't have to travel, and over the next two weeks, we'll be staying around here, so there shouldn't be a problem. Unless Leo feels tired and lets us know, the plan is for him to always play," he noted.

## Bengaluru golfer Vedika lies second in US Kids World Championship as Ojaswini is ninth

Pinehurst [US], August 2 (ANI): Vedika Bhansali of Bengaluru and Ojaswini Saraswat of Mohali were the Indians in the top-10 after the first day at the US Kids World Championship golf at Pinehurst Village.

Vedika with a bogey-free 3-under 33 was tied-second with five others and was one shot behind the leader, Audrey Zhang of the US. At the same time, Ojaswini Saraswat, a former medalist at the US Kids World Championship, was Tied-ninth in Girls 12 after a card of 2-under at Pinehurst No. 5. Ojaswini was runner-up in Girls 11 a year ago and is looking at going one better.

Vedika, who was fourth a year ago in Girls 8 category, had three birdies and Ojaswini, runner-up last year in Girls 11, had three birdies and dropped her only shot



on the 18th at the Longleaf club.

Chandigarh golfer Nihal Cheema, who was runner-up on Boys 7 in 2024, had just one birdie against two bogeys in his nine-hole round at Mid Pines (Black). Cheema, playing in the Boys 8 Category this year, was placed Tied-12th after the first day in the three-day event.

Results of the Indians at the US Kids World Championships at

Pinehurst:

The Indian boys were placed as follows:

Boys 8: Nihal Cheema (Boys 8, Chandigarh) T-12;

Boys 10: Kabir Goyal (Boys 10, Noida) shot 72 (T-33);

Boys 11: Sohraab Singh Talwar (Boys 11, Mohali) - 76 (T-50);

Boys 12: Adit Veeramachaneni (Boys 12, Bangalore) - 73 (T-23), Siddhant Sharma (Boys 12, Faridabad) 78 - (T-93) and Hridaan Saraogi (Boys 12, Jaipur) 79 (T-112).

The girls were placed as follows:

Girls 8: Pramati Veera (Girls 8, Bangalore) - 37 in 9-hole round (T-21), Naayasha S Sinha (Girls 8, Noida) 38 in 9-hole round (T-29);

Girls 9: Vedika Bhansali (Girls 9, Bangalore) 33 in 9-hole round (T-2);

# ISL: Foreigners who returned to the League after a break

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The Indian Super League (ISL) has seen a diverse range of foreign players over the years, stars who brought flair, experience, and a touch of glamour to Indian football. While many left a strong impact before moving on to other opportunities, a few chose to come back, drawn by the league's rising reputation and a sense of unfinished business, as per the official website of ISL.

Their comebacks weren't just about second chances; they were about impact, legacy, and sometimes redemption. From fan favourites to surprise returns, these players reminded everyone that the ISL still had a place in their journey.

Eli Sabia began his ISL journey with Chennaiyin FC in 2016, making an immediate impact with his composure and defensive awareness. He briefly stepped away from the league but returned to the Marina Machans in the 2018-19 season, becoming a mainstay in their backline. Over three more seasons at the club, Sabia established himself as a reliable leader at the back.

He later joined Jamshedpur FC, where his experience played a key role in their ISL Shield-win-

ning campaign. Across both clubs, Sabia brought stability, guided younger players, and left a lasting impression as one of the league's dependable foreign defenders.

Carlos Delgado joined Odisha FC in the 2019-20 season and quickly established himself as a key figure in their defence, thanks to his strength, aerial dominance, and reading of the game. After a two-year hiatus, the Spanish defender returned to the club ahead of the 2022-23 campaign.

His leadership at the back was instrumental in Odisha FC's run to the ISL playoffs, the first time in their club history. Delgado's return brought much-needed stability and experience to a side determined to climb the ISL ladder. The following season, he played a major role in guiding the team to their first-ever semi-final appearance. Three seasons into his second stint, Delgado has now become one of Odisha FC's own.

Spanish centre-back Odei Onaindia first made his mark with Hyderabad FC in the 2020-21 season, impressing with his composure, positioning, and leadership at the heart of defence.



After a solid debut campaign, he opted to return to his former club in Spain.

However, Hyderabad FC brought him back for the 2022-23 season, and his second stint was even more impactful. Calm under pressure and consistent in duels, Onaindia remained a key part of one of the league's most organised defences as the side finished second in the table for a second season running. He later carried that same form to FC Goa, reuniting with coach Manolo Marquez and continuing to anchor the backline with authority. He was a crucial figure in

their Kalinga Super Cup triumph as well.

Stephen Eze became a key figure for Jamshedpur FC in the 2020-21 season, with his towering presence and aggressive style making an impact at both ends of the pitch. After spells abroad, the Nigerian centre-back returned to familiar territory in 2024-25, once again donning the Jamshedpur FC colours.

His experience and physicality added much-needed grit to the backline, as the Men of Steel enjoyed a solid campaign, reaching the ISL semi-finals and finishing runners-up in the Kalinga

Super Cup. Eze's return didn't just boost the defence; it reignited belief among fans who remembered the impact he made the first time around.

Jorge Ortiz made a name for himself in the ISL during his time with FC Goa from 2020 to 2022, dazzling fans with his flair and attacking versatility. With 21 goal contributions in two seasons, he was at the heart of FC Goa's forward play.

After a move to the Chinese Super League, Ortiz spent two years away from Indian football. But midway through the 2024-25 season, he made a surprise return, this time with Mumbai City FC. His arrival brought fresh energy and creativity to a struggling Mumbai City FC attack.

While he didn't register a goal or assist, his presence added sharpness and fluidity to Mumbai City FC's attack, helping revive their rhythm in the final third and secure a place in the playoffs.

Another surprise return during the 2024-25 campaign came in the form of Raphael Messi Bouli, one that few saw coming. The Cameroonian striker had made his early mark in the ISL back in the 2019-20 season with Kerala Blasters FC, where he

scored eight goals and registered one assist in 17 appearances. His physical presence, relentless work rate, and passion quickly made him a fan favourite in Kochi.

After a long four-season absence, Messi Bouli returned to India, this time with another passionate fanbase, East Bengal FC. Despite the short stint, he made an instant impact, contributing to three goals in just five matches. Beyond the numbers, his hold-up play, intelligent link-ups, and ability to stretch defences gave East Bengal's attack a new dimension and energy when they needed it most.

Victor Mongil's first stint in the ISL came with ATK FC during the 2019-20 season, where he slotted into the defence with calmness and discipline, helping the team lift the ISL Cup for a record third time.

While he briefly moved on from the league, the Spanish defender returned to Indian football with Odisha FC in 2021-22 and once again showcased his value with composed performances at the back. He even wore the captain's armband on several occasions, guiding the Kalinga Warriors with maturity.

PURANI DILLI 6 CONGRATULATE UDHAV MOHAN AFTER BATTER EARNS INDIA U-19 CALL-UP FOR AUSTRALIA TOUR

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Young batter Udhav Mohan, a member of the Purani Dilli 6 squad in the Delhi Premier League (DPL), has earned a coveted spot in the India under-19 team for the upcoming tour of Australia in September. Purani Dilli 6 congratulated Udhav Mohan on his selection for the upcoming tour.

Udhav Mohan was bought by Purani Dilli 6 for Rs 6.60 lakh during the Delhi Premier League (DPL) auctions earlier this month. The Junior Selection Committee of BCCI announced the 17-member squad on Wednesday, with Udhav featuring among the top young talents selected to represent the country.

Akash Nangia, Owner of Purani Dilli 6, congratulated the youngster and said, "We are extremely proud of Udhav. His selection in the India U19 squad is well deserved. I congratulate him as this is a proud moment for the entire Purani Dilli 6 family."

India U19 will play three one-day matches and two multi-day games against the Australia U19 side -- all scheduled at Norths ground in Australia between September 21 and October 10.

Coming to Delhi Premier League (DPL) season 2, Purani Dilli 6 are gearing up for another title push this season after a strong showing in the 2024 edition, where the team reached the semi-finals. For Season 2, Purani Dilli 6 has appointed Vansh Bedi as the captain of the side.

Purani Dilli 6 will kick off their Delhi Premier League (DPL) 2025 campaign on August 5 with a clash against Outer Delhi Warriors at 2:00 PM. This will be followed by a high-stakes encounter against West Delhi Lions on August 7, also scheduled for 2:00 PM.

On August 8, the team will take on New Delhi Tigers under the lights in a 7:00 PM showdown. Their final group stage fixture is slated for August 27, where they will face South Delhi Superstars in another prime-time match at 7:00 PM.

Full squad: Vansh Bedi (captain), Rishabh Pant (marquee player), Lalit Yadav, Dev Lakra, Aayush Singh, Samarth Sethi, Aarush Malhotra, Sarthak Pal, Agrim Sharma, Vivek Yadav, Yug Gupta, Udhav Mohan, Pranav Pant, Prince Mishra, Rushal Saini, Aaryan Kapoor, Pardeep Parashar, Ekansh Dobal, Aditya Malhotra, Rajneesh Dadar, Ashish Chaurasiya, Kush Nagpal, Dhruv Chauhan, Gaurav Saroha.