

## PM Modi inaugurates Kartavya Bhavan

**MI News Service, New Delhi :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated Kartavya Bhavan, the first of the ten upcoming Common Central Secretariat buildings to house the bu-reaucracy in the National capital.

The ambitious project is aimed at bringing min-istries and departments under one roof for effi-ciency.

Kartavya Bhavan-03, the first to be inaugurated, will house the Home Af-fairs, External Affairs, Rural Development, MSME, DoPT, Petroleum & Natural Gas ministries, and the Principal Scientific Adviser's office.Kartavya Bhavan buildings are also the part of the larger Central Vista project.

"The state-of-the-art building, consisting of swanky conference rooms, modern amenities and CCTVs, will house the of-fices of the ministries of Home Affairs, External Af-fairs, Rural Development, MSMES, DoPT, Petroleum and Natural Gas.The Prin-cipal Scientific Adviser (PSA) will also have his of-fice in the building, which is spread over 1.5 lakh sq metres", said an official statement after the inau-guration. .

The Kartavya Bhavan will also have several green features, such as double-glazed glass win-dows, rooftop solar panels, advanced heating, ventila-tion, and cooling systems, and rainwater harvesting. There will also be power-efficient LED lighting to achieve 30 per cent energy savings.

The plan for a common central secretariat was mooted by the Modi gov-ernment as currently key ministries function from ageing buildings like Shas-tri Bhawan, Krishi Bhawan, Udyog Bhawan, and Nirman Bhawan, con-structed between the 1950s and 1970s.

However, a few build-ings, like the Vanija Bhawan, which houses the Commerce Ministry, will be retained.

Next in the pipeline is a brand-new Prime Minis-ter's Office, to be called the Executive Enclave, and the Prime Minister's resi-dence.

The original deadline for the completion of the first three CCS buildings was November 2023. How-ever, now the entire proj-ect is expected to be completed by mid-2027.

Altogether, the new complex will have 10 new buildings housing different central government min-istries.

"By December 2025, work will start on all the remaining buildings and, with the new building technology that we are using, we will be able to complete it within 24 months," Housing secre-tary K Srinivas said at a press briefing on Tuesday.

## President Trump says VP Vance 'most likely' his MAGA heir

**MI News Service, Washing-ton (DC) :** President Don-ald Trump has suggested that Vice President J D Vance is "most likely" the heir apparent to his Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement, while Secretary of State Marco Rubio can also join him in "some form".

"Well, I think most likely. In all fairness, he's the Vice President," Trump said on Tuesday while an-swering a question on his "heir apparent" to MAGA. Trump, who

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, joined by TMC leaders, cultural personalities, and citizens waving placards, leads a protest rally against the alleged attacks on Bengali migrants, at Jhargram in West Bengal on Wednesday.

## Death toll in Uttarkashi mud slide in Dharali risen to five

**MI News Service, Dehradun :** With the recovery of at least one more body by the rescuers from the rubble in flood-ravaged Dharali village, the death toll in yester-day's cloudburst and subsequent flash flood in Uttarkashi rose to five on Wednesday, as the search operation for over 60 missing persons resumed this morning amid heavy rain and inclement weather.

Nearly half of the picturesque Dharali village was ravaged by flash floods on Tuesday afternoon claiming four lives within a few minutes of the massive mud slide and the natural disaster. However, around 130 people have so far been evacuated to safety by joint teams of the Army and para military forces, officials said.

The village is the main stopover on the way to the popular pilgrimage site of Gangotri, from where the Ganga origi-nates, and is home to several hotels and home stays.

Soon after he was informed about the disaster, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama to get an update on the situation and assured him of all assis-tance from the Centre.

Chief minister Dhama also held a meeting with top officials at the State Emergency Operation Centre here to re-view the rescue efforts. This morning he also made an aerial survey of the flooded area in Dharali and Harsil from a helicop-ter. "The rescue work is going on war footing. Teams from the army, ITBP, and

SDRF have reached the spot. Around 130 people have so far been rescued... Debris has reached an army base. A road has been blocked. The DM and an SP rank of-ficers are on their way to the spot. It's a challenging situation as it is still raining there," the Chief minister said.

Dhama said "Every life matters to us," and added that all necessary arrange-ments have been made for supplying food and medicines to the affected people. Over 160 police personnel have been deployed including 13 senior and SP-rank officers to oversee the disbursement of ration. Three nodal officers have also been ap-pointed by the CM's office.

Meanwhile, the Indian Airforce has kept its MI-17 and Chinook helicopters on standby to look for the stranded people. But they will take off only after the weather clears.

Though preliminary survey indicated that about 60 people might have gone missing, but later it was found that the number would be much higher, as large number of people had gathered for the Har Dudh fair in Dharali village when the tragedy struck. The missing include 11 soldiers, Defence spokesperson Lt Col Manish Shrivastava said. But despite its soldiers going missing and its base being hit, the Army team is working with full courage and determination, Lt Col Shri-vastava said. The Indian Air Force (IAF) has swung into action in response to

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## RBI decides to keep interest rate unchanged at 5.5 pc

**MI News Service, Mumbai :** After three successive in-terest cuts, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday decided to keep policy rate un-changed at 5.5 per cent and retained the neutral stance, weighed by con-cerns over tariff uncertain-ties.

Announcing the third bi-monthly monetary pol-icy of the current fiscal, RBI Governor Sanjay Mal-hotra said that the growth rate projection for FY26 has been retained at 6.5 per cent.

He further said the Monetary Policy Commit-tee (MPC) unanimously de-cided to keep the short-term lending rate or repo rate unchanged at 5.5 per cent with neutral

Incidentally, RBI has kept its repo rate un-changed as the rupee re-mains under pressure due to US President Donald Trump's tariff threat. The

rupee fell 16 paise yester-day, after Trump issued fresh threats to hike tariffs on Indian goods.Earlier in June, the RBI had cut the key rate by 50 basis points in line with the softening inflation.

Announcing his deci-sion to maintain the bank's neutral stance, Mal-hotra stated that the un-certainty over tariffs is still evolving and a monetary policy transmission is un-derway. The MPC resolved to maintain a close vigil on developing data.

The prospects of exter-nal demand remain uncer-tain amidst ongoing tariff announcements and trade negotiations, said Malho-tra, adding that the head-winds emanating from the prolonged geopolitical ten-sions pose risks to the growth outlook.

The real GDP growth projected for the current fiscal is 6.5 per cent, re-flecting a continuous

growth outlook despite global concerns. This also contradicts Trump's "dead economy" jibe at India over its trade with Russia. The growth has been pro-jected at 6.5 per cent in Q1, 6.7 per cent in Q2, 6.6 per cent in Q3, and 6.3 per cent in Q4. The central bank has taken decisive, forward-looking measures to support growth, assured Malhotra. The RBI Chief also shared the top bank's outlook on geopolitical challenges. Geopolitical uncertainties have some-what abated, but global trade challenges continue to linger,he f said adding while the Indian economy holds bright prospects over the medium term the poli-cymakers across the globe are faced with muted growth, slowing inflation. Headline inflation is lower due to volatile food prices, but the RBI has

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## Mamata Banerjee says SIR harasses common people by asking 'parents' birth certificates'

**MI News Service, Jhar-gram :** Emphasising that it is next to impossible for the common voters any-where in India to produce documents specified by the Election Commission for its Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme, West Bengal Chief minister Ma-mata Banerjee on Wednes-day gave the example of the Trinamool Congress National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee MP, as well as her nephew, to ex-plain the difficulties .

Citing the example of the newly named TMC leader in the Lok Sabha Abhishek Banerjee, the Chief minister told a mas-sive gathering at a meeting at Jhargram after a three kilometre walk to press for her 'Bhasha Andolon' this afternoon, that "it is in-deed very difficult for vast majority of common voters to explain the difficulties that they could face to pro-duce documents specified by the ECI in its drive for SIR of electoral rolls, a process that is currently underway in neighbouring Bihar. "The Election Com-mission says those born

before 2002 will have to produce the birth certifi-cates of their parents. Take Abhishek's example. He was born in 1987. He is now 37 years old. From where will he get the birth certificates of his parents? Can Amit Shah produce the birth certificates of his parents?" Mamata Baner-je asked the people at the meeting here after her third 'Bhasha Andolan' (language movement) march after Kolkata and Bolpur .. Abhishek was born on November 7, 1987 to Mamata's elder brother, Amit, and his wife, Lata.

The SIR in Bihar and harassment of poor Ben-gali-speakers in BJP-ruled states has given Mamata Banerjee a chance to at-tack both the ECI and the BJP at the Centre. .

For the past about a month she has been se-verely criticising the SIR drive, through which around 6.5 million voters have alreadybeen deleted in Bihar in its preliminary list.

Since the day Bihar's SIR drive became public, Mamata Banerjee has

been warning that the Commission's real target is Bengal – due to vote next year – and "genuine" vot-ers will be deprived of their right.

"I am saying this to the BJP voters as well. Whom you vote for is your demo-cratic right. I have nothing to say regarding that. Just remember if I am not there, your voting rights will be in peril too," she said.

Without naming Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar, the Chief minister asked the voters to be more vigilant and alert about the elec-toral rolls.

"The ECI is Amit Shah's puppet. They will keep changing the voters' list till the last day. Ensure that your name is there in the voters' list every day till you go to the booth. It is possible even after every-thing your name may be missing from the electoral rolls," she said.

Over the last couple of months the Trinamool Congress has been protest-ing against the central poll panel and its alleged bias

attitude coupled with the attack on Bengali-speaking Muslims. The Delhi police in a recent FIR describing Bengali as "Bangladesh national language" has given the Trinamool addi-tional firepower to hit the BJP.

"Now they are saying there is no Bengali lan-guage. Just imagine their audacity," the Chief minis-ter said, referring to BJP IT cell chief Amit Malviya's attempted defence of the Delhi police. "When Prime minister Modi visits Dubai, he embraces the Sheikhs. I have no problems with that, but when he comes to Bengal he says all Muslims are Bangladeshi," she said.

Mamata Banerjee said the 1.5 crore migrants liv-ing in Bengal were treated as 'Bengal's own.'

"Then why will our people be mistreated? We have already brought back many of them. Their well-being is our responsibility. I am telling them there is no need to live in those states where they will be arrested and deported," Bengal's firebrand Chief minister said.

## Election Commission is working as a 'slave of BJP', alleges Mamata Banerjee

**MI News Service, Jhargram :** Se-verely criticising the Election Com-mission of India (ECI) for recommending immediate suspen-sion of four poll officials in the state on charge of alleged dereliction of duty, West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has blamed the Commission for allegedly working as a 'slave of BJP'.

Coming down heavily on the ECI after the Commission has ordered suspension of a total of four officials from Bengal on charges of rigging in the registration of names in the vot-ers' list, the Chief minister said state Chief Secretary had also been di-rected to file an FIR against the four. Among those four are two Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and as many Assistant Electoral Registra-tion Officers (AEROs).

The Chief Minister became furi-ous on that issue on Wednesday and questioned "on what authority have the four state officials been sus-pended?" She also made it clear that "not only them, no other officer will be suspended.

Making this charge from Jhar-gram during her visit there today, Mamata Banerjee said there is a largescale conspiracy to introduce NRC in Bengal after introducing SIR. "No name should be deleted and left out from the voters' list in Bengal", she warned reiterating her strong opposition to the possible exercise.

"The BJP is trying to prepare a voters' list for its own convenience through the SIR", the Chief Minister stated further. Reiterating that the BJP is waging 'terrorism' against the Bengali language, Mamata Banerjee said that a number of migrant work-ers from Bengal are being arrested and tortured in several BJP-ruled states by labeling them Bangladeshis. The Chief Minister has also called for turning her new 'lan-guage movement into a mass move-ment in the state and led from the front a mass rally here this after-noon in that connection after holding similar rallies in Kolkata and Bolpur a few days ago carrying the phographs of several Bengali lumi-naries like Rabindranath Tagore,

Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Swami Vivekananda and Netaji Sub-has Chandra Bose. Speaking at the end of the procession here Mamata Banerjee once again lambasted both the BJP and the ECI alleging that the BJP is trying to win the election in Bengal by using the Election Com-mission. A conspiracy has been hatched to delete the names of Ben-gali voters in the name of SIR, the Chief Minister said and once again made it clear that "No one's name can be deleted."

Stating that despite being the state government employees and of-ficers, the polling officials are being intimidated through the Commission, she warned that "It is my responsi-bility to protect the state govern-ment officers. We will protect all our employees and officers." The Elec-tion Commission has ordered the suspension of four state officers. "I will not suspend anyone." The Chief Minister made that clear today, effec-tively challenging the Election Com-mission and also charged them with working for the BJP.

## Rain in Himachal Pradesh causes massive landslides, Kailash Yatra suspended, 413 pilgrims rescued

**MI News Service, Shimla :** The Kinnaur Kailash Yatra was suspended and as many as 413 stranded devotees were rescued after heavy rain damaged the pilgrimage route in Hi-machal Pradesh, official sources said on Wednesday.

The devotees were stranded after two makeshift bridges at Tan-glippi and Kangarang were washed away due to the in-creased water flow in streams, they said.

The incident took place only a day after a massive mud slide and flash floods at a picturesque village of Bharali near Urratkashi in neighbouring Utrtrakhand state on Tuesday killing five people and reportedly swept away about 60 oth-ers. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) shared videos of rescue operations on X, which showed pil-grims ziplining from one end of the streams to the other. As many as 413 pil-grims were rescued by the ITBP and the NDRF in the Tangling area along the Kinnaur Kailash Yatra route in Himachal Pradesh on Wednesday morning, after a flash flood washed away a large part of the trekking path, leaving hun-dreds of pilgrims stranded.

The pilgrims were res-cued using the rope-based traverse crossing tech-nique, and were shifted to safer locations, ITBP of-ficials said. The rescue operation was initiated after a



distress call was made by the Kinnaur district admin-istration on Wednesday morning. Subsequently, ITBP and NDRF search and rescue teams were mo-bilised to the site.

The operation is being carried out by a 34-mem-ber ITBP team in coordi-nation with a 14-member team of the NDRF.

The alleged reckless vertical hill-cutting for the construction of a four-laned project at Bhali in Seuni-Rajol NHA's section near Kotla in Jawali subdivision of Kangra district has started showing its impact.

A massive landslide triggered on the Pathankot-Mandi national highway last evening (6.30 pm), blocking the highway for over 12 hours. Hundreds of private and public trans-port vehicles got stuck in the traffic jam.

The machinery of the construction company was pressed into service im-mediate after the blockade but was the work was af-fected due to relentless rain

at night. A light vehicle with two occupants got trapped in the debris while crossing the spot but it was safely dragged out and occupants were rescued by locals with the help of the construction company's machinery.

According to Kangra Deputy Commissioner Hemraj Bairwa, the district administration had re-ceived information about the blockade at 8.45 pm on Tuesday and immediately diverted the traffic from Sanoura Chowk towards Bates Meel for vehicles moving from Kangra to-wards Pathankot and the traffic from Chamba to-wards Pathankot was di-verted from Dramman towards Sanoura Chowk to Lunj. The traffic from Pathankot towards Kan-gra-Dharamshala was di-verted from Bates Meel to Ranital and Bates Meel to Lunj-Sanoura link road.

The plight of eight fam-ilies residing on the road-side hill top in Bhaniad ward under Bhali gram panchayat who were

under the constant threat of landslides on July 12 has also come to fore. They have been voicing their concern over landslides in their area ever since a five-storey building col-lapsed in Shimla on June 30.

The NHAI had offered them house rents for their temporary relocation from the village and also as-sessed compensation of their houses reeling under constant threat of land-slides. Aman Rana, a resi-dent of Takhnar village in the panchayat, who has been raising environmen-tal concerns after the al-leged unscientific hilltop cutting near their area, said the NHAI had sanc-tioned Rs 3,000 monthly rent to only one affected family which had vacated after his house had col-lapsed due to land sliding. He urged the administra-tion to relocate the remain-ing seven families to safer places and ensure early dis-bursal of the assessed com-pensation amount to all affected families so that they could arrange for their roofs in safer locations. The local residents and daily commuters alleged that the construction company had not implemented any pro-jective measures such as wire netting, rock bolting and other landslide preven-tion technologies on the ex-cavated slopes despite this area being recognised as a landslide-prone stretch.



# Tilottama's parents push for justice, head to Delhi

MI News Service, Panihati: As the first anniversary of junior doctor Tilottama's brutal rape and murder approaches, her parents have left for Delhi to intensify their fight for justice. They have lined up meetings with senior officials, including CBI Director and possibly Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Tilottama's body was found on August 9 last year in the seminar hall of RG Kar Medical College. Within 24 hours, civic volunteer Sanjay Roy was arrested. The Calcutta High Court later transferred the case to the CBI, which led to Roy's conviction and life sentence.

However, Tilottama's parents remain dissatisfied with the investigation, alleging that more people were involved. "We will demand a supplementary charge sheet from the CBI



Director," said her father. The family has consistently pointed out alleged gaps in the probe and questioned the limited scope of the investigation. Ahead of the anniversary, they have called for a Navanna Abhijan in Kolkata on August 9 to demand further action. However, they allege attempts are being made to obstruct the campaign. "We received a call

from someone claiming to be from Hare Street police station questioning our banners," said her mother. "But we won't stop." Tilottama's parents stress that their struggle is not only for their daughter but also for all victims of systemic failure. "The fight is far from over," they said, vowing to keep pushing for a deeper probe and greater accountability.

# NRC row rekindle in North Bengal, fresh notices stir fear

MI News Service, Cooch Behar: The contentious National Register of Citizens (NRC) issue has resurfaced in West Bengal, with fresh notices being issued in Cooch Behar and Alipurduar districts, triggering political tension and public anxiety. A recent letter from the Foreigners Tribunal was sent to the head of Hazrahat-2 Gram Panchayat in Mathabhanga-1 block, Cooch Behar, seeking verification of a Permanent Resident Certificate issued in 2015 to a woman originally from Hazrahat-2

who later married in Assam. The Panchayat head has been summoned to the tribunal to validate the certificate. This follows earlier NRC-related notices to four residents: Uttam Kumar Bhabasi, Nishikant Das, Anjali Shil, and Aarti Ghosh. Two more individuals, including Hasan Ali, Deputy Chief of Hazrahat, have now been served. "I received a letter from the Foreigners Tribunal requesting verification of a 2015 certificate. I've been asked to appear on the 27th with original docu-

ments," said Ali, adding that the matter has been reported to the BDO. Local residents are increasingly anxious. Ramapad Roy, son of another recipient, Minati Roy, said, "They're asking my mother for a certificate proving her residence. We're trying to collect the necessary documents, but we don't know what's coming next." The return of NRC-related activities in Bengal's border districts is reigniting political debate and heightening fears of administrative harassment among the public.

# Dilapidated house collapses in Chunchura

MI News Service, Hooghly: Panic gripped the Tamlipara area of Chunchura on Tuesday afternoon when a portion of a dilapidated house collapsed suddenly, trapping two residents inside a neighboring home. The incident has once again highlighted the risks posed by neglected, structurally unsound buildings amid continuous rainfall across Bengal. According to local sources, the house in question belongs to one Haridas Dutta and had long been declared "dangerous" by the Hooghly Chunchura Municipality. However, due to an ongoing dispute among co-owners, the structure could not be demolished, despite repeated warnings and visible signs of deterioration.



At around 4:45 PM, a section from the rear of the structure gave way and collapsed directly in front of the entrance to the nearby Das family's residence. As a result, Savita Das and her grandson were trapped inside their home, unable to exit. Emergency services, including the fire department, responded swiftly after receiving the alert. The incident triggered widespread concern in the area, drawing a large number of residents to the scene. Local MLA Asit Majumdar and Hooghly Chunchura Municipality Health Department CIC

Joydev Adhikar also arrived to assess the situation. Following the incident, the municipality arranged for the debris to be cleared, ensuring safe access for the Das family and others in the vicinity. Recalling the terrifying moment, Savita Das said: "The house collapsed around 4:45 PM. It had shown signs of damage before, but today it came crashing down. I could've been crushed had my grandmother not called out to me. I was saved by seconds." With the monsoon rains continuing, civic officials are expected to review the condition of other similarly dangerous structures in the area to prevent further tragedies.

# Fire & Emergency Services Leads with Speed, Efficiency and Transparency

MI News Service, Kolkata: In an exemplary one-day Fire License Renewal Camp held at Nehru Children's Museum, Kolkata on 6th August 2025, and organized in collaboration with the West Bengal Petroleum Dealers' Association, the Fire & Emergency Services Department successfully helped in filing more than 100 applications for renewal of fire license in respect of petrol pumps from across the state. Noteworthy participation came from districts such as Hooghly, Burdwan, North 24



Parganas, Bankura, Murshidabad, and nearly every district in South Bengal. A process that is mandat-

ed for disposal within 60 days of application as per RTPS Act was fast-tracked — with 7 applications fully processed and fire licenses were issued on the same day, following physical inspection of pump and other formalities. This initiative reflects the department's unwavering commitment to transparency, efficiency, and service excellence. This is the 3rd outreach camp from the department with an effort to bring down the government machinery at grassroot level.



West Bengal tribals Community, TMC leaders, cultural personalities, and citizens leads a protest rally against the alleged attacks on Bengali migrants, at Jhargram in West Bengal on Wednesday.

# Documentary Trio Shines at Nandan-III Forum Session

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Forum for Film Studies and Allied Arts organized a special session of three documentary films on Wednesday, August 6, at Nandan-III. The event was inaugurated by renowned documentary filmmaker and National Award winner Anjan Bose, Managing Director of Aurora Film Corporation Pvt. Ltd. Samik Bandyopadhyay, Vice President of the Forum, was also present, along with the directors of the featured films.

The session showcased "Sabar-Aranyer Anna Katha" (2024, 60 mins), directed by Abhijit Chakraborty—a poignant exploration of the Sabar community in Purulia; "Dwitiya Purush" (2013, 30 mins) by Alok Deb, focusing on legendary theatre personality Sisir Kumar Bhaduri; and "Ekta Daak Asa Darkar" (2025, 98 mins) by Dibyendu Porel, chronicling the life of poet and media figure Pankaj Saha. Each director introduced and contextualized their film, engaging the audience in a thoughtful exchange on documentary cinema and cultural preservation.

# Target or attacker? Youth injured in late-night blast

MI News Service, Birbhum: A late-night explosion rocked the Nahata Municipality area of Birbhum district on Tuesday, leaving a young man severely injured. The victim, identified as Seelon Sheikh, reportedly lost his right wrist after a bomb detonated in his hand.

The incident occurred in Ward No. 6, near the road leading to the local stone industry zone. Around midnight, residents were jolted awake by a loud blast. At first, many assumed it to be a skirmish or external disturbance. However, moments later, the cries of pain led locals to rush outside — only to find a bloodied young man lying on the road with a grievous hand injury. He was immediately rushed to Rampurhat Medical College and Hospital, where he remains in critical condition. "I received a call late at night saying my son was admitted to the hospital. When I arrived, I was shocked to see his wrist completely blown off, and his hand bones exposed," said Golam Mustafa, father of the injured youth. Police and forensic teams quickly reached the site to investigate. According to initial reports, Seelon may have been attempting to hurl the bomb himself, possibly due to an ongoing personal enmity, when it exploded prematurely, causing him serious harm. Authorities are treating the case with urgency. While no arrests have been made yet, police are actively probing the circumstances, including whether Seelon was the intended attacker or a victim of a mishap. The explosion has reignited concerns over illegal explosives and turf rivalries in certain parts of Birbhum, a region where political and personal tensions have previously led to violent episodes.



Pradip Mazumdar, Minister of Panchayat and Rural Development of West Bengal, and Rathin Ghosh, Minister of Food and Supplies of West Bengal, along with members of Cooperative Societies (paddy procuring) and Custom Milled Rice (CMR) agencies (WBECSC Ltd., BENFED, and CONFED), attended a meeting jointly organized by the Departments of Co-operation and Food and Supplies, Government of West Bengal, to discuss policies framed in connection with the ensuing paddy procurement for the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2025-26, at Nazrul Mancha in Kolkata on Wednesday.

# Storm snatches shelter from Gangasagar's most affected family

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: In the heart of Gangasagar's Bishnupur area, a blind elderly woman and her specially-abled son are living in desperate conditions after their home was destroyed in a recent natural disaster. With no roof over their heads and only a dilapidated kitchen to take shelter in, the mother-son duo is fighting for survival—grappling with poverty, disability, and neglect. Chabi Barik (75), who has lost sight in both eyes, lives with her disabled son, Joydev Barik, who has limited mobility. The family survives solely on Joydev's disability allowance. Despite her complete blindness, Chabi Barik manages the house-

hold chores by feeling her way around, often aided by her son. Until recently, they lived in a modest mud house. However, a devastating storm rendered the structure uninhabitable. With nowhere else to go, the duo took refuge in their kitchen—a space that itself is on the verge of collapse. "We're barely managing. There's nowhere safe to sleep, and we fear the kitchen could collapse any moment," said a neighbor who has been assisting the family. Local authorities have taken note of the situation. Haripada Mandal, Deputy Chief of Gangasagar Gram Panchayat, confirmed the matter is under review. "Chabi Devi earlier re-

ceived old age allowance, which has, for some reason, been discontinued. We're working to reinstate it immediately. Her son receives a disability pension. Due to earlier records showing her as part of a single-parent household, she was removed from the Bengal Housing Scheme. But her house has now been destroyed in the storm. We've spoken to Sagar BDO Kanaya Kumar Rao and are taking steps to include her in the housing scheme at the earliest," Mandal stated. The case underscores the urgent need for targeted relief and housing support for vulnerable families in disaster-prone rural Bengal.

# Pregnant woman dies of electric shock at parental home

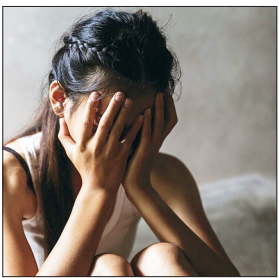


MI News Service, Bakura: In a heart-wrenching incident, a pregnant woman lost her life after receiving an electric shock while charging her mobile phone in Balitha village of Kotulpur block, Bankura. The incident occurred on Wednesday afternoon, casting a pall of gloom over the local community. The deceased, identified as Bristi Roy, was staying at her parental home in Balitha village during her pregnancy. Her in-laws' residence is located in Jhero Kankabati, within the same administrative block.

According to local sources, Bristi was attempting to plug in her mobile phone charger when she came into contact with live current. Family members rushed to the scene upon hearing her cries and immediately disconnected the electricity supply before rescuing her. She was promptly taken to Gogra Rural Hospital, where doctors pronounced her dead upon arrival. "We suddenly heard a scream. When we reached the room, we saw Bristi lying unconscious. We quickly turned off the main power switch and rushed her to the hospital," said Sandip Roy, a relative of the deceased. Local authorities have not yet confirmed the exact cause of the electrocution, but an accidental electrical fault is suspected. No official comment has been made regarding a potential investigation. The sudden death of the young woman — and her unborn child — has left the entire village in shock and mourning, as residents grapple with the tragic loss.

# Man arrested for alleged rape of minor

MI News Service, Sandeshkhali: Police in Sandeshkhali have arrested a 32-year-old man following a complaint of alleged rape filed by the family of a 17-year-old girl. The accused, identified as a resident of Jelekhali, was apprehended on Tuesday and is scheduled to appear before the Basirhat Sub-divisional Court on Wednesday.



According to the complaint filed at the Sandeshkhali police station, the suspect and the minor had been in a relationship for approximately six months. The girl's family alleges that the man, leveraging a promise of marriage, repeatedly engaged in sexual intercourse with her. The situation came to a head when the man reportedly began to avoid the topic of marriage. The incident has caused a stir in the local community. The minor's family explicitly stated that they noticed the accused's increasing involvement with their daughter about six months ago. After the complaint was filed, police took swift action, leading to the man's arrest. An investigation is currently underway.

# Man Performs 'Shraddha' for Estranged Wife in Dramatic Protest

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: In a bizarre and emotionally charged act, Naren Nayak, a retired army officer from North Mamudpur village in Hingalganj, North 24 Parganas, performed a full Hindu "shraddha" ritual—for his estranged wife, who is still alive. Naren claimed the act symbolized the emotional death of his relationship after his wife, Sumita Sarkar (33), allegedly left him following multiple online affairs.

The couple married three years ago and initially shared a peaceful life. However, Naren alleges Sumita formed intimate relationships through social media and eventually left home without informing him. After discovering she had started a new life, Naren, heartbroken, chose to perform the last rites to formally sever ties. The ceremony, traditionally reserved for the deceased, included pin-da daan, a yajna, the burning of Sumita's photograph, and even the shaving of Naren's head—all conducted publicly with a priest. "For me, my wife is dead," he

said. "This was my way of saying goodbye." The act has sparked intense debate in the community. While some empathize with Naren's pain, others are shocked by the public display. Religious scholars and legal experts are divided; although not illegal, such symbolic rituals raise ethical and psychological concerns. No legal steps have been taken, but the incident has created a sensation in the district, highlighting the deep emotional toll of betrayal and marital breakdown.

# Rajiv's final journey ends in Tragedy

MI News Service, Hooghly: What began as a sacred pilgrimage during the holy month of Shravan has ended in tragedy for a family in Tribeni. Rajiv Kundu, a 38-year-old tour driver from Benimadhabtala, set out on August 1 with four others from Hooghly to seek blessings at Kinnaur Kailash in Himachal Pradesh. A devout follower of Lord Shiva, Rajiv had previously undertaken the Amarnath Yatra. This year, his heart was set on Kailash.



While three members of the group managed to reach the mountain, Rajiv's health deteriorated on the return journey due to extreme cold and lack of oxygen. Battling freezing temperatures and treacherous weather,

he was rushed to the base camp but was declared dead on arrival. Heavy snowfall in Kinnaur and landslides in Uttarakshi have made this year's pilgrimage routes especially dangerous. Rajiv's family is now shattered. A working-class man and sole breadwinner, he supported his elderly mother and younger brother. "Rajiv didn't seek luxury—his joy was in devotion.

We're told he died from breathing issues and cold. We don't even have the means to bring his body back," said his son-in-law, devastated. The family has yet to receive official assistance and has appealed to the West Bengal Chief Minister and Himachal Pradesh authorities for urgent help to repatriate his remains. "His mother is inconsolable. Now, even his last rites are uncertain," said a neighbor. Aditya Niyogi, Chairman of Banskheria Municipality, confirmed the death and assured support. "We've informed the Chief Minister's Office and stand with the family," he said. Rajiv's story is a painful reminder of how faith, hardship, and tragedy often intersect.

# Julian Day School Students Visit Kalyani Police Stations for Insightful Session on Cyber security and Law Enforcement

MI News Service, Kalyani: With a view to become aware a little about the subject of cyber security that appears to be ane to the school level students, the students and faculty members of Julian Day School, Kalyani visited the Cyber Crime Police Station and Kalyani Police Station in Nadia on Wednesday. It was a part of an educational outreach initiative aimed at promoting awareness about cyber security and police station management.



The visit included an interactive session organized jointly by the Cyber Crime PS and Kalyani PS teams. Officers shared their expertise and best practices on a range of topics including Cyber-crime investigation procedures, Online safety and digital hygiene.

also sought to inspire interest in future careers in policing and cyber security.

Day-to-day operations and management of a police station. The growing importance of cyber-security in everyday life, said Debasish Panda, the IC, Kalyani Police Station.

The program concluded with an open Question & Answer session where students enthusiastically interacted with police officials, gaining valuable insights into real-world challenges and preventive strategies in the digital age.

The initiative aimed to deepen the students' understanding of law enforcement mechanisms and the rapidly evolving field of cybercrime prevention. Through this hands-on exposure, the event

This initiative marks a step forward in community-police engagement and underscores the role of awareness and education in building a safer, more secure society.

# Toronto Sanskriti Sangstha Presents TSS Puja Parikrama

MI News Service, Kolkata / Toronto: Toronto Sanskriti Sangstha (TSS) proudly announces its much-awaited annual TSS Puja Parikrama, a vibrant cultural initiative held during the Durga Puja celebrations. This unique journey unites members, families, and the wider community in visiting and paying homage to various Bengali puja pandals across the Greater Toronto Area, offering an immersive experience of devotion, artistry, and heritage.

More than a simple tour, the Puja Parikrama is a celebration of shared traditions. Participants not only enjoy darshan at different pujas but also engage in an array of cultural performances, including Indian classical and folk dances, music, and drama. The event also showcases art exhibits by community artists and heartwarming performances by children, honoring Devi Durga and celebrating Bengali culture. Visitors can partake in bhog

and prasad, adding a spiritual and culinary delight to the day.

By bringing together devotees in a spirit of unity and festivity, TSS Puja Parikrama strengthens cultural ties within the Bengali diaspora while fostering a deeper appreciation of traditions. Open to newcomers and lifelong devotees alike, it reflects TSS's dedication to cultural engagement, spiritual enrichment, and preserving Bengal's vibrant heritage in Canada.



## Death toll in Uttarkashi mud slide...

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the flash flood in Harsil which has isolated the valley from Mainland. Several helicopters including Mi 17 and ALH Mk-III at Bareilly and An-32s and C-295 at Agra are ready to launch following overnight preparations. Relief and rescue material has been loaded onto helicopters. However, dense fog and rain is restricting flying into the high reaches.

The IAF will launch this joint civil-military operation to address this disaster once the weather permits.

All agencies, including the Army, ITBP, SDRF, NDRF and locals, are involved in the rescue operations.

"Due to bad weather, road connectivity to several areas has cut and bridges have suffered damage. It is becoming difficult to reach to affected people and provide help rescue and relief efforts are underway," informed sources said. "The Disaster Operations Station in Dehradun is working 24 hours to provide all possible assistance," they added. Yesterday after the cloudburst struck Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district in the afternoon triggering a massive a mudslide and flash floods in Dharali village, a home to several hotels, restaurants and homestays, visuals floods showed houses falling flat like a deck of cards and

being swept away. Local residents could be heard crying for help.

The raging waters flowed down two different sides of the same hill, one towards Dharali and the other towards the village of Sukki, said state Disaster Management Secretary Vinod Kumar Suman.

The devastating flash floods in the Harsil area of Uttarkashi district also swept away 11 Army personnel from an army camp there.

A red alert is still in place in Uttarkashi. The state has issued helpline numbers - 01374-222722, 7310913129, 7500737269, 0135-2710334, 2710335, 8218867005, 9058441404.

The affected region lies deep within the Garhwal Himalayas, characterised by mountain slopes, unstable rock formations, and a dense network of glacier-fed rivers. This topography makes areas like Dharali, Harsil, and Gangotri particularly vulnerable to landslides, flash floods, and debris flows.

Rivers such as the Bhagirathi, Alaknanda, Mandakini, Dhauliganga, and Yamuna crisscross the state through narrow valleys. These rivers, fed by glaciers, swell rapidly during the rainy season due to intense rainfall and glacial melt. Combined with deforestation, road construction, and unregulated development, the natural fragility of the terrain leads to frequent disasters.

## RBI decides to keep interest rate...

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emain moderately above 4 per cent during the year, he added.

Experts said the MPC decision reflects the RBI's cautious approach in a complex global landscape. "For borrowers, this translates directly into a period of stability, with predictable EMLs and interest rates. This also pro-

vides the banking system a crucial window to further transmit the benefits of previous rate reductions," said Amit Prakash Singh, co-founder, Square Yards. Stability in monetary policy augurs well for homebuyers and real estate developers, particularly in the affordable and mid-income segments, said Vimal Nadar, National Director, Colliers India.

## President Trump says VP Vance...

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assumed office over six months ago, said that it is "too early" to talk about successors, but Vance is certainly "doing a great job, and he would be probably favourite at this point."

"Vice President J.D. Vance is most likely my heir apparent to serve as the Republican nominee in 2028, the President Trump said while backing Vance as the presidential candidate of the Republican party in 2028. "Well, I think most likely," Trump told reporters when asked whether Vance was the heir apparent to the movement he has inspired. "In all fairness, he's the Vice President." President Trump also proposed that Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio join forces for a future Republican ticket.

While the 2028 race is still years away, Trump holds considerable influ-

ence with the Republican base and any sign that he is backing a candidate carries significant implications.

Trump has declined in the past to offer any endorsement for a 2028 successor. He said in February that Vance was "very capable" but that it was too early to name him as the leading candidate.

Vance, a 40-year-old onetime Marine, has carved out a sizable role in the Trump administration, serving as a key diplomat and top surrogate selling President. Trump's domestic policy at home and foreign policy abroad..

Rubio, a former Florida Senator, on the other hand has emerged as a significant figure in an administration that has spent considerable time tackling thorny foreign policy dilemmas. He is the first person since Henry Kissinger to serve as both Secretary of State and National Security Adviser.



The Kolkata District Committee of the Paschim Banga Vigyan Mancha (Pro-Left) held a procession to observe Hiroshima Day, marching from the Lenin Statue to the American Centre in Kolkata, on Wednesday.

## Mamata's Jhargram rally turns into fierce defence of Bengali Language and Identity

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Jhargram's Junglemahal reverberated on Wednesday with slogans of linguistic pride as West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress (TMC) supremo Mamata Banerjee led a massive protest march to defend the Bengali language. Carrying portraits of cultural icons — Rabindranath Tagore, KaziNazrul Islam, and Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar — Banerjee, flanked by senior ministers Firhad Hakim and Aroop Biswas, walked through the streets in defiance of what she called an orchestrated attack on Bengal's identity.

Addressing a charged gathering after the march, Banerjee launched a scathing attack on the BJP and the Election Commis-

sion. "We will not tolerate any terror against the Bengali language. If necessary, we will shed our blood, but we will not yield an inch of Bengal's land," she declared. She condemned the NRC notices sent from Assam to Bengal residents, calling it an insult to the legacy of Bengal's luminaries, and warned against any attempt to strike out Bengali-speaking citizens from the voter list under the guise of the 'Special Intensive Revision' exercise. "Without Bengal, there is no India. Calling a Bengali a Bangladeshi is a disgrace. State officers are being intimidated, and people are taking their own lives out of NRC fear. Who will take responsibility for this?" she asked. Accusing the Election

Commission of acting as a "slave of the BJP", she alleged that the voter roll was being turned into a "BJP party list" and vowed, "If a single name is removed, they will have to cross over our bodies first. NRC will not happen, and our rights will not be snatched away."

Banerjee also defied the Election Commission's order to suspend two EROs and two AEROs over alleged voter list manipulation, asserting, "I will not suspend them. It is my duty to protect government officers, and I will do so."

Switching to Hindi to address a wider audience, she questioned, "How can speaking Bengali make someone Bangladeshi? If Bengal's language and

identity are attacked, TMC will not remain silent." Analysts note that beyond defending Bengali pride, this rally signals TMC's early positioning ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections, aiming to consolidate its political base.

Recalling the fear-ridden Left era, Banerjee said, "No one came to Jhargram then; now, there has been significant development. The people here are living well — that is their right." Through a blend of emotional appeal and political challenge, Banerjee sought to portray herself as the foremost guardian of Bengali dignity, rights, and heritage — a stance she hopes will resonate with Bengalis both in and beyond West Bengal.

## Port-led urban beautification: SMPK partners for historic ghat revival

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Kolkata's iconic Hooghly riverfront is poised for a major facelift, with Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) and GRSE signing a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) today for the beautification of Surinam Ghat and the development of Mayer Ghat. The agreement, sealed at SMPK's Head Office, reflects a shared vision to blend heritage conservation with modern civic amenities under the port's flagship Swachhata Initiatives.

The signing ceremony was attended by SMPK Chairman Rathendra Raman and Deputy Chairman SamratRahi, along with GRSE Chairman & Managing Director (Retd.) Cmde. P.R. Hari and Director (Planning & Personnel) (Retd.) Capt. P. Sunilkumar. Senior officials from both public sector entities were also present. GRSE will carry



out the works under its and inspiring civic pride." Rathendra Raman, Chairman, and Samrat Rabi, Deputy Chairman of the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, along with Cmde. P. R. Hari (Retd.), Chairman & Managing Director, and Capt. P. Sunilkumar (Retd.), Director, Planning & Personnel, of Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited, graced the MoU signing ceremony between SMPK and GRSE for the beautification of Surinam Ghat and development of Mayer Ghat. The agreement was signed at SMPK's Head Office on Wednesday.

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programme, with SMPK providing operational and maintenance support.

"Our ghats are living chronicles of Kolkata's maritime history," remarked Raman. "Through this collaboration, we are investing in infrastructure, preserving heritage,

Suriname Ghat bears deep historical resonance

— between 1873 and 1916, more than 34,000 indentured labourers, primarily from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, embarked from here to Suriname, profoundly shaping its society and culture. The first vessel, LallaRookh, sailed in 1873 with 410 passengers.

Mayer Ghat, located near Bagbazar, holds spiritual significance as a site frequented by Ma Sarada during visits to Udbodhan-Patrika. Both ghats embody Kolkata's layered riverine and cultural legacy, dating back to the 1500s when European traders first navigated the Hooghly.

## No heritage building to remain ungraded; KMC launches scientific classification drive

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata's civic authorities have resolved that no heritage structure in the city will remain without a formal grade. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has now embarked on a comprehensive exercise to assign grades to the remaining unclassified heritage buildings and sites, adopting a scientific, technology driven approach.

A specially constituted committee has been formed for the purpose, with eminent professors from the Department of Architecture at the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIST), Shibpur, entrusted with key responsibilities. The initiative was deliberated upon on Tuesday in a meeting of the KMC Heritage Committee, attended by the Municipal Commissioner, according to sources present at the discussion.

KMC's Heritage Department has disclosed that the city houses a total of 1,392 heritage assets. Of these, 717 have already been listed as 'Grade I'. However, 305 heritage buildings and sites remain without any grading. The new drive will focus on scientifically determining their grades, moving away from the earlier practice of relying solely on conventional or archival references.

This time, the evaluation will take into account

a range of parameters, from current market value to architectural significance. The findings will be compiled into detailed survey reports, which will then be examined by the expert committee before the grades are finalised.

A senior KMC official remarked that, historically, grading had been carried out without a uniform methodology and was often based on limited documentary evidence. In contrast, the present exercise will deploy advanced technology and a tested scientific protocol. The IIST architecture experts will conduct detailed studies and surveys of each heritage site. All collected data will be processed through a specialised software platform capable of analysing heritage attributes — a system already in use for heritage management projects worldwide.

The civic body further revealed that the meeting also discussed affixing QR codes to Grade I heritage properties to provide the public with instant access to historical information. Once the pending gradations are completed, KMC plans to undertake a re-classification of all heritage properties across the city to ensure accuracy and contemporary relevance. Through this initiative, Kolkata aims to set a benchmark in heritage conservation by blending tradition with modern scientific rigour.



Members of the SUCI(C) organise a procession to observe Hiroshima Day, starting from in front of the Subarna Banik Samaj Hall on Ganesh Avenue and proceeding to Subodh Mallick Square, in Kolkata on Wednesday.

## State slams Centre for blocking NHM funds despite fulfilling conditions

MI News Service, Kolkata:

The State government has accused the Centre of withholding crucial funds under the National Health Mission (NHM), threatening essential healthcare delivery across the State. Officials assert that despite meeting every requirement stipulated by the Union Health Ministry — including mandated colour schemes, branding, and logo placement — the Centre has failed to release the first quarter instalment for the 2025–26 fiscal year. Accord-

ing to the State Health Department, the Centre had committed nearly 300 crore for the April–June quarter. "The allocation was promised in writing. Despite repeated reminders and formal letters to the Union Health Ministry, the funds remain unreleased, with no official clarification," a senior department official stated. State ministers allege that the fund blockade is politically motivated and part of a broader pattern of central discrimination against opposition ruled States.

## Electoral Office overhauls voter card delivery system amid fake voter concerns

MI News Service, Kolkata: In the wake of reports of bogus voters surfacing in certain assembly constituencies, the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of West Bengal has announced a major procedural overhaul in the distribution of Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPICs).

Under the revised system, effective from September 1, EPIC cards will no longer be routed through district election offices. Instead, once printed, the cards will be dispatched directly to voters' residences via Speed Post from the General Post Office (GPO), ensuring tighter control and minimising intermediary handling.

Until now, the process required the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) to forward new voter applications to the District Election Officer (DEO), who would then send them to the Saraswati Press for printing. The printed cards were returned to the DEO, forwarded back to the respec-



tive EROs, and finally delivered to voters through Speed Post. The new directive eliminates the intermediate district-level leg of the journey. Saraswati Press will now send printed EPICs straight to the GPO, from where the postal department will deliver them directly to voters. Officials believe this streamlined approach will reduce the risk of tampering, misplacement, or unauthorised access to voter identity cards.

In addition to new cards, the CEO's office has ordered immediate

action on the backlog at Saraswati Press, where approximately 1.5 lakh EPICs are currently lying printed but undelivered. These cards, too, will now be sent directly to voters' homes through the postal department, bypassing district offices entirely.

Commission sources confirmed that this change is part of a broader strategy to strengthen electoral integrity and ensure that legitimate voters receive their cards securely and promptly. By cutting down the number of hands through which the cards pass, the CEO's office aims to close loopholes that could be exploited for fraudulent purposes.

Election officials have further stated that voters should be alert for their cards' arrival via Speed Post and report any discrepancies immediately. The measure, they stressed, is designed not only to expedite delivery but also to uphold public trust in the electoral process — an essential safeguard in the face of allegations of fake voter enrolments.

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Eastern Coalfields Limited

DATE: 17/06/2025

Synopsis of Land Intended for Purchase/Possession of ECL

Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) intends to purchase/possess the following schedule of land for its Highwall Mining Project Nimcha (R) Colliery under Satgram-Sripur Area for various mining activities:

Details of the land:

Details of Plot				Details of Offered Land by Land Owners			Details of Possession to be taken					
	Name of Land Loser	Mouza	Plot No	Total Area	Approved	Khatian No	Offered Area	Date of Ownership Since	Direct Purchase	CBA Act	Total Area	
1	Chaitanya Gope		1070	2.03	2.03	1443	1.97	07.02.2024	1.97	NA	1.19700	
2			978	0.47	0.47	1443	0.06	02.04.2024	0.06		0.0600	
3			1379	0.51	0.51	1201	0.51	05-03-2019	0.51		0.5100	
4	Krishna Pal		1451	0.22	0.22	1350	0.02	20.06.2022	0.02		0.0200	
5			1605	0.69	0.69	1350	0.09	20.06.2022	0.09		0.0900	
6			1606	1.11	1.11	1350	0.14	20.06.2022	0.14		0.1400	
7	Nakul Gope		1071	0.35	0.35	1441	0.35	09.02.2024	0.35		0.3500	
8			1368	0.99	0.99	1395	0.24	21.12.2022	0.24		0.2400	
9			1380	0.68	0.68	1395	0.08	21.12.2022	0.08		0.0800	
10	Tirat-06		1381/2479	0.76	0.38	1395	0.19	13.03.2023	0.19		0.1900	
11			1064	0.06	0.06	1395	0.01	19.04.2023	0.01		0.0100	
12			1097/2351	0.28	0.28	1395	0.04	19.04.2023	0.04		0.0400	
13	Arup Pal		1068	0.07	0.07	1395	0.01	19.04.2023	0.01		0.0100	
14			1462	2.30	2.30	1335	0.06	20.09.2021	0.06		0.0600	
15			1626	2.04	2.04	926	0.08	28-07-2023	0.08		0.0800	
16	Jaladhar Pal		1625	1.71	1.71	1268	0.855	28-07-2023	0.855		0.8550	
17			1625	1.71	1.71	1270	0.4275	28-07-2023	0.4275		0.4275	
18			1625	1.71	1.71	1399	0.4275	28-07-2023	0.4275		0.4275	
19	Bholanath Pal		1626	2.04	2.04	927	0.09	28-07-2023	0.09		0.0900	
20			1358	0.47	0.47	1257	0.08	26.05.2016	0.08		0.0800	
21			1374	0.55	0.55	1257	0.09	26.05.2016	0.09		0.0900	
22	Bikram Pal		1417	0.56	0.56	1257	0.09	26.05.2016	0.09		0.0900	
23			1452	0.24	0.24	1257	0.12	26.05.2016	0.12		0.1200	
										TOTAL		6.0300

| (\*All Land Area mentioned above are in acres)  If any individual or organization has any complaint or objection regarding the information provided above, they may submit their concerns in writing along with valid supporting documents within three (03) weeks from the date of this publication to:  The General Manager, Satgram-Sripur Area P.O: Devchandnagar, PIN: 713332  Dist: Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal  OR  The Agent, Nimcha (R) Colliery, P.O: Bidhanbag, PIN: 713358  Dist: Paschim Bardhaman, West Bengal  Sd/-  মহাপ্রবন্ধক,  সাহায্য-শ্রীপুর এলাকা | | | | | | | | | | | |

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**Name Change**  
I, Sakshi Joshi And Joshi Sakshi Prashant(Old Name),Wife Of Hrishikesh Rajiv Jugade,Residing At Flat - 303,3rd Floor,Kalimati Apartment,24/4 Alipor Road, Kolkata - 700027,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sakshi Prashant Joshi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/07/2025.That Sakshi Joshi And Joshi Sakshi Prashant And Sakshi Prashant Joshi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Shaikh Sultan Ali alias Sk Sultan Ali (Old Name) S/o Late Sekh Niyamat Ali Residing at Milki Uttarpara, Milki, Balarambati, Singur, Po - Singur, District- Hooghly, Pin - 712409, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Sultan Ali (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 01/2025 Dated 06-08-2025. Shaikh Sultan Ali, Sk Sultan Ali (Old Name) and Sekh Sultan Ali (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mozaffar Alam S/o Md Zafir Ansari Residing at 5/1/L, Motijhil Lane, Po - Tangra, Ps - Entally District - Kolkata, Pin - 700015, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Muzaffar Alam. I declare that Mozaffar Alam and Muzaffar Alam is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 06-08-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Deya Das (Old Name) D/o Ujjal Kumar Chatterjee W/o Joydip Das, Residing at-104/7, Bananali Naskar Road, P.S - Parnasree, Behala, District- Kolkata, Pin - 700060, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Deya Das Chatterjee (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public, Kolkata, vide affidavit No. 05-08-2025 Dated 06-08-2025. Deya Das (Old Name) and Deya Das Chatterjee (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Tapash Kumar Parai, S/O Lt. Bibhuti Parai, Residing at Vill- Utarpara, P.O.- Halpur, P.S. Dhan talia, Dist- Nadia, Vide Affidavit, Sworn before the Court of I.d. Judicial Magistrate (1st class) at Rana ghat- on 02/08/25 That I Tapash Kumar Parai and Tapas Parai is the same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
As per the affidavit dated 13.01.2025, before first class judicial magistrate, Barrackpore, WB, P/o Debarbata Ghosh Dasditar & Moumita Chowdhury, Chaurvi and Chaarvi Ghosh Dasditar, both are the same and one identical person, residing at Flat3F, Block: Meghna, Gitanjali Apartment, 166/F Nilgunj Road, Kolkata 114.

**Name Change**  
I, MUSHTAQ AHMED (old name)/S/O MD ALI residing at 39 covies Ghat Road PS+P/O Shibpur ,Howrah 711102 have changed my name and shall hence forth be known as MUSTAQE AHAMED (new name)as declared before the 1st. Class Executive magistrate court at Howrah vide affidavit No. 12233/25 Dated 01/07/2025. MUSHTAQ AHMED(old name) and MUSTAQE AHAMED(new name) both are same and one identical person .

**CHANGE OF NAME**  
I, No 15152341F, Ex Hav, Sajjit Bag resident of Vill.- Arabindapur, P.O.- Jangipara, Dist.-Hooghly (W.B.), PIN- 712404 have changed my son's name from Sohon Bag to Ankan Bag vide Affidavit dated 05-08-2025 before the Court of the Executive Magistrate at Arambagh, Hooghly (W.B.).

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Kallol Sarkar, S/o, Karuna Sagar Sarkar, resident of N-368,F.L.No.- 3B, Upanibas Apptt., B.P. Township, Panchasayar, Kol-700094. But my name & address are wrongly recorded in my driving licence as Kallal Sarkar, C/22 Baishnab Ghata, Patuli,Ghosh Para,Kol-94. Henceforth vide Affidavit No.A/24 dtd.04.08.2025 before the Notary of Alipore Judges Court declared that Kallol Sarkar & Kallal Sarkar both are the same and one identical person.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I Nirmal Agarwal, S/o Late Mohan Lal Agarwal residing at 35/8, Tollygunge Circular Road, New Alipore, Kolkata - 700053, P.O. & P.S. -New Alipore. That in my all educational certificates and documents my name has been recorded as NirmalAgarwal in place of my correct name Nirmal Kumar Agarwal. That Nirmal Kumar Agarwal and Nirmal Agarwal both the name is one and same identical person vide affidavit No. 52755 Dated 05/08/2025 sworn before in the court of The Learned Judicial Magistrate (First Class) at Alipore.

**Change of Name**  
I, Tanup Kumar Ghosh, residing at Vill., P.O., Dharenda, P.S.-KGPI(L), Dist.- Paschim Medinipur-721304, solemnly affirm and declared that in the Birth Certificate of my son's SAYAN GHOSH vide Reg. No.- 1374 dt.- 20/ 05/2011 my & my wife's name recorded as TANUP GHASH & MADHUMITA GHASH instead of my & my wife's actual / correct name with surname i.e. TANUP KUMAR GHOSH & MADHUMITA GHOSH as declared in the Court of I.d. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kharaipur, vide Affidavit No. 10053 Dated 04/08/2025. TANUP GHASH & MADHUMITA GHASH and TANUP KUMAR GHOSH & MADHUMITA GHOSH are same and identical person i.e. myself & my wife's .

**Name Change**  
I, Rafika khatun (old name) W/O Sk imtiyaz ali, D/O Sk rafik, residing at N0003 Dakshin para, Barui para, Chandannagar, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin-712306, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mst rafika shaikh (new name), as declared Before The Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Alipore, vide an affidavit dated 25/07/2025. Mst rafika shaikh (new name) and Rafika khatun (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Matiur Rahaman, S/O Md Habibur Rahman ,R/O Naya Basti Rahmat Nagar ,Burnpur,Po-Burnpur,Ps-Hirapur,Dist.Paschim Barzdhaman, 713325,West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Motiur Rahman,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 07/08/2025, That Md Matiur Rahaman And Md Motiur Rahman All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Snehal Kothari (Old Name), Daughter Of Sunil Kumar Churoria,Residing At 334,Jessore Road,5th Floor,Flat - 5h,Swastik Apartment, Lake Town,Po - Lake Town, North 24 parganas - 700089, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Lavanya Churoria(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Kolkata On 24/08/2022.Snehal Kothari And Lavanya Churoria Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Tapan Kumar Majhi (Old Name), Son Of Late Shibu Majhi,Residing At 30/4,Kalicharan Ghosh Road, Sintehe, Kolkata-700050, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Tapan Majhi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/08/2025. Tapan Kumar Majhi And Tapan Majhi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Nazre Rasul Khan (Old Name), Son Of Late Jamshed Khan,Residing At Kanakpur,Po-Panskura R.S,Ps-Panskura, Purba Madinipur - 7211 52,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Najro Rasul Khan(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/08/2025.Nazre Rasul Khan And Najro Rasul Khan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mohammad Ali Amin Khan (Old Name), Son Of Najre Rasul Khan, Date Of Birth 07/04/1995,Residing At Kanakpur,Po-Panskura R.S,Ps-Panskura, Purba Madinipur - 721152, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Alamin Khan(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/08/2025. Mohammad Ali Amin Khan And Alamin Khan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Uttam Paul (Old Name), Son Of Late Dharmadas Paul Residing At Palpara 1no Gali Tamla,Ps-Andal Paschim Bardhaman, 713321, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Uttam Kumar Paul (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/08/2025.Uttam Paul And Uttam Kumar Paul Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ashis Majumdar (Old Name), Son Of Akhil Majumdar, Residing At 225/22N Upen Banerjee Road,Po - Parnasree Pally, Kolkata - 700060, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ashis Majumder(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/08/2025.Ashis Majumdar And Ashis Majumder Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Nasrin Akthar Mondal (Old Name),Wife Of Abu Mondal,Residing At Podra, Howrah - 711109, West Bengal, India,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nasrin Mondal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 05/08/2025.Nasrin Akthar Mondal And Nasrin Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Kalyan Kumar Saha (Old Name), Son Of Late Kalidas Saha, Residing At 8/A, Badrikas Temple Street, Shyambazar, Kolkata-700004, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kalyan Saha(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 05/08/2025. Kalyan Kumar Saha And Kalyan Saha Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Golam Mortuza Ali @ SK Mor Tuza Ali S/O- Abdul Bari resident of Vill- Fagupur, P.O.- Fagupur, P.S.- Burdwan, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713104, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'GOLAM MORTUJA' vide an affidavit before the Notary public at Purba Bardhaman on 04/08/2025. That Golam Mortuza Ali, SK Mor Tuza Ali and Golam Mortuja all are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Khondekar Abul Hashnath S/O-Khandekar Golam Mortuza resident of Vill- Barapalashan, P.O.- Barapalashan, P.S.- Memari, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713429, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'ABUL HASNAT' vide an affidavit before the Notary public at Purba Bardhaman on 04/08/2025. That Khondekar Abul Hashnath and Abul Hasnat both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sunil Kumar Sachindra Chakraborty (old name) S/O Sachindra Narayan Chakraborty, residing at FD-240, 1st Floor, Sector-3, Salt Lake, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700106, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sunil Kumar Chakraborty (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 05/08/2025. Sunil Kumar Chakraborty (new name) and Sunil Kumar Sachindra Chakraborty (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Chaion Kumar Singha (old name) S/O Jatindra Mohan Singha, residing at Suman Bekary Goli, Kazi-para, P.O.- Mallickpur, P.S.- Baruiapur, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700145, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chayan Kumar Singha (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 06/08/2025. Chayan Kumar Singha (new name) and Chaion Kumar Singha (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Mohammed Taufique (old name) S/O Md Rafique, residing at 34/1/A watanganee Street po khidderpore ps watgunge kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Taufique (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 06/08/2025. Md Taufique (new name) and Mohammed Taufique (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Abdar Rahaman & Md Abder Rahaman (old names) S/O Mohar Ali Mondal, residing at Vill- Uttar Debiapur, Akatarip, P.O.- Champapukur, P.S.- Matia - Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743291, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abdar Rahaman Mondal (new name), as declared Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Basirhat, North 24 Pgs, vide an affidavit No. 14246, dated 04/08/2025. Abdar Rahaman Mondal (new name) and Abdar Rahaman & Md Abder Rahaman (old names) all are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Mahamudul Hasan Gazi & Mohammadd Mahamudul Hasan Gazi (old names) S/O Abdul Mamud Gazi, residing at Vill- Neoradhat Road, P.O.- Bhahla, P.S.- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743422, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mahamudul Hasan Gaji (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 06/08/2025. Mahamudul Hasan Gaji (new name) and Md Mahamudul Hasan Gazi & Mohammadd Mahamudul Hasan Gazi (old names) all are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sk Faruk Mondal (Old Name), Son Of Sekh Anwar Ali Mondal, Residing At 33/B,Shariff Lane Kolkata Municipal Corporation Park Street, Kolkata-700016, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Faruk Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/08/2025.Sk Faruk Mondal And Faruk Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Suman Bhacharya (old name) S/O Maniklal Bhattacharjee, residing at No.2, Motilal Colony, Dumdum, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700081, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Suman Bhattacharyya (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Suman Bhattacharyya (new name) and Suman Bhacharya (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sayeeda Begum Rozy (old name) wife of Jahangir Mia, residing at Haroa, Berachampa Road, P.O.- Haroa, Basirhat, 743425, WB, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sayeeda Begum (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 01/08/2025. Sayeeda Begum (new name) and Sayeeda Begum Rozy (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Wei Leen Alias Kervin Sein (old name) S/O Sein Kin Kwang, residing at 12A, Loknath Bose Garden Lane, Kolkata- 700046, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sein Wei Leen (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 05/08/2025. Sein Wei Leen (new name) and Wei Leen Alias Kervin Sein (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Keka Laskar Das W/O- Debasis Das resident of F2, No Shankaripukur, P.O. Sripally, P.S.-Burdwan Road, Dist-Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713103, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'KEKA LASKAR' vide an affidavit before the 1ST Class Judicial Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman on 06/08/2025. That Keka Laskar Das and Keka Laskar both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sahajaha Khatoon, W/O Md Motiur Rahman ,R/O Naya Basti Rahmat Nagar ,Burnpur,Po-Burnpur,Ps-Hirapur,Dist.Paschim Barzdhaman, 713325, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shahjahan Khatoon,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 07/08/2025,That Sahajaha Khatoon And Shahjahan Khatoon All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Purnima Debnath (old name) W/O Aulea Sk, residing at Vill- Ucheh-hekhali, P.O.- Mestakhalai, P.S.- Bishnupur, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743503, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Julekha Bibi (new name), as declared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, vide an affidavit dated 06/08/2025. Julekha Bibi (new name) and Purnima Debnath (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sahera Begam W/O Sk Din Mahammad, on behalf my minor son SK Afraj (old name), residing at Tajpur, Morah, Hooghly- 712403, West Bengal, India, have changed my son name and he shall henceforth be known as Sk Afraj Mahammad (new name), as declared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Serampore, Hooghly, vide an affidavit dated 05/08/2025. Sk Afraj Mahammad (new name) and SK Afraj (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Subhra Saha (old name) W/O Goutam Saha, residing at 1 No Colony, Ganganagar, Madhyamgram, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700132, West Ben gal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Subhra Panday Sahafnew name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 06/08 /2025. Subhra Panday Saha (new name) and Subhra Saha (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Tania Pervin (old name) W/O Md Mahamud Ali Mondal, D/O Abdul Gaffar Molla, residing at Vill- Devoge, P.O.- Kathur, P.S.- Basirhat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tania Parvin (new name), as declared Before The Ld. Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class at Basirhat, North 24 Parganas, vide an affidavit dated 25/07/2025. Tania Parvin (new name) and Tania Pervin (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Megha S Sekhani (old name) W/O Gaurav Sethia, residing at 59, Ballygunge Circular Road, 6th Floor, Unit- 3, Ballygunge, Kolkata- 7000 19, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Megha Sethia (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 06/08/2025. Megha Sethia (new name) and Megha S Sekhani (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Jomad Ali Molla (Old Name), S/O Icha Ali Molla, Residing At Village-Hinchaberia, Post-Amira, Ps- Parulia Coastia , District -South 24 Pgs-743368, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jomat Ali Molla(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/08/2025. Jomad Ali Molla And Jomat Ali Molla Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Nausad (Old Name), Son OfMohammad Nizam,Residing At 7h/1, Ahirpukur 2nd Lane,Ps-Ballygunge, Ps-Karaya Police, Kolkata-700019, West Bengal, Have Chan ged My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Nausad (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/08/2025. Md Nausad And Md Nausad Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, PROBIR NATH (old name) S/O GOPAL NATH, residing at NO189, DOMJIUR SASTITALA ROAD, HOWRAH-711405, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PRABIR NATH (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 06/08/2025. PRABIR NATH (new name) and PROBIR NATH (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Rizwan Aashique (old name) S/O Ashique Ali, residing at H/No 20/1, BL No 02, Kankinara, Bhatpara, North 24 Parganas,Pin-743126, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rizwan Ashique (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/08/2025. Rizwan Ashique (new name) and Rizwan Aashique (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Aashique Ali (old name) S/O Kurban Ali, residing at H/No 20/1, BL No 02,Kankinara,Bhatpara,North 24 Parganas,Pin-743126, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ashique Ali (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/08/2025. Ashique Ali (new name) and Aashique Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Subhas Bishnu (old name) S/O Profulya Bishnu, residing at Shanti Nagar, Bidhan Chandra Sarani,Hridaypur, P.S.- Barasat, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700127, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Subhas Kumar Bishnu (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 06/08/2025. Subhas Kumar Bishnu (new name) and Subhas Bishnu (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sheela Singh (old name) W/O Anil Kumar Singh, residing at 51/10, G.T. Road, Pilkhana, Near Dev Medial, P.S.- Golabari, Dist.- Howrah, Pin- 711101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shila Singh (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 06/08/2025. Shila Singh (new name) and Sheela Singh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

## Howrah Division celebrates ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ with “Tiranga Weaves And Threads” activities by school students



**MI News Service, Howrah:** As part of Phase 1 of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organised a series of vibrant, creative, and patriotic events aimed at instilling a sense of national pride and unity among young students. These events were conducted under the guidance of the Ministry of Railways, Government of India. To mark the occasion, “Tiranga Weaves and Threads” themed competitions were held at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bamangachi, and Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bandel. Students participated with great enthusiasm, showcasing their artistic talents by creating beautiful representations of the Indian Tricolour through crafts, weaving, and painting – celebrating the spirit of patriotism and creativity. These activities not only celebrated our national identity but also provided a meaningful platform to educate students about the historical and cultural significance of the Indian National Flag. By involving students in hands-on creative expression, the initiative aimed to strengthen their emotional connection with the ideals of freedom, unity, and the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters. Howrah Division remains committed to fostering patriotic awareness among the youth and encouraging community participation in national campaigns like Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Through such initiatives, the Division reaffirms its dedication to nurturing responsible, aware, and proud citizens of the nation.

## Kolkata students part of international student exchange prog

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** The students from the city recently participated in prestigious international student exchange programs aimed at cultivating global academic collaboration and cross-cultural learning. Students from Kolkata representing GNIHM and JIS University recently participated in a student’s cultural exchange programme held at Russia and Vietnam respectively. As part of the Indo-Russian Student Exchange Program, a group of hospitality students traveled to Moscow, Russia, where they visited the Russian International Academy for Tourism (RIAT). Simultaneously, a bright cohort embarked on an academic journey to Hanoi University of Industry, Vietnam.

**MI News Service, New Delhi:** Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai said bulldozers should not be used indiscriminately to fell trees in forest areas in the name of “sustainable development”. A bench of CJI Gavai and Justices K. Vinod Chandran and Joymalya Bagchi was hearing a suo motu case over the large-scale felling of trees in Telangana’s Kancha Gachibowli area. “That is not the right approach, although I am myself an advocate for sustainable development, but that doesn’t mean that overnight you (state) should employ 30 bulldozers and clear the forests,” the CJI told the counsel appearing for the state government. The state’s counsel informed the bench that the state government had stopped the felling of trees in keeping with the Supreme Court’s earlier directive. The bench adjourned the matter for further hearing to August 13. On May 15, the apex court had threatened to send the Telangana chief secretary and other officials to jail for lopping off trees in a forest area at Kancha Gachibowli on the outskirts of Hyderabad. It had also directed the state government to restore the forest cover, failing which contempt proceedings would be initiated against it. The earlier bench, headed by CJI Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih, had said “prima facie” the entire exercise of bulldozing over 1,000 trees between May 10 and 13 was “pre-planned” to take advantage of the extended weekend. Courts were closed on Monday (May 13) on account of Buddha Purnima. The reported cutting of trees took place in contravention of a directive by the top court on April 3. “How did you make arrangements in such a short time? There were a dozen bulldozers. Prima facie, it appears everything was pre-planned,” the CJI had told senior counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for the state government.

**Name Change**  
I, Archana Mallick (old name) W/O Gopal Malick, residing at 21A/H/79, Paik Para Manindra Road, Kolkata-700037, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Archana Malick (new name), as declared Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, vide an affidavit No. 13012, dated 30/12/2019. Archana Malick (new name) and Archana Mallick (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Alia Ali Ahayat(Old Name),Wife Of Abul Hayat,Residing At 5 Sudam Street, Nakhuda Masjid, Jorasankar, 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 06/08/2025. Alia Ali Ahayat And Alia Ali Hayat Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Kumari Puja Sankhari (Old Name), Daughter Of Parimal Chandra Sankhari, Residing At Thakurpara, Helabottala,Hatiara Road, Rajarhat, Vtc: Hatiara, Po-Hatiara, North 24 Parganas, 700157, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Puja Sankhari (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 06/08/2025. Kum ari Puja Sankhari And Puja Sankhari Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, SAJAL HALDAR (old name) S/O AMAL KUMAR HALDAR, residing at VILL-SARISA,PO-SARISA, PSDI-AMOND HARBOUR, Diamond Harbour, 743368, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SAJAL KUMAR HALDER (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit No 44 dated 30/07/2025. SAJAL KUMAR HALDAR (old name) and SAJAL HALDAR (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Rajesh Kumar Tibrewal (old name) S/O Vishwanath Tibrewala, Residing at BD-111,Salt Lake,Sec-1,Bidhannagar ec Block, Kolkata-700064, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajesh Kumar Tibrewala (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit No 43 dated 06/08/2025. Rajesh Kumar Tibrewala (new name) and Rajesh Kumar Tibrewal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

## Most Modern Glaucoma Surgical Treatment started at Eastern Railway Divisional Railway Hospital, Howrah



**\*Second Railway Hospital in India after Southern Railway to perform i-Stent Implantation for Glaucoma**  
**MI News Service, Howrah:** Eastern Railway’s Divisional Railway Hospital, Howrah, has achieved a significant milestone by successfully introducing the most modern surgical treatment for Glaucoma – the Trabecular Micro Bypass System (i-Stent) implantation. This advanced ophthalmic procedure was conducted for the first time in Eastern Railway on 31st July 2025 by Dr. Debjani Mukhopadhyay, ACMS/ HWH, placing the hospital as the second among Indian Railways, after Southern Railway, to offer this cutting-edge treatment. Glaucoma is a silent threat to vision, often diagnosed at an advanced stage when a considerable amount of the visual field has already been lost permanently. Invasive Glaucoma surgery is typically required only in advanced cases to preserve the remaining vision, in addition to the lifelong use of medications. Patients suffering from mild to moderate Glaucoma, if diagnosed early, have so far been treated with multiple medications and, in some cases, laser therapy. Prevention of the progression of visual field in mild to moderate cases, which is almost inevitable due to the progression of the disease with age, can now be treated surgically due to availability of most modern Trabecular micro bypass system implantation. This surgical technique has started for the first time in Eastern Railways at Howrah Division. This will allow the patients to preserve visual field and be free of medications for Glaucoma and thus avoid its side effects in long term also. This will improve the quality of life patients suffering from Glaucoma to a large extent. The implementation of this procedure at Divisional Railway Hospital, Howrah, marks a new era in the management of Glaucoma for railway beneficiaries and sets a benchmark in advanced ophthalmic care within Eastern Railway.

## Khurda Road Division Intensifies Cleanliness Drive Under ‘Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat Abhiyan’

### Special Campaign Focuses on Awareness, Action & Participation of Staff and Passengers



**MI News Service, Khurda Road:** Under the nationwide Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway has launched a comprehensive cleanliness drive across its jurisdiction. The initiative aims to promote a culture of hygiene, awareness and shared responsibility among railway employees and the public alike. The state’s counsel informed the bench that the state government had stopped the felling of trees in keeping with the Supreme Court’s earlier directive. The bench adjourned the matter for further hearing to August 13. On May 15, the apex court had threatened to send the Telangana chief secretary and other officials to jail for lopping off trees in a forest area at Kancha Gachibowli on the outskirts of Hyderabad. It had also directed the state government to restore the forest cover, failing which contempt proceedings would be initiated against it. The earlier bench, headed by CJI Gavai and Justice Augustine George Masih, had said “prima facie” the entire exercise of bulldozing over 1,000 trees between May 10 and 13 was “pre-planned” to take advantage of the extended weekend. Courts were closed on Monday (May 13) on account of Buddha Purnima. The reported cutting of trees took place in contravention of a directive by the top court on April 3. “How did you make arrangements in such a short time? There were a dozen bulldozers. Prima facie, it appears everything was pre-planned,” the CJI had told senior counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for the state government.

**Workshop for Railway Employees, Stakeholders & Safai Karmacharis:** A dedicated cleanliness awareness workshop was organized for Safai Karmacharis, Rail Users and Railway Staff to reinforce best practices in sanitation and waste segregation, eco-friendly disposal methods. The session emphasized the importance of consistent cleanliness and preventive measures to maintain hygiene across railway premises. **Cleanliness Drive Across Key Areas:** A large-scale Safai Abhiyan is being conducted covering Station premises, Office establishments, Railway tracks, Platforms and circulating areas, Railway colonies, etc. Teams of railway staff, housekeeping workers, and volunteers actively participated in the cleaning activities, ensuring thorough coverage of all high-traffic and residential railway zones. **Appeal from Divisional Railway Manager:** Divisional Railway Manager, Khurda Road, called upon passengers and rail users to take part in the mega cleanliness drive, stressing that cleanliness is a shared duty. He encouraged travelers to maintain hygiene, use designated dustbins, and refrain from littering in public railway spaces. **Onboard Passenger Counselling:** To reinforce the message, passengers onboard trains were counselled against throwing garbage or waste onto railway tracks. Awareness posters and announcements were also placed prominently to guide and educate the public. **Spitting & Littering Discouraged:** The division is also strengthening vigilance and awareness against spitting and littering at stations, platforms, and inside trains. Strict action and counselling are being implemented to curb these unhygienic practices. Khurda Road Division remains committed to transforming railway premises into cleaner, safer, and more passenger-friendly spaces in alignment with the vision of a Swachh Bharat.

## JSW Cement goes for public offer

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** JSW Cement Limited (the “Company”) has fixed the price band of ₹ 139/- to ₹ 147/- per Equity Share of face value ₹10 each for its initial public offer. The initial public offer (“IPO” or “Offer”) of the Company will open on Thursday, August 7, 2025, for subscription and close on Monday, August 11, 2025. Investors can bid for a minimum of 102 Equity Shares and in multiples of 102 Equity Shares thereafter.

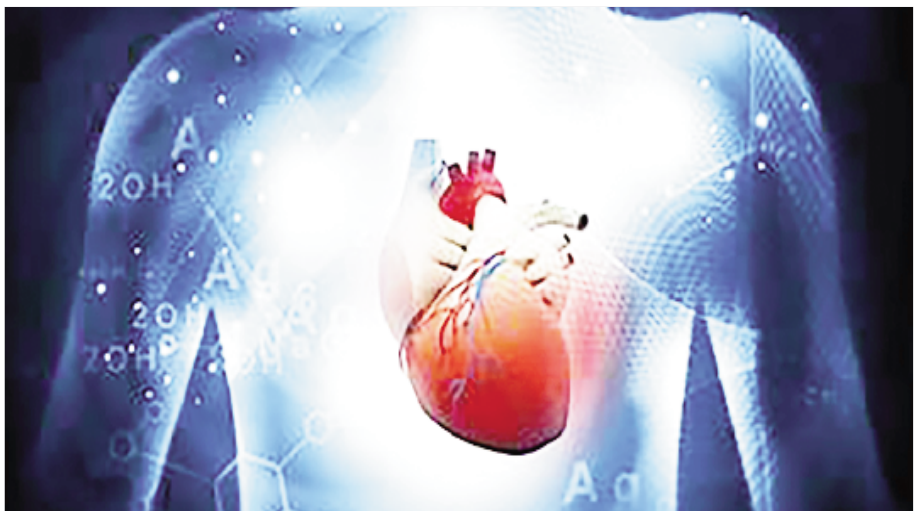








# Researchers discover protein that help prevent cancer treatment-related heart damage



Washington [US] : Blocking the protein CDK7 could prevent heart damage caused by a routinely used cancer chemotherapy treatment, according to a study conducted by scientists at Washington State University. Importantly, the researchers discovered that blocking CDK7 could improve the medication's cancer-killing efficacy.

Based on an animal model, the study's findings potentially lay the groundwork for future treatment options to decrease chemotherapy-related heart damage and improve treatment efficacy. This has the potential to help people with cancer live longer lives. Heart damage caused by chemotherapy can manifest decades later and lead to heart attacks, heart failure, cardiomyopathy, and other types of heart disease.

The findings of the study were published in the journal Cardiovascular Research, the WSU

study focused on doxorubicin, a chemotherapy drug used to treat breast cancer, lymphoma, leukemia and other cancers.

Capable of killing a wide range of cancer cells, doxorubicin and other similar chemotherapy medications are known to be toxic to the heart. Despite this toxicity, the drug still sees a lot of use.

"Doxorubicin remains the mainstay treatment for certain cancer types for which targeted therapies or other better treatments are not available," said senior study author Zhaokang Cheng, an associate professor in the WSU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.Cheng has been working to unravel the underlying mechanisms of doxorubicin-induced heart toxicity to make the use of doxorubicin safer for patients who rely on the drug. This new study builds on findings from earlier research that showed that doxorubicin

activates a protein known as CDK2. That protein then activates another known as FOXO1, which causes heart cells to die. Cheng's team collaborated with WSU cancer biology researcher Boyang (Jason) Wu to take a closer look at CDK7, a protein that helps fuel cell growth and has been shown to play a role in the development of cancer.

The researchers found that CDK7 activated CDK2, which set off the chain of molecular signals that eventually led to heart cell death. They also showed that mice that lacked the CDK7 gene were protected from doxorubicin-induced heart toxicity. Next, they used a CDK7 inhibitor drug known as THZ1 to block the protein's activity and examine the impact on heart health and cancer growth. A similar inhibitor is currently being tested as an anti-cancer drug in clinical trials, but its effect on the heart is still not clear.

"We are the first to study the effect of THZ1 on the heart and tumour growth in the same model," said study first author Jingrui Chen, a WSU research associate. "And what we found is that this CDK7 inhibitor drug can increase heart function and at the same time inhibit tumour growth."

Though more research is needed, the researchers said their findings suggest that combining doxorubicin and THZ1 could help prevent heart damage and increase the effectiveness of chemotherapy treatment.

The researchers' next step is to test the effect of THZ1 on heart damage and cancer growth in younger mice and follow them longer. This would more closely mimic long-term doxorubicin-induced heart toxicity seen in childhood cancer survivors. They also plan to look at other proteins that may somehow be involved in the signaling pathway that underlies doxorubicin-related heart damage.

# Semaglutide ingredient can help protect kidney function in people with obesity: Study

WASHINGTON [US], : Semaglutide, a glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonist, has been shown in the SELECT Trial to be effective in preventing the loss of kidney function in people who are overweight or obese and have established cardiovascular disease but do not have diabetes.

The remarkable secondary analysis from the SELECT (Semaglutide Effects on Heart Disease and Stroke in Patients with Overweight or Obesity) experiment, a randomised trial with a participant pool of 17,604 people, was unveiled by researchers today at the 61st ERA Congress.

The study's findings, according to experts, give individuals who suffer from obesity hope since this illness is known to increase the risk of renal function decline and macroalbuminuria, or abnormally high levels of the albumin protein in urine.

With an average follow-up of approximately 3.5 years, among patients who were administered a once-weekly subcutaneous injection of semaglutide 2.4 mg (n=8,803) adverse kidney-related events were experienced by 22% fewer persons (1.8%) compared to those receiving placebo (n=8,801) (2.2%) (p<0.05). These events included death from kidney causes, initiation of chronic kidney replacement therapy, significant (>= 50%) decline in kidney function, or onset of persistent macroalbuminuria. Semaglutide's ability to prevent the onset of macroalbuminuria was highlighted as a pivotal factor in reducing



the likelihood of kidney-related complications.

The study also assessed the impact of semaglutide on estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR), a measure of kidney function in removing waste and excess water from the blood through urine. The findings indicated a significantly lesser decline in eGFR among semaglutide recipients compared to the placebo group, with the effect being more pronounced in participants with baseline eGFR below 60 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> (p<0.001). These results indicate the potential for semaglutide to particularly protect kidney function in individuals with a pre-existing kidney

impairment. The reduction in urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio (UACR) further substantiated semaglutide's beneficial effect on kidney health, with a significant decrease observed in semaglutide-treated individuals compared to placebo (p<0.001). UACR analysis measures the ratio of albumin (a protein) to creatinine (a waste product) in urine, aiding the detection of albuminuria, which can signal kidney damage or dysfunction. With semaglutide, there was a net 8.1% decrease in UACR in those with normal albumin levels at baseline, a 27.2% decrease in those with microalbuminuria (slightly raised albumin) at baseline, and a 31.4% decrease

in those with macroalbuminuria at baseline relative to placebo.

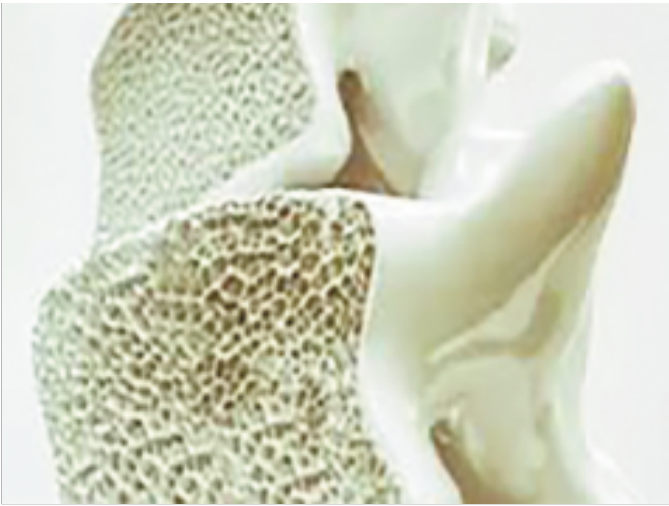
Importantly, the study found no increased risk of acute kidney injury associated with semaglutide treatment, irrespective of baseline kidney function.

Over one billion people worldwide are affected by obesity.3 Rates of obesity are rising significantly, having doubled among adult women (8.8% to 18.5%) and nearly tripled in adult men (4.8% to 14.0%) between 1990 and 2022. The total number of children affected by obesity in 2022 was nearly 160 million, compared to 31 million in 1990.

Professor Helen M. Colhoun, lead study author, commented, "By addressing key markers of kidney health, semaglutide 2.4 mg weekly may contribute to a significant reduction in the risk of kidney-related complications, including chronic kidney disease and end-stage renal disease. This could lead to improved management of comorbidities and, ultimately, enhance the quality of life for individuals with obesity."

"The observed benefits in eGFR and UACR are particularly encouraging, suggesting potential for the enhanced management of kidney complications in the patient population with overweight and obesity without diabetes. The findings also underscore the importance of continued research into the possible renal benefits of semaglutide and highlight its role as a promising therapeutic option in the multifaceted management of cardiovascular and renal health in this high-risk population."

# Study reveals key protein that helps prevent excessive bone loss in osteoporosis



Tokyo [Japan], Osteoporosis, a disorder characterised by porous and weak bones, is a major hazard to skeletal health. As the foundation of the human body, bones provide critical structural support. When bone mass decreases, it not only weakens this support but also lowers general function, resulting in a lower quality of life.

With an ageing population and a rise in osteoporosis cases, the burden on healthcare resources for long-term care is clear. As a result, there is a need to understand the mechanisms that cause osteoporosis and develop effective targeted therapeutics to mitigate its long-term effects.

Osteoblasts and osteoclasts are two types of cells that play critical roles in bone tissue maintenance and remodelling. Osteoblasts are bone-forming cells that synthesise and deposit new bone tissue, whereas osteoclasts break down and remove old or damaged bone tissue. Increased proportion of osteoclasts causes bone mass loss in situations such as osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis (joint inflammation), and bone metastases (cancer that has spread to the bones). Osteoclasts develop from the development of macrophages or monocytes, two types of immune cells. Suppressing osteoclast differentiation could thus be used as a therapeutic technique to prevent bone loss. However, the precise molecular pathways driving the complicated process of bone remodelling are unknown.

In a new groundbreaking study, Professor Tadayoshi Hayata, Mr. Takuto Konno, and Ms. Hitomi Murachi from Tokyo University of Science, along with their co-workers, delved deeper into the molecular regulation of osteoclast differentiation. Receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa B ligand (RANKL) stimulation induces the differentiation of macrophages into osteoclasts. Further, bone morphogenetic protein (BMP) and transforming growth factor (TGF)- $\beta$  signaling pathways have been implicated in the regulation of RANKL-mediated osteoclast differentiation. In the current study, the researchers sought to investigate the role of

Ctdnep1 - a phosphatase (an enzyme that removes phosphate groups) that has been reported to suppress BMP and TGF- $\beta$  signaling.

Giving further insight into their work set to be published on July 30, 2024, in Volume 719 of Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications, Prof. Hayata states, "RANKL functions as an 'accelerator' for osteoclast cell differentiation. Driving a car requires not only the accelerator but also the brakes. Here, we find that Ctdnep1 functions as a 'brake' on osteoclast cell differentiation."

First, the researchers examined the expression of Ctdnep1 in mouse-derived macrophages treated with RANKL and untreated control cells. They noted that Ctdnep1 expression remained unchanged in response to RANKL stimulation. However, it localized in the cytoplasm in granular form in the macrophages and differentiated into osteoclasts, distinct from its normal peri-nuclear localization in other cell types, indicating its cytoplasmic function in osteoclast differentiation.

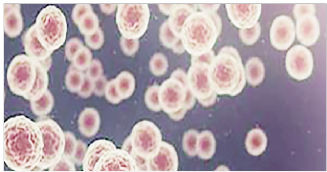
Further, Ctdnep1 knockdown (downregulation of gene expression) resulted in an increase in tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase-positive (TRAP) osteoclasts; wherein TRAP is a marker for differentiated osteoclasts. Additionally, Ctdnep1 knockdown led to an increase in the expres-

sion of crucial differentiation markers including 'Nfatc1', a RANKL-induced master transcription factor for osteoclast differentiation. These results support the 'brake function' of Ctdnep1, whereby, it negatively regulates osteoclast differentiation.

Moreover, Ctdnep1 knockdown also led to increased absorption of calcium phosphate, suggestive of the suppressive role of Ctdnep1 in bone resorption. Lastly, while, Ctdnep1 knockdown did not alter BMP and TGF- $\beta$  signaling, cells deficient in Ctdnep1 showed elevated levels of phosphorylated (activated) proteins downstream of the RANKL signaling pathway. These findings suggest that the suppressive effect of Ctdnep1 in osteoclast differentiation may not be mediated by BMP and TGF- $\beta$  signaling, but, through the negative regulation of RANKL signaling and Nfatc1 protein levels.

Overall, these findings provide novel insights into the process of osteoclast differentiation and reveal potential therapeutic targets which can be pursued to develop treatments that address bone loss due to excessive osteoclast activity. In addition to diseases characterized by bone loss, Ctdnep1 has also been reported as a causative factor in medulloblastoma - a childhood brain tumor. The authors are, therefore, optimistic that their research can be extended to other human diseases beyond bone metabolism.

# Researchers use 'cloaked' proteins to deliver cancer-killing therapeutics into cells



Ithaca (New York) [US], : Researchers at Cornell University have created a generalized method for "cloaking" proteins, which may allow for the recycling of materials like antibodies for biological research and therapeutic applications.Lipid nanoparticles, which resemble tiny bubbles of fat, have the ability to ensnare the "cloaked" proteins. Because of their microscopic size, these bubbles are able to secretly deliver their cargo into living cells, where the proteins unfold and begin to work as medicine. The group's paper published in ACS Central Science. The lead author is doctoral student Azmain Alamgir, who works in the labs of the paper's co-senior authors, Chris Alabi, associate professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, and Matt DeLisa, professor of engineering.

For some drugs to impact a cell's biology, and ultimately treat disease, they need to get inside the cell and reach a specific space. Protein-based therapeutics have

many virtues - they can have more specific effects, with lower toxicity and diminished immune response - but ease of delivery is not one of them. Proteins are large and cumbersome and don't freely diffuse into cells as easily as small molecules do.

"We had been looking for a clever way to efficiently get our engineered proteins inside of cells, especially in a translational context that would not only work in lab-cultured cells, but that would also be effective and safe in animal models and eventually in humans," DeLisa said. The researchers had the broad idea of using a bioconjugation approach that would allow the proteins to be loaded into lipid nanoparticles, which form around nucleic acids.

A major advantage of this approach was that lipid nanoparticles were a key component in the successful COVID-19 vaccines developed by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna. Those vaccines worked by delivering a payload in the form of messenger RNA, which are nucleic acids. The researchers now would use the same lipid nanoparticle delivery concept - the same materials even - but with a protein payload. The trick would be to make proteins look more like nucleic acids. The researchers found they could accomplish this by "cloaking" the proteins with a negatively charged ion, so they would join with the positively charged lipids electrostatically.

"The crux of our strategy is conceptually very simple," Alamgir said. "We're taking proteins and specifically remodeling their surfaces with negative charges, so they look like nucleic acids and can similarly assemble into nanoparticles when formulated with the characteristic lipids."

# Light therapy helps in brain connectivity following injury

Illinois [US] : A study suggests that low-level light treatment may have an impact on the healing process in the brains of individuals who have experienced serious brain injuries.

The findings of the study were published in Radiology, a journal of the Radiological Society of North America (RSNA).

The ability of various wavelengths of light to heal wounds has been researched for many years. Low-level light treatment was used by researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) on 38 patients who had experienced moderate traumatic brain injury, which is defined as a head injury severe enough to affect cognition and/or be detectable on a brain scan. Within 72 hours of their injury, patients underwent light therapy using a near-infrared light-emitting helmet.

"The skull is quite transparent to near-infrared light," said study co-lead author Rajiv Gupta, M.D., Ph.D., from the Department of Radiology at MGH.

"Once you put the helmet on, your whole brain is bathing in this light."

The researchers used an imaging technique called functional MRI to gauge the effects of the light therapy. They focused on the brain's resting-state functional connectivity, the communication between brain regions that occurs when a person is at rest and not engaged in a specific task. The researchers compared MRI results during three recovery phases: the acute phase of within one week after injury, the subacute phase of two to three weeks post-injury and the late-subacute phase of three months after injury.

Of the 38 patients in the trial, 21 did not receive light therapy while wearing the helmet. This was done to serve as a control to minimize bias due to patient characteristics and to avoid potential placebo effects.

Patients who received low-level light therapy showed a greater change in resting-state connectivity in seven brain region pairs during the acute-to-sub-



acute recovery phase compared to the control participants.

"There was increased connectivity in

those receiving light treatment, primarily within the first two weeks," said study coauthor Nathaniel Mercaldo, Ph.D., a

statistician with MGH. "We were unable to detect differences in connectivity between the two treatment groups long term, so although the treatment appears to increase the brain connectivity initially, its long-term effects are still to be determined."

The precise mechanism of the light therapy's effects on the brain is also still to be determined. Previous research points to the alteration of an enzyme in the cell's mitochondria (often referred to as the "powerhouse" of a cell), Dr. Gupta said. This leads to more production of adenosine triphosphate, a molecule that stores and transfers energy in the cells. Light therapy has also been linked with blood vessel dilation and anti-inflammatory effects.

"There is still a lot of work to be done to understand the exact physiological mechanism behind these effects," said study coauthor Suk-tak Chan, Ph.D., a biomedical engineer at MGH.

While connectivity increased for the light therapy-treated patients during the

acute to subacute phases, there was no evidence of a difference in clinical outcomes between the treated and control participants. Additional studies with larger cohorts of patients and correlative imaging beyond three months may help determine the therapeutic role of light in traumatic brain injury.

The researchers expect the role of light therapy to expand as more study results come in. The 810-nanometer-wavelength light used in the study is already employed in various therapeutic applications. It's safe, easy to administer and does not require surgery or medications. The helmet's portability means it can be delivered in settings outside of the hospital. It may have applications in treating many other neurological conditions, according to Dr. Gupta.

"There are lots of disorders of connectivity, mostly in psychiatry, where this intervention may have a role," he said. "PTSD, depression, autism: these are all promising areas for light therapy."





### Running of Bhiwandi-Kharagpur-Thane Special Trains

MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear extra rush of the passengers, it has been decided to run 01149/01150 Bhiwandi-Kharagpur-Thane Special trains as per the following schedule: 01149 Bhiwandi-Kharagpur Special will leave Bhiwandi on every Thursday from 07.08.2025 to 28.08.2025 at 22:30 hrs and will reach Kharagpur at 10:00 hrs, the third day. In the return direction, 01150 Kharagpur-Thane Special will leave Kharagpur on every Sunday from 10.08.2025 to 31.08.2025 at 23:45 hrs and will reach Thane at 10:30 hrs, the third day. The Special train will have stoppages at Jharsuguda, Rourkela, Chakradharpur and Tatanagar in South Eastern Railway jurisdiction.

### Metro Staff help an indisposed lady passenger

MI News Service, Kolkata: On-duty Metro staff and RPF personnel have once again come forward to help an indisposed lady commuter in the Metro premises during peak hours at the right time. On 05.08.2025 at about 10:30 hrs., a lady commuter aged around 20 years suddenly started feeling unwell at the platform area of Central Metro station. On-duty station staff and RPF personnel immediately rushed to her help. Considering the seriousness of the situation, she was brought to the Station Master's Office and given first-aid. She was later sent to Medical College and Hospital with RPF and station staff for further treatment. She expressed heartfelt gratitude for the kind and timely help rendered by the station staff of Metro Railway.

### Bhubaneswar-Junagarh Road -Bhubaneswar Super Fast Express Upgraded to LHB

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: The 20837/20838 Bhubaneswar-Junagarh Road -Bhubaneswar Super Fast Express has been upgraded with one rake of modern Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) Coaches, offering improved Safety and Comfort to Passengers. The service of 1st rake of the 20837/20838 Bhubaneswar-Junagarh Road -Bhubaneswar Super Fast Express with LHB Coaches will commence from Bhubaneswar on August 08, 2025, and from Junagarh Road on August 09, 2025. At present the train is operated with conventional ICF coaches. The upgraded train composition with LHB rake will have 2nd AC – 02 Coaches, 3rd AC – 04 Coaches, Sleeper class – 05 Coaches, Second Class Seating – 4 Coaches, Guard cum Power Car – 1 and 1 Guard cum Second Class Coach for Divyangjan Passengers. The introduction of LHB coaches marks a significant upgrade in passenger amenities and operational efficiency on this important route, connecting Coastal and Tribal regions of Odisha and important towns of Andhra Pradesh with State Capital of Odisha at Bhubaneswar.

### B-tech student from Bihar arrested for supplying illegal arms says J&K Police

MI News Service, Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Police said that a Btech student who hails from Bihar has been arrested for allegedly supplying arms to gangs in Jammu and Samba districts. Khair Ahmed who studies at the Central University of Jammu comes from Bihar's Siwan district and has been arrested as part of an investigation into a February 23 shootout which happened during a wedding in Miran Sahib. Ahmed has been under sections 109(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita pertaining to Arms Act. The police have alleged that Ahmed was playing a key role in transportation of illegal weapons from Bihar and selling them to gangsters operating in Kashmir.

# Angul Railway Station Undergoes Major Transformation Under Amrit Station Scheme

## Amrit Station Scheme Brings New Life to Angul Railway Station – Modern Amenities, Cultural Identity and Inclusive Design in Focus



MI News Service, Delhi: The Amrit Station Scheme is a flagship initiative by the Indian Railways aimed at transforming railway stations across the country into modern, passenger-friendly, and future-ready transit hubs. The scheme focuses on holistic development that includes upgraded infrastructure, better amenities, multi-modal integration, sustainability, and inclusion of local art, heritage, and culture. It also emphasizes accessibility features for Divyangjan (differently-abled) passengers, ensuring inclusive and convenient travel experiences. The redevelopment of Angul Railway Station under the Amrit Station Scheme is progressing steadily, with the project achieving 52% physical

progress and 43% financial progress out of a sanctioned cost of ₹25.41 crore. The soft upgradation of the station is scheduled for completion by December 2025 and the 12-meter wide FOB is expected to be completed by March 2026.

**Key ongoing works include:** • **Station building facade improvement**, where structural work is completed, plastering is ongoing, and colouring and electrical work will follow. • **Circulating area development**, with tensile fabrication completed and work underway on earthwork, PCC, and drainage. • **Platform shelters**, where 29 out of 35 bays have been completed. The remaining 6 are in progress along with fabrication of the cantilever structures connected to the FOB.



• **Platform surfacing**, including brick drainage work, coping block installation, and tile laying on platforms 2 and 3. Water booth installation is ongoing, and tap points are yet to be installed. • **FOB construction**, with foundation, staircase, column erection and deck fabrication progressing steadily. Provision for four lifts to improve accessibility. • Additional work includes **renovation of waiting halls and toilets, development of a second station entry**, and integration of **local art and cultural elements**. The station is being developed as a Divyangjan-friendly facility, with Phase-I works including ramps, coach position displays, low-height ticket and help booths, Divyang toilets and water booths, dedicated parking and lifts inte-

grated into the FOB. Upcoming works include elevators, tactile pathways, Braille signage, accessible flooring and wheelchair availability.

**Other passenger amenities** will include public announcement systems, digital signage, improved illumination, and facilities such as charging points, CCTV cameras, ATVMs, dustbins, water coolers, train indication boards, tourist facilitation counters, OSOP stalls, and fire-fighting equipment. This redevelopment under the Amrit Station Scheme aims to transform Angul Station into a modern, inclusive and culturally vibrant railway hub, supporting enhanced travel experience for all categories of passengers.

## Sealdah Division Enhances Passenger Convenience with Completion of Platform Raising Work at various station of division



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant step towards improving passenger amenities, Sealdah Division near completion of platform raising work across all stations of Division. This extensive project, covered Sealdah South, Main, and North sections, was undertaken to ensure seamless boarding and de boarding for all passengers, thereby eliminating inconvenience and enhancing safety. In this financial year 2024-25 and 2025-2026, division has successfully raised platforms at 31 stations, rest 10 nos of stations' platform raising work is in pipe line. This extensive project was undertaken with a substantial investment of ₹

37 Cr. The initiative is part of the division's continuous efforts to upgrade infrastructure and provide better facilities for the millions of commuters who use the Sealdah network daily. The raised platforms will allow passengers to step on and off trains more easily, particularly benefiting the elderly, children, and those with disabilities or heavy luggage. Rajeev Saxena DRM/Sealdah stated, that passenger convenience and safety are our top priorities. The completion of this platform raising work is a testament to our commitment. We believe this improvement will make a noticeable difference in the daily travel experience of our passengers.

## Eastern Railway, Howrah Division sets new standards in Crowd Management and Passenger satisfaction at Shravani Mela-2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway's Howrah Division has made an exemplary commitment to passenger convenience while displaying enhanced crowd management skills during the ongoing Shravani Mela'2025, is being held at Tarakeswar like other years.

During this year, the Cumulative Passenger of peak days i.e. Sunday & Monday in last four weeks is recorded as 592230 which is 9% higher over corresponding days of last year. With the singular focus on increased passenger satisfaction, Howrah Division has deployed extensive resources to manage the influx of devotees at Tarakeswar Station with unprecedented success. Key highlights of the efforts made include:

• Total 339 shifts (cumulative) have been operated at Unreserved Ticketing Counters at Tarakeswar to facilitate seamless ticketing with reduced waiting time. Special attention is being given on the peak days. • Officers from Commercial and Security department are also being deployed at Tarakeswar station. • Stationing of adequate checking staff, booking clerk, RPF, officials from Civil Defense, Medical Team for better crowd control and to prevent untoward incidents. •

Holding area has been created at Tarakeswar Station where commercial staff equipped with 6 nos. M-UTS devices are deployed for roaming over the mass contact area and disbursing unreserved ticket through these devices. Regulated movement of passengers, synchronous with arrival and departure of trains is being done from this Holding area for smooth dispersal of crowd. • Additionally, Automatic Ticket Vending Machines and UTS on Mobile services are available to cater to the ticketing requirements of passengers entraining at Tarakeswar Station. On Monday, 4th August, 2025, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway has marked a major milestone by recording 115347 passengers which is the highest-ever passenger figure this year. This surge in passenger reflects the remarkable management done by Howrah Division at Tarakeswar during Shravani Mela.

This time Howrah Division has run a record no of EMU Specials i.e. total 14 pairs on the occasion of Shravani Mela at Tarakeswar out of which 5 pairs are Howrah – Tarakeswar - Howrah EMU Special & 9 pairs are Seoraphuli – Tarakeswar – Seoraphuli EMU Special train in decision to regular EMU services.

## Supreme Court to hear plea seeking restoration of statehood of J&K

MI News Service, New Delhi: On Tuesday, the Supreme Court accepted to hear the petition seeking restoration of statehood of Jammu and Kashmir. The issue was brought forth by senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan to B.R Gavai, the Chief Justice of India. Gavai agreed to schedule the hearing for August 8. The plea states that even after the Supreme Court's verdict to restore the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir, it has not been restored yet. The plea mentions that this is "gravely affecting the rights of the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir and also violates the idea of federalism." The bench comprising Justices S.K. Kaul, Sanjiv Khanna, B.R Gavai and Surya Kant had upheld the status of Ladakh as a Union Territory under Article 3(a). The bench had ordered that the elections to the Legislative Assembly must be conducted by the Election Commission of India. It had ruled, "Restoration of statehood shall take place at the earliest and as soon as possible." Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had submitted that the Union Home Ministry cannot give an exact time-frame and it will take some time to restore the statehood of Jammu and Kashmir. In May last year, the apex court refused to review the Constitution Bench verdict and dismissed a batch of review petitions filed against the decision which upholds the revocation of Article 370.

# Vishal Kapoor Assumes Charge as Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah

MI News Service, Howrah: Vishal Kapoor, IRMSE (1994 batch), has assumed charge as Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Howrah Division of Eastern Railway on 05th August 2025. He is an Officer of the 1994 batch of Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers (IRMSE) and brings with him a diverse professional experience spanning over three decades across Indian Railways, and the Power sector

An alumnus of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, Shri Kapoor holds a Master's degree in Public Administration. He is also a Special Class Railway Apprentice (SCRA) from IRIMEE, Jamalpur, and has academic qualifications in Mechanical Engineering from the Engineering Council (London) and AMIE (India).

Kapoor joined Indian Railways in 1994 and served in various technical and leadership roles. Between 1997 and 2010, he held important assignments as AME, DME, and Sr. DME at Abu Road, Phulera, Vadodra, Sabarmati, and Vatva on Western Railway in open line and Diesel Sheds. He also led the export of 25 locomotives to Tanzania and Myanmar from Diesel Shed: an Indian Railways first. From 2010 to 2015, he served as Director (Standards) at Research Designs and Standards Organization (RDSO), where he contributed to the design of India's first automobile-carrying wagons and other special freight cars. From 2015 to 2022, Shri Kapoor served as Director and later Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Power, where he was a principal driver of the ₹3 lakh crore Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), India's largest power sector reform. He also contributed to India achieving universal electricity access through schemes like DDUGJY, IPDS



Vishal Kapoor taken over as Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah.

and SAUBHAGYA, while advancing Distribution utility reforms, digital transformation (GIS, SCADA, IT/OT), and financing mechanisms with multilateral agencies such as ADB, World Bank etc. From 2022 to 2025, as CEO of EESL and MD & CEO of CESL, he contributed immensely to India's largest electric bus program (20,000+ e buses) under various Government of India Schemes, expanded CESLs international Electric Vehicle initiatives, contributed to formation of a ₹3,500 crore Payment Security Mechanism, and pioneered EESL Mart, the first digital marketplace for energy efficient products and equipment.

Shri Kapoor has successfully led large, cross-functional teams and worked at the intersection of infrastructure, technology, and public policy. His work has consistently reflected strategic vision and results-driven execution, particularly in areas of modernization, sustainability, and public service delivery. Under his leadership, Howrah Division aspires to further strengthen its legacy of operational excellence, enhance the quality of passenger services, and accelerate the pace of infrastructure modernization in alignment with the overall goals of Indian Railways.

## Sealdah Division to introduce AC EMU services shortly in between Sealdah & Ranaghat

MI News Service, Kolkata: In an endeavour to provide comfort of daily passengers during the scorching & unbearable summer season with a safe & comfortable journey option in EMU local at an affordable price and to meet growing demand of suburban passengers, Sealdah Division is all set to run an AC EMU local in between Sealdah and Ranaghat soon. This is the first AC EMU service to be introduced in the Eastern part of India.

**The salient technical features of these AC EMU rakes are as follows :-**

1. The elegant looking ICF make rake operates on 25 KV AC traction with maximum speed upto 110 KMPH. 2. All the 12 coach car will be Air Conditioned. The coaches are made of Stainless steel body with straight side walls. The rake is end to end connected by sealed wider vestibule gangways. 3. All the AC EMU coaches have 04 electrically operated double leaf automatic sliding doors in each side. The coaches are loaded with wide and large double sealed glass windows to provide panoramic view for commuters. 4. 3 seater stainless steel seats are provided in all the coaches. Total seating capacity of a train is 1126. All the coaches are covered under CCTV surveillance. Wear resistant rubber floor top, Aluminium extruded modular luggage rack & GPS based LED displays for passenger information, passenger announcement system & talk back system are provided in each coach

of the rake to enhance passenger amenity and comfort. Announcement will be made on which side door will be opening at each side.

5. The doors of the train will open only after arriving at stations and will close before departing from the stations and remain close while on run for safety reasons. The control of the door will remain with the Driver/Guard who will operate the doors of the train compartments. 6. The Indian Railways have already rationalized the fare of AC EMU Suburban train services to make it pocket friendly. Our esteemed commuters will be provided with abandoned options to take monthly/ fortnightly/weekly tickets in AC locals. The single journey fare of AC EMU trains for Dumdum, Barrackpore, Naihati & Ranaghat will be only ₹ 35/-, 60/-, 90/- & 120 respectively. Charges for corresponding monthly season ticket (MST) will be ₹ 620/-, 1275/-, 1810 & 2430/- respectively.

The new AC EMU trains in Sealdah Division will satisfy the expectations of the passengers to endure the sweltering temperatures in the overcrowded EMU locals, particularly during the rush hours of journey. It will certainly initiate a new era of an enhanced & cosy commuting experience at an unbelievably affordable price. This is definitely going to be a game changer in suburban transportation scenario of City of Joy.

# US President Donald Trump says Gaza occupation is 'up to Israel'

MI News Service, Washington D.C.: U.S. President Donald Trump declined to comment on Israel's reported plans to fully occupy the Gaza Strip, saying the decision is "completely up to Israel" while emphasizing his administration's focus on delivering food aid to Gaza residents. Speaking to reporters after a signing ceremony at the White House, Trump responded to questions about whether he supports Israel's Gaza reoccupation plan by saying, "I don't know what their proposal is on this matter. This is completely up to Israel. We are currently working to provide food to the people there."

Trump emphasized that Gaza residents "are clearly not in good condition regarding food" and said his administration is focused on addressing the humanitarian crisis. The president confirmed the U.S. is working with Israel on distributing food aid to Gaza and that some Arab states will provide financial contributions to the food

assistance efforts. "Gaza people are not in good condition regarding food. I'm focused on that. And as far as I know, Israel will help us in terms of distribution and money, and Arab countries will also help in terms of both money and distribution. That's what I'm focused on. As for the rest, I really can't say anything. It's up to Israel," Trump stated. During the same press conference, Trump addressed questions about tariffs on countries buying energy from Russia, including China. When asked about implementing 100% tariffs, Trump said his Middle East Special Representative Steve Witkoff would meet with Russian officials in Moscow on Wednesday. "I never gave a percentage figure. But we will do quite a bit on this issue. You know, we have a meeting with Russia tomorrow. We'll see what happens. Then we'll make our decision," Trump said.

Regarding the Ukraine war, Trump stated, "Look, you need to understand this very well: This is

Joe Biden's war. This is not my war. I'm here to get us out of this business. This is complete chaos, and I came to save us from this chaos."

Trump claimed to have ended five wars in the last five months, saying, "And to be frank, I want this (Russia-Ukraine war) to be the sixth." When asked about his potential successor, Trump indicated Vice President JD Vance would likely be the Republican nominee after him, saying, "Most likely. To be fair, he is the vice president. I think Secretary of State Marco Rubio could somehow come together with JD. Of course, it's too early to talk about this. There were great people among those who came on stage here too. But certainly, (JD Vance) is doing a great job and would probably be more advantageous in this case." Meanwhile, Israeli media reports reveal significant tensions between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir over Gaza occupation

plans. According to Israeli state television KAN, Zamir told Netanyahu that plans to fully occupy the Gaza Strip are "dragging the country into a trap."

During a heated meeting, Zamir reportedly questioned why he was facing accusations of leading a "coup attempt" from Netanyahu's son, Yair Netanyahu, while conducting military operations in Gaza. The Israeli Prime Minister's office reportedly sent a message to Zamir stating, "If the plan to occupy all of Gaza doesn't suit you, you should resign."

Netanyahu responded to Zamir's criticism by saying, "Don't threaten to resign in front of the press. I don't accept your constant resignation threats when we don't accept your plan. My son is 33 years old, an adult man." Israeli sources familiar with the matter told KAN that Netanyahu is inclined to fully occupy the Gaza Strip, while Chief of Staff Zamir opposes such a comprehensive occupation plan.



# Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna achieve career-best Test rankings after Oval heroics

DUBAI [UAE] : Following their exceptional performance in The Oval Test, Indian fast-bowlers Mohammed Siraj and Prasidh Krishna gained their career-best ratings of 674 points and 368 points, respectively, in the latest ICC Men's Test Bowler Rankings on Wednesday.

While Player of the Match in the fifth Test, Siraj climbed 12 places to grab 15th spot in the latest ICC Men's Test Bowler Rankings, fellow pacer Krishna moved 25 places to rank 59th in the list after picking up eight wickets in the deciding Test, which India won by six runs.

This is both Siraj and Krishna's highest ever position in the Test ranking, after churning out match-winning spells in the final

Test against England, as per the ICC. England pacers Gus Atkinson and Josh Tongue have also attained their career-best positions after snapping eight wickets each in The Oval Test. While Atkinson breaks into the top 10 for the first time, Tongue is up 14 places to secure the 46th position in the rankings table.

The Oval centurion Yashasvi Jaiswal gained three spots to break into the top five for Test batters with 792 rating points, even as the other centurions in the game, Joe Root and Harry Brook, continue to firmly hold the first two positions in the ICC Men's Test Batter Rankings.

From the Zimbabwe-New Zealand series, Daryl Mitchell jumped up four places to break



into the top 10 of the batter rankings while teammate Matt Henry sits pretty in fourth spot, jumping three rungs ahead with a career-best 817 rating points, while continuing his shorter formats form into red-ball cricket as well.

In T20I rankings news, Australia's Tim David gained two spots to grab the 16th position thanks to a blistering century against the West Indies as Pakistan opener Saim Ayub leapfrogged to 37th position, climbing 25 positions after his stellar show in Florida, as per the ICC.

The highest T20I wicket-getter for the West Indies, Jason Holder, improved 23 spots to equal Keshav Maharaj in 32nd spot in the ICC Men's T20I Bowler Rankings.

# Gill, Stokes, Mulder nominated for ICC Men's Player of the Month for July 2025



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : India's Test captain Shubman Gill and two stylish all-rounders from England, South Africa Ben Stokes and Wiaan Mulder have earned nominations for ICC Men's Player of the Month of July 2025 following their exploits in red-ball cricket, according to the ICC website.

Shubman Gill had a sensational month, amassing 567 runs at an impeccable average of 94.50 in three Tests during India's gripping series in England.

He played a starring role in India's record-breaking win at Edgbaston, where he scored a monumental 269 in the first innings, followed by 161 in the second.

His combined 430 runs across the two innings is the second-highest tally, next only to Graham Gooch's 456. Gill continued his purple patch with another century - a second-innings 103 - in the fourth Test at Old Trafford, helping India secure a crucial draw that set up their eventual 2-2 series draw.

His consistency at No.4, carrying on the baton from all-time great Virat Kohli, provided stability and flair in equal measure, and combined with his extraordinary captaincy in his debut series. Gill's ability to convert starts into big scores, when wickets fell early on under pressure, was vital to India mounting comebacks on multiple instances.

Wiaan Mulder delivered a record-breaking all-round performance in South Africa's two-Test series against Zimbabwe. He scored 531 runs across the two matches at an astonishing average of 265.50, including a composed 147 in the second innings of the first Test.

However, his standout act came in the second Test at Bulawayo, where he smashed an unbeaten 367 in his maiden outing as South Africa's Test skipper - the highest individual score in South African Test history.

Mulder also chipped in with the ball, claiming seven wickets at just 15.28 apiece, including a four-wicket haul in the first Test.

His ability to impact the game in both disciplines made him the standout Player of the Series.

England captain Ben Stokes showcased his trademark grit and all-round brilliance throughout the three Tests in July of the England-India series.

He scored 251 runs at an average of 50.20 and took 12 wickets at 26.33, delivering in high-pressure situations with both bat and ball.

Stokes was named Player of the Match in back-to-back Tests - first at Lord's, where his all-round showing secured England a commanding win, and then at Manchester, where he took 5-72 and scored a counter-attacking 141.

Stokes' 141 at Old Trafford set the stage for England as they piled on a mammoth 669 runs in their first innings. His leadership proved crucial in maintaining England's intensity and belief in a closely contested series.

With ball in hand, he bowled long spells, often breaking key partnerships and turning the tide in England's favour.

# DPL: ARPIT'S QUICKFIRE 63 HELPS EAST DELHI RIDERS TO 7 WICKET WIN OVER NEW DELHI TIGERS

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : In an entertaining clash on the ongoing season two of the Delhi Premier League (DPL), the East Delhi Riders defeated the New Delhi Tigers by seven wickets at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Thursday.

The Riders successfully chased down the target of 173 runs with seven wickets in hand and 10 balls to spare, winning by 7 wickets in the 18.2 overs as their batting lineup displayed composure and aggression in equal measure, maintaining control throughout their innings and never allowing the required run rate to escalate beyond manageable levels, as per a DPL press release.

Opener Arpit Rana emerged as the hero of the chase, remaining unbeaten on 63 runs from 44 deliveries, including six fours and two sixes. His innings was a masterclass in pacing a run chase, starting steadily and accelerating as the match progressed.

Rana found the gaps consistently and punished anything loose from the Tigers' bowling attack. Sujal Singh provided the perfect opening partnership, scoring 26 runs from 19 balls with four boundaries and a six before being caught by Keshav Dalal off Pankaj Jaswal's bowling.

Hardik Sharma then played a crucial cameo, smashing 30 runs from just 12 deliveries, striking five fours and a six at an incredible strike rate of 250 before being dismissed by Himmat Singh.

Captain and wicketkeeper Anuj Rawat contributed 16 runs from 9 balls, including a four and a six and maintained the momentum before falling to Himmat Singh's bowling. Mayank Rawat arrived at the crease and finished the job in style, remaining unbeaten on 32 runs from 26 balls, hitting a four and three sixes to seal the victory for East Delhi Riders.

For New Delhi Tigers, Himmat Singh was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 2 for 26 in 3 overs, removing both Hardik Sharma and Anuj Rawat during the middle overs. However, his efforts were not enough to stem the flow of runs as the other bowlers proved expensive.

Earlier, after opting to bat first, New Delhi Tigers delivered a strong batting performance to post 172 for 6 in their 20 overs. The Tigers made good use of favourable batting conditions, with the surface offering bounce, rewarding attacking intent.

The innings began steadily, with opener Shivam Gupta laying the foundation through a composed 38 off 32 deliveries. He was ably supported by Dhruv Kaushik and the team's captain, Himmat Singh, scoring 24 each, as the middle order kept the scoreboard ticking despite periodic breakthroughs from the Riders' bowlers.



# SANJU SAMSON TO CSK TRADE DEAL IS OFF, RAJASTHAN ROYALS WON'T LET THEIR CAPTAIN REPLACE MS DHONI NEXT SEASON: REPORT

Will Sanju Samson become Mahendra Singh Dhoni's successor at Chennai Super Kings? All eyes were on the 30-year-old Rajasthan Royals skipper as the IPL trade window is open, but a recent report claims that it seems highly unlikely for the Yellow Army to rope in the Kerala batter. Rajasthan Royals are unwilling to let their talismanic captain leave, and Sanju is reportedly convinced that he should stay and lead the franchise in the 2026 season.

Sanju Samson and Rajasthan Royals Sanju Samson made his Rajasthan Royals debuted in 2013 and has since played 11 seasons for them, becoming the longest-serving player in the team's illustrious history. Across 149 IPL matches for the Royals, the right-hander has scored 4,027 runs at an average of around 31.70 and a strike rate near 141. Samson has three IPL



centuries for Rajasthan to his credit, including a career-best 119 off 63 balls against Punjab Kings in 2021. He also holds the franchise record for the most sixes, with 179.

Taking over as captain in 2021, he has led the team for five seasons and, with 32 wins from 62 matches, has surpassed Shane Warne to become the most successful RR skipper.

A source close to the decision-

makers at RR reportedly told Mumbai Mirror that Sanju Samson is the undisputed leader of the team. The report said it has been officially decided by the team that their all-time leading run-getter should not be traded ahead of the upcoming season.

It was in July that rumours strengthened about Samson ending his long association with RR to become Dhoni's successor behind the stumps at Chepauk.

There were rumours that the swap deal would include Shivam Dube going to the Royals, who would then appoint Riyan Parag as the new skipper. With MSD nearing the end of a stellar career, Samson's addition would be ideal for the five-time champions to fill the void of an experienced Indian wicket-keeper batter with expertise in captaincy. Samson's calmness under pressure has been lauded by pundits.

According to Cricbuzz, a top CSK official has confirmed the franchise's interest but also added that it is "too premature to dwell on this at the moment."

"We are definitely looking at Sanju. He is an Indian batter, who is a keeper and an opener. So, if he is available, we will certainly have a look at the option of having him in our fold. Who we will trade him with, we have not taken that call because the matter has not gone that far. But yes,

in principle, we are interested," the official said in a chat with Cricbuzz.

Should Samson make himself available, the dilemma for CSK would be regarding whom to offer as part of the deal. Logically, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Samson are like-for-like swaps, given that they are both priced at ?18 crore. However, the Super Kings management has, on multiple occasions, maintained that Gaikwad's leadership appointment was made with a long-term vision in mind. Whether this trade, if it happens, can change that equation is anyone's guess. Apart from CSK, a couple of other teams are also reportedly interested in securing Samson's services. CSK and RR were among the worst performers last season, and veteran Dhoni has confirmed that Ruturaj Gaikwad will be back to lead the team next season.

# Asia Cup probable XI: Suryakumar Yadav fully backs Sanju Samson, Yashasvi Jaiswal to be benched: Report

Sanju Samson is likely to keep wickets for India in the Asia Cup 2025, as captain Suryakumar Yadav fully backs the right-hander's capabilities. The Indian skipper wants Samson to open the innings alongside Abhishek Sharma and is unwilling to change the explosive left-right combination, a report claimed. The Asia Cup 2025 is scheduled to take place from September 9 to September 28 in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Axar Patel is likely to be Surya's deputy for the tournament, which will also likely include Jitesh Sharma as the backup wicket-keeper batter. Given their similar profiles as explosive, left-handed openers, Abhishek Sharma's scintillating form may restrict Yashasvi Jaiswal to the bench. Last year, Abhishek, in Sanju Samson's company, consistently provided India with a strong start, which means Jaiswal will likely have to wait for his opportunity.

Suryakumar wants Sanju-Abhishek juggernaut to continue. In the 12 innings they played together, Sanju Samson scored 417 runs at a strike rate of 183.7, with a high score of 111. The 30-year-old also managed a half-century and averaged 34.8.

Abhishek Sharma, 24, made 411 runs at a higher strike rate of 200.48. He scored two half-centuries and a career-best of 135, with an average of roughly 34.25.

Based on data from the 12 innings they opened together since the last T20I World Cup, they have scored 165 runs together. The fearless pair have so far managed 9.82 runs per over while batting together and have a highest partnership of 73 against South Africa. Since the World Cup, Abhishek Sharma has scored 535 runs from 16 innings, while Sanju Samson has scored 487 runs from the same number of games.

Asia Cup: Possible Indian lineup

Shreyas Iyer, who led Punjab Kings to the final of the IPL, is also certain to gain a spot in the playing lineup. It is also possible that



the experienced middle-order batter may be named vice-captain, although Axar Patel has the edge. A report from Manorama Online said that Tilak Varma, who is Yadav's teammate at Mumbai Indians, is also almost certain to retain his spot.

However, the report also said that it is uncertain whether Jasprit Bumrah will be named in the squad. Bumrah was rested for two Tests during the England tour as part of workload management. In Bumrah's absence, Mohammed Siraj, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, and Hardik Pandya will lead India's seam attack. Kuldeep Yadav and Varun Chakravarthy are likely to be chosen over the experienced Yuzvendra Chahal, who will have to sit out.

The BCCI is expected to announce the squad for the tournament by the third week of August.

Team India probables for Asia Cup T20Is: Suryakumar Yadav (captain), Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson (wicket-keeper), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shreyas Iyer, Tilak Varma, Jitesh Sharma, Axar Patel, Hardik Pandya, Washington Sundar, Varun Chakravarthy, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Mohammed Siraj.