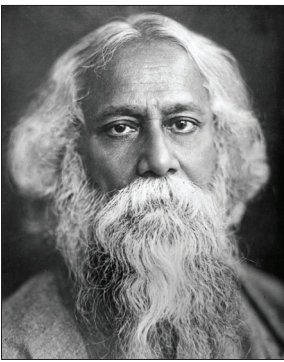


Morning India

Wish India flourishes without language terror, says Mamata Banerjee on Rabindranath Tagore's death anniversary



MI News Service, Jhargram : Amid protests over alleged harassment of Bengali-speaking migrants in BJP-ruled States, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday referred to Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore and wished that the country flourished without the "terror of language". She also hoped that people would wake up in an India where "Rabindranath's language, Bengali, receives respect, dignity, and the love of all citizens". "I offer my reverence at the feet of the world poet Rabindranath Tagore. He resides in our hearts in every living moment. He is the poet of our soul, and I invoke him today from the depths of my heart. He is our guardian and our guiding light," Mamata Banerjee posted on X. She made her comments on a day that marks Tagore's 84th death anniversary, which, accord-

ing to the Bengali calendar, falls on the 22nd day of Shraavan. Every day is a day of remembrance in his memory. We remember the poet and celebrate him throughout the year and day and night." "May that nation awaken where Rabindranath's language, Bengali, receives respect, dignity, and the love of all citizens. May that nation flourish where there is no terror of language," the Chief Minister said. Mamata Banerjee mentioned that the state government had on Thursday organised a programme in Jhargram district, remembering Tagore. "Yesterday, we had a government programme in Jhargram. There, we had the opportunity to pay tribute to many scholars. We bowed to the world poet on that occasion. Before that programme, we also paid tribute to him publicly on social media," she added.

India is growing at 7 pc despite Trump's 'dead economy' jibe

MI News Service, New Delhi : Dismissing US President Donald Trump's "dead economy" jibe, Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission Arvind Panagariya has categorically stated that "on the contrary the Indian economy is growing at 7 per cent, and more than that in dollar terms".

Speaking at a leading business related event in the National capital on Friday Panagariya said "You don't grow at 7 per cent plus if the economy is dead, and actually in dollar terms we are growing at more than 7 per cent. I don't know what is the definition of a dead economy. May be, dead bodies do move," he said when asked if India is a dead economy.

India is no corpse, and Donald Trump should know better, said Panagariya, dismissing the U.S. President's "dead economy" swipe and pointing to India's surging growth and export potential, said.

He said India's growth trajectory contradicts Trump's rhetoric. "India is an open economy. You don't grow at 7% plus if you're dead. In dollar terms, we're moving even faster."

He described the current global trade environment as a "1991 moment" for India—citing crisis and opportunity in equal measure. "Trump's 50% tariffs are a problem, but they force us to look inward and recalibrate. If the U.S. market closes, we must pivot."

Panagariya urged the Centre to expedite a free trade agreement with the European Union, arguing that India can edge out competitors like Vietnam. "We face high U.S. tariffs, but lower ones in Europe. Our exports can shift, displace Vietnamese goods. The profit motive is strong."

He pointed to post-COVID merchandise exports rising from USD19 trillion to USD 25 trillion by 2022 as proof of India's potential. "If we set our house in order, nothing can stop our growth. There's considerable room for acceleration." On domestic policy, Panagariya called out delays in implementing labour reforms. "The four labour codes passed in 2019-20 haven't been notified. No parliamentary action is needed. There's no better moment than now." He also challenged state-level

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Junior Doctors & Doctors took out a protest march in Kolkata on Friday night



An excavator being used to demolish encroachments during a drive, at Negheri Bil in Golaghat district, Assam.

80 more rescued as more people evacuated from disaster-hit Dharali village

MI News Service, Dehradun / Uttarkashi : Overcoming the initial shock and devastation the evacuation of stranded pilgrims from areas around the disaster-hit Dharali village resumed on Friday, with authorities focusing on rescue and relief operations via air as the Gangotri National Highway and several rural motor roads are damaged at a number of points.

After initially rescuing 130 stranded people within 24 hours of the disaster that struck the picturesque village in the foot of the Himalayas on Tuesday, another 80 people have been brought safely to the ITBP's Matli helipad since the morning, an official said.

Advanced equipment and heavy machinery required to dredge through the mounds of debris and muds in Dharali in search of the missing are being flown to the spot with the help of IAF's Chinook and Mi-17 helicopters and those of Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Authority.

Supplies of cooked and dry foods are also being made to the affected areas in helicopters, officials said.

Rummaging through the debris in search of the missing is an uphill task as the rubble heaps at places are 50-60 feet high and mud slides

are over 20 feet deep.

With roads breached at various points, the thrust is on air support both for the evacuation of the stranded people and transporting food supplies and other essentials to the affected areas, an NDRF official said.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has been camping at the district headquarters in Uttarkashi for the past few days to keep a close eye on the ongoing rescue operations.

In a post on Facebook, he said, "Reviewing and monitoring the relief and rescue operations going on in Dharali in Uttarkashi this morning."

With the help of Heli Seva, Mi-17 and Chinook helicopters, rescue operations are being carried out on a war footing since the morning and people are being brought back safely, he said.

Necessary guidelines have been given to the officials on the restoration of roads, communication, electricity and food supply. "We are trying to evacuate all the affected people safely and restore normal life as soon as possible," he said and added that the central government is providing full cooperation for the rescue efforts. The chief minister has

also decided to contribute an amount equal to a month of his salary towards disaster relief operations in Uttarkashi.

Dhami said the state government stands with the affected people at every step, and added that everyone should come together and help the victims in this difficult situation.

He appealed to public representatives, officials, voluntary organisations and common citizens to make monetary contributions to the ongoing relief work in the disaster-hit areas of the district as per their capacity.

The flash floods in Dharali on Tuesday afternoon demolished buildings and swept away people and cars apart from killing five people.

According to residents of nearby villages, such as Mukhba, more than half of the village was washed out in the disaster. Dharali is the main stopover on the way to Gangotri, from where the Ganga originates, abounding in hotels, homestays, restaurants and guest houses. Since the launch of the rescue operations one more body has been found while more than 60 are still missing, including nine army personnel,

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Three CRPF jawans killed, eight injured in accident as Anti-terror operation in J-K enters 8th day

MI News Service, Udhampur / Srinagar : Three CRPF jawans were killed and eight others injured, some of them critically, after a vehicle they were travelling in plunged into a deep gorge in the Basantgarh area of Udhampur district in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday night.

Officials said here on Friday that the CRPF vehicle was on way to a location in the hilly terrain when it skidded off the road in pitched dark and rolled down into an over 500 metre gorge in the Kandva-Basantgarh area.

Immediately after the accident, security personnel, civil administration, and locals, despite being in the night, launched a rescue operation.

All the injured were evacuated to a nearby hospital, where three of the injured CRPF men were said brought dead from multiple injuries, the sources said adding, however, eight others were undergoing treatment, with doctors terming the condition of some of them as critical.

Union Minister Jitendra Singh, in a post on X, said, "Disturbing to receive the news of a road accident involving a CRPF vehicle in the Kandva-Basantgarh area. The vehicle was carrying several brave

jawans of the CRPF." "I have just now spoken to DC Ms Saloni Rai, who is personally monitoring the situation and keeping me updated. Rescue measures have been initiated immediately. Locals have voluntarily come forward to assist. All possible help is being ensured," he added.

Sources said the critically injured CRPF jawans will soon be evacuated to the Army hospital in Udhampur.

Meanwhile, in one of the longest anti-terror operations in Jammu and Kashmir, the gunfight in Kulgam district entered the eighth day on Friday as security forces continued to battle the terrorists hiding in the deep forest area, officials said.

Army's Northern Commander Lt Gen Pratik Sharma reviewed the security situation and counter-terrorism grid in South Kashmir, where he was also briefed upon the ongoing operation.

"The operation has entered its 8th day and is still going on," the officials said.

They said intermittent exchange of firing continued even on Friday morning.

The officials said the security forces were using all means, including drones and helicopters, to track

down the terrorists in the difficult terrain in the dense forest area.

Two terrorists have been killed while at least two security forces personnel were injured in the encounter which began over a week ago after security forces launched a cordon and search operation in a forest area at Akhal in the south Kashmir district on Thursday last, following specific intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists there.

After an initial exchange of fire between the two sides for the whole day, the operation was halted for the night, but the cordon was strengthened, and additional reinforcements were rushed to the area, officials said.

Firing resumed on Saturday last, during which two terrorists were killed, the officials said. The identity and group affiliation of the slain terrorists have not been ascertained so far, they added. This is the longest anti-terror operation in the Kashmir valley so far this year. Lt Gen Sharma complimented all ranks for their steadfastness and resilience enabling Indian Army's resolute

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Mamata Banerjee flags off World Tribal Day festivities and new projects

MI News Service, Jhargram : West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has inaugurated the World Tribal Day celebrations at the Jhargram Stadium with a spirited appeal for unity, social justice, and women's empowerment—while using the occasion to launch fresh attacks on the BJP-led Centre over citizenship issues and bureaucratic overreach. Inaugurating the World Tribal Day celebrations at the Jhargram Stadium on Thursday with a spirited appeal for unity, social justice, and women's empowerment the Chief minister took part with tribal dancers from Lodha, Sabar, Santal, Munda and Bhumij communities and performed to the beat of traditional drums. She took to the stage not only as the state's political leader, but in her words, "as one among the people." Dressed simply and moving to the tribal rhythms, she picked up the madal herself, joined in the dance, and reiterated her government's commitment to the welfare of marginalised communities.



"Let our girls stand on their own feet," the Chief minister said, recounting a recent interaction with a tribal girl who shared concerns about family pressure to marry early. "There is no need to rush into marriage. Once they reach Class XI, they will receive smartphones through the Taruner Swapna scheme to help their studies, she said.

The gathering—one of the largest ever for such an occasion in Jhargram—was marked by the launch and foundation-stone laying of a slew of develop-

ment projects. Mamata Banerjee also personally handed over scheme benefits to several beneficiaries and cradled a local child in a symbolic gesture of maternal care. "We have 94 welfare schemes operational in Bengal. No other country or state can match that," she claimed.

In an emotional yet politically charged speech, the Chief minister questioned the state of the nation ahead of Independence Day. "15 August is coming," she said, "but we must ask ourselves—are we truly independent? Shouldn't freedom also mean freedom from discrimination?" Citing the internationally acclaimed Kanyashree scheme—set to be celebrated on 14 August—Mamata Banerjee reminded the audience that the initiative had earned UN recognition for transforming the lives of girls in West Bengal. "When I launched Kanyashree, I was thinking of daughters like those here in Jhargram," she said. "It is not just a scheme; it is a social revolution."

Rahul Gandhi is yet to file any objection on draft Bihar poll roll, remarks ECI official

MI News Service, New Delhi : With no political party approaching the Election Commission for inclusion or removal of names from Bihar's draft voters' list as yet, sources in the poll panel on Friday questioned why Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has also not raised any objections now.

Ridiculing the Congress leader and taking dig at him the sources said it seems the Rahul Gandhi will give his claims and objections "only after the elections instead of giving them now".

According to the latest EC bulletin, since August 1 when the Bihar draft rolls were published, no political party has approached it with request to add or remove names

But recently Rahul Gandhi had created a ripple in the country's political circles by alleging that the Election Commission of India (ECI) was indulging in "vote chori" for the BJP for sometime now, and claimed that his party has "open and shut" evidence

for that.

The Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha has claimed that the evidence that his party has on alleged poll irregularities is like an "atom bomb", and said that when it explodes the Election Commission will have no place to hide in the country.

"I have said 'vote chori' is happening and now we have open and shut proof that the Election Commission is involved in 'vote chori'," Rahul Gandhi told reporters in the Parliament House complex here on August one.

"I am not saying this lightly. I am saying this with 100 per cent proof. As soon as we release it the whole country would know that EC is indulging in 'vote chori'. It is doing it for the BJP," he said.

Rahul Gandhi said his party had suspicions of poll irregularities in Madhya Pradesh assembly polls in 2023, then in the Lok Sabha polls and this went further in Maharashtra. "We believe that vote theft has happened at the

state level in Maharashtra. Voters revision had happened and crore of new voters were added. Then we went into detail seeing that the EC is not helping and decided to dig deep into this," he said.

"We got our own investigation done, it took six months and what we have found is an atom bomb. When it explodes, the EC would have no place to hide in the country," said Rahul Gandhi.

The Congress leader also warned that those people in the EC who are involved in this, right from the top to the bottom, should remember that they will not be spared because they are "working against India".

"This is treason, nothing less than that. You may be retired, you may be anywhere, we will find you," the Congress leader said. The Congress leader's remarks came after he, along with leaders of several Opposition parties, wrote to

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BJP denies Rahul Gandhi's claim saying he is cutting branch he is sitting

MI News Service, New Delhi : The BJP on Friday mocked Rahul Gandhi's disclosure to back his allegations of rigging in the Maharashtra assembly polls as a case of someone cutting the branch he is sitting on, and said the Congress and its allies won most of their seats where the number of voters had increased.

Union minister Bhupendra Yadav accused Gandhi of using a language unbecoming of the Leader of Opposition, noting that he had warned officials of a constitutional body like the Election Commission of consequences for their alleged role in helping the ruling BJP. Citing the EC data, Yadav said the number of voters in the state assembly polls in November last year had increased by over 40 lakh compared to the Lok Sabha elections held earlier that year, and not by one crore as claimed by Gandhi.

He said the Congress leader had prepared for a long time to make his case but the foundational logic of his allegation has turned to be "incorrect". All this work was meant to serve lies, he

claimed. His every claim should be discounted by 60 per cent from now on, the BJP leader said.

Naming a number of assembly constituencies like Madha, Mohol, Nagpur West and Nagpur North won by the Congress and its allies, he said the number of voters went up in these seats.

Yadav said Gandhi had been claiming that the proof he will present will be like an "atom bomb".

"It was like the case of someone cutting the branch one is sitting on," he said, accusing him of using an arrogant and threatening language against the EC.

If the Congress leader has real objections to the polling process, then he should file an affidavit on oath to the EC, he added, in reference to Gandhi's presentation to the media on Thursday.

He accused the Congress leader of repeatedly trying to peddle lies to tarnish the poll body following his poll losses.

His modus operandi is to "lie and run away", he said, claiming the Opposition's disruption of Parliament over the Special

Intensive Review of electoral rolls in Bihar is aimed at running away from discussion.

"The Congress is trying to belittle our constitutional bodies in a systematic way for a family," he said, alleging that Rahul Gandhi had earlier demeaned the armed forces as well.

He had to apologise to the Supreme Court for making wrong claims, the BJP leader added.

He said institutions like the armed forces, Parliament or the Election Commission are autonomous and work independently, and any following the Constitution should not use threatening language against them, he said.

The Congress leader on Thursday cited an analysis of data from a Lok Sabha constituency in Karnataka from the 2024 elections to make explosive claims of "huge criminal fraud" in polls perpetrated by the BJP through the Election Commission, and asserted that this was a "crime" against the Constitution.

He has also been alleging that the Maharashtra polls were rigged to ensure the win for the BJP-led alliance.



State Minister Aroop Biswas, along with local municipal representative Sandeep Nandi Majumdar, visited the 'Paray Samadhan' Booth No. 1 and Booth No. 2 at Remount Club in Ward 94 of Tollygunge on Friday.

Bengal's bakery industry shows remarkable growth

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal is witnessing a remarkable growth in its bakery industry, fueled by rising consumer spending and evolving preferences. The state's strong agriculture and allied business sector, coupled with its role as a gateway to Eastern India, provides a solid foundation for this growth. The bakery sector in West Bengal is experiencing a surge in both organized and unorganized production, with a growing demand for machinery, ingredients, and finished products.

The key factors driving this growth:

1. **STRONG AGRICULTURAL BASE:** West Bengal has a thriving agriculture sector that contributes significantly to the state's economy.

The state consistently maintains a surplus in food production, creating a favorable environment for the food processing industry, including bakeries.

Proximity to raw materials and a well-developed agricultural infrastructure are key advantages.

2. **GATEWAY TO EASTERN INDIA:** Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal, serves as a major trading hub for Eastern India and neighboring countries like Bangladesh, Nepal, and Bhutan.

This strategic location provides access to a large consumer base and facilitates the expansion of the bakery industry.

3. **RISING CONSUMER SPENDING & CORPORATE INVESTMENT:** Increased consumer spend-

ing, particularly in urban areas, is a major driver of growth in the bakery sector. The corporate investment has also fueled growth to the industry. Recently Bengal based bakery giant Bisk Farm marked its 25 years in this industry. It has a turnover of Rs 2000 crores and aims to reach at 5000 crores within another 5 years. It has two units each at Howrah and Guwahati. According to its MD Vijay Singh, the company envisages opening another unit in Guwahati which is going to be operational by second quarter of next year. The company also mulls tie-ups and advancement in north and south India by capitalizing its immense brand value in the Indian market.

4. **EVOLVING CONSUMER PREFERENCES:** There's a growing trend towards healthier and more mindful baking, with an increasing demand for gluten-free, eggless, and sugar-free options.
5. **TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS:** The bakery industry is witnessing a shift towards more automated and technologically advanced production methods.

Modern machinery and equipment are being adopted to ensure consistency in product quality and minimize wastage.

6. **GOVT SUPPORT:** The West Bengal government is actively promoting the food processing sector through various initiatives and policies.

Various schemes are acting as a positive catalyst in the industrial growth in this respect.

Boycott goods of enemy nations: Swadeshi Jagaran Manch



MI News Service, Kolkata: Nationalist organization Swadeshi Jagaran Manch (SJM) has asked people of Bengal to boycott goods and services of enemy nations like Turkey, China etc.

According to SJM, nations like Turkey, China and USA are working against

the interests of India. They are selling their products in India, making profit but are acting against the interests of India as well. Hence, to SJM, the people should discard foreign made goods and embrace Indian products and enhance Modi's clarion call for 'Make in India.'

Commemorate the first death anniversary of Buddhadev Bhattacharya



Nurul Islam Khan The first death anniversary of former Chief Minister and founder of DYFI, late Buddhadev Bhattacharya, was observed. A moment of silence was first observed in his memory at the CPIM state office today. Then, senior leaders including senior leader Comrade Biman Basu, CPIM state secretary Comrade Mohammad

Salim, and Politburo leader Surya Kanta Mishra briefly paid tribute to the departed soul. He passed away on this day last year on August 8. To observe the day with special dignity, the leaders of DYFI came to pay their respects at the late leader's residence. Everyone expressed their condolences to Comrade Mira Bhattacharya.

Passion & protest amalgamate in 'Amar Sonar Bangla'

MI News Service, Kolkata: When the pride is hurt, it hurts a lot and when it is of a race whose contribution to the nation India and to the world is no less than any other racial stock, it hurts all the more. At the back drop of the hurt 'Bengali Pride', at least in Indian context a new music video comes into fray.

In a moving celebration of culture, heritage, and patriotism, Debojyoti Mishra Production recently launched the music video Amar Sonar Bangla, sung by Jonaki Mukherjee. The evening paid tribute to Bengal's timeless Baul tradition while breathing new life into one of its most iconic songs. It also became a resolute platform to mark protest against the insult that has been showered upon the Bengali community at large on pan India basis in recent times.

The event was graced by the presence of Jonaki Mukherjee, Debojyoti Mishra, and Gautam Das-Baul.

Composed by Rabin-dranath Tagore after the Partition of Bengal in 1905, Amar Sonar Bangla is the national song of Bangladesh. Through this new rendition, Jonaki Mukherjee brought fresh soul and emotional



depth to the anthem. Acclaimed composer Debojyoti Mishra combined folk influences with classical sensibilities, making the song relevant to a new generation.

Speaking at the launch, Debojyoti Mishra said, "Re-

imagining Amar Sonar Bangla felt like a spiritual responsibility. It is a tribute to the soul of Bengal."

Jonaki Mukherjee reflected, "This song is woven into the cultural identity of our people."



On Friday Central Bank of India celebrated its 144th foundation day which was scheduled for August 9. The Bank personnels garlanded the founder Sir Sorabji Pockhanawala's portrait on this auspicious occasion.

Central Govt. develops BHISHM Cube for quick medical services on disaster spot

MI News Service, Kalyani: The BHISHM Cube project of Central Government is implemented to provide all required treatment supports primarily on spot, soon after any disaster, with a view to decrease the death. However, this is a unique and effective project to use soon after disasters.

However, a program of demonstration on BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog, Hita and Maitri) cubes took place at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Kalyani in Nadia on Thursday. Persons from the NDRF, BSF, Armed Force, AIIMS doctors, nurses, many professors and officers attended the program. It is world's first portable hospital for better management to safe more lives through quick treatment arrangement on the spot of any disaster. Retired AVM Tanmoy Roy, who is one of the important persons in developing the BHISHM Project, delivered the key lecture and demonstrated on the same. It is an initiative of 'Make in India'.

The Arogya Maitri Disaster Management Cube - BHISHM, is a revolutionary mobile hospital equipped with cutting edge technology. Dr. Ramji Singh, Executive Director, AIIMS Kalyani said, " It is an innovative project and developed by India firstever. The students from medical colleges to common people will gradually be trained and once it will be highly spread through out the country as the common people can work after any disaster, if provided little training. Because the cube is developed in such a way, that a person can use it without high qualification and knowledge," he added.

According to Tanmoy Roy, they will approach to the central government to introduce the same in the school level syllabus.

The cube is a part of the broader initiative named project BHISHM. It is tailored to treat upto 200 casualties emphasizing rapid response and comprehensive care. The Aid Cube is equipped with several innovative tools designed to enhance disaster response and medical support during emergencies, said Dr. Ajay Mallick, Superintendent, AIIMS Kalyani. It integrates Artificial Intelligence and data analytics to facilitate effective coordination, real time monitoring and efficient management of Medical Services in the field.



The whole unit contains 72 easily transportable components that can be conveniently carried by hand, by cycle or even drone providing unmatched flexibility. In the face of mess casualty incidents where requirements range from basic aid to advanced medical and surgical care, the Aid cube stands out with its ability to be deployed within an astonishing 12 minutes.

During his speech, Roy stated that during his job in Army, he faced various problems in field for 7 times and since then he thought to develop a kit for on spot medical supports without killing time. However, while the cubes can be lifted by helicopter to disaster spots and left on ground by parachute, if helicopter can not be landed following geographical situation due to earthquake, train accident or plain crash, cloud burst etc. The cube con-

tains primary injury treatment goods to small operations those are needed as life support as dictum of golden hour can't be overlooked.

Generally, after a disaster like earthquake, it appears hard to reach spot soon. However, generally, the injured persons are rescued and taken to hospital. It takes 10 to 12 hours and meanwhile many seriously injured persons get died. But this innovative project helps starting treatment on spot as the cube helps to set up tent to huge treatment facilities and within 10 to 12 minutes. Generally there are some specific type of treatments are required after disasters and the cube is developed keeping that in mind.

When the goods in the cube are used, it comes to the knowledge of monitoring team through on line system and fill up is kept on hand.

100 migrant workers flee from Gurgaon police torture

MI News Service, Cooch Behar: Over 100 migrants have returned home in Tufanganj, Cooch Behar, by hiring a bus to evade alleged police torture in Gurgaon.

The migrant workers who reached their native places on Tuesday are, however, worried about how they will run their families.

"I used to stay with my wife at a slum in Gurgaon. There, I had around 30 shanties, which I used to lease out to migrant workers from Bengal. They used to work as cleaning staff in the local apartments. Altogether, I could make around ₹40,000 to ₹50,000 a month," said Majlul Haque, a resident of Dhadhial-Ghatpar village of Tufanganj who returned home with others.

Fazila Bibi, his wife, used to work as a housemaid and earn around ₹20,000 a month.

"We were forced to return home because the harassment and torture by the police had increased. We are detained without any reason and branded as Bangladeshis and had to pay bribes on many occasions for our release," Haque added.

The migrant worker, however, is worried about how he will run his family.

"Whatever little agricultural land we had was gobbled up by the Torsha river. As a day wage labourer here, I don't think I will earn even half of what I used to in Haryana. That is why I am waiting for the situation to improve despite the insecurity. Once the harassment stops, my wife and I will return to Gurgaon," said the distressed migrant worker.

On August 3, the workers hired a bus for ₹2.35 lakh to reach Tufanganj from Gurgaon. Altogether, 103 workers, both men and women, returned home along with their children on the afternoon of August 5.

Mohammad Suman, who used to clean cars at the apartments in Gurgaon, said he and his wife, who worked as a cook, could earn around ₹50,000 a month.

"In the past few weeks, the police picked up many Bengali-speaking migrants in Gurgaon. They are claiming that we are Bangladeshis and our documents are incorrect. That is why we have returned home, fearing detention and

torture," he said, sitting at his home in Tufanganj.

Like Majlul, Suman is equally worried about how he will earn a living. "Our parents and other family members depend on our earnings. We cannot afford to sit at home. The wages in the agricultural or construction sectors here are much lower than what we used to earn. I don't find much of an alternative other than to go to other states for a job and better earnings," he said.

Momin Mian, a migrant worker from Sitalkuchi in Cooch Behar, has returned with injuries from Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh after the police there allegedly beat him up in public for speaking in Bengali.

Momin, who reached Cooch Behar by train on Wednesday night with his wife, is under treatment at the MJN Medical College & Hospital.

"We have been staying in Ghaziabad for four years and used to work as day wage workers," he said.

A police team picked Momin up on Sunday. They started questioning him and alleged that he is a Bangladeshi.

"While on the way to the police station, I told them that just because I speak Bengali, they had apprehended me. This irked the policemen, who started beating me inside the vehicle. After some time, the vehicle stopped, and I was thrashed in public and pushed onto the road. They also snatched whatever cash I had with me," said Momin.

After reaching home, he was admitted to the hospital.

"We are providing food grains and other necessary materials to his family. He needs proper treatment as there are multiple injury marks on his body," said Tapan Kumar Guha, the Sitalkuchi block president of Trinamool.

Later in the day, Abhijit De Bhowmik, the district Trinamool president, went to the hospital and met Momin.

"Tomorrow, a complaint will be filed at the Sitalkuchi police station against the police who tortured Momin. We will also stage a demonstration in Sitalkuchi in protest against the atrocities unleashed by the police of the BJP-ruled states on the Bengali-speaking migrant workers," said Bhowmik.

TMC representatives told to fund Public Health Water Initiatives

MI News Service, Kolkata: A directive has been sent to grassroots-level elected representatives of the Trinamool Congress. The instruction mentions that funds must now be allocated by these representatives for drinking water projects under the Public Health Engineering Department. This allocation will be made from the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Fund (MPLADS) and the Member of Legislative Assembly Fund (MLA Fund). From the MPLADS, ₹1 crore must be contributed, while ₹10 lakh must be allocated from the MLA Fund. Additionally, each district council (Zilla Parishad) is required to allocate 5% of its budget towards the initiative.

This directive was announced in a virtual meeting by Trinamool's state president, Subrata Bakshi, who confirmed that the instruction came directly from West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

This move is being viewed as part of Trinamool's broader strategy to counter central government deprivation by ensuring continued development with the support of its elected representatives. Despite alleged lack of cooperation from the Centre, the party is committed to progressing with essential public welfare projects such as safe drinking water supply, driven by internal resources and organizational coordination.



On Friday, the Police Welfare Committee celebrated the Raksha Bandhan festival at the Howrah Rural District Welfare Headquarters. SP Subimal Pal, Assistant SP, DSP Amitabh Konar, and several other police officers were present. On this occasion, rakhis were tied, and everyone wished for good health and peace in the state.

PIC: Nurul Islam Khan

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The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, also the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.				
Date: August 08, 2025 Place: Bankura				
Sincerely Authorised Officer For ICICI Bank Ltd.				



On the auspicious occasion of Rakhi Purnima on Friday, Amra Padatik paid homage to MLA and Deputy Chief Whip of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, Debashis Kumar, by tying rakhi. Sex workers from Sonagachi also paid tribute to him by tying rakhi.

Rahul Gandhi is yet to file any...

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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, urging him to schedule a special discussion on the ongoing voter list revision in Bihar without any further delay.

In their letter to Birla, the Opposition MPs expressed deep concern over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in Bihar, especially a few months before the state assembly elections. The opposition has been protesting in both Houses of Parliament against the SIR, alleging the EC's exercise was aimed at "disenfranchising voters" in Bihar ahead of the Assemblies

bly elections. They have been demanding a discussion on the issue in both Houses. Later several MPs of the INDIA bloc parties, including Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, protested in the Parliament House complex for the ninth consecutive day against the Election Commission's voter roll revision in Bihar, and demanded its rollback. There was a huge banner which read 'SIR-Loktantra Pe Vaar' as the opposition leaders lined up near the steps of the Makar Dwar of Parliament and staged a protest for the ninth consecutive day.

80 more rescued as more people

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officials engaged in rescue operations said. In a massive wrath of the nother nature, a cloudburst led to flash floods in the high altitude villages of Dharali in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district re.

The cloudburst took place in the catchment area of the Kheer Ganga river, leading to the devastating floods, the sources said.

At least 4 people were seen swept away and about 10-12 others including some women and children buried under the debris, Rajesh Panwar, a villager said adding 20-25 hotels and homestays might also have been washed away.

There was panic in villages in the area with people scrambling for dry ground. Videos from the area showed a torrent of water rushing down and people could be heard screaming in panic.

A chilling video and pictures posted by the Indian Army show debris and water flowing through the settlement after a massive cloudburst in the high-altitude villages of Dharali on the way to Uttarakhand's Gangotri this afternoon..

"A massive mudslide struck #Dharali village in the #KheerGad area near Harsil, triggering sudden flow of debris and water through the settlement," the Surya Command of the Indian Army posted on X.

"Troops of #Ibexbrigade were immediately mobilised and have reached the affected site to assess the situation and undertake rescue operations. Extent of damage is

being ascertained and updates will follow as relief operations unfold. The Army stands resolute in support of our citizens during this natural calamity," it added.

Several houses were damaged or swept away in the raging waters, and at least four people have been killed so far in the incident., they said.

Dharali is the main stopover on the way to Gangotri and home to many hotels, restaurants and home stays.

Locals said the devastating flash flood came in the wake of a cloudburst somewhere in the Kheer Ganga river's catchment area. According to initial reports quoting Uttarkashi District Magistrate Prashant Arya,an Army team with relief and rescue materials from Harsil has been rushed to the spot.

About 10-12 people could still be buried under the debris,a villager,said adding "The news of heavy losses due to cloudburst in Dharali (Uttarkashi) area is extremely sad and painful. SDRF, NDRF, district administration and other related teams are engaged on war footing in relief and rescue operations."

There was widespread panic in the neighbouring villages following the flashflood. Videos from the area showed people were screaming in fear.

In one video, people can be heard in gasping for breath and trying to call their relatives in affected areas to find out if they were alright. A voice is heard in the video saying, "Everything is finished."

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Three CRPF jawans killed, eight...

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commitment to ensuring peace and security in the region. In view of the situation, Jammu and Kashmir Police chief Nalin Prabhat visited the operation area this morning to take stock of the situation.

Further, a terrorist hide-out was busted in the Gogaldara-Danwas forest area of Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district.

The security forces busted a terrorist hideout in the Gogaldara-Danwas forest area of Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district and recovered arms and ammunition from the spot. The police seized a

grenade, a pistol, a magazine, nine rounds of ammunition and medical supplies. Sharing an X post, Baramulla Police wrote, "On a specific input in the Gogaldara-Danwas forest, Baramulla Police busted a terrorist hideout. Recovered: 1 Pistol, 1 Mag, 9 rounds, 1 grenade & medical supplies. FIR registered at PS Tangmarg. Investigation underway." Earlier on Thursday, a major terror attack was foiled by the forces in Punjab and recovered an IED. The forces foiled a terror attack planned by Pak-based Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) operatives Harwinder Rinda and terrorist Lakhbir Landa.

India is growing at 7 pc despite ...

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policy inertia on land use. "Urbanisation isn't just about people living in cities—it's about building cities that enable business. Land is underused because of outdated zoning and conversion rules." States like Telangana and Uttar Pradesh, he said, have made encouraging starts by reducing clearance hurdles. "Others should follow. Land is difficult to acquire, and FSSAI rules further stifle movement." Despite rising global protectionism, Panagariya remained confident: "We've overcome bigger crises. With good policy and entrepreneurial freedom, India's growth story is far from over."

Meanwhile, even as US President Donald Trump has referred to India as a "dead" economy, the numbers tell a different story. While the Indian economy is expected to slow down in the current fiscal amid the global uncertainties and tariff wars, most recent projections by economists and international agencies paint a fairly bright picture since they see India as the fastest growing large economy in the world with a 6 per cent plus growth rate. Trump's aggressive stance against India in his social media posts has also exposed an inconsistency in America's stance and policy actions considering India and America have engaged.

State informs EC, 'not ready for SIR of voter list'

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has formally informed the Election Commission that the state is currently not prepared to conduct the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls, unlike Bihar where the process has already commenced. In a letter sent on Friday, Chief Secretary Manoj Pant communicated to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) that Bengal requires at least two years to im-

plement such an intensive revision and cannot undertake it at present.

This letter seemingly contradicts an earlier communication from the state CEO's office, which indicated Bengal's readiness for the SIR. The latest communication from Nabanna reflects a sharp shift, with the Chief Secretary reportedly expressing displeasure over the lack of consultation before the CEO sent the previous letter to

the Commission.

The BJP has strongly criticized the state's stance. Union Minister SukantaMajumdar alleged, "The state is desperate to block SIR because a genuine voter list revision will expose illegal voters, including Rohingyas, threatening the ruling party's grip on power."

Meanwhile, TMC spokesperson Arup Chakraborty dismissed the controversy, stating, "The entire

SIR issue is being sensationalized. Rahul Gandhi has already exposed evidence of voter manipulation; the Commission should address those concerns first."

The standoff between Nabanna and the Election Commission has intensified since the Bihar voter roll revision. It escalated when the Commission wrote directly to the Chief Secretary, demanding greater independence for the CEO's of-

fice in Bengal.

What began as a procedural disagreement has now expanded into a full-blown political and constitutional clash, with disciplinary actions against state officials and strong remarks from both the ruling party and the opposition. Whether the Commission or the state prevails remains to be seen—but the SIR has clearly become a major flashpoint in Bengal's electoral landscape.



In a swift and heroic effort, the Indian Navy rescued a woman from drowning in the Hooghly River past midnight. At around 12:45 AM, the crew of a Sagar Prahari Bal Fast Interceptor Craft, under the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Kolkata, spotted the woman struggling in the river's strong current. Despite complete darkness, the crew acted promptly, navigating towards her and pulling her aboard safely. After calming the distressed woman, they brought her ashore and handed her over to the River Traffic Police. The Navy's timely response averted a potential tragedy and showcased their unwavering vigilance.

Cal HC dismisses PIL against Digha's Jagannath Temple

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant win for the West Bengal government, the Calcutta High Court dismissed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) challenging the construction of the newly built Jagannath Temple in Digha. The Division Bench comprising Justice Sujoy Paul and Justice Smita Das De rejected the case on grounds of maintainability, citing insufficient evidence and lack of supporting documentation. The dismissal came following objections raised by the state. The PIL, filed by BJP leader and advocate Kous-

tavBagchi, was declared inadmissible, dealing a blow to the petitioner and his party. Reacting to the verdict, Trinamool Congress (TMC) spokesperson and state general secretary Kunal Ghosh stated, "The High Court has acted rightly. Frivolous and sentiment-hurting PILs like this should not be entertained. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has established the Jagannath Temple in Digha in a proper manner. Some politically motivated BJP leaders opposed it purely out of spite."

Guv backs voter roll revision amid TMC's-fierce opposition

MI News Service, Kolkata: The political temperature in West Bengal continues to rise over the Election Commission's proposed Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list. The ruling Trinamool Congress has voiced strong opposition, warning that the SIR could be misused to remove legitimate voters and insert fake names. The party has also alleged that the move is a covert attempt to implement a National Register of Citizens (NRC) in the state.

Amid this tense backdrop, West Bengal Governor Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose has openly supported the SIR process, triggering fresh controversy. Speaking at an event at Raj Bhavan on Friday, the Governor said, "Special Intensive Revision is a routine exercise by the Election Commission. It is essential to ensure that citizens are able to vote freely and fairly." His remarks stand in stark contrast to the position of the state's

ruling party, setting the stage for a likely institutional and political clash.

Following the event, Governor Bose addressed the media on several key issues, including the highly debated SIR. He reiterated his support for the process, adding, "There may be differing views, but consensus is important. The Election Commission's responsibility is to guarantee free and fair elections. The SIR is part of their standard procedure. Governor Bose also touched upon the rising sentiment around alleged discrimination against Bengali identity. Refusing to directly comment on BJP leader Amit Malviya's recent controversial remarks about the bengali language, the Governor responded by singing "Banglarmati, Banglarjol" — the state anthem — in a symbolic display of solidarity. He noted, "This is an issue that deserves national attention. I hope justice will be done."

Abhishek Banerjee warns of massive protest if Bengali voters are excluded from electoral rolls

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee has issued a stern warning to the Election Commission: if a single Bengali voter's name is excluded during the proposed Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls, the party will mobilize a protest with one lakh Bengalis to gherao the Commission's office.

The Election Commission had recently conducted SIR in Bihar ahead of the state elections, sparking speculation that a similar exercise may soon take place in West Bengal. Chief Minister Ma-

mata Banerjee has already voiced strong objections, citing concerns over Bengali identity and voter disenfranchisement. Returning to Kolkata from Delhi, Abhishek intensified the rhetoric, stating, "Those who have sold out to the Election Commission with a 'yes sir' attitude — we are putting them on notice. If any Bengali voter is removed from the rolls, we will gather one lakh Bengalis and surround the Commission's office."

This is not Abhishek's first act of defiance against the Centre. He previously led a protest in Delhi over the freezing of

funds under the 100-day rural employment scheme (MGNREGA). Despite a Calcutta High Court directive ordering the Centre to release the funds from August 1, no disbursement has yet been made. "We agitated against the withholding of MGNREGA funds. Even after the High Court ordered their release, the Centre defied it. This is a clear case of contempt of court," Abhishek stated. He further added that all INDIA bloc opposition parties are united in opposing the SIR. On August 11 (Monday), opposition MPs are expected to participate in a coordinated gherao of the Elec-

tion Commission's headquarters in Delhi.

Since being appointed TMC's Lok Sabha leader, Abhishek has also met with the Speaker to demand a parliamentary debate on attacks against Bengali migrant workers and what he calls an assault on Bengali identity. His demands were reportedly rejected — a move that analysts believe could lead to heated confrontations in Parliament in the coming days. "The Centre has something to hide. But we want Parliament to function. It is now up to the Speaker to decide how to run it," Abhishek concluded.

SMPK Chairman addresses MCCI on port challenges and growth

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a forward-looking Special Session hosted by the Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI), Rathendra Raman, IRTS, Chairman of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port (SMP), Kolkata, outlined the port's strategic roadmap under the theme "Challenges and Opportunities for Trade at SMPK." The high-level session, held at the MCCI Conference Hall, focused on infrastructure expansion, operational efficiency, and regional trade potential.

Addressing the session, Raman noted that as a riverine and city-based port, Kolkata faces structural constraints like limited draught and evacuation challenges. However, proactive measures—including draught enhancement and capacity upgrades at both Kolkata and Haldia ports—are underway. SMPK currently handles 87.5 million MT of cargo, with an additional 30 million MT capacity under development.

Key developments shared included the commencement of Night Navigation to reduce vessel detention, deployment of floating cranes at Sagar Island for dry bulk



Rathendra Raman, Chairman, SMPK and Amit Saraogi, President, MCCI during MCCI Special Session on "Challenges and Opportunities for Trade at SMPK", at MCCI Conference Hall in Kolkata on Friday.

handling, and the arrival of eight mobile harbour cranes expected to improve turnaround time from five days to four. Upcoming lock gates in Kolkata and Haldia will allow ships to anchor outside the existing docks.

Highlighting future-ready infrastructure, Raman discussed the Waterfront Warehouse Project under the Sagarmala initiative, operated through a landlord model. He also pointed to the Implementation of advanced systems like VTMS and AIS for vessel tracking. The Balagarh Project, located 85 km upstream, aims to decongest the main docks and expand trade capacity.

Jhakka Prasad Acharya, Consul General of Nepal, hailed Kolkata Port as a key link in Nepal-India trade, urging collaborative innovation to elevate SMPK into a trusted trade corridor.

MCCI President Amit Saraogi emphasized the port's pivotal logistics role, citing its FY24 cargo throughput of 66.44 million tonnes—a 13% rise. With ₹4,000 crore investment by 2030, SMPK targets 130 million tonnes under the National Gati Shakti plan.

Tata Steel World 25K Kolkata celebrates Art, Service, and Sporting

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Tata Steel World 25K Kolkata, East India's largest mass-participation sporting event, will celebrate its 10th milestone edition on 14th December 2025. Recognised as a World Athletics Gold Label race, the event has grown into a symbol of Kolkata's endurance, unity, and cultural pride.

In tribute to its long-standing partnership with the Indian Army, Procam International, along with the Army and the Family Welfare Fund, hosted a special Art Camp at Raj Bhavan. The Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose, inau-



Governor C.V. Ananda Bose receives a painting as a token from Ashish Anupam, Vice President, Long Products, Tata Steel; Vivek Singh, Joint Managing Director, Procam International; and Prasanta Saha and Col. Kabul Tyagi during the Art Camp of the Tata Steel Kolkata 25K 2025 on Friday.

gurated the event, salu-

ting the synergy of art and

resilience. Twenty-five emerging artists from Bengal's top institutions created works inspired by courage and national pride. These pieces will be curated by artist DebashishMallick Choudhury and exhibited later this year. All proceeds will support the Army Welfare Fund, with Impact360 Foundation as the philanthropy partner. Tata Steel VP Ashish Anupam and Procam'sVivek Singh both highlighted the race's evolution into a movement celebrating health, bravery, and community spirit — setting the tone for many more impactful editions to come.

R.G. Kar Incident: HC clears protest with conditions, police on alert

MI News Service, Kolkata: As the first anniversary of the R.G. Kar Medical College incident approaches, tensions rise once again in West Bengal. A fresh protest march toward Nabanna—the state secretariat—has been called for Saturday. The parents of Tilottama, the victim of the tragic case, have urged citizens to join the "non-political" rally. The Calcutta High Court, acknowledging the constitutional right to peaceful protest, has conditionally approved the march. However, police authorities claim that no offi-

cial permission request has yet been submitted.

At a press briefing on Friday, senior police officials including ADG (Law and Order) Jawed Shamim, ADG (South Bengal) Supratim Sarkar, and Commissioner Manoj Verma stated that while peaceful protests are permitted, the rally must abide by restrictions imposed under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which prohibits gatherings near Nabanna. The administration has approved three alternate locations for the rally—Mandal Tala Bus Stand.

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Notice for Disclosure of Legal Heirs of Deceased Borrower
PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Credit facility LBSGI00005144681, LBSGI00005493402 and LBSGI00005322035 was granted to Mrs. Bina Biswas, along with the deceased Mr. Madan Biswas by ICICI Bank Ltd. (The Bank). The said credit facility is secured by Mrs. Bina Biswas along with the deceased Mr. Madan Biswas by creation of the security interest by way of mortgage, with respect to the property situated at Dag No. 794, Hal Dag No. 818 and 816, R.S. Khatian No. 318, L.R. Khatian No. 365, Touzi No. 336/273, Mouza 157 Karnajora, Thana Raiganj, A.D.S.R.O. Raiganj, District Uttar Dinajpur, West Bengal. (Admeasuring An Area of 22.1/2 Decimals. We would like to inform you that the demise of Mr. Madan Biswas has come to our knowledge during field visits conducted by the Bank officials and by telephonic communications on the registered contact numbers. In this regard, letter dated August 04, 2025 was previously sent to the registered addresses of the Borrowers and the deceased Mr. Madan Biswas, for providing information about the Legal Heirs of the deceased Borrower. Therefore, this Notice is hereby given for sharing details of the Legal Heirs of the deceased Mr. Madan Biswas with supporting documents for updating the Bank's records, within 15 days of publication of this Notice. You may submit the above-mentioned details to Mr. Sovil Mandal (Mob. 7304904127) by visiting ICICI Bank Ltd, Saharan House, 3rd Floor, Near Anandolk Hospital, Soveke Road, Siliguri-734401.

Date : August 08, 2025

Place : West Bengal

<SD> Authorised Officer

For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Name Change
I, Modina Begam W/O- SK Mozibor resident of Vill- Metedanga, P.O.- Khandaghosh, P.S.- Khandaghosh, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713142, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'MODINA BEGAM SK' vide an affidavit before the Notary public at Purba Bardhaman on 04/08/2025. That Modina Begam and Modina Begam SK both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, UMAR AWAIS (Adhaar Card No. 7818 58474811), son of Mohammad Israil, resident at premises no. 147/H/3, Kesab Chandra Sen Street, P.S. Ambhera Street, Kolkata - 700009, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows:1. That my date of birth is 14/11/1978.2. That by an affidavit (No. 7940) before the learned 1st Judicial Magistrate at Sealdah on 08.08.2025, I have declared that Mohammad Israil and Md Israil, are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Akhil Singha Roy (old name) S/O. Late Kalipada Singha Roy, R/O. Uttar Narayanpur, Bandel, Chin-surah, Hooghly-712123, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Akhil Kumar Singha Roy (new name) vide an affidavit no. 7175 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 08/08/2025. Akhil Singha Roy & Akhil Kumar Singha Roy both are the same & one identical person. Amit Singha Roy is my son.

Name Change
I, Swapan Kumar Dutta (Old Name) S/O Dhirendra Dutta Residing at Vill.- Dakshin Surendraganj, P.O.- Daspur, P.S.- Gobardhanpur Coastal, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, that my Son Suvendu Dutta in her Madhyamik certificate (No. 2018718-0038) my name has been wrongly recorded as Swapan Kumar Dutta (Old Name) instead of Swapan Dutta (New Name) declared before the Notary Public at Kukul-vip, South 24 Pgs.Date 04/08/2025. Swapan Kumar Dutta and Swapan Dutta both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Hirawati Devi, wife of Bansh Narayan Rai, residing at 3/2, Rajballav Saha Lane, Howrah-711101, permanent resident is Anharipur, Zamania, Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh-232336, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that Hirawati Devi and Hirauta Devi is the same and one identical person via affidavit in the Court of Ld Executive Magistrate 1st Class at Howrah dated 4th August 2025.

Name Change
I, Mithun Saha (Old Name), D/O. Manish Lahiri and W/O. Prasenjit Saha, resident of 74, A. K. Banerjee Lane, Baranagar (m), North 24 Paraganas, W.B. 700036 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mithun Saha (Old Name) to Zenia Lahiri (New name) and henceforth I shall be known as Zenia Lahiri (New name) in all purpose, vide affidavit No. 2238 sworn before the Notary Public, Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, C.M.M. Court, Kolkata on date - 23/07/2025, Zenia Lahiri (New name) and Mithun Saha (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, NIRMALYA CHAKRAVORTY, S/o Sasanka Chakraborty, residing at 946, Purushree Dakshin Purba, P.O. & P.S. Chandannagar, Dist. Hooghly, Pin-712136 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nirmalya Chakraborty (New Name) as declared before the Chnistruch Court vide affidavit no. SN 2916, Dated 28.07.2025. Nirmalya Chakravorty & Nirmalya Chakraborty both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Keya Bandopadhyay, D/O- Lt. Sibadas Banerjee alias Sibdas Banerjee & Lt. Chitra Banerjee, R/O- EA-5, Block-1, Sneha Apartment, P.O.- Deshbandhu Nagar, P.S.- Rajarhat(old) and Baguihati (New) Dist.- 24 PGS(N), Pin- 700059, Now I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Keya Banerjee as declared before the Notary Public, Calcutta Court vide affidavit no.38/25 dated 30/07/2025, Keya Bandopadhyay and Keya Banerjee both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Mahua Bandopadhyay, D/O- Lt. Sibadas Banerjee alias Sibdas Banerjee & Lt. Chitra Banerjee, R/O- EA-5, Block-1, Sneha Apartment, P.O.- Deshbandhu Nagar, P.S.- Rajarhat(old) and Baguihati (New) Dist.- 24 PGS(N), Pin- 700059, Now I have changed my name & shall henceforth be known as Mahua Banerjee as declared before the Notary Public, Calcutta Court vide affidavit no. 39/25 dated 30/07/2025, Mahua Bandopadhyay and Mahua Banerjee both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, SK Noor Mohammad Ali, s/o. SK Moksaid Ali, residing at Vill-Balitikari, Mollapara, P.O.- Balitikari, P.S.- Jagacha, Dist.- Howrah, Pin-711113, W.B., my actual name is SK Noor Mohammad Ali, but my name is wrongly recorded in my daughter's Madhyamik Certificate as SK Nur Mahammad Ali in place of SK Noor Mahammad Ali, Henceforth, vide affidavit no. 190 dtd. 07.08.2025 in the Court of LD. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Howrah, declared that SK Noor Mohammad Ali & SK Nur Mahammad Ali both are the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Uttam Paul S/o Gopal Paul and Sibani Paul by occupation Student residing at 11B, Baishnab Seth Street, P.O. Beadon Street, P.S. Jorabagan, Kolkata-700006 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my actual and correct name is Uttam Paul which has been recorded in my Aadhaar Card as well as other documents. That my name has been wrongly recorded as Uttam Pal in my Madhyamik Marksheet & my Birth Certificate. That Uttam Paul and Uttam Pal S/o Gopal Paul and Sibani Paul is the same and one identical person vide affidavit No 44708 dated 14-07-2025 sworn Before The Ld. First Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) NAIMUDDIN SK S/o-BAKKAR Residing at, Vill - Habaspur Matimahal, Post- Habas pur, Ps- Bhagwangola, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742135, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Chan-ged my name from NAIMUDDIN SK To NAIMUDDIN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) NAIMUDDIN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 05 Aug 2025, NAIMUDDIN and NAIMUDDIN SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) RINA PAUL W/o- CHANDAN KUMAR BASAK Residing at, Vill - Vivekananda Pally, Post- Malda, Ps- Englishbaraz, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732101, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from RINA PAUL To RINA BASAK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) RINA BASAK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 05 Aug 2025, RINA BASAK and RINA PAUL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ASHGOR ALI S/o- KUTUBUDDIN SEIKH Residing at, Vill - Sariattola, Post- Krishnapur, Ps- Baishnabnagar Dist- Malda, Pin- 732210, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ASHGOR ALI To ASGAR ALI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ASGAR ALI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 05 Aug 2025, ASGAR ALI and ASHGOR ALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ramesh Gupta (Old Name), Son Of Ramdeo Prasad Gupta, Residing At 78, Ashu Bose Lane, Howrah-711101, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ramesh Prasad Gupta (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/08/2025. Ramesh Gupta And Ramesh Prasad Gupta Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sobita Banerjee (Old Name), Wife Of Ram Krishna Banerjee, Residing At 154, Satin Sen Nagar, Po-Baranagar, North 24 Parganas, 700108, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sabita Banerjee (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/08/2025. Sobita Banerjee And Sabita Banerjee Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Minu Lakhani (Old Name) W/O Suresh Lakhani, Residing At 4, Grant Street, Po-Dharanatala, Kolkata-700013, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hence forth Be Known As Mini Lakhani (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 06/08/2025. Minu Lakhani (Old Name) And Mini Lakhani (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Anil Paul (Old Name), Son Of Abhinash Paul, Residing At 571, Sahid Ganesh Dutta Road, Birati, North Dumdum (M), North 24 parganas - 700051, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Anil Krishna Paul (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/08/2025, Anil Paul And Anil Krishna Paul Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Nikhat Perveen (old name) W/O Masroor Akhad, residing at 61B, G. J Khan Road, Block-D, P.S.- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nikhat Parveen (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 07/08/2025. Nikhat Parveen (new name) and Nikhat Perveen (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, R.S. Chaudhuri (Old Name) As Per Di No Wb01 1984 0268069), Son Of Sub-chit Chandra Chaudhuri, Residing At 69a Svinchro Lane, Flat-10, Kolkata- 700042, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hence forth Be Known As Rongti Suchet Chaudhuri (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 07/08/ 205, R.S. Chaudhuri And Rongti Suchet Chaudhuri Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Jahannara Begam W/O- Abdus Sattar Mollick resident of Vill- Bhota, P.O.- Bhota, P.S.- Ausgram, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713141, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'JAHANARA BEGUM MOLLIICK' vide an affidavit before the Notary public at Purba Bardhaman on 04/08/2025. That Jahannara Begam and Jahannara Begum Mollick both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Syed Sauket Asif S/O- Sirajul Haque resident of 35 Parkas Road, P.O.- Burdwan, P.S.- Burdwan, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713101, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'SYED SAUKAT ASIF' vide an affidavit before the Executive Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman on 10/07/2025. That Syed Sauket Asif and Syed Saukat Asif both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Swapan Saha S/O- Bhabataran Saha resident of Nibedita Pally, P.O.- Sripally, P.S.- Burdwan, Dist- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, PIN-713103, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as 'SWAPAN KUMAR SAHA' vide an affidavit before the Notary public at Purba Bardhaman on 04/08/2025. That Swapan Saha and Swapan Kumar Saha both are same and one identical person.

'Driving Nari' prog to empower women

MI News Service, Kolkata: Women empowerment is now the buzz word in today's world. Whether it is white collar jobs or blue jobs, women empowerment is taking a driving seat. ' Driving Nari' is one such scheme that has been incorporated by 'inDrive', the driving app. Under this scheme, the underprivileged women would be given training for driving so that they can earn their livelihood with ease and dignity. Delhi and Chandigarh have already witnessed this phenomenon and now it is the turn of Kolkata. inDrive in a programme in Kolkata also announced the launch of its Comfort Class rides in Kolkata.

Name Change
I, Debarati Mukherjee Chatterjee (Old Name), Daughter Of Sisir Kumar Mukherjee, Residing At Hillview North 3rd Lane, Assansol (M.Com)U C Danga, Paschim Bardhaman-713304, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Debarati Mukherjee (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/08/2025. Debarati Mukherjee Chatterjee And Debarati Mukherjee Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Payel Mallick (Old Name), Daughter Of Purnendu Bikash Mondal, Residing At 18/2, Gangakanta Bhaduri Street, Bally, Howrah, 711201, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Payel Sarkar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/08/2025. Payel Mallick And Payel Sarkar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ahaan Chanchal Mallick (Old Name), Son Of Chanchal Mallick, Residing At 45/1, Gangakanta Bhaduri Street, Bally, Howrah, 711201, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ahaan Sarkar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/08/2025. Ahaan Chanchal Mallick And Ahaan Sarkar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MATIYUR RAHAMAN /Mother- RAFIYA BIBI Residing at, Vill - Barai Danga, Post- Sudarshannagar, Ps- Banshibari, Dist- South Dinajpur, Pin- 733121, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MATIYUR RAHAMAN To MATIUR RAHAMAN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MATIUR RAHAMAN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 05 Aug 2025, MATIUR RAHAMAN and MATIYUR RAHAMAN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) FIROJA KHATUN W/o- MATIUR RAHAMAN Residing at, Vill - Barai Danga, Post- Sudarshannagar, Ps- Banshibari, Dist- South Dinajpur, Pin- 733121, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from FIROJA KHATUN To FIROZA KHATUN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) FIROZA KHATUN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 05 Aug 2025, FIROZA KHATUN and FIROJA KHATUN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD RAMJAN MANDLA S/o- MEHER BOKSH MONDAL Residing at, Vill - Barbakpur, Post- Barbakpur, Ps- Karim pur, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741165, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD RAMJAN MANDLA To RAMJAN MONDAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) RAMJAN MONDAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 05 Aug 2025, RAM JAN MONDAL and MD RAMJAN MANDLA and MD RAMJAN MONDAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MAFIKUL ISLAM ANSARI S/o- SIRAUDDIN ANSARI Residing at, Vill - Judinga Molo para, Post- Judinga, Ps- Domkal, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742406, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MAFIKUL ISLAM ANSARI To MAFIKUL ISLAM ANSARI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MAFIKUL ISLAM ANSARI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 05 Aug 2025, MAFIKUL ISLAM ANSARI and MAFIKUL ISLAM ANSARI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ANOWAR HOSSAIN S/o- AKBAR HOSSAIN Residing at, Vill - Hatkaluha, Post- Hatkaluha, Ps- Labhpu, Dist- Birbhum, Pin- 731129, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ANOWAR HOSSAIN To ANOWAR HOSSAIN DAFADAR (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ANOWAR HOSSAIN DAFADAR in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 05 Aug 2025, ANOWAR HOSSAIN and ANOWAR HOSSAIN DAFADAR both are Same and one identical person.

Kharagpur Division Marks 'Har Ghar Tiranga 2025' with Student Competitions and Swachhta Awareness Drives



MI News Service, Kharagpur: Kharagpur Division is celebrating the Har Ghar Tiranga 2025 campaign with a host of engaging activities, while also observing Swachhata Abhiyaan as part of the Independence Day celebrations, promoting both patriotism and cleanliness.

Today, students from SER Mixed Higher Secondary School, Kharagpur, Santragachi, and BNR Excellence Academy, Kharagpur actively participated in Tiranga Wall and Board Art, Painting, and TirangaRangoli competitions. Their creative expressions vividly portrayed love, respect, and pride for the Tri-

colour, adding colour and vibrancy to the celebrations.

In parallel, Swachhata Awareness Drives against littering were organised at Baleshwar, Kharagpur, Santragachi, and Digha stations. These drives aimed to sensitise passengers, visitors, and staff about the importance of cleanliness in station premises, urging everyone to contribute to a clean and green railway environment. Through these combined initiatives, Kharagpur Division reaffirms its commitment to fostering national pride, unity, and environmental responsibility among the public, aligning with the spirit of Independence Day.

Telangana: SC slams rampant bulldozing of trees

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. "We have seen the photographs. Have you seen the photographs?" CJI Gavai asked, rejecting Singhvi's argument that the area in question was non-forest land and the felling of trees was carried out by the state for a "bona fide" purpose.

"If your intentions were bona fide, why did you start felling the trees at the beginning of a long weekend when courts were closed?" the bench had asked. Senior advocate and amicus curiae K. Parmeshwar had earlier informed the bench that the exercise was carried out in haste and the trees felled included those in areas considered to be dense and moderate forest land. He had referred to the report submitted by the Forest Survey of India and the central empowered committee's findings to buttress his claims. The top court had on April 3 taken suo motu cognisance of the alleged chopping of 1,500 trees across 400 acres of forest land by Telangana officials to set up an IT park.

Indian Bank plans to step up current & savings account deposits

MI News Service, New Delhi: Public sector lender Indian Bank has a plan to step up its current and savings account deposits (CASA) following a decline in the quarter ended June 30, 2025 (Q1FY26). Data disclosed by the bank shows that its CASA according to cent of domestic deposits was at 38.97 per cent in Q1FY26 compared with 40.17 per cent in Q4FY25 and 40.56 per cent in Q1FY25. "I will not say CASA will substantially grow but if we can maintain it at around 39 per cent, I think that will be all right, and we have taken certain measures towards this," Binod Kumar, MD and CEO of Indian Bank, told. Kumar said the bank has launched specialised products for women, senior citizens and professionals and is also expanding its branch network. "We are focusing on salary accounts in a big way. We have signed a memorandum of understanding with government departments and PSUs, and we have been able to open 90,000 accounts this quarter," he said. Deposit mobilisation has been a challenge for banks amid falling interest rates, with the RBI lowering the repo rate and banks having to reprice their deposits. The rate of growth of deposits has declined from 13.5 per cent in March 2024 to 10.3 per cent in March 2025 and further to 10.1 per cent for the fortnight ended June 27, 2025. The government releasing funds for state-sponsored schemes at the last moment from its accounts and depositors looking at alternative options such as mutual funds are also putting pressure on CASA deposits.

Metro to run 80 services on Purple Line, 108 services on Green Line-1 and 134 services on Green Line-2 from 11.08.2025 (Monday)

Good news for Metro commuters! Green Line-1, Green Line-2 and Purple Line Metro services are increasing again from 11.08.2025 (Monday). To meet the demand of commuters, Metro Railway authorities are going to increase Metro services and service hours on the Green Line-1, Green Line-2 and Purple Line.

GREEN LINE-1
A total of 108 services (54 UP + 54 DN) on this stretch will be operated. At present, 106 services (53 UP + 53 DN) are being operated daily from Monday to Saturday on Green Line-1. Service hours on this Corridor are also going to increase to 06:35 hrs to 22:00 hrs instead of 06:55 hrs to 22:00 hrs.

First Service :-
At 06:35 hrs. from Sealdah to Salt Lake Sector V (instead of 06:55 hrs)
At 06:40 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Sealdah (instead of 07:00 hrs)

Last Service :-
At 21:35 hrs. from Sealdah to Salt Lake Sector V (No Change)
At 21:40 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Sealdah (No Change)

No services will be available on Sundays. GREEN LINE-2
A total of 134 services (67 UP + 67 DN) on this stretch will be operated. At present, 130 services (65 UP + 65 DN) are being operated daily from Monday to Saturday on Green Line-2.

Service hours on this Corridor are also going to increase to 06:30 hrs to 21:53 hrs instead of 07:00 hrs to 21:53 hrs.

FIRST SERVICE
At 06:30 hrs from Howrah Maidan to Esplanade (Instead of 07.00 hrs.)

At 06:30 hrs from Esplanade to Howrah Maidan (Instead of 07.00 hrs.)

LAST SERVICE
At 21:45 hrs from Howrah Maidan to Esplanade (No Change)

At 21:45 hrs from Esplanade to Howrah Maidan (No Change)

Normal Services will be available on Sundays as usual.

PURPLE LINE
A total of 80 services (40 UP + 40 DN) on this stretch will be operated. At present, 72 services (36 UP + 36 DN) are being operated daily from Monday to Friday on Purple Line. Service hours on this Corridor are also going to increase to 06:50 hrs to 21:14 hrs instead of 07.57 hrs to 20:32 hrs.

FIRST SERVICE
At 06:50 hrs from Joka to Majerhat (instead of 08:00 hrs)

At 07:14 hrs from Majerhat to Joka (instead of 07:57 hrs)

LAST SERVICE
At 20:36 hrs from Joka to Majerhat (instead of 20.15 hrs)

At 20:57 hrs from Majerhat to Joka (instead of 20.15 hrs) There will be no services on Saturdays & Sundays as usual.

Traffic & Power Block

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Overhead Equipment (OHE) maintenance work at Sealdah station, 150 minutes traffic & power block has been planned on 9/10.8.2025 (Saturday/Sunday) from 00:45 hrs. to 03:15 hrs. Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been made: **CANCELLATION:**
• 31542 Shantipur – Sealdah EMU local will remain cancelled on 9.8.2025.
• 31511 Sealdah – Shantipur EMU local will remain cancelled on 10.8.2025.
Moreover, 13106 Ballia – Sealdah Express (journey commencing on 9.8.2025) will be controlled enroute for 75 minutes on Sunday (10.8.2025). The block is absolutely essential from the safety point of view as well as smooth running of trains.

Miscellaneous

Swachhata Abhiyan Conducted at Malda Town and Sahibganj Station Areas



MI News Service, Malda: As part of the ongoing 'Swachhata Abhiyan – 2025' campaign, a dedicated rag picking drive was carried out today on the track approaches to Malda Town and Sahibganj Station.

The initiative aimed to ensure a cleaner and safer railway environment by removing waste and litter from track areas. Railway employees, along with house-keeping staff, actively participated in the drive, working collectively to uphold cleanliness standards and enhance the overall passenger experience. Such cleanliness drives not only

contribute towards maintaining hygiene and sanitation but also play a vital role in safeguarding the health and safety of passengers and railway staff. The campaign further reflects the commitment of Malda Division towards fulfilling the objectives of the Government of India's 'Swachh Bharat Mission'. Malda Division reiterates its resolve to maintain high standards of sanitation across its jurisdiction and earnestly appeals to passengers and the general public to extend their cooperation by refraining from littering in station premises, on platforms, and on railway tracks.

Har Ghar Tiranga: Students celebrate spirit of Independence with art and tradition at Khurda Road Division



MI News Service, Khurda Road: As part of the nationwide Har Ghar Tiranga campaign under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative, the Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway organised a series of vibrant and patriotic activities at East Coast Railway Mixed Higher Secondary School. Students actively participated in various Tiranga-themed events, showcasing their creativity, unity and deep sense of national pride. The school walls were adorned with vibrant murals and paintings, reflecting the spirit of Independence and the ideals of the Indian Tricolour. Adding to the festive atmosphere, students created beautiful Rangoli designs in the colours of the

national flag — a traditional and artistic tribute to India's freedom. The celebrations also featured craftwork and handmade Rakhis, all inspired by the Tricolour, symbolising Patriotism, Tradition and Unity. These activities provided students a platform to express their love for the country through art, creativity and culture. The initiative not only fostered civic pride but also strengthened the emotional connection of young minds with the nation. The Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway extends heartfelt appreciation to the students and faculty of the school for their enthusiastic participation and for making the event a meaningful tribute to the spirit of India.

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Notice for Disclosure of Legal Heirs of Deceased Borrower

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Credit facility LBSGI00005144552 and LBSGI00005306798 was granted to Mr. Moni Mohan Saha, Ms. Tulsi Saha and Ms. Prakrishi Saha along with the deceased Mr. Minimoy Saha by ICICI Bank Ltd. (The Bank). The said credit facility is secured by Mr. Moni Mohan Saha by creation of the security interest by way of mortgage, with respect to the property situated at

Deed No. I-12113/19

Holding No. 7, A.C. Road By Lane 11, "Jorapukur Residency", Tower No. 8, 3rd Floor, Commercial Unit No. iii, R.S. Plot No. 32/291, 32, L.R. Plot No. 108, 107, R.S. Khatian No. 56, L.R. Khatian No. 52, Present L.R. Khatian No. 3842, 3843, 3844, 3845, J.L. No. 95, Berhampore Municipality, P.S. Berhampore Town, Mouza Khagra Jaychandra, Sub Registry Office Berhampore, District Murshidabad, West Bengal, Commercial Unit No. Iv Measuring More/Less 1350 Sq. Ft. Out Of 1800 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area Together With Undivided Impartible Proportionate Share And/Or Interest In The Land Deed No. I-12110/19

Holding No. 7, A.C. Road By Lane 11, "Jorapukur Residency", Tower No. 8, 5th Floor, Commercial Unit No. V, R.S. Plot No. 32/291, 32, L.R. Plot No. 108, 107, R.S. Khatian No. 56, L.R. Khatian No. 52, Present L.R. Khatian No. 3842, 3843, 3844, 3845, J.L. No. 95, Berhampore Municipality, P.S. Berhampore Town, Mouza Khagra Jaychandra, Sub Registry Office Berhampore, District Murshidabad, West Bengal, Commercial Unit No. Iv Measuring More/Less 1350 Sq. Ft. Out Of 1800 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area Together With Undivided Impartible Proportionate Share And/Or Interest In The Land Deed No. I-12111/19

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We would like to inform you that the demise of Mr. Minimoy Saha has come to our knowledge during field visits conducted by the Bank officials and by telephonic communications on the registered contact numbers. In this regard, letter dated August 04, 2025 was previously sent to the registered addresses of the Borrowers and the deceased Mr. Minimoy Saha, for providing information about the Legal Heirs of the deceased Borrower. Therefore, this Notice is hereby given for sharing details of the Legal Heirs of the deceased Mr. Minimoy Saha with supporting documents for updating the Bank's records, within 15 days of publication of this Notice.

You may submit the above-mentioned details to Mr. Sovan Mandal (Mob 7304904127) by visiting ICICI Bank Ltd, Saharan House, 3rd Floor, Near Anandolk Hospital, Evolve Road, Siliguri- 734401.

Date : August 08, 2025
Place : Siliguri (West Bengal)

Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Odisha’s Ankit Acharya Takes Cautio’s AI Dashcams to 46 Cities with \$3M Seed Funding

Kolkata : Cautio, an AI-powered video telematics startup working to make India's roads the safest in the world, has raised an additional \$1.8M in seed funding. The round was led by Amal Parikh, with participation from 8i Ventures, AU Small Finance Bank, VibhaChetan (Partner - Cheravi Ventures), Venture Catalysts. The round also saw backing from RaveenSastry (Founding Partner, Multiply Ventures), Vivekananda Hallekere (Co-Founder-Bounce) and Nishchay AG (Co-Founder-JAR) expanding Cautio's total seed raise to \$3M. In April this year, the company had announced a raise of \$1.2M as part of its ongoing round.

Founded with the mission of making every journey safer, Cautio provides advanced dash cameras paired with an AI-driven safety platform to help fleet operators detect and prevent risks in real-time. By focusing on technology that can predict and prevent incidents rather than just record them, Cautio is addressing the urgent need for safer roads across India's public transport, school transport, and commercial fleet sectors.

"India's roads don't need more fear; they need accountability and protection. At



Cautio, we're building technology that makes safety visible and actionable. Every alert we send out is a chance to prevent an accident, to protect a family, to save a life. That's why we're here." said Ankit Acharya, Co-Founder & CEO of Cautio. "This fresh investment allows us to strengthen our

technology, grow our team, and expand our deployment footprint to ensure road safety becomes the norm, not the exception." added Pranjal, Co-Founder & CTO of Cautio. Amal Parikh, added: "What impressed me about Cautio is simple: founders who understand the problem deeply, and a team

building with both heart and hustle. Ankit, Pranjal and team are going after one of India's most urgent yet ignored challenges — road safety. Combining AI with infrastructure, they're taking a practical yet innovative approach. This is where Dalal Street's discipline meets Innovation Street's disruption. Excited to partner with them in their mission to make Indian roads safer."

The funds will be used to expand Cautio's research and development, enhance its AI capabilities, and scale its presence across India's fleet operators, intercity and intracity bus operators, and school transport networks. The company also plans to strengthen its on-ground installation and servicing capabilities to ensure seamless adoption for fleets.

Cautio's approach is rooted in the belief that technology should serve people where it matters most - on the roads that connect their lives. With India witnessing one of the highest rates of road accidents globally, Cautio's vision is to transform road safety through data-driven interventions that protect drivers, passengers, and pedestrians alike.

The company has cumulatively raised over \$3.6M till date.



Boult Rolls Out Bold New Identity 'GOBOULT' to fuel Premium Play, Targets 1000cr Goal this year, 10x Retail Expansion, and Global Push

Kolkata : Boult, India's fastest-growing wearables brand will embark on its next phase of expansion that includes a new brand name GOBOULT and a new logo, a more focused business strategy, and significant investments in technology, design, and retail growth. The drive comes after a strong FY25, when the brand ended the year with Rs800 crore, almost doubling its revenue in two years. GOBOULT is targeting Rs1,000 crore in FY26.

The digital-first consumers of today live fast, think forward, and act without waiting for permission. They demand brands that move at their speed, and GOBOULT delivers on that momentum.

The word "Go" signals a mindset shift, with speed, ambition, and transformation woven into the brand's DNA. And this transformation is extended across the entire business strategy, from product design and retail expansion to global positioning and consumer experience.

The new brand logo features two symbolic elements: a screwhead and an arrow. The screw embodies inner strength, innovation, and precision, while the arrow signifies the addition of the word "Go" in the brand, implying movement of the brand into building futuristic tech, and transformation. Together, they embody who GOBOULT is and where the brand is headed.

Varun Gupta, the Co-founder of GOBOULT, shared, "Boult has always been more than a brand to me; it started as a passion project, something I built from scratch with heart, hustle, and belief and with GOBOULT, it's not just a new name; it's a personal milestone.

We are changing the way we think, operate, and build. GOBOULT is a brand that aligns with and is prepared for the pace and personality of the next generation. The rebrand reflects our commitment to moving faster, thinking bigger, and taking Indian innovation global. For me, this is not just about keeping up with change but leading it. GOBOULT is a rebuild, a reboot, and a step toward creating a global Indian tech brand that's as bold as the youth we serve."

GOBOULT is advancing into the Rs2,000+ average selling price (ASP) segment, where it will provide a product portfolio that prioritises design and places a greater emphasis on wearables, fashion-aligned audio devices, and tech-driven personal gear. The brand is bolstering its premiumization strategy by prioritising product innovation. Gen Z design sensibilities, and an omnichannel presence. GOBOULT will increase its retail presence from 3,000 to over 30,000 stores in general trade, modern retail, and experience-first formats over the course of the next 18 months. It is expected that this will lead to a significant shift in the company's revenue balance, as offline sales become a

'Steelage Mahotsav' campaign launched across 100 cities in India to promote BIS certified products for jewellers



Kolkata: Gunnebo, a global leader in physical security solutions, has been serving the Indian customers for more than 90 years through prominent brands like Steelage and ChubbSafes. From August 1st to 14th the organization launched its flagship campaign, 'Steelage Mahotsav' with the aim of spreading awareness about BIS standards as well as BIS certified safes, strong-room doors and vaults amongst jewellers. This campaign will cover more than 100 cities, making it one of the largest on-ground initiatives in the physical security solutions industry.

The aim of 'Steelage Mahotsav' is to educate jewellers on the importance of using BIS-certified security products, and to help end-users choose the right safes, vaults and high-security locks for their jewellery outlets.

As part of the nationwide 'Steelage Mahotsav' campaign, the event was held on 8 August in Kolkata, supported by Gunnebo's channel partner. The event featured live demonstrations, expert-led discussions, and interactive sessions to help jewellers understand the role of certified products in enhancing business security. To boost visibility and engagement, the activity was supported with on-ground brand activations, specially designed product vans, along with product showcase across brand stores in major cities.

Speaking on the campaign, Anirban Mukhuti, Head of Marketing & Product Management, Asia, Gunnebo Safe Storage, said: "Steelage Mahotsav is a pan-India drive to connect with India's jewellers' fraternity and build awareness about BIS certified security solutions. An on-ground campaign of this scale is the first of its kind in the physical security solutions industry. We are achieving this with active support from all our channel partners and intend to reach out to jewellers in every prominent town of India."

In the coming days, 'Steelage Mahotsav' will cover major towns across all regions of India bringing BIS-certified security solutions closer to business communities nationwide.

Experimental painkiller could outsmart opioids: Study

Washington DC [US] : A study shows a non-opioid pain reliever blocks pain at its source -- calming specific nerve signals that send pain messages to the brain. In mice, the compound SBI-810 eased pain from surgery, bone fractures, and nerve injury without causing sedation or constipation.

The drug, called SBI-810, is part of a new generation of compounds designed to target a receptor on the nerves and spinal cord. While opioids flood multiple cellular pathways indiscriminately, SBI-810, a non-opioid treatment, takes a more focused approach, activating only a specific pain-relief pathway that avoids the euphoric "high" linked to addiction.

In tests in mice, SBI-810 worked well on its own and, when used in combination, made opioids more effective at lower doses, according to the study published May 19 in Cell.

"What makes this compound exciting is that it is both analgesic and non-opioid," said senior study author Ru-Rong Ji, PhD, an anesthesiology and neurobiology researcher who directs the Duke Anesthesiology Centre for Translational Pain Medicine.

Even more encouraging: it prevented common side effects like constipation and buildup of tolerance, which often forces patients to need stronger and more frequent doses of opioids over time.

SBI-810 is in early development, but Duke researchers are aiming for human trials soon and they've locked in multiple patents for the discovery.

There's an urgent need for pain relief alternatives. Drug overdose deaths are declining, but more than 80,000 Americans still die each year, most often from opioids. Meanwhile, chronic pain affects one-third of the U.S. population.

Researchers said the drug could be a safer option for treating both short-term and chronic pain for those recovering from surgery or living with diabetic nerve pain. (ANI)

Divine Solitaires adds more sparkle to life's celebrations with 'The Solitaire Festival of India'

This August, India's most iconic diamond festival returns to light up your celebrations like never before. Running from Aug 1-31 across 100+ cities, the 4th national edition of TSFI with the tagline 'Sparkle Se Surprise Tak', will offer consumers a unique solitaires shopping experience; on display will be a stunning range of diamonds and in addition, assured gifts, mega draws and other grand surprises all month.

Jamshedpur : Divine Solitaires, among India's leading jewellery brands, is bringing back its most anticipated solitaires celebration with the fourth edition of The Solitaire Festival of India (TSFI). To be held between August 1-31, 2025, across the brand's partner retail stores in 100+ cities pan India, TSFI is set to transform the diamonds shopping experience for buyers with endless surprises, sparkles and celebrations. With TSFI, Divine Solitaires elevates life's most meaningful 'divine' moments rewarding each solitaire purchase celebrating an emotional milestone. Marking a celebration of love, an achievement, or a cherished memory — with a delightful surprise in the form of an assured gift. These gifts can be in the form of a fun Spin the Wheel, a Pick 1 of 3 surprise, or a Divine Voucher for a customer's next purchase.

The excitement doesn't stop there - shoppers can also win big in Weekly Mega Draws with prizes like iPhones, washing machines, laptops, PS5s and a car every week, and speakers on August 11, 18, and 25, leading up to the grand finale. The Bumper Draw on September 3 will see the lucky winners take home a brand-new luxury SUV and top-tier home appliances like ACs, fridges, and TVs.

"A Divine Solitaires diamond is more than just a precious gem, it is a symbol of someone's story, of an emotion that is expressed through the purchase. The TSFI aims to deepen that emotion by adding an element of surprise and delight to every meaningful purchase. Customers don't just take home a beautiful



diamond, but also a warm feeling of being celebrated and rewarded," said Mr. Jignesh Mehta, Founder & Managing Director, Divine Solitaires. Consumers who sign up for the TSFI Loyalty Program and who have attended any one previous edition can also avail a one-slab upgrade, while those who've been part of all three past editions also receive a two-slab upgrade, unlocking even more valuable gifts this year. Loyalty valid till 10th August.

Backed by its core values — Rare. Precious. Unmatched— Divine Solitaires continues to redefine luxury with its hallmark certified quality and transparent pricing. The Solitaire Festival of India is a natural extension of the brand's commitment to delivering not just jewellery, but an experience rooted in trust, emotion, and celebration.

Study finds if mindfulness can combat anxiety

Missouri [US] : If you're worried about job, money, the status of the world, or anything else, try a moment of mindfulness.

Paying close attention to the present moment without judgment -- the basic idea behind all mindfulness techniques -- can help calm anxiety and improve focus, said Resh Gupta, a postdoctoral research associate with the Mindfulness Science and Practice research cluster.

"A lot of research has shown that mindfulness can reduce anxiety symptoms," she said.

The calming power of mindfulness is well-known to people who have made the practice a part of their daily lives. Still, experts continue to investigate how it works and which types of mindfulness might be most useful for different types of anxiety, ranging from fleeting bouts of worry to more chronic, clinical anxiety disorders. "We all experience anxiety, but it can manifest in many different ways," Gupta said. "It's a tough problem to pin down."

In a paper published in Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews, Gupta and co-authors laid out a new approach to understanding the relationship between mindfulness and anxiety. Instead of taking a one-size-fits-all approach, they propose that different kinds of mindfulness practices might be helpful for different varieties of anxiety. The proposed framework should ultimately help us understand how to match anxiety sufferers with more precise treatments, Gupta said.

Todd Braver, the William R. Stuckenberg Professor in Human Values and Moral Development and a professor of psychological and brain sciences, is a co-author of the paper. The other co-author is Wendy Heller, a professor of psychology at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The work was supported in part by the Mindfulness Science and Practice cluster and the Arts & Sciences' Incubator for Transdisciplinary Futures.

Braver said that the new paper is emblematic of the kinds of work being done



by the cluster. "There is a growing recognition that these practices can be incredibly useful in enhancing psychological well-being," Braver said. "But we still do not fully understand the mechanisms of action by which mindfulness can produce beneficial effects. That's where the scientific research can be so valuable, by helping us more precisely identify why and how certain practices are effective."

Gupta, Braver, and Heller suggest that mindfulness combats anxiety by improving a mental process called cognitive control. "Cognitive control is the ability to regulate your thoughts and your actions in a way that helps you achieve your goals," Gupta said. "For example, if you know you have to go to the grocery store right after work, you can keep that goal in mind during the work-

day and turn down an offer to do something else after work."

As Gupta explained, mindfulness and anxiety have opposite impacts on cognitive control. People who are more mindful generally perform better on tasks requiring cognitive control. That observation is supported by neuroimaging studies, which have shown that mindfulness meditation can effectively modulate activity in brain regions that support cognitive control.

On the other hand, anxiety can worsen cognitive control. "Worry occupies a lot of space in the brain's working memory system," Gupta said. "This is where your goals are stored." This impairment in cognitive control can intensify worry symptoms, but using mindfulness to improve cognitive control can help interrupt the harmful cycle

of worry. Depending on the type of anxiety people are experiencing, some approaches might work better than others, Gupta said. People who spend a lot of time worrying may especially benefit from a type of mindfulness meditation called focused attention. "Focused attention teaches you to choose an anchor, such as your breath or a sound," she said. "You keep bringing your attention back to that anchor every time your mind wanders. Instead of focusing on the worry, you're focusing on the present moment experience."

People who are hypervigilant and experiencing a lot of physical symptoms of anxiety -- rapid heartbeat, sweaty palms, tightness in the chest -- may do better with a different approach. "For this type of anxiety, a form of mindfulness meditation called open monitoring may be beneficial," Gupta said. "Instead of focusing on one thing, such as the breath, you can observe all internal and external experiences from moment to moment in a non-reactive, non-judgmental way."

WashU's Mindfulness Science & Practice cluster offers many resources for university and community members who want to add mindfulness to their lives. The cluster sponsors regular talks as well as other events, including those in which participants can learn mindfulness practices from trained practitioners. "We're dedicated to helping the WashU and greater St. Louis community get access to tools to learn about mindfulness science and practice," Gupta said.

Braver is enthusiastic that recent research from the cluster and other institutions will help people gain a greater appreciation of the wide variety of practices that fall under the mindfulness umbrella. "People have different options they can choose from, so it becomes easier to find one that best fits your particular temperament, concerns, or current situation," he said. "It's quite empowering to learn these types of practices, and to feel like we can be in charge of how we use them to improve our quality of life." (ANI)

Inauguration of Sitamarhi–Delhi Amrit Bharat Express by Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home & Cooperation, and Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister of Bihar

MI News Service, Malda: Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home & Cooperation, Government of India, and Nitish Kumar, Chief Minister of Bihar, jointly flagged off a new Amrit Bharat Express train service from Sitamarhi to New Delhi on August 8, 2025. Today, the inaugural run was conducted as 05599 Sitamarhi-Delhi Inaugural Special. The regular operation of Train No. 14048/14047 Delhi-Sitamarhi-Delhi Amrit Bharat Express will begin from Delhi on 09.08.2025 and from Sitamarhi on 10.08.2025. The train will run every Saturday from Delhi and every Sunday from Sitamarhi.

Train No. 14048 Delhi-Sitamarhi Amrit Bharat Express will depart from Delhi at 14:00 hours every Saturday starting 09.08.2025 and will stop at Ghaziabad, Tundla, Kanpur Central, Lucknow, Gonda, Basti, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj, Siswa Bazar, Bagaha, Narkatiaganj,



Sikta, Raxaul, and Bairgania, reaching Sitamarhi at 10:45 hours the next day. In return, Train No. 14047 Sitamarhi-Delhi Amrit Bharat Express will depart from Sitamarhi at 22:15 hours every Sunday starting 10.08.2025, and will reach Delhi at 22:40 hours the next day, halting at the same stations en route.

This is the seventh Amrit Bharat train allocated to Bihar by Indian Railways. Previously, when Amrit Bharat trains were introduced for the first time in the country, services were launched between Darbhanga (via Ayodhya) and Anand Vihar Terminal, as well as from Malda Town to Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru. The service between Saharsa and Mumbai was flagged off by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. In addition, Amrit Bharat Express trains are already operating between Patna and New Delhi (daily), Motihari to Anand Vihar, Darbhanga to Lucknow, and Malda Town to Lucknow via Bhagalpur, Gaya, and Sasaram, greatly benefiting the people of Bihar. Amrit Bharat trains are manufactured under the

Make in India initiative at the Integrated Coach Factory. They are specially designed keeping in mind the needs of middle and lower-income groups, featuring Sleeper and General class coaches. The new version—Amrit Bharat 2.0—comes equipped with several new and modern amenities, making it more comfortable and high-tech than before.

Amrit Bharat trains have emerged as a reliable and affordable mode of travel. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw recently stated that 100 new Amrit Bharat rakes are under construction, which will be deployed across various railway routes in India.

Features of Amrit Bharat 2.0 coaches include:

- Foldable snack tables, mobile holders, foldable bottle holders
- Radium-illuminated floor strips (similar to airplanes), air-spring suspension for a smooth ride
- Toilets with electro-pneumatic flushing system, automatic soap dispensers, aerosol-based fire suppression systems for enhanced hygiene and safety
- Use of sheet metal compound materials in toilet construction for easy maintenance

These trains are capable of running at 130 km/h. For the first time in Indian Railways history, semi-automatic couplers have been introduced, improving ride quality and coach connectivity. With the locomotive, the rake ensures high-speed stability and better performance. For enhanced safety, the coupler is equipped with crash tubes and a mechatronics-assisted braking system, enabling faster and more effective braking — a first in Indian trains. Additionally, the train is equipped with fully sealed gangways and vacuum evacuation systems. To facilitate two-way communication between passengers and security personnel, an emergency talk-back system has been installed in each coach. For the first time, fire detection systems have been introduced in non-AC coaches, marking a new milestone in passenger safety. The train also features On-Board Condition Monitoring System (OBCMS) for real-time monitoring of wheels and bearings. Internet-based water level indicators assist station staff and on-board personnel. Moreover, external emergency lighting has been introduced for the first time in any Indian train.



An artist gives finishing touches to an idol of Lord Ganesha ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi festival, in Karad, Maharashtra.

Indian Railways Provides Affordable Transportation to Over 720 Cr Passengers; Indian Railways' Fares Are Among the Lowest in the World, Even Compared to Neighboring Countries: Ashwini Vaishnaw

- A Train for Every Need: Namo Bharat for Fast Regional Travel, Amrit Bharat for Affordable Journeys, and Vande Bharat for Safety, Better Travel experience
- Indian Railways Boosts Cleanliness and Hygiene with 3.33 Lakh Zero-Dischage Bio-Toilets, Over 34 Times Rise Since 2004-14
- Track & Signal Upgrades Drive Train Punctuality to 80% in 2025-26; 27 Divisions Achieve Over 90%
- Indian Railways Maintains Food Quality with Only 0.003% Complaints from 16.5 Lakh Daily Meals, Says **Ashwini Vaishnaw**

MI News Service, Delhi: To provide better amenities, the Ministry of Railways has launched the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach. It involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations. These include: Improvement of station access, circulating areas

- Improvement of station building
- Improvement of waiting halls, toilets
- Provision of lift/escalators
- Provision of platform surfacing and cover over platforms
- Provide better cleanliness
- Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product'
- Multimodal integration
- Amenities for Divyangians
- Better passenger information systems
- Provision for executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.

The scheme also envisages integrating the station with both sides of the city, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballast less tracks, etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term. So far, 1337 stations have been identified for development under this scheme.

Till now, phase-I works of 105 stations have been completed under this scheme. The Ministry of Railways is committed to provide safe and potable drinking water facilities free of cost at all stations over Indian Railways as one of the minimum essential amenities. Indian Railways ensure ample water supply at railway stations by assessing expected

consumption, making alternative arrangements for shortfalls and collaboration with municipalities, local water tanker suppliers, and other sources as needed. To ensure the quality of drinking water being made available at the railway stations, periodical checking and required corrective action are taken. Regular inspection and maintenance of drinking water facilities is carried out and complaints are attended promptly. Provision of Bio-toilets in coaches to improve cleanliness and hygiene To further improve cleanliness and hygiene by eliminating direct discharge of human waste onto Railway Tracks, zero discharge Bio-toilet system has been adopted by Indian Railways for coaches. The work has been taken up in mission mode by Indian Railways. At present, all passenger carrying mainline coaches equipped with toilets have been provisioned with Bio-toilets.

The details of provision of Bio-toilets (as on 30.06.2025) are as under: (Period No. of Bio-Toilets fitted 2004-14 Indian Railways is focused on providing affordable, good quality services to all sections of society. Railways has developed the following trains to provide good quality services

- 1. Vande Bharat service:** Indian Railways have introduced Vande Bharat services which are semi-high speed trains and are aimed to provide better travel experience and improved safety to the passengers. These services are equipped with enhanced safety features and modern passenger amenities like-
 - KAVACH system
 - Faster acceleration
 - Fully Sealed Gangway
 - Automatic Plug Doors
 - Better Ride

- Comfort
- Mini Pantry with provision of Hot Case
- Bottle Cooler
- Deep freezer & Hot water Boiler
- Reclining Ergonomic Seats
- Comfortable Seating with revolving seats in executive class
- Mobile charging sockets for every seat
- Special lavatory for Divyangian passengers in Driving Trailer Car(DTC), CCTVs etc. As on 07th August 2025, 144 Vande Bharat train services are operational on the Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways.
- 2. Amrit Bharat service: To provide affordable means of transportation to the low and middle income families, Indian Railways have introduced Amrit Bharat services that are fully non-AC modern trains. As on 07th August 2025, 14 services are already in operation. The present composition of Amrit Bharat consists of 11 General Class coaches, 8 Sleeper Class coaches, 01 Pantry car and 02 Luggage cum Divyangian coaches. High Speed and enhanced Safety standards are the hallmarks of these trains with following enhanced features and amenities:
 - Better aesthetics of seat and berths with enhanced look & feel on the lines of Vande Bharat Sleeper.
 - Jerk Free Semi-Automatic Couplers.
 - Improved Crashworthiness in coaches by provision of crash tube.
 - Provision of CCTV system in all coaches and Luggage room. Improved designs of toilets.
 - Improved design of Ladder for ease of climbing on to the berth.
 - Improved LED Light fitting & Charging Sockets.
 - Provision of EP assisted braking system.
 - Aerosol based fire suppression system in toilets and electrical cubicles.

Sealdah Division Organizes Media Tour To Showcase Stellar Features Of AC Emu Train At Ranaghat

SEALDAH – RANAGHAT AC LOCAL TRAIN TO PLY FROM MONDAY



MI News Service, Kolkata: Sealdah Division has organized a press media tour today (08.08.2025) to showcase the unique features of brand new AC EMU Train at Ranaghat. During the visit, print and electronic media representatives were provided with a comprehensive display of world class amenities loaded in the brand new AC EMU Rake stationed at Ranaghat. The state-of-the-art new AC EMU Rake boasts several stellar features that will significantly enhance commuting experience for passengers as detailed hereunder :- 1. The train has fully air-conditioned 12 coaches of stainless steel body, ensuring a safe, secured and comfortable journey. 2. The train has an unique spacious interior and end-to-end vestibule connected. There is seating accommodation for 1126 passengers. 3. The entire rake is covered under CCTV surveillance and passengers are provided with talk-back switch to contact Driver/Guard in case of exigency/emergency. 4. GPS enabled LED display system facilitates commuters with real time information and announcements. 5. All the coaches are fitted with double sealed glass windows to provide panoramic views for passengers sitting in total comfort. 6. The fare of this impeccable AC service is highly affordable as the fare is Rs.120/- only for the entire stretch and the low-

est fare is Rs.35/- only. 7. The train will run at a highest speed of 110 KMPH and it will cover the distance between Sealdah and Ranaghat with 01 hours and 40 minutes only. It will be a galloping service with lesser number of stoppages at important stations making it a premium suburban mode of transportation. 8. All the doors of this AC Rake are electrically operated sliding one which will be opened only after reaching destination stations making the service most safe and efficient. 9. The daily commuters are provided with wide array of ticketing options as they can choose between daily, weekly, fortnightly and monthly tickets. 10. The elegant looking AC EMU Rake will roam between Sealdah and Ranaghat during morning and evening peak hour to facilitate office goers, school children, businessmen and other professionals with a safe, cozy and fast mode of transportation. The AC EMU local is definitely going to be a game changer in achieving modern world class suburban services at an unbeatable price. The inaugural run of this train service will proceed from Sealdah on Sunday (10.08.2025) and the commercial run of this coveted train service will commence from Ranaghat on Monday (11.08.2025). The timetable for UP and DOWN service are attached herewith.

Pir Mishkat Siddiqui's visit to Malaysia



Nurul Islam Khan

The current head of Furfura Darbar Sharif, Pir Shaikhul Hadith Allama Shaikh Abu Bakr Abdul Hai Mishkat Siddiqui, has arrived in Malaysia. Pir Saheb will stay there for a few days. Responsible persons at his own established Darul Mishkat Furfura Khanqah welcomed and gave him a warm welcome him. Many people, including Maulana Md. Zafar Sadeq, a devoted servant of the Sharif of Darbar Sharif, are with Huzoor. He has prayed for the welfare of the people of the entire world during this special visit.

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PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured Asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mrs. Susmita Roy (Borrower) Sandipan Roy (Co-Borrower) LBRN00005031490	Flat No. 01, On The Third Floor, Block-A, At Songauri Dhanesh Residency, Ward No. 02, Holding No. 002000467500020, of Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Mouza- Bhitia, P.S. Banatu, Thana No. 187, District- Ranchi, Admeasuring An Area of Carpet Area 720 Sq. Ft Along With Proportionate Undivided Share In The Land Measuring 370.1 Sq. Ft Along With One Car Parking Space On The Lower Ground Floor.	Rs. 39,87,603/- As on 21st, 2025	Rs. 27,60,000/- From 2,76,000/-	September 02, 2025 From 11:00 A.M. To 01:00 P.M	September 10, 2025 From 10:30 A.M. Onwards.

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link- <https://disposalhub.com>) of our auction agency M/s NexXon Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgages/ Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by September 09, 2025 before 05:00 P.M. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd, Ground Floor Park Plaza Building, Tagore Hill Road, Morabaadi, Ranchi Jharkhand-834008. on or before September 09, 2025 before 05:00 P.M. Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before September 09, 2025 before 05:00 P.M. along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd, Ground Floor Park Plaza Building, Tagore Hill Road, Morabaadi, Ranchi Jharkhand-834008 on or before September 09, 2025 before 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of ICICI Bank Limited payable at Ranchi.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 9324948920.

Please note that Marketing Agency 1. ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited, have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : August 08, 2025

Place: Howrah

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Howrah Division intensifies cleanliness efforts under Swachhata Abhiyan

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing Swachhata Abhiyan, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organised workshops and cleanliness drives across the Division to promote hygiene, sanitation, and environmental sustainability. On August 8, 2025, activities were conducted at key locations including Howrah, Katwa, Rampurhat, Bardhaman, Bandel, Tarakeswar, Magra, Gumani, and Azimganj, with active participation from railway staff, passengers, and local residents. The campaign aimed to maintain hygienic surroundings and raise awareness on responsible waste disposal. Howrah Division appeals to all citizens to refrain from littering and to adopt clean habits to support the mission of a Clean, Green, and Healthy India.

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Sayan Mitra/ Dipika Das/ Sukanta Pally, Balaka More Ward No. XXXII, Siliguri Municipal Corporation, P.O. Siliguri Bazar Police Station Bhaktinagar, District Jalpaiguri West Bengal Siliguri- 734003/ LBSGI00006111960	Baidyanath Dham" 1st Floor (Front Side North West Facing) and 2nd Floor (Back Side South East Facing), R.S Plot No. 446/1417, 446/1418, R.S Khation No. 763, 775/1, J.L No. 02, Touzi No. 03, Sheet No. 15, Mouza- Dabgram, Pargana -Baikanthapur, Post Office -Siliguri Bazar, Ward No. XXXII, Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Situated at Balaka Road, Sukanta Pally Bazar, Office of The Block Land & Land Reforms Officer Rajganj, Office of The Additional District Sub Registrar and Police Station Bhaktinagar, District- Jalpaiguri, West Bengal (admeasuring an Area of Flat on The First Floor Measuring 1000 Sq. Ft. (including Proportionate Share in The Staircase and 20% Super Built Up Area) and Flat on The Second Floor Measuring 650 Sq. Ft. (including Proportionate Share in The Staircase and 20% Super Built Up Area) Along With Proportionate Share of Land. North: By 18 Feet Wide SMC Metal Road South: By Land and Building of Barna Mitra East: By Land and Building of Noni Villa West: By Vacant Land of Barna Mitra./ Date of Symbolic 05/08/2025	February 27, 2025 Rs. 11,16,123.92/-	Siliguri
2.	Karun Deo Sah/ Sri Krishna Sah/ Cham- Pasari Main Road Siliguri District Darjeeling West Bengal Siliguri-734003/ LBSGI00005933793/ LBSGI00005971444	Deed No. I-1463 Shop No. B-03, 1st Floor of The Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bipanan Kendra, 'A', Market Cum Office Complex, at Hill Cart Road, Opposite Biswadip Cinema, in Siliguri Town, Mouza Siliguri, J.L. No. 88(110), R.S./C.S. Plot No. 213 (Part), Post Office Pradhan Nagar, Police Station, Sub Division & Sub Registry/Now Additional District Sub Registry Office Siliguri, District Darjeeling, Siliguri 734403, West Bengal Admeasuring an Area of 104 Sq. Ft. or 09.66 Sq. Mtr. North: Shop No. C-7 south :Shop No. C5 East: Corridor West: Reserve Land of Sija Deed No. I-926 Shop No. Nil In The 3rd Floor of The Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Bipanan Kendra, Hill Cart Road, J.L. No. 88(110), Sheet No. 1, R.S. Plot No. 213 (Part), Pradhan Nagar Siliguri, Police Station Siliguri, District Darjeeling, West Bengal Admeasuring an Area of Measuring 312 Sq Ft. or 28.98 Sq. Mtr. North : I.B. Office Siliguri. South : Reserve Space of S.J.D.A., Siliguri East: Hill Cart Road West: "1.5 Mtr Passage./ Date of Symbolic 05/08/2025	March 24, 2025 Rs. 30,14,966.00/-	Siliguri

The above-mentioned borrower(s)/guarantor(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: August 08, 2025, Place: Siliguri

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

15th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2025

PUNJAB CROWNED AS CHAMPIONS

DEFEATS JHARKHAD BY 4-3 IN FINALS

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RANCHI : Hockey Punjab was crowned as the champions of the 15th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2025 as they won the final of Division 'A' defeating Hockey Jharkhand 4-3 in the Final.

The final day of the event saw dominating performances by Hockey Punjab and Uttar Pradesh Hockey as both teams won their respective matches to clinch the title and the bronze medal respectively.

The match played between Hockey Jharkhand and Hockey Punjab was a closely contested final, with both teams fighting till the final whistle. Hockey Jharkhand started the second quarter strongly, scoring two back-to-back goals through Ashish Tani Purti (21') and Anish



Dungdung (24'). However, Hockey Punjab quickly equalised with Akshit Salaria (29') and Varinder Singh (30') scoring in quick suc-

cession. Jharkhand's Sukhu Guria (42') attempted to swing the game in his team's favour, but a brace by Punjab's Mandeep Singh (45', 53') sealed the deal for Hockey Punjab, crowning them champions of the 15th Hockey India Sub Junior Men National Championship 2025.

The match between Uttar Pradesh Hockey and Hockey Madhya Pradesh saw Hockey Madhya Pradesh start strong, taking a two-goal lead in the first half. However, they were outwitted by Uttar Pradesh Hockey in the final two quarters, as Ali Shahrukh (42', 47', 51') scored a hat-trick, supported by Mohd Atif Raynee (40') and Prahalad Rajbhar (55'), who each scored a goal, leading their team to a 5-3 victory. The goals for Hockey Madhya Pradesh were scored by Aashir Aadil Khan (13'), Karan Gautam (20'), and Meezan Ur Rehman (58').

Aryan Sharma and Yash Deshmukh named in Australia U19 squad

CANBERRA [AUSTRALIA] : Cricket Australia (CA) has announced a 15-player squad for the men's U19 series against India, featuring three 50-over matches and two four-day matches in Brisbane and Mackay from September 21 to October 10.

Two indian origin budding cricketers from Victoria and NSW, Aryan Sharma and Yash Deshmukh, respectively, have been named in the Australia U19 men's squad, as per a press release from Cricket Australia.

The squad was chosen by the youth selection panel in collaboration with state talent managers. Following the series, players will return to their states and territories to continue preparations for the upcoming season.

This series is part of Cricket Australia's long-term player development strategy, offering young players the chance to gain international experience in white-ball and red-ball formats.

It forms part of the preparation for a two-year-long ICC U19 World Cup cycle, with the tournament scheduled for January 2026 in Zimbabwe and Namibia. The cycle has so far included a camp at the National Cricket Centre in Brisbane, an Australia U19 tour to India, and a specialised spin/batting training camp in India.

The matches mark the first appointment for former Australian coach Tim Nielsen as head coach of the national U19 squad, bringing a wealth of experience at the international level, which will be invaluable in guiding Australia's next generation of cricketers.

The National Under-19 male championships will be held in December, after which the final squad for the ICC U19 Men's World Cup 2026 will be selected.

Sonya Thompson, Cricket Australia Head of National Development, said as quoted by Cricket Australia press release, "We're excited to continue our

preparation for the ongoing ICC U19 World Cup cycle, with an exciting squad of emerging players. This series against India provides a valuable opportunity for our young players to experience international cricket in white-ball and red-ball formats and to test themselves against a high-quality opponent. The multi-format tour is designed to challenge players to adapt and grow, while also giving selectors and coaches meaningful insights ahead of the National U19 Championships in December."

"We're also thrilled to welcome Tim Nielsen as Head Coach of the National U19 squad. His extensive international experience and leadership will be instrumental in guiding and inspiring Australia's next generation of cricketers. Strengthening our pathway programs remains a key priority for Australian Cricket, and we're committed to creating more opportunities for our most promising players to develop at domestic and international levels," Sonya Thompson added.

Australia Under 19 Squad: Simon Budge (WA/Melville CC), Alex Turner (VIC/Prahran CC), Steve Hogan (QLD/Sandgate-Redcliffe District CC), Will Malajczuk (WA/Subiaco Floreat CC), Yash Deshmukh (NSW/Fairfield Liverpool CC), Tom Hogan (ACT/Ginninderra CC), Aryan Sharma (VIC/Carlton CC), John James (NSW/Northern Districts CC), Hayden Schiller (SA/Northern Districts CC), Charles Lachmund (QLD/Western Districts CC), Ben Gordon (QLD/Sunshine Coast Scorchers), Will Byrom (NSW/Northern Districts CC), Kasey Barton (NSW/Sutherland CC), Alex Lee Young (NSW/Mosman CC), and Jayden Draper (QLD/Valley District Cricket Club).

Reserves: Zed Hollick (WA/Scarborough CC), Tom Paddington (VIC/St Kilda CC) and Julian Osborne (NSW/Manly Warringah CC). (ANI)



India handed comfortable group stage draw at BWF World Junior Team Championships 2025

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The Badminton World Federation (BWF) on Friday announced the draw for the BWF World Junior Championships 2025 - Suhandinata Cup (Mixed Team Event), to be held at the National Centre of Excellence, Amingaon, Guwahati, from 6 to 11 October 2025, according to a release from BWF.

Second-seeded India will compete in Group H alongside Hong Kong China, Nepal, and Ghana. This prestigious global junior team event returns to India for the first time since 2008 and will feature 37 teams from across the world. The tournament format will see the winner from each group advance to the quarter-finals.

Top seeds Thailand are drawn in Group A with Denmark, Slovenia, and Cook Islands. Defending champions Indonesia are placed in Group C with Türkiye, Romania, and the Netherlands, while 14-time champions China will face Japan, Singapore, Brazil, and Bhutan in Group E.

This year, a new relay format will be tested in the competition. In the new format, there will be



best-of-three sets, where a team reaching 45 points in a relay format wins a set. A set will have each of men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles matches, with the first match ending after one team reaching nine points, and the next match will start.

Earlier, the relay format consisted of a single set with a race to 110 points in 10 matches. For the Indian team, medal winners from the Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2025 will gain direct entry, while the remaining spots will be decided through a selection trial from 9th to 13th August 2025 at the same venue.

Players eligible for the trials include those meeting the BAI

ranking cut-offs, Indian shuttlers ranked in the BWF World Junior Top 20, and juniors ranked in the BWF Senior Top 50 as of 29 July 2025. All players selected in the Indian team for the WONDR Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2025 are also invited for the trials, except the medalists who already have direct entry.

Following the Suhandinata Cup, the individual events will also be staged in Guwahati from 13 to 19 October 2025 at the National Centre of Excellence.

Groups for the BWF World Junior Championships 2025 - Suhandinata Cup:

- Group A: Thailand, Denmark, Slovenia, Cook Islands
- Group B: Chinese Taipei, UAE, Canada, England, Norway
- Group C: Indonesia, Türkiye, Romania, Netherlands
- Group D: Poland, USA, Hungary, Ireland, Philippines
- Group E: China, Japan, Singapore, Brazil, Bhutan
- Group F: Malaysia, Australia, Sri Lanka, Slovakia, Vietnam
- Group G: France, Korea, Portugal, Egypt, Uganda
- Group H: India, Hong Kong China, Nepal, Ghana.

DURAND CUP: NEROCA FC, INDIAN NAVY SHARE SPOILS IN A GOALLESS DRAW

IMPHAL (MANIPUR) : NEROCA FC and Indian Navy FT played out a hard-fought goalless draw in their Group F encounter of the 134th Durand Cup, here at the Khuman Lampak Main Stadium, to earn a point each. Despite several half-chances and moments of promise, both sides failed to find the finishing touch in a match that was high on midfield battles and defensive organisation.

NEROCA head coach Gyan Moyon made three changes to his starting XI from the Imphal Derby, switching to a 4-2-3-1 formation. Jetli Sorokhaibam came in as goalkeeper, Gotimayum Muktasana was handed a midfield role, and Brazilian Lucas Da Silva slotted into the defence. Indian Navy head coach Raman Rai opted to retain his starting lineup from their previous win, sticking with the 4-3-3 system led by captain Bhaskar Roy in goal, with Vijay Marandi and Sreyas on the flanks and Roshan Panna up front.

Deny Singh of the Indian Navy made the first attempt in the 6th minute with a right-footed strike from the wing, but NEROCA's keeper Jetli Sorokhaibam was equal to the task, diving low to his left to make a comfortable save.

The Orange Brigade responded in the 11th minute when a through ball from midfield released Lourembam on the left. He sprinted down the flank and fired a shot at goal, but Bhaskar Roy handled it without fuss. The next few minutes saw NEROCA dominate possession, testing the Sailors' defensive line with bursts from Lourembam and Rohit Meetei, but the Navy defenders held firm.

Indian Navy had their moments too, with Deny Singh orchestrating the play from deep and threading through balls for Sreyas. However, the forward failed to capitalise on these opportunities; his shot in the 27th minute lacked power and went straight to the keeper.

The first half saw strong defensive displays from both sides. For NEROCA, Lucas Da Silva and Japes were particularly solid at the back, intercepting key runs and managing aerial balls well.

The best chance of the second half for the Sailors came in the 50th minute when Roshan Panna laid the ball off for Deny Singh, whose curling effort spun wide. Three minutes later, Deny had another crack from outside the



box, but it went wide.

NeroCA's skipper Kinesh Singh nearly broke the deadlock in the 60th minute, but his left-footed placement off a lofted cross missed the target. Three minutes later, the Sailors were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box, but Adersh's effort struck the wall.

In the 88th minute, the Indian Navy came closest to a winner when substitute Sadananda Singh delivered a perfect ball to an unmarked Sreyas near the goal, only for the forward to hit the post. A minute later, Gomado had a similar opportunity at the other end but fired wide.

The last bit of drama came in

the dying seconds of injury time when Zlex received a direct red card for a tactical foul on Roshan Panna, halting a Navy counterattack. Pintu, however, failed to trouble the keeper from the resulting freekick from the edge of the box as the referee blew the final whistle with the scoreline as 0-0.

Indian Navy FT, who are now on four points from two matches, remain on top of Group F and will face TRAU FC next on August 12. NEROCA FC, on two points, will take on Real Kashmir FC on August 10.

All matches of the 134th Durand Cup are being broadcast LIVE on Sony Sports Network (Sony Ten 2 channels) and streamed on SonyLiv. (ANI)

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Coal India Open: Angad Cheema takes pole position in round three

AHMEDABAD (GUJARAT) : Angad Cheema (69-67-69) of Chandigarh returned a steady three-under 69 to move into the lead in round three of the Coal India Open being played at the Kensville Golf and Country Club in Ahmedabad. Angad's total score read 11-under 205.

Amardeep Malik (69-65-72) of Noida carded an even-par 72 in the penultimate round to occupy second position at a total of 10-under 206.

Karandeep Kochhar (69-70-69), another Chandigarh golfer, signed for a 69 to be placed third on Thursday.

Pune's Udayan Mane who began the week with a 78 in round one, fired a 66 for the second straight day to make a brilliant comeback and huge strides on

the leaderboard. He gained 11 spots on Thursday to be placed tied fourth at six-under 210 along with Delhi's Arjun Prasad (69).

Delhi-based Rakshit Dahiya, the only amateur to make the cut, ended the day in 10th position at two-under 214 following a round of 71.

Ahmedabad's Varun Parikh came up with a 72 to be tied 13th at even-par 216.

Angad Cheema, who was overnight second, two shots off the lead, made a rock-solid start, making pars all through the front nine. The 35-year-old Cheema, the winner of the last PGTI event in April this year, began the back-nine with a bogey on the 10th but came roaring back with four birdies there-



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after including three from a range of 10 to 15 feet.

Angad said, "I played a steady round today, hitting all greens in regulation. My putter got hot on the back-nine that helped me sink a lot of long putts. That was the big difference between my

front-nine and back-nine.

"Playing the qualifying event of The Open in the UK this summer, was a memorable experience and gave me great international exposure as I competed in a strong field at a links course in conditions totally different from what we're used to here in India. I would say it benefitted my game a lot. Taking a break from golf during the off-season has also helped me come back fresh and eager to perform well," added Angad.

Amardeep Malik, the overnight leader by two shots, made three birdies and three bogeys on Thursday to drop down to second position. Malik is still within touching distance of the lead, being just one shot back. (ANI)