

Centre has made numerous efforts to popularise Sanskrit, says PM Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that his government has made numerous efforts in the past decade to popularise the ancient language of Sanskrit.

"Sanskrit is an eternal source of knowledge and expression, and its impact can be seen in every field", he said in his message on World Sanskrit Day today.

PM Modi said it is an occasion to appreciate the effort of everyone trying to learn and popularise the language. The day is celebrated annually on the auspicious day of 'Shravan Purnima'. He cited measures like the establishment of the Central Sanskrit University, centres for teaching Sanskrit, giving grants to scholars of the language and the launch of a mission to digitise ancient Sanskrit manuscripts to highlight his government's steps in this regard. It has benefited numerous countless students and researchers, he added. "Many influential ancient books, including Hindu epics, have been written in Sanskrit, a language now largely confined to use in religious practices", PM Modi said.

Greeting people on the occasion of World Sanskrit Day 2025 or Vishva-Sanskrit-Divas linking the celebration with Shravan Purnima. Posting on X, Prime minister Modi called Sanskrit a "timeless source of knowledge and expression" and noted that its influence can be seen across many fields -- from

science to literature.

He also took a moment to acknowledge the work of people around the world who are learning and promoting the language. "This day is an occasion to appreciate the effort of every person around the world who is learning and popularising Sanskrit," he wrote. PM Modi said that over the last decade, the government has rolled out several initiatives to make Sanskrit more accessible and appealing to learners. These include the setting up of Central Sanskrit Universities, opening Sanskrit learning centres, offering grants to Sanskrit scholars, and launching the Gyan Bharatam Mission to digitise ancient manuscripts.

Y LIKE These steps, he said, have already helped thousands of students and researchers gain easier access to Sanskrit education and resources. World Sanskrit day is celebrated every year to encourage interest in the language and to recognise its historical and cultural importance in India. It often coincides with Shravan Purnima, adding to its traditional significance. For PM Modi, the occasion was also a way to remind the public that Sanskrit isn't just a part of the past — it can be a bridge connecting ancient knowledge to modern needs and to recognise its historical and cultural importance in India. It often coincides with Shravan Purnima, adding to its traditional significance.



Two youngsters and their mother looked dejected after they got stuck on Howrah Bridge during a procession to mark the first anniversary of the R G Kar rape and murder case on Saturday.

ECI delists 334 registered unrecognised political parties

MI News Service, New Delhi:

In a major move to "clean up" the country's electoral system, the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Saturday delisted 334 registered unrecognised political parties which have failed to fulfil the essential condition of contesting even a single election for six years since 2019. The offices of these parties could also not be physically verified and located anywhere.

These 334 registered unrecognised political parties are from different states and Union Territories across the country, the poll panel said.

"After considering all facts and recommendations

of CEOs, the Commission has delisted 334 RUPPs. Now, out of the total of 2854 RUPPs, 2520 are remaining," the ECI said in a statement.

"These RUPPs will now not be eligible to avail any benefit under the provisions of Section 29B and Section 29C of the RP Act, 1951 and the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968. Any party aggrieved by this order can appeal to the Commission within 30 days," it further added.

The delisting of RUPPs is part of ECI's comprehensive and continuous strategy to purge the system of parties which have become

redundant and merely exist on paper.

It was in June 2025 that the EC had set the ball rolling for "purging exercise" and directed the CEOs of States and UTs to conduct verification enquiries of 345 RUPPs regarding compliance with the above conditions.

In the report submitted by respective Chief Electoral Officers (CEOs), 334 RUPPs out of total 335, were found not complying with the above conditions.

CEOs conducted inquiries, issued show-cause notices to these RUPPs and provided each party an op-

portunity to respond and present their case through personal hearings.

At present, there are six national parties, 67 state parties and 2,854 RUPPs registered with ECI.

According to existing EC guidelines, if any party does not contest elections continuously for 6 years, it is taken off the list of registered parties.

Since 2022, the poll panel has delisted 284 defaulting and non-compliant RUPPs and declared 253 RUPPs inactive as part of its efforts to clean up the political space, occupied by non-functional parties.

Mamata Banerjee pays tributes to the brave hearts of Quit India Movement

MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday recalled the great sacrifices and contributions of the "brave hearts" who rose in defiance during the Quit India Movement, which is one of the most defining moments of our freedom struggle.

Paying rich tributes to the august occasion of the anniversary of the Quit India Movement, she further stated that the sacrifice of these brave hearts and their resolve had brought us closer to the Independence in 1947. Jai Hind In a post in her X handle the Chief min-



ister said "On this august occasion of the anniversary of the Quit India Movement, we solemnly remember the brave hearts who rose in defiance during one of the most defining moments of our freedom struggle. Their sacrifice and resolve brought us closer to Independence in 1947. Jai Hind".

Security beefed up, traffic curbs in view of marches to mark RG Kar protests

MI News Service, Kolkata : Security arrangements have been tightened and traffic restrictions are in place across Kolkata and Howrah since morning on Saturday in view of a proposed march to the West Bengal secretariat 'Nabanna' to mark the completion of one year of the rape and murder of an on-duty doctor inside the state-run RG Kar hospital, police said. Prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) have been imposed in areas adjoining 'Nabanna', while multi-layer barri-

cades were put up at several crossings in the two cities, and vehicular movement on the Howrah Bridge and the Vidyasagar Setu over the Hooghly river has been stopped, they said. The police have earmarked two locations for peaceful gatherings — Santragachi bus stand under the Howrah Police Commissionerate and Rani Rashmoni Avenue in central Kolkata — in line with a Calcutta High Court directive, a senior officer said. The parents of the deceased doctor urged

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28 countries called for end to Israel's war on Gaza as its plans for military control of enclave will escalate violence

MI News Service, Washington (DC) / New Delhi : As many as 28 countries, including France, the United Kingdom, Germany and numerous other European nations besides Japan have issued a joint statement asking

Israel to end its war on Gaza "must now", marking the latest example of intensifying criticism from Israel's allies. The joint statement, signed by the foreign ministers of all these countries, have also condemned "the

drip feeding of aid and the inhumane killing of civilians, including children and old, seeking to meet their most basic needs of water and food".

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Rakhi Bandhan by Swapan Samaddar

Nurul Islam Khan

On Friday and Saturday, the West Bengal Police Welfare Committee organized the Rakhi Bandhan festival with due dignity at various police lines in the state. Various police officers and common people participated. The organization wished everyone well by tying Rakhi and making sweet faces. Along with this, the convenor of the West Bengal Police Welfare Committee, Bijitawsa Raut, gave a message of unity, peace and harmony in the state. Today, the Rakhi Bandhan festival organized by the Police Welfare Committee in West Midnapore district was also attended



by the RI Sahib of West Midnapore district, Shri Sudipta Kumar Nandi Mahashay and other officers and other officers of the West Midnapore District Police Welfare Committee. Numerous children also participated.

9th Annual Event: Transparency and Employment Growth Planned

MI News Service, Kolkata: Sameer Das Kolkata:-HNS Gold is one of the most trusted gold and silver buyers in India. They have been working with trust for the last 9 years. The event in Kolkata was attended by Founder and CEO Sunil Kumar AK, Director Sajeesh Sathyanandan and Chief Advisor Abhijit Majumdar, who highlighted the company's journey, success and future plans. In the last 9 years, HNS Gold has served more than 7 lakh customers across India, becoming a symbol of trust, transparency and financial empowerment. The company is well known



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charges when needed. In India, we have seen many customers being forced to sell their gold for half the price. At HNS Gold, we ensure 100% value, zero melting and instant payment in just 5 minutes – so that customers can be empowered in times of financial emergency." Key highlights announced at the press conference: 1) Launch of doorstep gold and silver buying service 2) Major expansion plans 3) Increase employment opportunities for thousands of youth 4) Incorporation of advanced technology. The event also mentioned that HNS Gold is fully compliant

Chandannagar Police Commissioner Amit P. Javalgi celebrated Raksha Bandhan

MI News Service, Hooghly: On the auspicious occasion of Rakhi Purnima, the Rakhi Bandhan Utsav was celebrated with grace and great enthusiasm across various locations under the jurisdiction of the Chandannagar Police Commissionerate. The Learned Commissioner of Police, Chandannagar Police Commissionerate, Amit P. Javalgi, IPS, along with other senior police officials,



received rakhis from specially-abled children and

other police personnel, symbolizing the spirit of love and unity. The celebrations were held at all Police Stations, Traffic Units, and the sacred Nimai Tirtha Ghat, with wholehearted participation from the community. The festival truly reflected the values of communal harmony, brotherhood, and social solidarity, reinforcing the bond between the police and the citizens they serve.

Ice Make Refrigeration Reports Strong Revenue Growth in Q1 FY26

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ice Make Refrigeration Limited, a leading manufacturer of 50+ innovative cooling and refrigeration solutions, announced its unaudited financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2025 (Q1 FY26), demonstrating continued momentum in revenue growth despite temporary headwinds in profitability. During the quarter, the company reported consolidated revenue from operations of 111.50 crore, registering a year-on-year growth of over 30 percent compared to 85.23 crore in Q1 FY25.



MI News Service, Kolkata: Divine Solitaires is relaunching its flagship celebration, The Solitaire Festival of India (TSFI), in its fourth national edition from August 1 to 31, 2025. The event promises an enhanced diamond shopping experience with assured gifts, weekly mega draws, and a bumper finale. The theme is "Sparkle Se Surprise Tak", offering unique rewards and high-value gifts.

Huge procession of Bangla Paksha in Kolkata against harassment of Bengalis in

BJP-ruled states

Nurul Islam Khan

Bengalis are beaten in other states, and Bengalis get jobs in UP and Bihar! On Saturday, when the national organization called Bangla Paksha was taking out a huge eye-catching procession from College Street, the slogan on the banner was being heard by thousands of marchers. It is good to say that the national slogan was giving oxygen to the procession in this procession. It is good to say that the Bangla Paksha has given a befitting reply to the Bengali opponents by taking out a huge procession on the occasion of today's Raksha Bandhan festival. Recently, Bengalis are also being subjected to unnecessary atrocities in various states. After being attacked, they are returning to their own states in despair



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after leaving their workplaces in other states. They have been taking to the streets and warning against this unconstitutional activity for a long time. The organization has challenged the BJP by intensifying today's procession. The organization said that in BJP-ruled states, Bengalis, regardless of Hindus or Muslims, are being tortured by being labeled as "Bangladeshi" for speaking Bengali. Brutal tor-

ture is being carried out by putting them in detention camps. The police and administration there are also torturing Bengali migrant workers. However, all outsiders are getting work in this state. The organization's head, Professor Garg Chatterjee, said that crores of jobs in all industrial areas and urban areas in Bengal are occupied by outsiders. Cities including Kolkata have been occupied. Today,

on the day of Rakhi Purnima, we took out a procession in Kolkata against this atrocities on Bengalis in an independent India, which was born of Bengali blood. He gave an example and said that in 1905, poet Ravi Tagore had started the Rakhi Bandhan festival to protest the partition of Bengal. Therefore, we organized our procession on this historic Rakhi Bandhan day. Finally, the procession reached Shyambazar at the foot of the statue of Veer Subhash. He further said that Rakhi Bandhan is the message of unity given by Rabindranath Tagore to the Bengalis. In fact, it is a call for united resistance by the Bengali side. The Hindi imperialist, Bengali-hating BJP wants to remove everything about citizenship from the language of the

Bengalis. The BJP wants to destroy the Bengali nation. But the Bengali side will not let that happen, the Bengalis have awakened. They say, "I will live on the soil of India as first-class citizens with my head held high." He demanded from the state government "immediately pass a law for the protection of the sons of the land." Organizing Secretary and Supreme Council member Kaushik Maiti said, "In the name of Muslims being infiltrators and expelling Rohingyas, the BJP is conspiring to destroy the Bengali nation." Arindam Chatterjee, Abdul Latif, Samrat Kar, Maha Sahin, Soumya Kanti Ghorai and various district secretaries of the Bangla Paksha Supreme Council and district leadership participated in today's procession.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ananda Marga Pracharak samgha has organised three hours kiirtan, collective meditation and Svadhyay at Kashimitraghat on the occasion of Shrivani Purnima. Acharya Vikashananda Avadhuta, told that Shrivani Purnima is an exceptionally significant day in the history of Ananda Marga. Although the Ananda Marga Pracaraka Samgha was established in 1955 in the railway town of Jamalpur in Bihar's Munger district, its seeds were sown much earlier. On this hallowed day in 1939, Shrii Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar, the founder

of Ananda Marga and then a science student at Vidyasagar College in Kolkata, bestowed his first spiritual initiation. On the banks of the Ganges at Kashimitra Ghat that evening, he spiritually initiated Kalicaran Bandyopadhyay, a notorious dacoit of the time, bringing about a profound transformation in his life. Kalicaran later became known as Kalikananda Avadhuta. Through this event, Shrii Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar emerged as a spiritual preceptor and was revealed to the followers of Ananda Marga as 'Anandamurtiji'. Revival of

a Lost Sadhana method : The sadhana (spiritual practice) method introduced by Taraka Brahma Sadashiva nearly seven and a half thousand years ago had, over time, completely disappeared approximately twelve hundred years ago. After twelve centuries, Anandamurtiji reawakened this lost sadhana through shaktisampat (divine grace or transmission of spiritual power). He re-established this practice in a completely scientific, era-appropriate, and simple manner for the welfare of the entire human society. This spiritual practice of Ananda Marga is known as

"Rajadhiraja Yoga," and it opens up new horizons for both individual and collective development. Shrivani Purnima Celebration in Anand Nagar : On August 9, 2025, a special program was organized at the Anand Nagar Girijananda Dih (Noahatu Jagriti) ashram to celebrate Shrivani Purnima. naam-sankirtan, Communication lishvara pranidhana, svadhyaya (self-study), an explanation of the significance of Shrivani Purnima, and Narayan seva (service to humanity as God), all of which were observed with deep reverence.

Raksha Bandhan Festival Showcases National Unity – Politicians, Muslims, and Common Citizens Join in the Bond of Love

MI News Service, Hooghly: Raksha Bandhan, or the Rakhi festival, is a celebration of the love and unbreakable bond between brothers and sisters. It is observed with traditional enthusiasm across the world. Beyond strengthening sibling ties, Raksha Bandhan also provides an opportunity for family gatherings and celebrations. Deeply rooted in Indian society, the festival finds frequent mention in religion, history, and literature. The sentiment behind Raksha Bandhan transcends religion, caste, and nationality, linking many emotional relationships beyond blood ties. Historically, even during the Mughal era, some emperors celebrated Rakhi, setting aside religious divisions. One such example continues today — Hooghly district journalist Zia ul Haq Qazi has, for the last 28 years, received a Rakhi from his adopted sister, Chaiti Sil, a Hindu neighbour without a biological brother. Chaiti observes a fast before tying the Rakhi and breaks it only after the ritual. Their enduring bond stands as a symbol of unity, defying modern-day prejudices. Across Hooghly, Raksha Bandhan was cele-



brated with respect and devotion. Hooghly Lok Sabha MP Rachna Banerjee visited Bansberia Municipality, where Chairman Aditya Neogi, Saptagram MLA Tapan Dasgupta, and other Trinamool leaders tied Rakhi on her wrist. In Champdani Municipality, Chairman Suresh Mishra received Rakhis in his ward, remarking, "It may appear to be just a thread, but it becomes an unbreakable bond." In Rishra, Municipality Chairman Vijay Sagar Mishra and Vice Chairman Zahid Hasan Khan also took part in the celebrations. Khan was seen proudly receiving Rakhis at his ward office and later at Rishra Police Station, where women police personnel tied Rakhis and offered sweets. "This is India — a land where people of all religions live together and share each other's festivals," Khan said. "The residents of Rishra rise above caste and religion to spread the message of love." Chairman Mishra called Rishra a "mini India," where Hindus and Muslims alike join in each other's festivities. "Rakhi is not just a thread; it is an unbreakable bond that unites brothers and sisters," he said.

Lanterns in the sky, Justice in the air: Bankura medicos rally for victim

MI News Service, Bankura: Bakura's skies lit up with lanterns and air echoed with chants of justice, as doctors, students, and members of civil society united in a powerful demonstration for Tilotama. One year after the harrowing RG Kar case shook Bengal, her parents are still waiting for justice. On Friday evening, the protest stage at Bakura Sammilani Medical College once again became the heart of an emotional movement. Medical students gathered in large numbers, holding candles and realizing lanterns into the night — each a symbol of plea unanswered. The resounding cry, "We want justice for Tilotama," filled the air as the crowd demanded not only a speedy trial but also an end to the cultural of intimidation in educational institutions. The movements, which began as the first major civic uprising after last year's tragedy, has grown into a state-wide call for action. On August 9, Tilotama's grieving parents will lead a march to Nabanna, determined to keep their daughter's story alive until justice is served.



On the auspicious day of Rakhi Purnima, State Minister Aroop Biswas participated in the Cultural Day and Rakhi Bandhan Festival organized by the Youth Welfare and Sports Department of the Government of West Bengal at Netaji Indoor Stadium. Actress Srabanti Chatterjee, cricketer Padma Jhulan Goswami, Arjuna Award-winning footballer Shanti Mallick, international footballer Kuntala Ghosh Dasgupta, along with officials from East Bengal, Mohun Bagan, Mohammedan Sporting Club, and the I.F.A., were present on Saturday.

Guardians of IISER K victimized student lodges complaint with police of ragging and apathy of Ph D Supervisor

MI News Service, Kalyani : While the guardian of victimized Ph. D. student Anamitra Roy (26) of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Kolkata, lodged a complaint with Haringhata police on Saturday, the concerned autopsy took place in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Kalyani on the same day. The students were with the body. Consequently, his body was handed over. On the other hand, the IISER K students submitted a deputation to the IISER K Authority delineating the view, the victimized student described on his social media (Facebook) account. But the students were reluctant to say anything to media. However, police has initiated a case, police said. After the post mortem at AIIMS Kalyani, the body was taken to the IISER Kolkata campus. AIIMS K is at the stone throw distance from IISER K. The students were with dead body. On the other hand, a sources said that police are on spot of the incident, that is the laboratory. The body was kept in an ambulance, brought from Shyamnagar in North 24 Parganas. Anamitra Roy, a Ph.D. student of IISER Kolkata died by suicide at the Mohanpur, Nadia, campus. He attempted suicide in the lab on Thursday and died in AIIMS K at around 10 am, on Friday. In a detailed Facebook post, he has mentioned about consistent mental and physical abuse since childhood, both at home and outside, including bullying in school and college. He has accused a PhD student at IISER Kolkata of ragging. He suffers from Asperger's autism about which he found out recently. He has been in depression since he was 18. According to

IISER Kolkata sources, Anamitra Roy, a Ph.D. student in the department of Biological Sciences in IISER Kolkata, allegedly attempted to commit by consuming something in a laboratory. However, he fell ill in the lab on Thursday night. Subsequently he was sent to nearby AIIMS Kalyani. He was admitted there and treatment initiated. But he died in AIIMS K at around 10 am. On Friday, however, IISER K has published a press release describing the sorrow following the premature death of Anamitra Roy but it described nothing on the incident. But in his face book page, Anamitra Roy described that he was suffered from ragging. Even he has written the name of a student there. Hrisikesh Roy, cousin brother of late Anamitra Roy, lodged the complaint with Haringhata police station on behalf of the victim's parents on Saturday. He has written in the complaint, "From his final post on social media, it is evident that he had been subjected to severe bullying and was pushed into a deep state of mental depression by one of his seniors, Mr. Sourav Biswas, at IISER, Kalyani, where he had been pursuing his Ph.D. Instead of receiving guidance and support from his Ph.D. supervisor, Dr. Anindita Bhadra, he was continually demoralized." He expressed his dissatisfaction for apathy of the authority regarding his complaint. He said, "Despite lodging a complaint with the Anti-Ragging Cell, no action was taken. It appears that all Anamitra wanted was a formal apology from the accused person. When this was denied, he was mentally pressured to take his own life as an act of silent protest.

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citizen and people from all walks of life s to join the march without any political affiliation to Nabanna, while Leader of Opposition in the assembly, Suwendu Adhikari, appealed to BJP workers to participate in the procession without any party flag.

A senior TMC spokesperson accused the BJP of politicising the tragic incident, while the saffron party alleged that the government tried to stifle peaceful protests.

"The security plan includes multi-layered barricades in the Santragachi area, where protesters have arrived by trains from Purba and Paschim Medinipur and Howrah districts. The police have installed over 10ft-high iron barricades, backed by a three-tier security cordon," he said.

Water cannons have also been stationed, and mock security drills were conducted to ensure that protesters cannot breach the barricades, he said.

Heavy police deployment and barricades were also seen at Rani Rashmoni crossing in central Kolkata, and Kazipara and Foreshore Road in Howrah.

Traffic restrictions have been imposed from 4 am to 10 pm in several thoroughfares such as Red Road, Circular Garden Reach Road, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, and AJC Bose Road, the police said.

Senior officers of the West Bengal Police on Saturday said they have no objection to peaceful rallies marking the first death anniversary of the RG Kar Medical College rape-murder victim, but warned of strict legal actions against

any attempt to break law and order.

Addressing a press conference at West Bengal Police headquarters in Bhawani Bhavan, ADG (Law and Order) Javed Shamim said, "We are yet to receive any application from any organisation planning to take out a rally on Saturday to mark the first death anniversary of the RG Kar hospital doctor."

He clarified that no protest will be allowed near the state secretariat, Nabanna, where Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) is in force, prohibiting gatherings.

Several other protests have also been planned in districts and in Kolkata, including a march from Hazra crossing in the southern part of the city to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's residence in Kalighat area, on Saturday.

According to police, traffic restrictions were imposed from 4 am to 10 pm on several major roads, including Red Road, Circular Garden Reach Road, Jawaharlal Nehru Road and AJC Bose Road, to manage the movement of protesters and maintain order. The Howrah Bridge along was also closed to vehicular traffic during the protest.

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The statement comes as global pressure mounts on Israel over growing civilian casualties at aid sites, obstruction of humanitarian aid, and violations of international humanitarian law – as the occupied Palestinian territory simmers with starvation. Israel's war on Gaza has killed more than 60,000 people and wounded 140,000 others since the October 7, 2023 attacks by Hamas, in which 1,139 people were killed and more than 200 were taken captive. So, what does the joint statement say? Who are these countries? And how have Israel and its closest ally, the United States, reacted? The joint statement said the countries are coming together "with a simple, urgent message: The war

in Gaza must end now." The statement underlined that the suffering of civilians in Gaza has reached "new depths" and that the Israeli government's aid delivery model is "dangerous, fuels instability and deprives Gazans of human dignity". They called on the Israeli government to "comply with its obligations under international humanitarian law" and immediately lift restrictions on the flow of aid. The group of countries also noted that the captives "cruelly held" by Hamas continue to "suffer terribly" and called for their immediate and unconditional release. They said in the statement that a negotiated ceasefire offers "the best hope of bringing [the hostages] home and ending the agony of their families".

Clashes at Nabanna March as protesters break barricades

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata witnessed high tension on Friday during the Nabanna march, as protesters in Santragachi broke locks on iron barricades and scaled structures nearly twice the height of an average person, defying police orders.

From early morning, police had erected heavy security cordons along the march route. At around 12 noon, demonstrators advanced toward the state secretariat. Upon reaching Santragachi, they climbed over barricades and chanted slogans against Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, demanding "Justice for RG Kar." Protesters alleged that if such barricades had been installed a year earlier, the RG Kar incident could have been prevented and "victim's life might have

been saved."

Tensions also flared in Kolkata's Park Street on Saturday as police and protesters engaged in heated exchanges, leading to a lathicharge. Several demonstrators reportedly sustained injuries, while police claimed some of their personnel were also hurt. Police repeatedly used loudspeakers to appeal for restraint, but the warnings went unheeded. The protesters continued dismantling and crossing the barricades, their chants often drowning out official announcements.

The Nabanna march, organised in response to recent controversies at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, has reignited political tensions in the state, with demonstrators vowing not to retreat until their demands are met.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata woke up to bright, clear skies on Saturday morning, prompting many to wonder if the monsoon rains had finally taken a break — or perhaps ended altogether. The question on the city's lips: Is the rain over? The answer, according to the Alipore Meteorological Office, is more nuanced.

While rainfall is expected to subside temporarily across South Bengal, meteorologists caution that

this is by no means the end of the season's showers. As per the forecast, the region will likely experience little to no rain from Sunday through Tuesday. However, a fresh spell is set to arrive on Wednesday, 13 August, bringing heavy rainfall to South 24 Parganas.

On 14 August, scattered heavy rain is predicted in West Midnapore and Jhargram, while Kolkata and other parts of South Bengal could see intermit-

tent showers. The current weather pattern is being influenced by the monsoon trough, which extends from Bankura to Kanthi before stretching into the Bay of Bengal. Simultaneously, a cyclonic circulation is active over Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, shaping rainfall trends in the region.

Adding to this, meteorologists report that a new low-pressure system is likely to develop along the Andhra Pradesh coast on 13 August. This could trig-

ger renewed showers in South Bengal after the brief lull.

In North Bengal, however, the rains are far from over. The Met Office has issued heavy rainfall warnings for the region until 13 August, with the possibility of very heavy rain on Monday. The districts of Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Kalimpong, Cooch Behar, and Altpurduar are all expected to see significant downpours.

State Govt moves to curb excessive billing in pvt healthcare sector

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a decisive step to rein in the rampant practice of excessive billing by private hospitals and nursing homes, the State Government has introduced a major legislative measure. Last June, the Clinical Establishments (Regulation) Amendment Bill was tabled during the Legislative Assembly session, aiming to shield patients' families from undue financial strain.

According to official sources, the amendment makes it mandatory for hospitals to adhere strictly to the treatment package initially communicated to the patient's family. If treatment costs are expected to exceed the agreed package, the hospital must provide written notification and obtain ex-

plicit written consent from the family. Additionally, any extra charges must be accompanied by a detailed bill and a clear, justified explanation.

With the passage of this amendment, all registered private hospitals, nursing homes, and diagnostic centres in the state will fall under its ambit. Non-compliance will invite administrative action, signalling the government's firm resolve.

Complaints have been frequent in cases involving minor surgeries or the treatment of specific ailments, where patients are billed beyond the declared package. Often, costs for treating secondary or incidental conditions are bundled into the package

without timely disclosure to the family, leading to severe financial distress. There have also been recurrent allegations of unnecessary ICU admissions or prolonged ventilation to inflate bills.

The government anticipates that once the new law comes into force, families will enjoy greater relief and transparency in medical billing. Hospitals, however, maintain that incidental expenses are sometimes unavoidable. In certain cases, additional tests or treatments become necessary when unforeseen complications arise during ongoing care, leading to higher costs.

Despite these arguments, the State Government has issued an unequivocal directive: under no

circumstances may additional charges be levied without the informed consent of the patient or their family. Officials emphasise that the amendment, once enacted into law, will enhance transparency, safeguard patient rights, and significantly curb financial exploitation under the guise of medical necessity.

This legislative intervention reflects a growing recognition of the need to regulate private healthcare billing practices. By mandating accountability and enforcing clear communication between hospitals and patients' families, the government seeks to restore public trust and ensure that access to treatment does not come at the cost of financial ruin.



People took part in a protest rally 'Nabanna Abhijan' called by mother of Abhaya and demanding justice against the one year before of barbaric rape and murder case at RG Hospital doctor in Kolkata on Saturday.

CII IWN hosts landmark event on diversity, equity and inclusion

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Confederation of Indian Industry – Indian Women Network (CII IWN) convened a high-profile event, "Empowering India through Diversity, Equity and Inclusion", recently, in Kolkata. Senior corporate leaders, policymakers, and sector experts from manufacturing, healthcare, education, and policy engaged in dynamic discussions on embedding inclusive practices to drive national growth.

Smita Chatterji, Chairperson, CII IWN, opened with the Constitution's words "We the People," stressing that true progress demands every voice and perspective in the nation's development journey.

Tata Steel's Narendra Kumar Gupta called diversity "a business necessity" for innovation, while Narayana Health's Roli Verma linked inclusive initiatives to better patient care. Sujata Goswami of Sarba Santi Ayog urged systemic reforms to make inclusion measurable, and Arpita Sinha from Washington State University highlighted the role of inclusive education in shaping equitable leadership.

Sohini Boral of Tata Steel Metals emphasized embedding DEI in daily practices, and Vice Chairperson Sujata Guha Mustafi underlined DEI as a pillar of India's growth and global competitiveness. Dr. Swati Smita's interactive ses-

sion helped participants identify, challenge, and overcome unconscious bias, using real-world scenarios to reveal its impact on decisions and workplace culture.

The event concluded with core lessons: leadership commitment drives sustainable DEI change; intersectional policies are essential; measurable frameworks ensure impact; every sector contributes unique strengths; cultural change is as crucial as policy reform; and tackling unconscious bias is a vital first step.

The program reaffirmed the resolve of India's industry and policy leaders to harness the nation's diversity as a driver of innovation, social cohesion, and long-term growth.

Chief Secy's letter to EC questioning SIR prep without State consultation

MI News Service, Kolkata: After Bihar, West Bengal has now become the latest flashpoint in the ongoing tensions over the State-wide Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The state government has accused the Election Commission of initiating SIR preparations without any prior consultation. Acting on this allegation, the State Home Secretary has sent a formal letter to the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), seeking clarity on the procedures being followed.

Sources at Nabanna revealed that the Chief Electoral Officer had recently informed the Commission that Bengal was prepared for SIR. The Home Secretary's letter, they say, was aimed at verifying the accuracy of that claim.

The dispute comes in the wake of earlier directives from the Election

Commission, which ordered the suspension of four Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant EROs from Baruipur East and Moyna constituencies for alleged irregularities in the voter list revision process. The EC also instructed the filing of FIRs against them, as well as against a data entry operator. The delay in implementing these orders prompted the Commission to issue a notice to Chief Secretary Manoj Pant, demanding a response by 3 p.m. on Monday.

In this charged atmosphere, the Home Secretary's counter-letter has further heightened the standoff. The Trinamool Congress has reacted sharply. Party's National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee warned that any discrepancies in the voter list would undermine the legiti-

imacy of the 2024 elected government. He declared that SIR would not be allowed in Bengal and even threatened a gherao of the Election Commission if necessary.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has also issued a clear warning: "No one's name should be removed." She was referring to the Commission's plan to remove names of deceased or missing voters as part of the new electoral roll update.

The SIR exercise is scheduled to be conducted not only in West Bengal but across all states in India. However, given Bengal's tense political climate, the process here is now mired in an escalating confrontation between the state administration and the Election Commission — a clash that could set the tone for months of electoral controversy

TMC intensifies grassroots campaign, issues WhatsApp directives to representatives

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant organisational push, Trinamool Congress (TMC) State President Subrata Bakshi has issued a comprehensive set of directives to all party MPs, MLAs, and Zilla Parishad chairpersons, reinforcing Chairperson Mamata Banerjee's call for deeper grassroots engagement. The instructions, circulated via the party's official WhatsApp channels, are aimed at strengthening public outreach while highlighting alleged central government neglect in funding key development projects, particularly water supply schemes.

During a recent virtual meeting with lawmakers and senior functionaries, Bakshi stressed that every public representative must devote more time to the state government's flagship "Amader Para, Amader Samadhan" (Our Neighbourhood, Our Solution) camps. He urged them to use these forums to inform citizens about the Centre's "discriminatory approach", especially its refusal to release funds for critical water projects.

As part of the new mobilisation strategy, MPs have been instructed to allocate 1 crore from MPLADS funds, MLAs to contribute 10 lakh from their constituency development budgets, and Zilla Parishads to earmark 5% of their annual funds for water-related infrastructure. Applications collected during the camps must be processed swiftly, with all related works completed within 90 days.

Bakshi emphasised that the party's development narrative must reach every booth, with state government schemes promoted as tangible examples of governance delivery. Representatives have also been told to amplify Mamata Banerjee's stand on the Special Summary Revision (SIR) of voter lists, portraying it as a critical issue of electoral fairness and inclusivity.

In addition, all MPs, MLAs, and Zilla Parishad heads are mandated to hold or attend at least one public meeting daily in their respective constituencies to maintain consistent citizen contact. This, Bakshi noted, is vital to counter opposition narratives and reinforce the TMC's grassroots connection. The move follows a massive virtual outreach led earlier this week by TMC National General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee, who addressed over 9,500 party representatives, underscoring the importance of sustained public engagement in the run-up to future electoral contests.

With the directives now in circulation, the TMC is clearly seeking to blend governance outreach with political messaging, positioning itself as both the primary service provider at the grassroots and the principal defender of Bengal's rights against perceived central neglect.

Met office warns of more rain ahead

Name Change
I, Daya Dutta (Old Name), W/O Malay Dutta , Residing At 13e, Bikramgarh, Po - Jadavpur, Kolkata - 700032, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Urmimala Dutta(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/08/2025.Daya Dutta And Urmimala Dutta Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Mijanur Mallik (Old Name), Son Of Md Ebadat Mallik, Residing At Kalapal,Po - Prithiba,Deganga, North 24 parganas - 743704,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mijanur Mallik(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/08/2025. Md Mijanur Mallik And Mijanur Mallik Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mohon Singh (old name) S/O Late Nakul Singh, residing at Sarisha, Diamond Harbour, Pin- 743368, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohan Singh (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 07/08/2025. Mohan Singh (new name) and Mohon Singh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ruchira Chatterjee Bhandari (old name) W/O Mrinmoy Bhandari, residing at 473/1/12, Heritage Pravesht, Flat No-3B, N.C. Banerjee Road, Gobindanagar, P.O.- Baidyabati, P.S.- Serampore, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin-712222, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ruchira Chatterjee (new name), as declared Before The Ld. Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class at Serampore, Hooghly, vide an affidavit dated 26/11/2024. Ruchira Chatterjee (new name) and Ruchira Chatterjee Bhandari (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Raza Ali (old name) S/O Naushad Ali, residing at 11/1/1 Ekbalpore Lane, P.O.- Khidderpore, P.S.- Ekbalpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammed Raza Ali (new name), as declared Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, South 24 Parganas, vide an affidavit No. 51095 dated 01/08/2025. Mohammed Raza Ali (new name) and Raza Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sanjiv Tripathi (old name) S/O Ram Surati Tripathi, residing at 3rd Floor, Flat-C2, 300/2, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Kolkata- 700104, P.O.- R.C Thakurani, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sanjiv Kumar Tripathi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 06/08/2025. Sanjiv Kumar Tripathi (new name) and Sanjiv Tripathi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, HACHINA BIBI MONDAL wife of Fajlul Haque Mondal. Date of birth 01.01.1967 residing at Uttar Paschim Pifa, P.O: Pifa, P.S: Basirhat, North 24 parganas, do hereby solemnly affirm and Declare that My husband's Actual Name is Fajlul Haque Mondal Which is duly recorded in my Aadhaar and EPIC Card. That in my Passport in which my husband's name has inadvertently been recorded as Fajlul Haque Mandal.Vide an affidavit dated 15/07/2025 in the Court Ld Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Basirhat that Fajlul Haque Mondal and Fajlul Haque Mandal is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Banamali Mondal, son of Late Rahaman Mondal, resident of Vill. Dighapara, P.O.- Barajaguli, P.S. - Haringhata, Dist.- Nadia, hereby declare that my correct name is Banamali Mondal. My Voter ID card, Aadhaar card, and other documents bear my correct name. My son's full name is Md. Jakir Hossain Mondal. In his Madhyamik and Higher Secondary admit cards, my name was mistakenly written as Md. Banamali Mondal. On 08/08/2025, Kalyani ACJM-I (1st Class) Court, Nadia, has issued an affidavit for changing my name from Md. Banamali Mondal to Banamali Mondal. From now on, I will be known as Banamali Mondal instead of Md. Banamali Mondal.

Name Change
I, Smt Aditi Basu, wife of Sri Santanu Chatterjee, Residing at Z/5, Government Housing Estate, Sodepur, VTC- Panitahi (tn), P.O. - Sodepur, P.S. - Khardah, District- North 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 700110, West Bengal, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my daughter's name recorded as Shromana Chatterjee in her birth certificate (Being Registration No. 0342490) Date of birth 1909/2009, and Ananya Chatterjee recorded as her school admission, identity card, academic documents, and other. That have changed my daughter's name Shromana Chatterjee to Ananya Chatterjee. That Ananya Chatterjee and Shromana Chatterjee are the same and one identical person. Vide an affidavit (165) sworn before in the court of Ld Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Barrackpore, dated 07/08/2025.

NAME CHANGE
I, Iva Das, D/o, Late Debi Prasad Das, R/o, at 321/F, G.T.Road, Mahesh, Serampore, Hooghly, Pin- 712202, W.B. do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my IDBI Bank Pass Book and Voter identity card Where in my name wrongly written/recorded as Ibh Das instead of my correct name Iva Das. That I am Iva Das and Ibh Das is the same and one identical person, Vide an affidavit (No 16029) sworn before in the court of Ld. 1stclass Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, Dated 29/07/2025.

Name Change
I,Mst Mabia Khatun,Wife Of Md Abdul Halim,Residing At Vill - Bajitpur, North 24 parganas - 743248, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mabia Bibi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 07/08/2025.Mst Mabia Khatun And Mabia Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Saikh abdul kahar (old name) S/O Sk abdur Rahman, residing at Chandrabati, Jagalgaol, Hooghly, Pin-712403, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk abdul kahar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Sk abdul kahar (new name) and Saikh abdul kahar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Halim Mohammed, Son Of Atar Ali,Residing At Vill - Bajitpur,Po - Bamangachhi, North 24 parganas - 743248, West Bengal, Have Chan ged My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Abdul Halim(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 07/08/2025.Abdul Halim Mohammed And Md Abdul Halim Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Zafer (Old Name), Son Of Abdul Rajjak,Residing At 9 Damzen Lane, Jorasankho, Kolkata -700073,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mohammad Zafer(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/08/2025. Md Zafer And Mohammad Zafer Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Shauket Ali (old name) S/O Abdul Latif, residing at 84/1/1, Shaikhpara Lane, Santragachi, P.O.- Santragachi, Dist.- Howrah, Pin-711104, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Saukat Ali (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Md Saukat Ali (new name) and Md Shauket Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, SATHI MAJI (old name) D/O NABA KUMAR MAJI*W/O SUBHADIP MONDAL, residing at UKHIRA ROAD ANDAL MORE PO/PS ANDAL DIST PASCHIM BARDHAMAN Pin-713321, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as *SATHI MONDAL (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 08/08/2025. SATHI MONDAL (new name) and SATHI MAJI (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, MITA MANDAL ,(old name) D/O KALOBARAN MONDAL*W/O TARUN KARAK *, residing at .TOWER 5/7C SALARPURIA GARDENIA,BIDIHANNAGAR PO/PS BIDIHANNAGAR DIST PASCHIM BARDHI AMAN Pin-7132 12, West Bengal, INDIA, have chan ged my name and shall henceforth be known as *MITA KARAK MANDAL (new name) as declared before the Notary public at Kolkata dated 08/08/2025. MITA KARAK MANDAL (new name) and MITA MANDAL (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Rukshana Khan (old name) W/O Md Ziaul Haque, residing at 67/D MADAN MOHAN BURMAN STREET, PO-BURRA BAZAR, Kolkata, 700 007, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rukshana Khatoon (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Rukshana Khatoon (new name) and Rukshana Khan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Ziul Haque (old name) S/O Abdul Hakim Khan, residing at 67/D MADAN MOHAN BURMAN STREET, PO-BURRA BAZAR, Kolkata, 7000 07, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Ziaul Haque (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Md Ziaul Haque (old name) and Md Ziul Haque (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Prosenjit Ghosh (old name) S/O Ranjit Ghosh, residing at RAB-9, VIP ROAD, P.O.- RAGHUNATHPUR, DIST.- NORTH 24 PARGANAS, PIN-700059, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Prosenjit Kumar Ghosh (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Prosenjit Kumar Ghosh (new name) and Prosenjit Ghosh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Alamgir Mistry (old name) S/O Ruhul Quddus Mistry, residing at Vill-Jambura, Murarisaha, North 24 Parganas, Pin-743456, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Alamgir Mistry (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Alamgir Mistry (new name) and Md Alamgir Mistry (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Momona Khatoon (old name) W/O Md Saukat Ali, residing at 84/1/1, Shaikhpara Lane, Santragachi, P.O.- Santragachi, Dist.- Howrah, Pin-711104, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Momina Khatoon (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Momina Khatoon (new name) and Momona Khatoon (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Bengali signboards now mandatory in Newtown

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant move to promote the Bengali language, the Newtown-Kolkata Development Authority (NKDA) has made it manda"ory for all commercial establishments in Newtown to display signboards in Bengali. This applies to shops, restaurants, hotels, IT buildings, malls, and all other business enterprises operating in the area. While businesses can still display signboards in English or Hindi, Bengali must be prominently included. The decision will be formalised in an NKDA board meeting scheduled for Friday. Officials emphasize that the policy aims to uphold and respect the cultural sentiment of the Bengali-speaking population in the city. With the rapid urban growth of Newtown — including increasing numbers of residents, commercial hubs, government and private offices, educational institutions, and hospitals — this rule seeks to bring linguistic uniformity and cultural identity to public spaces. NKDA sources confirmed that this requirement will be implemented for all new trade licenses and during renewal of existing licenses.

Name Change
I, Sona Laskar, D/O- Lt- Natishwar Debnath and Lt- Dandeeswar Debnath and W/O- Lt- Alauddin Laskar, R/O- Kandarpapur ward-07, Rajpur Sonarpur (Md), P.O.- Garia, P.S- Narendrapur, Kol-84. That before my 2nd Marriage in my documents my name was recorded as Sarama Debnath. That Sona Laskar and Sarama Debnath is same and one Identical person. Vide an Affidavit (48278) sworn before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Alipore court on date 25-07-2025.

Name Change
I, Ratan Chandra Pal Chowdhury(Old Name),Son Of Gopal Pal Chowdhury,Residing At Nischinda Dewan-chak Ghosh Para,Bally Howrah-711227,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ratan Pal Chowdhury (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 07/08/2025. Ratan Chandra Pal Chowdhury And Ratan Pal Chowdhury Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Susanta Kumar Ghosh (old name) S/O Late Prahalad Chandra Ghosh, residing at ARABINDA ROAD, PO-SANTRAGACHI, PS-JA-GACHA, HOWRAH-711104, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Susanta Ghosh (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Susanta Ghosh (new name) and Susanta Kumar Ghosh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Saikh Akram Hussain (old name) S/O Sk Akram Hussain, residing at 40C, Raja Santosh Road, Chetla, Kolkata- 700027, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Akram Hussain (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Sk Akram Hussain (new name) and Saikh Akram Hussain (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ipsita Banerjee (old name) W/O Kaushik bandyopadhyay, residing at 1 Bhupendra Nath Road, Kalimata Abasan Uttarpara, Hooghly, Pin-712258, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ipsita Bandyopadhyay (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Ipsita Bandyopadhyay (new name) and Ipsita Banerjee (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kaushik Banerjee (old name) S/O Pradip Kumar Banerjee, residing at 1 Bhupendra Nath Road, Kalimata Abasan Uttarpara, Hooghly, Pin-712258, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kaushik Bandyopadhyay (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Kaushik Bandyopadhyay (new name) and Kaushik Banerjee (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abul Kalam (old name) S/O Late Abdus Sattar Mondal, residing at Ashokenagar, Patdanga Bira Ballavpara, North 24 Pgs, Pin-743234, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Abul Kalam Mondal (new name), as declared Before The Ld 1st class judicial magistrate at Barasat, vide an affidavit dated 06/08/2025. Md Abul Kalam Mondal (new name) and Abul Kalam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Fajara Gazi (old name) S/O Gahara Gazi, residing at Vill-North Mamudpur, P.O.- Taki Mamudpur, P.S.- Hingalganj, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin-743435, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Fazor Ali Gazi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Md Fazor Ali Gazi (new name) and Fajara Gazi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

AFFIDAVIT
I, MD AFSARUL, S/O- SK JENERUL of Vill & P.O. Bhingole, P.S. Harishchandrapur, Dist. Malda, do hereby solemnly declare before the Executive Magistrate, Chanchal Court, (affidavit no. 70412) Malda on 06/08/2025 that my father's actual name is SK JENERUL, which has been correctly recorded in my Aadhaar Card No. 9795 0458 2477. That my father's name has been recorded wrongly as MD JENERUL in my Admit Card and all provisional certificates of WBBSSE and in my Admit Card and all provisional certificates of WBCHSE. That SK JENERUL & MD JENERUL is the same & one identical person.

Headmaster accused of assaulting student and mother

MI News Service, Katwa: A shocking incident in Katwa-1 block of East Burdwan has stirred public outrage, with allegations that a primary school headmaster not only regularly assaulted a student but also physically attacked the boy's mother when she confronted him. The injured woman was hospitalised, and the episode has sparked tension in the area. The incident took place at Arjundhi Free Primary School in the Alampur region, under the Dainhat circle. The school has around 360 students from Classes 1 to V and eight teachers. According to complainant Saleha Bibi, her son, Ahmed Ali Sheikh, a Class IV student, was frequently subjected to physical punishment by headmaster Alauddin Sheikh. Out of fear, the boy had become reluctant to attend school. On Friday afternoon, during a cultural programme marking the 22nd day of the Bengali month of Shravan, Saleha confronted the headmaster at around 12 p.m. to ask why her son was being beaten so often. She alleges that the headmaster verbally abused her using obscene language and then physically assaulted her—pulling her hair and hitting her with fists and slaps—causing her to collapse. Her brother, Motleb Sheikh, rushed her to Katwa Sub-Divisional Hospital. Motleb further alleged that the headmaster habitually beat students with a stick and assaulted his sister when she questioned him. A written police complaint has been lodged at Katwa police station. Headmaster Alauddin Sheikh has denied the allegations, claiming that the boy had been involved in a quarrel with a classmate and was only scolded. He said the mother created a scene at the school, and in anger, he used a stick to drive her away but did not beat her. SanjoySaha, working president of the East Burdwan Trinamool Education Cell, said, “If such an incident has occurred, it is highly condemnable. There must be an investigation.” Police have confirmed receiving the complaint and stated that further inquiry is underway.

One died, several injured after fire breaks out at Kosmos hospital in Delhi's AnandVihar
MI News Service, Delhi: One person died while eleven others were rescued after a fire broke out at the Kosmos hospital in Delhi's AnandVihar area on Saturday afternoon. According to the Delhi Fire Service, the incident occurred at around 12.20 pm initially in the server room on the ground floor of the hospital. Soon after the incident, the patients were rescued and shifted to the nearby Pushpanjali Hospital. Fire Officer Ashok Kumar Jaiswal told the media that 11 people were rescued, among them eight were patients. “The control room of Delhi Fire Service received information around 12.20 pm that a fire broke out at the Kosmos hospital. Eight fire tenders reached the spot, and the fire initially broke out in the server room on the ground floor...11 people have been rescued, and one person died.

Tree Plantation, Shramdaan and Anti-Littering Measures Undertaken under ‘Swachhata Abhiyan – 2025’



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing ‘Swachhata Abhiyan – 2025’ campaign, Malda Division of Eastern Railway organised a series of cleanliness and environmental sustainability initiatives today (09.08. 20 25). The tree plantation drive commenced with Shri Manish Kumar Gupta, Divisional Railway Manager, Malda, planting the first sapling, followed by Senior Officers and employees of the Division who actively participated by planting *approximately 4,000 saplings at the Barahat Station premises to enhance the green cover and promote environmental awareness among passengers and local residents. A Shramdaan activity was also organised by the EnHM Department at the DRM Office Building, Malda, in which Housekeeping staff undertook intensive cleaning of the premises and adjoining areas. This initiative highlighted the commitment of the sanitation workforce towards maintaining cleanliness in railway offices and surroundings. Further, in a proactive step to curb littering and promote public awareness, Anti-Littering Display Boards were installed at various locations of Sahibganj Station. These boards are designed to sensitise passengers about cleanliness norms and the ill effects of littering on railway property. Malda Division remains committed to sustaining the cleanliness momentum and fostering a sense of shared ownership among passengers, staff, and the local community.

Railways to implement round trip package scheme

*** 20% discount will be given on return journey**
*** Scheme launched on experimental basis**

MI News Service, Kolkata: In order to avoid rush, ensure hassle free booking as well as facilitate passengers and redistribute the peak traffic for larger range during peak festival seasons and ensure both side utilization of trains including special trains it has been decided to formulate an experimental scheme named as Round Trip Package for festivals rush on discounted fare. This scheme will be applicable for those passengers who chooses their return journey during the prescribed period as detailed below: (i) Under this scheme, rebates shall be applicable when booked for both onward and return journey for the same set of passengers. Passenger details of return journey will be same as of onward journey. (ii) Booking start date shall be 14.08.2025 for the ARP date 13th October 2025. Onward ticket shall be booked first for the train start date between 13th October 2025 and 26th October 2025 and subsequently return journey ticket shall be booked by using con-

necting journey feature for the train start date between 17th November and 1st December 2025. Advance reservation period will not be applicable for booking of return journey. (iii) The above booking shall be permissible only for confirmed tickets in both directions. (iv) Total rebates of 20% shall be granted on base fare of return journey only. (v) Booking under this scheme shall be for the same class and same O-D pair for both onward and return journey. (vi) No refund of fare shall be permissible for the tickets booked under this scheme. (vii) The above scheme shall be allowed for all classes and in all trains including special trains (Trains on demand) except trains having Flexi fare. (viii) No modification will be allowed on these ticket in either of the journey. (ix) No discount, Rail travel coupons, Voucher based booking, Passes or PTOs etc. shall be admissible during return journey booking on concessional fare. (x) Both onward and return journey tickets must be booked using the same mode- either:
• Internet (online) booking, or
• Counter booking at reservation offices

Passenger bus overturns, injuring at least 10

MI News Service, Domkal: A private passenger bus travelling from Domkal towards Berhampore via Jalangi met with a serious accident on Saturday morning, overturning into a roadside canal at Kalabariya, Domkal. The mishap left at least 10 people injured, several of them critically. The injured were promptly rescued and rushed to Domkal Super Speciality Hospital for treatment. Police from Domkal station and a fire brigade team quickly reached the scene, initiating rescue operations and working to recover the overturned vehicle. According to local and police sources, the bus was carrying passengers towards Berhampore when it attempted to overtake another vehicle near Kalabariya. At that moment, another vehicle approached from the opposite direction. The driver reportedly lost control, causing the bus to veer off the road and overturn into a canal. Hearing the loud crash, local residents rushed to the spot.

Miscellaneous

Good News For People Who Wish to Avail 5 Week Break From Work with Family During Diwali & Chhath Vacations

- **Railway Launches 20 % Rebate on Base Fare of Return Journey For a Round Trip Package to Spread Out Crowd**
- **Launch on Experimental Basis, the Bookings For Round Trip Package Begins From 14th August For Onward Journey From 13th to 26th October**
- **Current Advance Reservation Period of 60 Days Not Applicable For Discounted Return Journey Tickets Booked For 17th November to 1st December 2025**

MI News Service, Delhi: In order to avoid rush, ensure hassle free booking as well as to facilitate passengers and redistribute the peak traffic for larger range during peak festival seasons and ensure both side utilization of trains including special trains, it has been decided to formulate an experimental scheme named as Round Trip Package for festival rush on discounted fare. This scheme will be applicable for those passengers who chooses their return journey during **the prescribed period as detailed below:** (i) Under this scheme, rebates shall be applicable when booked for both onward and return journey for the same set of passengers. Passenger details of return journey will be same as of onward journey. (ii) Booking start date shall be 14.08.2025 for the ARP date 13th October 2025. Onward ticket shall be booked first for the train start date between 13th October 2025 and 26th October 2025 and subsequently return journey ticket shall be booked by using connecting journey feature for the train start date between 17th November and 1st December 2025.

Advance reservation period will not be applicable for booking of return journey. (iii) The above booking shall be permissible only for confirmed tickets in both directions. (iv) Total rebates of 20% shall be granted on base fare of return journey only. (v) Booking under this scheme shall be for the same class and same O-D pair for both onward and return journey. (vi) No refund of fare shall be permissible for the tickets booked under this scheme. (vii) The above scheme shall be allowed for all classes and in all trains including special trains (Trains on demand) except trains having Flexi fare. (viii) No modification will be allowed on these ticket in either of the journey. (ix) No discounts, Rail travel coupons, Voucher based bookings, Passes or PTOs etc. shall be admissible during return journey booking on concessional fare. (x) Both onward and return journey tickets must be booked using the same mode either:
• Internet (online) booking, or
• Counter booking at reservation offices
(xi) No additional fare collection will be performed if any arises during charting for these PNRs.

Howrah Division Organises “Swachhata Hastaakshar” Campaign To Promote Cleanliness Awareness



MI News Service, Howrah: In a spirited effort to spread the message of cleanliness and responsible civic behaviour, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organised the Swachhata Hastaakshar Campaign across several key stations including Howrah, Rampurhat, Rishra, Pakur, Srirampur, Bardhaman, Pundooah, Bainchi, Azimganj, and Katwa. The campaign witnessed enthusiastic participation from both railway staff and passengers, who came together to pledge their commitment towards maintaining cleanliness in railway premises and beyond. Passengers were encouraged to sign the Swachhata Pledge Wall, symbolising their support for the cause. This initiative aimed not only at keeping stations clean, but also at instilling a sense of shared responsibility among citizens towards the Swachh Bharat Mission. Through active engagement, the campaign reinforced the message that maintaining cleanliness is a continuous collective effort. Howrah Division remains committed to creating a pleasant, hygienic, and sustainable travel environment for its valued passengers and urges everyone to carry forward the message of cleanliness in their daily lives.

Death row inmate found dead in Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home

MI News Service, Kolkata: A death row inmate convicted of murder and eve-teasing was found dead under mysterious circumstances inside Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home on Friday night. The deceased, identified as Suresh Roy, had been sentenced to death on March 29 this year for the brutal killing of his cousin, Shankar Das. His sudden death, barely four months after sentencing, has sparked intense speculation. Prison authorities have so far maintained silence on the incident. Police stated that the exact cause of death will be confirmed after the post-mortem report. However, sources suggest that Roy's body was discovered hanging in his cell, and preliminary investigations point to suicide by hanging. DIG (Prisons) for the Jalpaiguri Range, Shuvendu Krishna Ghosh, confirmed the incident, saying, “One inmate of Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home has died unnaturally.

Kona Expressway:
Daytime ban on
goods vehicles
to ease pre-puja
congestion

MI News Service, Kolkata: Construction of a six-lane elevated corridor is currently underway on the Kona Expressway, a major traffic artery connecting Howrah and Kolkata. As a result, the road narrows considerably near the Santragachi Bridge, leading to severe traffic snarls. Daily commuters have been facing significant inconvenience due to the bottleneck. In a bid to reduce congestion ahead of the festive season and during Durga Puja, authorities have announced that all goods vehicles will be barred from using the Kona Expressway between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. The restriction will take effect from Sunday, August 10, police confirmed on Friday. There will be no such restrictions on goods vehicle movement after 11:00 p.m.

According to police, heavy vehicles previously accessed Kolkata via Durgapur Expressway and Delhi Road through Maitipara, crossing over Howrah and using the Second Hooghly Bridge. Under the new diversion plan, they will instead enter the city via Nivedita Bridge and Tala Bridge, heading towards Kolkata Port or various destinations in North and South 24 Parganas. Similarly, goods vehicles traveling from Kolkata to Howrah—whether towards the Mumbai Highway or via Maitipara—will now have to take alternate routes. Those entering Kolkata from the Mumbai Highway will also be redirected, using Andul Road or Howrah-Amra Road instead of the Kona Expressway. Howrah Police Commissioner Praveen Kumar Tripathi stated on Friday that arrangements are being made to facilitate smooth movement of heavy vehicles along Andul Road and Howrah-Amra Road as alternative corridors. There will be no restrictions on goods traffic along these routes.

Guv Bose approves
bill to curb
overbilling in pvt
hospitals

MI News Service, Kolkata: For years, allegations have persisted against private hospitals overcharging patients beyond agreed package rates. In numerous cases, even after patients or their families were informed of a fixed treatment package at the time of admission, the final bill at discharge turned out to be several times higher. Insurance companies often refused to cover these inflated amounts, forcing victims to bear the additional costs out of their own pockets. To address such complaints, a bill was recently passed in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. Now, the measure has received its final seal of approval from Governor C.V. Ananda Bose. According to Raj Bhavan, the Governor has given assent to The West Bengal Clinical Establishments (Amendment) Bill, 2025. The bill, tabled in the Assembly on June 17 this year by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's government, seeks to prohibit private hospitals, nursing homes, and clinics in the state from charging patients extra beyond the declared package rates. Under the new provisions, if a patient's condition becomes critical during treatment and additional procedures or expenses outside the package are required, the hospital must inform the patient's family clearly in advance.

Furthermore, hospitals will be required to prominently display package rate charts within their premises in a manner easily visible to all. These displays must be provided in multiple languages. Hospitals will also be obligated to collect and maintain daily treatment-related data on a regular basis.



Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi interacts with a child during Raksha Bandhan festival celebrations.

Bone marrow transplants now
covered under SwasthyaSathi Scheme

MI News Service, Kolkata: The SwasthyaSathi card, already an essential healthcare tool for the common people of West Bengal, is set to cover one of the most expensive and life-saving medical procedures — bone marrow transplantation. The state health department has given the green signal to include the treatment under the scheme.

A recent notification issued by the health department confirms that bone marrow transplants will now be conducted free of cost at state-run hospitals for patients holding a SwasthyaSathi card. The state government will allocate ₹5 lakh per patient to cover the expenses of the procedure. Currently, bone marrow transplants are

carried out in only nine hospitals across the state, of which just two are government medical colleges. These are NRS Medical College and Hospital, where the procedure began in 2009, and Kolkata Medical College.

According to available data, the waiting list remains long. NRS Medical College and Hospital currently has 145 patients awaiting the procedure, while private sector facility Apollo Hengleas Hospital, near the EM Bypass in Salt Lake, has 256 patients on its list. Kolkata Medical College has 105 patients awaiting transplants. Tata Medical Center, a leading cancer care institution, has the highest number, with 887 patients in need of the treatment. Thakurpukur

Cancer Hospital has 134 patients awaiting the procedure. Dr.Tufankanti-Dolui, head of the Hematology Department at NRS Medical College and Hospital, said, "At present, we perform three to four bone marrow transplants every week. With the inclusion of this facility under the SwasthyaSathi scheme, the number will certainly increase." The Inclusion of bone marrow transplantation under SwasthyaSathi is being hailed as a landmark decision aimed at making advanced healthcare accessible to economically weaker sections of society. Given the high cost of the procedure in private hospitals, this move is expected to bring substantial relief to patients suffering from critical blood disorders

such as leukemia, lymphoma, and aplastic anemia. Officials believe the initiative will also strengthen public trust in the state's healthcare infrastructure and reduce the financial burden on families. With the government bearing the cost, many patients who previously could not afford the treatment will now have a renewed chance at life.

Ward 63 Councilor Celebrates
Raksha Bandhan with Residents



MI News Service, Kolkata: On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Ward 63 Councilor and Borough 7 Chairperson Sushmita Bhattacharya Chatterjee celebrated Rakhi Day by tying rakhis on the wrists of the residents of Ward 63. She first tied rakhis to the people at the TMC Party Block Office, Loudon Street, Shakespeare Sarani, Lindsay Street,

Sadar Street, and Mirza Ghalib Street. Afterwards, she tied rakhis to the residents of Chowrang Lane and Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Road, distributed sweets, and received their blessings. Additionally, she tied rakhis to officials at Shakespeare Sarani and Park Street Police Stations, as well as to passers-by, distributing sweets to everyone and spreading a

message of national unity and brotherhood. The event was celebrated with great enthusiasm and grandeur. On this occasion, Ward 63 Trinamool President Bablu Payin, former Youth President Sheikh Ali Jan, and TMC Mahila Vice President Sabiha Islam Gowdia were also present, tying rakhis to the common people along with other women.

India's Defence production hits
record 1.5 lakh crore in FY 2024-25

MI News Service, Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday announced that India's annual defence production has reached an unprecedented ₹1.50,590 crore in the financial year 2024-25, marking the highest output in the nation's history. The milestone represents an 18% growth over the previous fiscal's figure of ₹1.27 lakh crore and an impressive 90% surge since FY 2019-20, when production stood at ₹79,071 crore.

According to the Defence Ministry, Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and other public sector manufacturers contributed nearly 77% of the total production, while the

private sector accounted for 23%. The private sector's share has risen from 21% in FY 2023-24 to 23% this year, signalling its expanding role in the country's defence manufacturing ecosystem. Singh credited the achievement to the combined efforts of the Department of Defence Production, DPSUs, public sector manufacturers, and private industry players. He described the consistent upward trend as a testament to the strengthening of India's defence industrial base. Both public and private segments posted strong growth in FY 2024-25, with DPSUs registering a 16% increase in output and the private sector surging by 28%. The Defence Ministry

attributed this sustained growth to far-reaching policy reforms, improved ease of doing business, and a decade-long strategic push for indigenisation. "This record-setting achievement underscores the growing momentum of the government's drive towards self-reliance in defence manufacturing under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative, spearheaded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi," the ministry said in a statement. Officials highlighted that the government's emphasis on reducing import dependency, coupled with efforts to build a robust domestic defence industrial complex, has yielded significant results.

Karnataka CM orders probe
into allegations of electoral fraud

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant political development, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has announced that his government will investigate allegations of electoral fraud during the recent Lok Sabha elections in the state. Speaking to reporters at Mysuru airport on Saturday, Siddaramaiah was responding to remarks made by Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, who urged the state government to take legal action against those involved in vote manipulation. Addressing a protest rally in Bengaluru on Friday, Rahul Gandhi specifically highlighted alleged fraud in the Mahadevapura Assembly segment and other constituencies, calling on the Chief Minister to act. "Legal action will be taken based on the recommendations," Siddaramaiah said, confirming the government's intent. The Chief Minister added that the matter would be examined ahead of the upcoming Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) elections. The state's Advocate General will be tasked with conducting a swift inquiry and submitting a detailed report. However, Siddaramaiah noted that ultimate authority over the electoral roll lies with the Election Commission. When asked about former minister C.M. Ibrahim's allegation that 3,000 votes were purchased in Badami in 2018 to secure his victory, Siddaramaiah dismissed the claim, saying: "Ibrahim is not

from our party. I only visited Badami for nomination and campaigning. I won by a margin of 1,600 votes. This is new information to me." Responding to BJP criticism that the Congress is raising the issue now, Siddaramaiah accused the party of deflecting attention from its own wrongdoings. "Our internal survey predicted 16 seats; we won only 9. Rahul Gandhi's claims are based on evidence. Is it possible for 80 people to live in one small room? These facts emerged after studying the matter," he

said. On whether the judiciary should take suo motu action to protect public trust in the Election Commission, Siddaramaiah reiterated his belief that manipulation in elections is real—whether through Electronic Voting Machines or voter rolls. Asked about a resurfaced speech in which he allegedly mentioned that dead people had voted in a by-election, he replied: "If that happened, the Election Commission is responsible." Recalling BJP's claim that he benefited from IAS officer Raymond Peter's appointment as an observer in 2006, Siddaramaiah countered, "Had Peter not been there, they might have defeated me."

NOTICE

This is to notify that Smt. SHAILJA KUMARI W/O of BIKASH KUMAR Address PUJARI TOLA, FARDA PS, JAMALPUR Dist MUMBAI, BHAR has/have purchased the below mentioned land and schedule by virtue of deed/deeds no. 2249, 1367 dated 25/07/25, 22/02/2024 (A.D.S.R./DSR/ADSR) with the help of power of attorney, deed no.4514, 871 dated 25/03/2023, 08/02/2024 (A.D.S./RADS/R) executed by Srs. (1)BIKASH ROY S/O HARADHAN ROY (2)PANCHANAN GHOSH S/O NIBARAN GHOSH (3)GAJANAN GHOSH S/O NIBARAN GHOSH (4)PHANIBHUSHAN ROY S/O PURNA CHAND address KANKHAYA, MADHYA PARA PS, ASANSOL (NORTH) Dist. PASCHIM BANGHAM and the said applicant has/have applied with the same land schedule for mutation vide mutation case no.MN/2025/2305/10326, MN/2025/2305/10327 Dist. Paschim Bardhaman at the office of the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) dist.Paschim Bardhaman. If there is any objection for mutation in this respect, any concerned principle are requested to submit objection along with relevant documents to the concerned revenue office at the office off the S.D.L & L.R.O (EP-1) within one month from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise will take it own course. Land Schedule Block: ASANSOL, sub-Divisional land and land reforms office (EP-1) Mouza:-KANKHAYA, J.L.NO.-30, Plot no.:-155,156, Name of the recorded owner:- (1)BIKASH ROY S/O HARADHAN ROY, (2) PANCHANAN GHOSH S/O NIBARAN GHOSH, (3) GAJANAN GHOSH S/O NIBARAN GHOSH, (4) PHANIBHUSHAN ROY S/O PURNA CHAND. Khatian:- 351232, 928, 929.

Ashti-I Gram Panchayat
(Under Thakurpukur Maheshalpa Dev. Block)
Ganneyandgharpur, Vivekanandapur, South 24 Parganas

Notice Inviting e-Tender

e-Tenders are hereby invited from bonafied and resourceful Agencies for execution of 9 Nos. works under 15th FC Tied fund vide NIT memo no. 754/A-GP/2025, dated 08/08/25. For details log on <https://www.etenders.gov.in> and GP office.

Sd/-
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Ashti-I Gram Panchayat

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

Registered Office: Grape Garden, No.27, 3rd "A" Cross, 18th Main, 6th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560095, Karnataka.
Branch Office: 4th Floor, Rishi Tech Park, Premises No. 020360, Plot No. DH 6/2, Action Area 1D, New Town-700160, Kolkata.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagees have availed loans from Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, by mortgaging their immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as Non-performing Asset, whereas Ujjivan Small Finance Bank being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand notice calling upon the Borrower's /Co-Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagees as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgage	Loan Ac.No./ Loan amount/ Branch	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount due in Rs./ as on
1	1) Arsad Mondal (Borrower) S/o. Jaynal Mondal, 2) Chhalima Khatoon Bibi S/o. Samsul Mondal, 3) Jaynal Mondal S/o. Makhdik Ali Mondal, All are residing at Balarampur, Balairghat, Tufanganj-1, Near Sholdhukri Prathamik School, Balarampur, Coochbehar, West Bengal-736132. 1) Arasad Mondal , Also at: Dada Bhai Enterprise, Balarampur Petrol Pump, Balarampur Bazar, Cooch behar, West Bengal - 736134.	35162101 / 70000207 / Rs. 15,40,000/- / 3516 – Coochbehar	All that piece and parcel of land and Building admeasuring 0.10 acres in the district Cooch Behar, PS – Tufanganj, Mouza – Balarampur, Thak No. 943, J.L. No. 088, appertaining to R.S. Plot No. 30683, corresponding to L.R. Khatian No. 20448, falling in L.R. Plot No. 35933, classification of land – Bastu under Bara Balarampur – II, Gram Panchayat, District – Coochbehar and all improvements thereon. Boundaries as per Deed: North: Incham Mondal, South: Ghaziuddin Mondal, East: Jaynal Mondal and Goll Path then G.P. Road, West: Rajlak Mondal. Owned by Mr. Jaynal Mondal vide Registered Gift Being Deed No.6571 for the year 2022 dated: 20/08/2022 of the office of D.S.R., Coochbehar, Dist – Coochbehar vide Book No. 1, Deed No.6571, Volume No. 0801-2022, Pages from 105027 to 105041, year 2022 (No.1 among you). Details of Security Agreement : Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds for Creation of Mortgage dated –31.10.2022	10.04.2025 & 13.05.2025	Rs. 16,66,868.85 as on 07.05.2025
2	1. Sri Biswajit Roy S/o Pran Keshab Roy, 2. Smt. Basana Roy , W/o Pran Keshab Roy, 3. Smt. Chumki Roy W/o Sri Biswajit Roy, All are residing at R/o Netaji Coloni, Ghogamandi Ward No. 37, Siliguri (M. Corp), Ghugumali, Raiganj, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal- 734006	35112101 / 70000003 / Rs. 4,00,000/- / 3511- Siliguri	All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring 12 Chhatat situated at Mouza Dabgram, Pargana-Baikunthapur, J.L.No. 2, Sheet No. 11, appertaining to forming part of Plot No. 230, Recorded in khatian no. 636, Within Ward No. 37, of Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Police Station-Bhaktinagar, District- Jalpaiguri, owned by Smt. Basana Roy (No.2 among you) by virtue of sale deed, dated-22/08/2006 and corresponding to 5 th Bhadra, 1413 B.S., registered in A.D.S.R Raiganj, Jalpaiguri, Being Deed No. 4195/2006. Details of Security Agreement : Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds for Creation of Mortgage dated –26.06.2018	24.04.2025 & 19.05.2025	Rs. 4,39,662.55 as on 24.04.2025
3	1. Mr. Gopal Dutta S/o Late Nipendra Chandra Dutta, 2. Mrs. Mana Dutta W/o Gopal Dutta, both are residing at Ambika Nagar (Angshik), Dabgram, Bhakti Nagar, Near NJP, Siliguri, Jalpaiguri, West Bengal – 735135.	3511803 / 00000016 / Rs.6,00,000/- / 3511- Siliguri	All that piece and parcel of one cement flooring commercial shop situated on Ground Floor and identified as Shop No. 5 admeasuring 123 Sq. Ft. of a 3 Storied Commercial Building (At-K.G.N. Super Market) situated at Mouza – Dabgram, R.S. Plot No. 49, R.S. Khatian No. 6791/1, 753/3, 754/5. Pargana –Baikunthapur, J.L.No. 02, Sheet No. 18, Thak No. 03, At-Kamranganguri, Beside Railway Over Bridge, P.O.- Satellite Township, P.S.- Bhaktinagar within the area of 1 No. Fulbari Gram Panchayat, District –Jalpaiguri, West Bengal and all improvements there on. Owned by Mr. Gopal Dutta (No. 1 among you) by virtue of Registered Sale Deed vide Deed No. 1490 executed on dated 08.02.2016 and registered on 14.03.2016 before ADSR Bhaktinagar and recorded in Book -1, Volume No. 0711-2016, Pages from 24762 to 24787. Details of Security Agreement : Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds for Creation of Mortgage dated 06.07.2017.	06.05.2025 & 12.06.2025	Rs. 3,23,886.25 as on 12.06.2025
4	1. Krishna Sekhar Dhar S/o. Manindra Dhar, C/o.LT. Manindra Dhar, 2. Jayanti Dhar W/o. Krishna Sekhar Dhar,Bandh Road, Ward No.11, Mathabhanga-1, Coochbehar, West Bengal- 736146	35162101 / 70000210 / Rs. 8,00,000/- / 3516- Coochbehar	All that piece and parcel of landed property alongwith single storied building situated at Mouza Nagar Mathabhanga, comprised in J.L.No.183, Khatian No. 1975, L.R.Plot No.1870, Ward No.11, P.O.& PS Mathabhanga, District Coochbehar under Mathabhanga. Boundaries as per Deed: North: Abani Sarkar; South: Dulal Bhownik & Ors.; East: Sunil Chandra Das; West: Subhas De & Ors; Owned by (No.1 among you) by virtue of Deed of Sale dated18.02.2003 and registered in ADSR Mathabhanga, Coochbehar being No.772 for the year 2003 Details of Security Agreement : Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deed for Creation of Mortgage, dated –09/11/2022.	11.05.2025 & 12.06.2025	Rs. 8,75,247.42 as on 12.06.2025
5	1) M/s. Maa Manasa Feed Center 2) Gouranga Bera S/o. Deben Bera 3) Tulsi Bera W/o. Gouranga Bera, All are residing at: Alampur, Bahittrakunda, Marishda, Purba Medinipur, Near Bilashpur PNB Bank, West Bengal – 721401.	33842100 / 90000021 & 350123004 / 0000017 / Rs. 14,00,000/- + Rs. 15,00,000/- / 3502-Tamluk	All that piece and parcel of a Residential land & building admeasuring 8.25 Decimal, situated at Mouza –Alampur, PS – Marishda, Pargana – Majmamutha, J.L. No. 247, R.S. Khatian No. 240/3, 479, L.R. Khatian No. 593, R.S. and L.R. Dag No. 337, under Kusrum Gram Panchayat, Holding No. 4788/1, District – Purba Medinipore and all improvements thereon. Boundaries On the North – Dag No. 333 On the South – Dag No. 401, On the East – Dag No. 335, On the West – Dag No. 338, 340 Owned By Gouranga Bera (No. 2 among you) vide Bengali Kobala registered on 22.02.2018 before the Office of ADSR, Contal-I, recorded in Book No. 1, Volume No. 1108-2018, Pages from 8120 to 8130, Being No. 110800555 for the year 2018. Details of Security Agreement : Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds for Creation of Mortgage pertaining to Account No. 338421009000000001 Dated – 31.01.2023 & Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds for Creation of Mortgage pertaining to Account No. 35012301100000017 Dated – 31.01.2023.	03.12.2024, & 26.05.2025	Rs. 15,62,367.09 + Rs. 16,02,082.50 = Total Rs. 31,64,449.59 as on 26.05.2025
6	1) M/s. Moon Enterprise Human Hair Co. Prop. Sekh Jahur Akram 2) Sekh Jahur Akram S/o. Sekh Jamaluddin 3) Maserun Bibi D/o. Mohammad Sheikh, All are residing at Benudia, near Sahid Samadhi, Bhagwanpur, East Midnapore, West Bengal - 721601.	33892100 / 90000001 & 350123004 / 0000005 / Rs. 49,00,000/- + Rs. 26,00,000/- / 3501-Contai	All that piece and parcel of a land measuring about 23.2 Decimals (SARFAESI) proceedings only can be initiated on 18 Decimals), situated at Mouza – Benudia, Police Station – Bhagwanpur, Pargana – Jalamutha, J.L. No. 104, R.S. Khatian No. 146, 200, 554, 838, 605/3, 605/4, 563/1, 563/2 and 563/3, L.R. Khatian No. 478/1, R.S. and L.R. Dag No. 809, 810, 811, 812 and 814, under Benudia Gram panchayat, Holding No. 1887, district – Tollymore, Owned by Sekh Jahur Akram (No. 2 among you) vide Bengali Kobala dated 13/09/2010, registered before the office of ADSR, Bhagwanpur, in Book No. I, CD Volume No. 15, Pages from 113 to 129, Being No. 04783 for the year 2010. Details of Security Agreement : Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds for Creation of Mortgage pertaining to Account No. 338921009000000001 Dated - 17/10/2019 & Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds for Creation of Mortgage pertaining to Account No. 3501230040000005 Dated – 17/10/2019.	24.04.2025 & 26.05.2025	Rs. 39,73,746.93 + Rs. 28,76,794.67 = Total Rs. 68,50,541.60 as on 26.05.2025
7	1) Suvankar Chowdhury S/o. Chandi Charan Chowdhury, 2) Chandi Charan Chowdhury S/o. Late Lalit Mohan Chowdhury, 3) Banani Chowdhury W/o. Chandi Charan Chowdhury, All are Residing at Daulatpur-1, Mahestala (M), Vivekanda Pally, Landmark Dr. Koley House Kolkata Dist. South 24 (Parganas), West Bengal- 700139.	33032101 / 70000029 / Rs. 18,60,000/- / 3303- Tollygunge	All That piece and parcel of land admeasuring an area of 7 Satak (2 Satak in Dag No.42 & 5 Satak in dag No. 40/630) lying and situate at Mouza Daulatpur comprised in J.L. No. 19, Pargana Balia, Touzi No. 1521, R.S & L.R. Dag Nos. 42 & 40/630, R.S. Khatian No. 301 & 536, L.R. Khatian No. 3310, Ward No.30, Holding No.C10-6/437P.S. Mahestala, Dist South 24 Parganas, within the ambit of Mahestala Municipality with all improvements thereon. Boundaries as per Deed: North: Vacant land; South: Property of Ramesh Bairagi; East: House of Ramesh Bairagi; West: Common Passage & House of Kartik Bairagi; Owned by (No.2 among you) by virtue of Deed of Sale dated 11.05.1990 and registered in DSR Alipore South 24 Parganas, being No. 7050 for the year 1990. Details of Security Agreement : Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deed for Creation of Mortgage, dated –25.02.2023.	06.05.2025 & 06.06.2025	Rs. 19,35,232.58 as on 06.06.2025

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/Co-Borrower/Guarantor & Mortgagees as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/Co-Borrower within 60 days of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No.6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to Ujjivan Small Finance Bank against the Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagees of the said financials under the law. Your attention is also invited to section 13(8) of the Act in respect of time available to you to redeem the secured asset, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor. Any such act shall tantamount to an offence punishable under section 29 of the Act.

Date : 08.08.2025,
Place : West Bengal.

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

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LITHIUM DEFICIENCY COULD LEAD TO ALZHEIMER'S STUDY SUGGESTS

NEW DELHI: A study in mice and samples of human tissue has found lithium to be essential for normal brain function, and suggested that a loss of the trace metal could contribute to the development of Alzheimer's disease -- offering a different treatment approach, researchers stated.

The study highlights that a trace amount of lithium in the environment, including drinking water, could act as a nutrient, similar to iron and vitamin C, and help reduce the risk of dementia.

Metals in trace amounts -- 'trace metals' -- such as iron, zinc and copper are known to be crucial for healthy brain function.

The researchers from Harvard Medical School and other institutes in the US said the study is the first to show the natural occurrence of lithium in the brain and its role in preserving the normal function of all major brain cell types, protecting the organ from neurodegeneration associated with ageing.

Alzheimer's disease is a neurodegenerative disorder in which cognitive functions such as memory, thought processes, and decision-making decline with age and can eventually disrupt everyday activities. It is the most common form of dementia.

The team performed experiments in mice and also analysed samples of human brain tissue and blood taken from people in varied stages of cognitive health.

Findings from the decade-long study, published in the journal Nature, show that lowered levels of lithium in the human brain are one of the earliest changes leading to Alzheimer's, and that a similar depletion in mice advanced the disease, including memory decline.

"The idea that lithium deficiency could be a cause of Alzheimer's disease is new and suggests a different therapeutic approach," senior author Bruce Yankner, professor of genetics and neurology at Harvard Medical School, said.

The team also found that reduced amounts of lithium in the brain were a result of clumping of beta-amyloid plaques -- beta-amyloid proteins are essential for the brain's normal function, but in Alzheimer's disease are known to abnormally accumulate.



Research involved a survey of 1,082 students to explore links between diet and sleep. Nearly 40% of participants believed that certain foods had a negative impact on their sleep.

DIET & DREAMS

A recent Canadian study, published in Frontiers in Psychology, suggests that what you eat before bed--especially dairy--might be affecting your sleep quality and even triggering unsettling dreams, particularly if you have food sensitivities.

The research involved a survey of 1,082 college students to explore links between diet and sleep. Nearly 40% of participants believed that certain foods had a negative impact on their sleep, while about 5.5% felt their diet influenced their dreams. Interestingly, roughly one in three reported experiencing frequent nightmares.

Foods most often connected to nightmares included sweets and desserts, dairy products, and spicy dishes. Among participants with lactose intolerance, those who experienced severe digestive discomfort after consuming dairy were more likely to report vivid or disturbing dreams, along with poorer sleep quality. In fact, individuals with any kind of food allergy were more than twice as likely to believe food played a role in their dream patterns.

On the flip side, bedtime choices like fruits, vegetables, or herbal tea were linked to better sleep. Timing also mattered--late-night meals and evening snacks were strongly associated with both restless nights and more nightmares.

The researchers concluded: "Adjusting eating habits--especially for people with food sensitivities--could be a simple way to reduce nightmares and improve sleep."

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opening and shorter sentences to make it pop for casual readers. Would you like me to do that?

It is undisputed that quality sleep is an integral part of a healthy lifestyle. According to the US National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, "quality sleep--and getting enough of it at the right times--is as essential to survival as food and water."

However, the relationship between sleep and repair of the body is not as simple as Dr Ali has stated, even if the point of the video is to encourage people to pursue better sleep habits. While it has been suggested that it is best to sleep at 10 pm, others have said that it has to do more with your circadian rhythm.

According to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the human body follows a 24-hour rhythm. "Your body has several internal clocks, called circadian clocks. These typically follow a 24-hour repeating rhythm, called the circadian rhythm. This rhythm affects every cell, tissue, and organ in your body and how they work," says the institute in an article.

"Most people's natural circadian cycle is slightly greater than 24 hours. Some people naturally wake up early and some naturally stay up late. For example, it is natural for many teens to prefer later bedtimes and to sleep later in the morning than adults," the article adds.

Similarly, another article published in the National Library of Medicine explains that the mechanism through which sleep is generated and maintained is more of a balance between "the homeostatic

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processes, which are functionally the body's 'need for sleep' center, and the circadian rhythm, which is an internal clock for the sleep-wake cycle."

"It is clear that sleep plays a role

in the development of the brain in infants and children and explains why infants must sleep upwards of 14 hours per day," the article notes.

In other words, getting enough sleep, keeping a regular schedule, and ensuring that you listen to your body's cues matter more than hitting specific hours on the clock.

Exercising within four hours of bedtime may affect sleep duration, timing and quality, new research published in Nature Communications suggests.

The study analysed data from an international sample of 14,689 individuals who wore a multi-sensor biometric device (WHOOP Strap) to track exercise, sleep and cardiovascular metrics. Participants were monitored over the course of a year, generating more than four million nights of data.

Engaging in strenuous workouts, including high-intensity interval training, football, rugby, or long-distance running, within four hours of bedtime was linked to delayed sleep onset, shorter sleep duration, poorer sleep quality, higher resting heart rate during the night, and lower heart rate variability.

Intense exercise raises breathing rate, core body temperature and heart rate, potentially keeping the body in a heightened state of alertness that interferes with sleep. To improve sleep, researchers recommend finishing exercise at least four hours before going to bed.

"If exercising within a four-hour window of bedtime, people could choose brief low-intensity exercises, such as a light jog or swim, to minimise sleep disruption and allow the body to wind down."

KNOWLEDGE

WHAT IS SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA?

Sickle cell anaemia is a genetic blood disorder in which the body produces an abnormal form of haemoglobin called haemoglobin S.

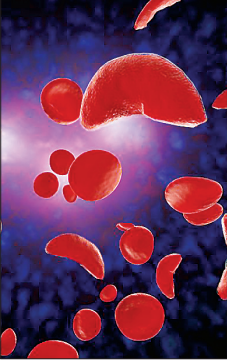
Normally, red blood cells are round and flexible, allowing them to move smoothly through blood vessels. In sickle cell anaemia, many red blood cells become rigid and shaped like a crescent or sickle.

This unusual shape causes several problems. The sickled cells can clump together and block small blood vessels, which reduces blood flow and oxygen delivery to different parts of the body. These blockages can cause episodes of severe pain, known as sickle cell crises, as well as organ damage. The red blood cells also break down much more quickly than normal. While healthy red blood cells live for about 120 days, sickled cells often survive only 10 to 20 days. This leads to anaemia, a shortage of red blood cells, which can cause fatigue and weakness.

People with sickle cell anaemia are also more prone to infections. The spleen, an organ that helps fight infections, can become damaged from repeated blockages caused by sickled cells. Common symptoms include tiredness, episodes of pain, swelling in the hands and feet, frequent infections, delayed growth or puberty, and vision problems.

The condition is inherited. A child develops sickle cell anaemia if they receive the sickle cell gene from both parents. If they inherit only one copy, they have what is known as the sickle cell trait, which usually does not cause symptoms but can be passed on to children.

There is no universal cure for sickle cell anaemia, but treatments such as hydroxyurea, blood transfusions, and, in some cases, bone marrow transplants can help manage symptoms and reduce complications.



PERSON OF THE WEEK: MOHAMMAD SIRAJ

Rising from the Streets of Hyderabad: An Athlete's Journey to Cricket Stardom

Mohammed Siraj, born on 13 March 1994 in Hyderabad, comes from a humble background--his father was an auto-rickshaw driver and his mother a housewife, while his elder brother works as an engineer. He began playing cricket with a tennis ball on the streets and only started serious cricket around age 19, taking nine wickets in his first match for his uncle's club.

He made his first-class debut for Hyderabad in the 2015-16 Ranji Trophy and quickly established himself by taking 41 wickets in just

nine games, becoming one of the tournament's top wicket-takers. His breakout season earned him a spot with Sunrisers Hyderabad in the 2017 IPL, where he was acquired at over ten times his base price and impressed with 10 wickets in six matches.

Siraj made his T20I debut for India in November 2017 and followed with his ODI debut in January 2019 against Australia. He made his Test debut in December 2020 against Australia in Melbourne, where he claimed a five-wicket haul--signaling his arrival as a key

bowler for India. By January 2023, he had become the world's number-one ranked ODI bowler.

In major tournaments, Siraj has created history: in the 2023 Asia Cup final, he recorded 6/21 and became the first Indian to take four wickets in a single over. Most recently, during India's Test series in England, he surpassed Jasprit Bumrah to become the leading wicket-taker among Indian pacers in overseas Tests since his debut. His relentless pace, bowling variation, and emotional commitment have made him an indispensable



part of India's pace attack. Off the field, Siraj has flourished financially and

professionally. Following India's historic win at The Oval in 2025--where his five-

wicket performance helped level the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy--his estimated net worth reached around Rs 57 crore, bolstered by IPL contracts, brand endorsements, and central BCCI contracts.

Mohammed Siraj's story is one of resilience, relentless effort, and rising beyond humble beginnings to become a frontline fast bowler for India.

Mohammed Siraj earned enormous praise for his stellar performance in the recently concluded Test series and his match-winning performance in the

final game of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy. The Indian cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar also lauded the fast bowler for his infectious energy and never-say-die attitude.

Among all the bowlers on either side, it was Siraj who stood out for Tendulkar. He was the only bowler to feature in all five Tests and shouldered a massive workload, bowling 1113 deliveries, 361 more than any other bowler in the series. With 23 wickets to his name, Siraj finished as the leading wicket-taker, leading the attack in the

absence of Jasprit Bumrah in two crucial matches.

"Unbelievable. Superb approach. I love his attitude. I love the spring in his legs," Tendulkar said on his official Reddit account in a video, as quoted from ESPNcricinfo.

"For a fast bowler to be constantly in your face like that, no batsman will like it. And the approach he had till the end on the last day, I could hear commentators also saying he bowled around 90mph (145kph) on the last day after having bowled more than 1000 deliveries in the series."

Cancellation/Short Termination of trains for Derailment over South Eastern Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to derailment in Adra Division over South Eastern Railway, 28181 Tatanagar - Katihar Express (journey commencing on 09.08.2025) & 28182 Katihar - Tatanagar Express (journey commencing on 11.08.2025) will remain cancelled and 18184 Buxar - Tatanagar Express (journey commencing on 09.08.2025) will be short terminated at Asansol.

Metro staff rescue an indisposed lady passenger

MI News Service, Kolkata: On 07.08.2025 at about 15:10 hrs., a lady commuter aged about 16 years suddenly started to feel unwell at Mahanayak Uttam Kumar Metro station. Her mother, who was accompanying her, sought help from the station staff and RPF. Seeing her condition, RPF and station staff immediately rushed to her help. She was brought to the Station Master's Office and administered the first-aid. Considering the seriousness of the situation, she was immediately sent to M R Bangur Hospital with her mother for treatment. They expressed heartfelt gratitude for the kind and timely help rendered by the station staff of Metro Railway.

Fact check: Did Rahul correctly identify voters registered in multiple States?

MI News Service, Bengaluru: Congress leader and LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi addresses the party's 'Vote Adhikar Rally', in Bengaluru, Friday, Aug. 8, 2025. (PTI Photo) A major controversy has erupted in the country after Leader of the Opposition (LoP) and Congress MP in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi at a press conference on Thursday, August 7, accused the Election Commission of manipulating data via fake voters. He specifically pointed out said that one voter Aditya Srivastava (EPIC No. FPP6437040), son of S.P. Srivastava, and Vishal Singh (EPIC No. INB2722288), son of Mahipal Singh, have been listed as voters in multiple constituencies, a violation of electoral rules. The LoP referred to voter data published by the Election Commission of India on March 16, 2025, to back his claims. LoP Rahul Gandhi alleged that Aditya Srivastava is listed as a voter in Assembly Constituency 158 Jogeshwari East, Booth No. 197 in Mumbai, and Vishal Singh is listed in Assembly Constituency 174 Mahadevpura, Booth No. 458 in Bengaluru. He also said both were shown as voters in Assembly Constituency 173, Lucknow East, Booth No. 84. However, a fact-check by the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Uttar Pradesh revealed that the names mentioned are not listed as voters in the claimed constituencies. The CEO's office clarified after verifying records that Aditya Srivastava is still enrolled in Assembly Constituency 174, Mahadevpura (Booth No. 458, Part No. 1265), and Vishal Singh is enrolled in the same constituency (Booth No. 513, Part No. 926). Their names do not appear in Lucknow East or Varanasi Cantt constituencies as claimed. Meanwhile, Mohammed Zubair, Alt News co-founder, alleged that Aditya Srivastava is registered in Lucknow East, Jogeshwari East, and Mahadevpura constituencies. On his X handle, he listed out a step-by-step method that can be used to check the name in the official data of the Election Commission. Following Rahul Gandhi's claims, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday slammed the EC. She asked the poll body to probe Rahul Gandhi's poll rigging claims and said that it needs to re-think if it feels that its responsibility is only to the BJP.

A historic development for regional connectivity

- Historic Milestone: First-Ever Freight Train carrying Cement arrives at Anantnag Goods Shed in Kashmir Valley
- Arrival of Freight train in Kashmir Valley heralds a new era of logistical and economic growth

MI News Service, New Delhi: In a historic development for regional connectivity, a freight train has successfully reached Anantnag Goods Shed in the Kashmir Valley for the first time from Rupnagar, Punjab, marking a significant milestone in connecting the Kashmir region to the national freight network. The arrival of freight train, carrying cement, is set to accelerate infrastructure projects and improve living standards for the people of Kashmir. The inaugural freight train was loaded with 21 BCN wagons of cement. The journey, spanning approximately 600 kilometers, culminated at the newly commissioned Anantnag Goods Shed today in less than 18 hours. This event marks the first-ever cement loading specifically for this facility, underscoring its readiness to support a new era of logistical and economic growth in the Kashmir region. The cement transported on this train will be used for



crucial projects, including the construction of roads, bridges, public infrastructure, and residential

housing in the Kashmir Valley. The logistics for this groundbreaking journey were executed with precision. An indent was placed with Northern Railway at 23:14 hrs on August 7, 2025, with the rake placement occurring at 09:40 hrs the following day i.e 08th August. Loading was completed by 18:10 hrs on August 8, 2025, with the train departing from the Gujarat Ambuja Cement Limited (GACL) facility in Rupnagar, Punjab at 18:55 hrs. The freight was hauled by an Electric WAG-9 locomotive (Loco No. 32177, TKD, Trip 08/09), highlighting the modern capabilities of the national railway network. The arrival of this first freight train is not just a logistical achievement but a powerful symbol of progress and integration, paving the way for a more connected and prosperous Kashmir Valley.

Regulation of trains due to derailment of Goods Trains between Chandil-Nimdh in Adra Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: Two Goods trains got derailed between Chandil and Nimdh infringing Chandil-Gunda Bihar section also in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway on 09.08.2025 at 02:45 hours. As wrongly being reported in some section of media; there is no incident of head on collision of these two goods trains. Due to the derailment, the following trains will be regulated as under: **CANCELLATION OF TRAINS :**

- 68035 TATANAGAR-HATIA MEMU on 09.08.2025
- 18116/18115 CHAKRADHARPUR-NSCB GOMOH-CHAKRADHARPUR MEMU on 09.08.2025
- 68023/68024 JHARGRAM-PURULIA-JHARGRAM MEMU on 09.08.2025
- 20893 TATANAGAR-PATNA VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS on 09.08.2025
- 18183 TATANAGAR-BUXAR Express on 09.08.2025
- 13301/13302 DHANBAD-TATANAGAR-DHANBAD Express on 09.08.2025
- 20898 RANCHI-HOWRAH VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS on 09.08.2025
- 68086 BARKAKANA-TATANAGAR MEMU on 09.08.2025
- 20897 HOWRAH-RANCHI VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS on 09.08.2025
- 20894 PATNA-TATANAGAR VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS on 09.08.2025
- 28181 TATANAGAR-KATHIHAR EXPRESS on 09.08.2025
- 28182 KATHIHAR-TATANAGAR EXPRESS on 11.08.2025
- 68036 HATIA-TATANAGAR Passenger on 09.08.2025
- DIVERSION OF TRAINS: 12820 Anand Vihar Bhubaneswar Express Journey commenced on 08.08.2025 will run on diverted route via NIMDIH-ADRA-MIDNAPORE-HIJLI-BHADRAK. 18615 Howrah Hatia Express Journey commenced on 08.08.2025 will run on diverted route via diverted via CHAKRADHARPUR-ROURKELA-NUAG AON. 12152 SHALIMAR-LTT (MUMBAI) Journey commenced on 08.08.2025 will run on diverted route via ADRA-BHOJUDIH-ISPAT NAGAR- BOKARO STEEL CITY - MURI - HATIA - ROURKELA. 28182 KATHIHAR-TATANAGAR Express Journey commenced on 08.08.2025 will run on diverted route via JOYCHANDI PAHAR-ADRA-MIDNAPORE-NTY-TATANAGAR. 12151 LTT (MUMBAI)-Shalimar Express Journey commenced on 07.08.2025 will run on diverted route via CHAKRADHARPUR-TATANAGAR-KJAR AGPUR. 12801 PURI-NEW DELHI Express Journey commenced on 08.08.2025 will run on diverted route via HIJLI-MIDNAPORE-ADRA-BHOJUDIH-KHANUDIH-NSCB GOMOH. 13288 Aradurg Express Journey commenced on 08.08.2025 will run on diverted route via JOYCHANDI PAHAR-BHOJUDIH-BOKARO STEEL CITY- MURI-HATIA-ROURKELA. 22892 Ranchi-Howrah Express Journey commenced on 09.08.2025

will run on diverted route via: KOTSHILA-BOKARO STEEL CITY-CHANDRAPURA-MAHUDA-BHOJUDIH-ADRA-KHARAGPUR. 22843 Bilaspur-Patna Express Journey commenced on 08.08.2025 will run on diverted route via TATANAGAR - KHARAGPUR-MIDNAPORE-ADRA-ASANSOL. 12876 Anand Vihar-Puri Express Journey commenced on 08.08.2025 will run on diverted route via NSCB GOMO-KHANUADIH-BHOJUDIH-ADRA-MIDNAPORE-HIJLI. 20817 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express Journey commenced on 09.08.25 will run on diverted route via JHARSUGUDA-ROURKELA-NUAGAON-HATIA- BOKARO STEEL CITY-RAJABERA. 22891 Howrah-Ranchi Inter-city Express journey commenced on 09.08.2025 will run on diverted route KHARAGPUR-MIDNAPORE-ADRA - BHOJUDIH - MAHUDA-CHANDRAPURA-BOKARO STEEL CITY - RANCHI. 08612 Ajmer-Santragachi special journey Commenced on 07.08.2025 will run on diverted route via MURI-KOTSHILA-BOKARO STEEL CITY-BHOJUDIH-ADRA - MIDNAPORE - KHARAGPUR. 13287 Durg-Ara Express journey Commenced on 09.08.2025 will run on diverted route via ROURKELA-HATIA-BOKARO STEEL CITY-BHOJUDIH-JOYCHANDI PAHAR. 18427 Puri-Anand Vihar Express Journey commenced on 09.08.2025 will run on diverted route via RAJKHARSWAN-TATANAGAR-KHARGPUR-MIDNAPORE-ADRA-NSCB GOMO. 18104 Amritsar-Tatanagar Express Journey commenced on 08.08.2025 will run on diverted route via NSCB GOMO-ADRA-MIDNAPORE-KHARGPUR-TATANAGAR. 15630 Silghat-Tambaram Express Journey commenced on 08.08.2025 will run on diverted route via: JOYCHANDI PAHAR-ADRA-MIDNAPORE-HIJLI. 22805 Bhubaneswar-Anand Vihar WEEKLY Express Journey commenced on 09.08.2025 will run on diverted route via ROURKELA-HATIA-MURI. 12802 NEW DELHI-PURI Express Journey commenced on 08.08.2025 will run on diverted route via NSCB GOMO-ADRA-MIDNAPORE-HIJLI. **SHORT TERMINATION/SHORT ORIGINATION OF TRAINS:**

- 68055/68056 Asansol-Tatanagar-Asansol MEMU Journey commencing on 09.08.2025 to be short-terminated at & short originated from Adra. 18011 Howrah-Chakradharpur Express Journey commencing on 08.08.2025 to be short terminated at Adra and 18012 Chakradharpur-Howrah Express journey commencing on 09.08.2025 to be short originated from Adra. 18184 Buxar-Tatanagar Express Journey commencing on 09.08.2025 will be short-terminated at Asansol. 68086 Barkakana-Tatanagar Express, journey commencing on 09.08.2025 will be short terminated at Muri.



Commuters wade through a waterlogged road amid rainfall, at ITO in New Delhi.

Foundation Stone laid for Barhait Halt Station between Kurmahat & Hansdiha Stations



MI News Service, Kolkata: Marking a significant milestone in the journey toward improved regional rail infrastructure and passenger convenience, the foundation stone for the proposed *Barhait Halt Station,* located between *Kurmahat and Hansdiha stations* under Malda Division of Eastern Railway, was laid by *Shri Nishikant Dubey, Hon'ble Member of Parliament,* in the esteemed presence of *Shri Manish Kumar Gupta, Divisional Railway Manager, Malda,* along with other Senior Railway officials today (09.08.2025). *Speaking on the occasion, DRM/Malda, Shri Manish Kumar Gupta* stated that the halt will serve as a stoppage point for all trains operating toward *Dumka and Godda,* significantly enhancing travel options and accessibility for the surrounding communities. *Shri Nishikant Dubey, Hon'ble Member of Parliament,* remarked that the new

halt will not only benefit passengers but also stimulate socio-economic activity, facilitate the movement of local goods, and promote regional development and local business in the Godda-Dumka section. He further added that the halt station, responding to a long-standing demand of local residents, will provide direct and convenient rail access to thousands of passengers, reducing dependency on distant stations and easing daily commutes for students, workers, and traders alike. The proposed *Barhait Halt* is to be developed at an estimated *cost of Rs. 3.39 crore.* A comprehensive development plan has been prepared for Barhait Halt to enhance passenger convenience and accessibility. As part of this initiative, a wide range of modern, commuter-friendly amenities are being planned for execution. Key infrastructure features include the construction of a



1000 sq. ft. waiting hall integrated with a ticket counter, along with separate toilets for men and women to ensure hygiene & convenience. The platform will be developed to a high-level standard with provision of platform shed. To ensure a consistent and clean water supply there will be provision of water booth connected with water supply system. The passenger experience will be further improved by the installation of ceiling fans and lighting poles. The foundation stone laying for Barhait Halt Station is not just the start of physical infrastructure—it is the laying of a pathway toward economic empowerment and better connectivity for thousands of residents in and around Barhait and nearby villages. After introduction of this Halt station, the improved transport will help in growth of education, health care and business opportunities in this area.

Hindu Yuva Vahini leader accused of raping law student in UP's Ghaziabad

MI News Service, Ghaziabad: A local leader from Hindu Yuva Vahini in Ghaziabad has been accused of raping a law student who had visited him seeking career guidance on Thursday in Muradnagar area. The accused, Sushil Prajapati is now wanted by the police.

The victim filed a complaint late on Thursday and accused Prajapati of calling her to a flat under the pretext of arranging a meeting with senior lawyers of Ghaziabad court. The victim had earlier been promised that he would make her meet the lawyers. The student stated in her

complaint that she was taken to a flat and drugged by Prajapati. She alleged, "He offered me a cold drink that made me dizzy. Before I realised what was happening, he had already started to attack me." The woman was raped and left on a street. Before leaving her there, Prajapati allegedly threatened her saying that he knows powerful people. The Muradnagar Police said that raids are being carried out to nab the accused. Alok Priyadarshi, Additional Police Commissioner stated that medical tests were conducted on the survivor as part of the ongoing investigation.

'Will die here': Palestinians refuse to leave Gaza City despite Israeli threats

MI News Service, Gaza: Despite Israel's plan to seize Gaza City and forcibly displace nearly a million Palestinians to concentration zones in the south, many Palestinians in the city are refusing to leave. The UN, several European countries and China are among a chorus of international condemnation of Israel's plan to militarily occupy Gaza City. Four more people in the Palestinian enclave have starved to death over the last 24 hours, Gaza's Health Ministry says, bringing the total number of hunger-related deaths to 201. Israel's war on Gaza has killed at least 61,330 people and wounded 152,359. An estimated 1,139 people were killed in Israel during the October 7, 2023, attacks, and more than 200 were taken captive.

Kerala CM terms alleged attack on Christians in Odisha as 'Hindutva vigilantism'

MI News Service, Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Friday termed as "Hindutva vigilantism" the alleged attack on Catholic priests and nuns in Odisha's Jaleswar on false charges of religious conversion. In a post on social media platform X, Vijayan alleged that Sangh Parivar "goons" were behind the alleged attack on the priests and nuns and that it reflected the "ongoing communal witch-hunt" against Christians in the country.

"Reports of an assault on Keralite Catholic priests and nuns by Sangh Parivar goons in Jaleswar, Odisha, on false charges of religious conversion, reflect the ongoing communal witch-hunt against Christians in the country, exemplified by the arrest of nuns in Chhattisgarh weeks ago. "Such Hindutva vigilantism, enabled by the regime's impunity, must be unitedly resisted by secular and democratic forces," he said on X.

At least 6 Palestinians killed, dozens wounded near aid crossing

MI News Service, Gaza City: At least six Palestinians were shot dead and more than 140 were wounded at the Israeli-run Zikim Crossing in northern Gaza, where UN aid convoys enter. Dr Mohamed Abu Selmiya, the director of Shifa Hospital, which received the dead and wounded, said all six were killed by Israeli gunfire. A Palestinian witness, who asked not to be named for security concerns, said a small number of looters with knives were among desperate crowds that unloaded a convoy, but that it was less chaotic than on previous days and that more trucks entered. e said Israeli troops still fired toward the crowds. There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military. Hundreds of Palestinians have been killed while seeking humanitarian aid in Gaza since May, when Israel eased a 2 ½ month blockade. Witnesses, health officials and the UN human rights of-

fice say they were killed by Israeli fire. The military says it has only fired warning shots at people who approach its forces. Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney says Israel's plan to take over Gaza is wrong and puts the lives of the hostages at a greater risk. "We join many others in viewing that this is wrong, that this action is not going to contribute in the improvement of the humanitarian situation on the ground. It is going to put the lives of the hostages at greater risk rather than lessening it," Carney said. "We reiterate our call for an immediately ceasefire," he said when asked about it Friday. France condemned the plans "in the strongest possible terms". In a statement from the foreign affairs ministry, France said it "reiterates its firm opposition to any plan for the occupation of the Gaza Strip and the forced displacement of its population".

15TH HOCKEY INDIA JUNIOR WOMEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Jharkhand defeats Punjab 3-1 in Quarter-Final 3

MI CORRESPONDENT

RANCHI : In the third Quarter-Final, Jharkhand defeated Punjab 3-1 to progress ahead in the tournament. Pawanpreet Kaur (6') of Hockey Punjab scored the first goal of the game through a penalty corner but their lead only lasted a minute. Sweety Dungdung (7') scored a field goal for Hockey Jharkhand to equalise followed by goals from Shanti Kumari (22') and Roshni Aind (46') to seal the victory.

The Quarter-Finals of the 15th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship - Division 'A' saw Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh seal their spots in the Semi-Finals on Saturday in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh.

In the first Quarter-Final of the day, Haryana enjoyed a comfortable 4-1 victory over Odisha. The winning side opened the game strong with an early goal by Kajal (2') followed by another one in the second quarter by Supriya (27') to extend the lead. Captain Sashi



Khasa (36') too featured on the scoresheet with a goal in the third quarter. In the final quarter, Amisha Ekka (47') scored a conso-

lation goal for Hockey Association of Odisha but Saavi (60') struck the net again for Hockey Haryana to help her side win with a sizable

lead.

The second fixture of the day saw Chhattisgarh win 2-1 over Madhya Pradesh in shootout after

a 1-1 draw over the four quarters. Yashoda (2') struck an early goal for Chhattisgarh however, Huda Khan (15') promptly equalised for Madhya Pradesh towards the end of first quarter. The teams battled for possession over the next three quarters but couldn't find a winning goal. Kajal scored one of her attempts during the shootout for Hockey Madhya Pradesh, while Captain Rukhamani of Chhattisgarh Hockey scored both her attempts during the shootout to help her side qualify for the Semi-Finals.

The final fixture of the day saw Uttar Pradesh celebrate a 2-1 win over Maharashtra. After an extremely close and goalless first half, Sallu Pukhrambam (36') scored the opening goal for Uttar Pradesh in the third quarter however moments later, Maharashtra's Diksha Nitin Shinde (45') levelled the game again through a field goal. In the final quarter of the match, Rashmi Patel (55') scored the winning goal through a penalty corner for Uttar Pradesh Hockey.

Manchester United sign Benjamin Sesko from RB Leipzig for upcoming 2025-26 season

MANCHESTER [UK] : Premier League club Manchester United on Saturday announced the signing of Slovenia international Benjamin Sesko from German football club RB Leipzig. The striker has signed a contract until June 2030.

Over the past two seasons, Sesko has scored the most goals of any player under the age of 23 in Europe's top five leagues. The 22-year-old scored 21 goals and registered six assists for RB Leipzig during the last campaign.

He has already been capped 41 times and scored 16 goals for Slovenia since becoming his country's youngest-ever debutant in 2021, as per the official website of Manchester United.

Upon the signing, Benjamin Sesko said, "The history of Manchester United is obviously very special, but what really excites me is the future. When we discussed the project, it was clear that everything is in place for this team to continue to grow and compete for the biggest trophies again soon."

"From the moment that I arrived, I could feel the positive energy and family environment that the club has created. It is clearly the perfect place to reach my maximum level and fulfil all of my ambitions. I cannot wait to start learning from Ruben [Amorim] and connecting with my teammates to achieve the success that we all know we are capable of together," the player added.

On the signing of Benjamin Sesko, Jason Wilcox, director of football, said, "Benjamin possesses a rare combination of electrifying pace and the ability to physically dominate defenders, making him one of the most exceptional young talents in world football. We have followed Benjamin's career closely; all of our data analysis and research concluded that he has the required qualities and personality to thrive at Manchester United."

"Working under the guidance of Ruben and our excellent performance team, Benjamin is joining the perfect environment to support him to reach his world-class potential. The desire that all of our new signings have shown to join the club this summer highlights the appeal and stature of Manchester United, as we continue to build and develop a team capable of challenging for the biggest honours," he added. (ANI)



"Bowled very well in first innings": Mitchell Santner after winning Bulawayo Test against Zimbabwe



BULAWAYO [ZIMBABWE] : After registering a victory over Zimbabwe, New Zealand skipper Mitchell Santner lauded the bowlers' performance, saying that the team bowled "very well" especially in the first innings.

Centuries from Devon Conway, Henry Nicholls and Rachin Ravindra and a historic spell by pacer Zakary Foulkes helped New Zealand secure a massive win over Zimbabwe by an innings and 359 runs at Bulawayo on Saturday.

With this victory, the Kiwis have won the series 2-0, and they have secured their biggest win in Test cricket history. This is also the third-best victory margin in Tests by runs, next to England's innings and 579 runs win over Australia in 1938 and Australia's win over South Africa by an innings and 360 runs.

Speaking on the victory, Santner said on the post-match presentation, "Pretty good game. We bowled very well in the first innings, and the boys rode through some tough phases with the bat and then really cashed in. We spoke about keeping the standards up, we felt we could have

cashied in a bit more with the bat in the first innings, so didn't want to miss out this time.

(On the debutants) Never easy playing your first game, but they settled in beautifully."

Zimbabwe captain Craig Ervine expressed "disappointment" following his side's loss in the second Test against the Blackcaps.

"A bit disappointing, especially the way we finished this morning. But we were up against a high-skilled opposition, and it looks like where we are in the Test circuit.

I would have still preferred to bat first, I know there was a bit in the wicket, and New Zealand bowlers exploited it well.

A lot of work to be done for us; everyone will digest this loss differently. Important that we continue to play top sides.

These defeats have taught the team a lot. We are a young Test side," he said.

Recapping the second Bulayo Test, when Zimbabwe won the toss, only a returning Brendan Taylor (44 in 107 balls, with six fours) and Tafadzwa Tsiga (33* in 54 balls, with four boundaries) could cross the 20-run mark, as

Matt Henry (5/40) and Foulkes (4/38) bundled out Zimbabwe for barely 125 runs in 48.5 overs.

In their first innings, the Kiwis scored some big runs. Opener Devon Conway (153 in 245 balls, with 18 fours) ended his two-year century drought, putting on a 162-run opening stand with Will Young (74 in 101 balls, with 11 fours). Nicholls (150* in 245 balls, with 15 fours) and Rachin (165* in 139 balls, with 21 fours and two sixes) put on a massive 256-run partnership for the fourth wicket as the Kiwis declared at 601/3, leading by 476 runs.

Zimbabwe were given a task to overcome such a huge deficit, and the scoreboard pressure was right there from ball one, as only Nick Welch (47* in 71 balls, with seven fours) survived with over 20 runs to his name. Foulkes (5/37), Henry, and Jacob Duffy (two wickets each) once again skittled out Zimbabwe for barely 117 runs, winning the match by a massive margin.

Conway's comeback ton, which helped him reach the 2,000 Test run mark and 5,000 international run mark, made him the 'Player of the Match'.

Australia: The world's most power-packed T20I batting line up at present?

DARWIN [AUSTRALIA] : As Australia takes on South Africa in the first T20I of the three-match series at Darwin from Sunday onwards, they would be aiming to keep their consistent run with the bat going, as they aim to build a fiery unit for the T20 World Cup next year, scheduled to be co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka.

Ever since last year, the Australian T20I side has been a power-packed unit, with hitter after hitter in their line-up. Bowlers cannot even breathe a sigh of relief after a wicket as the other one arrives to tonk right from ball one, the next minute. Since last year, they have been leading the strike rate charts, with bashers like Glenn Maxwell, Travis Head, Mitchell Marsh, and Tim David and Josh Inglis etc playing a crucial role to ensure that the team is ready for their second T20 WC title, having won it once back in 2021.

Ever since last year, Australia has scored their runs at a strike rate of 157.03 in 26 matches, topping the charts. Next is a young and equally unstoppable Team India, with a strike rate of 150.45. Both teams are the only ones with collective strike rates of over 150 in this time frame.

Australia has fired 4,141 runs at an average of 29.36, with three centuries and 21 fifties. They have also hit a total of 371 fours and 237 sixes. However, India gives them a tough competition, outscoring them, with 3,433 runs, at a slightly lesser average of 29.18. A collective eight centuries and 25 fifties have been produced by Indian batters, who have out-classed their Aussie counterparts in milestone-hunting. They have also out-hit the Aussies, with 455 fours and 283 sixes.

Australia's top five run-getters in this time period are: Travis Head (539 runs in 15 matches and innings at an average of 38.50, with a strike rate of over 178, with four fifties and

best score of 80), Josh Inglis (491 runs in 19 matches and 18 innings at an average of 35.07, with a strike rate of 170.48 with a century, two fifties and best score of 102), Glenn Maxwell (479 runs in 21 matches and 19 innings at an average of 28.17,

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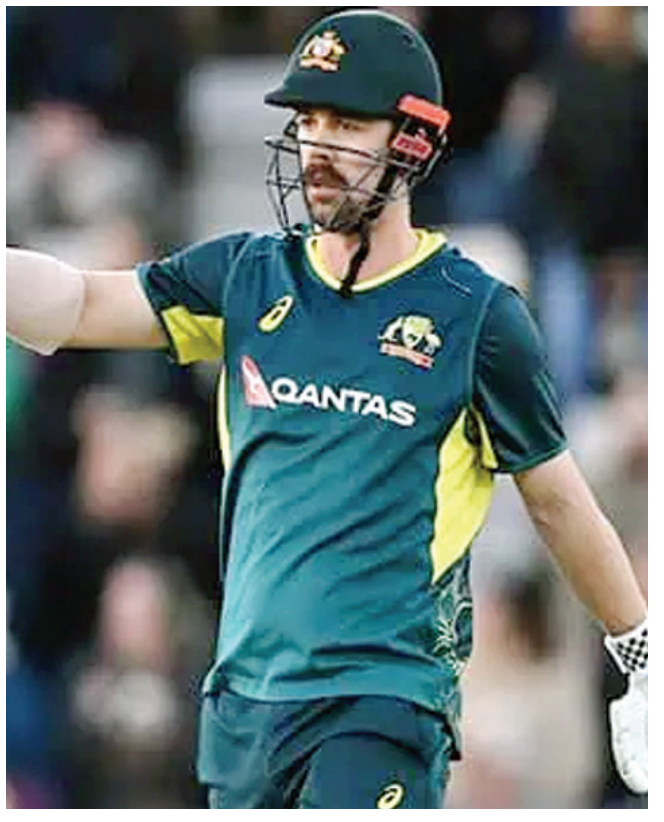
Australia Squad: Mitchell Marsh(c), Travis Head, Cameron Green, Josh Inglis(w), Tim David, Glenn Maxwell, Mitchell Owen, Ben Dwarshuis, Nathan Ellis, Adam Zampa, Josh Hazlewood, Sean Abbott, Matthew Short, Matthew Kuhnemann

South Africa Squad: Aiden Markram(c), Ryan Rickelton(w), Rassie van der Dussen, Dewald Brevis, Tristan Stubbs, George Linde, Prenelan Subrayen, Corbin Bosch, Kagiso Rabada, Nandre Burger, Lungi Ngidi, Senuran Muthusamy, Nqabayomzi Peter, Kwena Maphaka, Lhuan-dre Pretorius.

with a strike rate of 171.68, a century and fifty and best score of 120*), skipper Mitch Marsh (438 runs in 21 matches and 20 innings at an average of 24.33, with a strike rate of 140.83 and best score of 72*, his only fifty) and Tim David (436 runs in 24 matches and 20 innings at an average of 39.63, strike rate of 192.07, with a century and best score of 102*).

Add to this a veteran Marcus Stoinis (330 runs in 17 matches and 14 innings at an average of 36.66, with a strike rate of 156.39, with three fifties and best score of 67*) and emerging talents like Cameron Green (329 runs in 10 matches and nine innings at an average of 65.80, strike rate of over 151 with four fifties and best score of 62*) and Mitchell Owen (125 runs in five matches and four innings at an average of 41.66, strike rate of over 192 with a half-century). This makes for an extremely power-packed group of eight batters.

Will Aussies continue their ruthless run against Proteas as well?



Rohtak Rowdies duo consider Pro Panja League "home" for strengthening "brother-sister" relationship

GWALIOR (MADHYA PRADESH) : The Rohtak Rowdies franchise has been a pioneer in strengthening good arm wrestling line-ups for the last two seasons of Pro Panja League. This season too, the brother sister duo Aakriti Kandari and Aryan Kandari have returned to participate in season 2 of the Pro Panja League for Rohtak Rowdies, taking place at Atal Bihari Vajpayee Training Centre for Disability Sports.

Co-founded by Parvinn Dabass and Preeti Jhangiani, the league has been at the forefront of strengthening and solidifying sibling relationships on the Pro Panja stage.

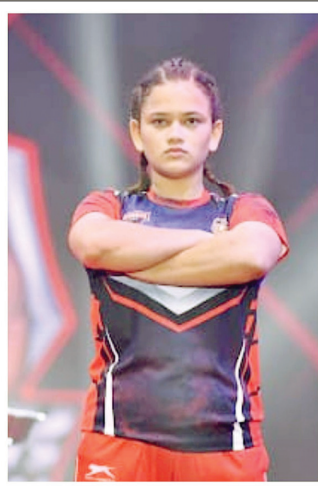
Speaking on being approached for his first 80 kg participation during the first season of the league and playing for Rohtak Rowdies along with his sister Aakriti, Aryan shared as quoted by Pro Panja League

press release, "First of all, I got the message that there is a Pro Panja League season and someone has come to the Nationals. So, I got the contract signed, and then I met the teams, and then they asked me if your sister will also participate. So, I said yes, Aakriti is very strong, so she will participate.

Talking about the humble beginnings towards the Arm Wrestling Journey, Aryan Kandari the 80kg participant of Rohtak Rowdies, recalls his early transition from Powerlifting to Arm Wrestling sport. Aryan shares, "There were a couple of boys in my academy who used to practice arm wrestling during recess, involving my participation as well as I got encouraged. Whenever any teacher didn't turn up, we used to escape and practice arm wrestling during that break. One day, I got this

crazy thought as I used to do powerlifting before, to take part in a state arm wrestling competition where they were putting up arm wrestling tables on the side. I didn't even know that it was a sport. So, without practice, I almost defeated everyone. So, I thought I should do arm wrestling and participate well. So, I played in the state, then in the national team, then in the league.

Talking about finding her own strength through her brother's participation, Aryan's sister Aakriti Kandari shared, "I got a call from Aryan. He said, Akku, you will play. I mean, I have played with him. I used to help him with practice. I mean, I was doing it with him and used to lift such heavy weights. He also used to say that I am strong. So, then the Pro Panja team said that they wanted a girl to play. As they must have seen my



videos. So, I got a call from Aryan asking me to join PPL (Pro Panja League). It was necessary for me to play in the national events as I too used to practice with Aryan. It took me



a month to practice. Then I joined Pro Panja League event. Supporting her sister's statement, Aryan responded, "After the Pro Panja League, my sister has participated for State,

National and Asian events. I mean, people play State National Asian first. My sister played State National Asian after."

Talking about seeing the growth of sports evolve in Srinagar, Uttarakhand, where the duo athlete hail from, Aryan Khandari, the 80 kg participant, shared, "When I used to play, only 10-15 people used to come. But when I started uploading on social media, 100, 200, 300, now 1000 people are playing in my state. And whenever I visit home, everyone says that I started because of you. So, it feels good to see platforms like Pro Panja helping sports like Arm wrestling thrive.

Talking about coming from a strong, supportive family background, both Aryan and Aakriti share, "Our parents are not athletes, but they have a strong background. My grandfather

was also a police officer and an athlete. That's why they can do gymnastics. My mother also used to do marathons. Our father used to prepare for the police. So, the whole family background is that everyone was in this."

Talking about spending two seasons in the franchise with Rohtak Rowdies, both Aryan and Aakriti shared, "The environment with Rohtak Rowdies is very good. If anything is lacking, Abhishek Malik, Owner of Rohtak Rowdies, steps in to help that same day itself. The franchise Rohtak Rowdies provides good support so that there is no lack in energy or confidence during match days. There were days when we didn't have each other during participation for state or national arm wrestling events, but through Rohtak Rowdies, we got a platform to do it together and stronger."