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## RG Kar rape victim's father alleges police assault on wife during Nabanna Abhiyan rally

**MI News Service, North 24 Pgs:** The father of the RG Kar Medical College rape and murder victim has alleged that his wife was assaulted by women police personnel during the Nabanna Abhiyan rally on August 9. The rally was called to mark the first anniversary of the incident of rape and murder at RG Kar Medical College.

Calling the events of the rally "a sad incident," he drew a direct connection between the assault and the tragedy they had faced last year. "The incident happened on August 9. The Trinamool government made us understand that you people could not do anything to us, whatever we did on the 9th, we did that, and yesterday also the same. Three-four women police personnel took my wife to the side, and hit her on the head and back with sticks."

The victim's father further said they would take legal recourse. "Tomorrow, we will mention this matter in the High Court."

He also alleged that his wife was not admitted immediately despite her injuries. "She was not even admitted yesterday, and was kept in emergency and given some treatment and observation, and asked to come later for examination in neuro outdoor."

Making his stance clear, he added, "I do not want to make any complaint against them, whatever has to be done will be done in court."

Union Minister Sukanta Majumdar on Sunday met the mother of the RG Kar rape-murder victim and reported



ed that her condition has improved, with discharge expected within a few hours after she was injured during the 'Nabanna Chalo Abhiyan'.

During their conversation, the victim's mother alleged that she was injured by police while protesting against the police administration and the West Bengal government.

Speaking to reporters, Sukanta Majumdar said, "Now the situation is improved, and within a few hours she will be discharged. While talking to her, she said that the police injured her while she was protesting against the police administration and the West

Bengal government. A big lump was present on her forehead yesterday. That has been minimised. According to doctors, she is out of danger. However, there was a feeling while talking to the doctors that they are under some kind of political pressure. Abhaya's parents said that they are not even allowed to speak to their neighbours. This is not good for any democracy."

The Kolkata Police had launched lathi charge on the protestors during the rally.

The father of the RG Kar rape and murder victim said, "The High Court has permitted us to stage protests peacefully. Police used a lathi charge on us, that's why we got injured. On 9 August 2024, the police mistreated us. We were allowed to see the body only after having a telephonic conversation with Mamata Banerjee. We had to stand out for three hours and 30 minutes."

The RG Kar Medical College rape and murder incident occurred on August 9, 2024, when a 31-year-old female postgraduate trainee doctor was found dead in a seminar room on campus. The case led to widespread protests and outrage across the country, with many demanding justice for the victim. The investigation was transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) after the Calcutta High Court expressed dissatisfaction with the police's handling of the case. The CBI has since arrested several individuals.

## Mahua Moitra approaches Delhi HC over report confidentiality in cash-for-query case

**MI News Service, New Delhi/ Kolkata:** Trinamool Congress leader Mahua Moitra on Monday approached the Delhi High Court, expressing concern over alleged media reports about the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) submitting its findings to the Lokpal of India in the ongoing cash-for-query case.

Justice Sachin Datta, who heard the matter, indicated that the petition would be disposed of with directions for all parties to "strictly maintain" confidentiality. "There is no doubt that confidentiality has to be maintained. Everyone is bound to maintain it," Justice Datta remarked during the brief hearing.

Advocate Samudra Sarangi, representing Moitra, clarified that the plea did not seek the removal of any



media content but stressed that the provisions of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013, and relevant circulars should be adhered to. He submitted that details of the CBI's report being filed had appeared in the public domain soon after it was submitted to the Lokpal.

The CBI is understood to have recently handed over its report to the anti-corruption ombudsman in connec-

tion with the case involving Moitra and businessman Darshan Hiranandani. While the contents of the report remain undisclosed, the Lokpal will examine the findings and decide on the next steps.

The matter stems from allegations made last year by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, claiming that Moitra had raised certain questions in Parliament in return

for gifts and favours from Hiranandani, allegedly to target industrialist Gautam Adani and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Lokpal, after a preliminary inquiry, had directed the CBI to conduct a more detailed investigation, noting that there was prima facie evidence warranting further scrutiny.

In its earlier order, the Lokpal had underlined that public representatives are expected to uphold the highest standards of integrity, given the trust placed in them by the public. It observed that corruption undermines legislative, administrative, social, and economic institutions, making vigilance and accountability crucial.

A detailed order from the High Court on Moitra's petition will be made available later.

### Amar Para Amader Samadhan camp at Sadar Street



**MI News Service, Hooghly:** The 'Amar Para Amader Sanadhan (Government at the Doorstep)' camp was inaugurated at 1/A, Sadar Street, Ward No. 63, Kolkata in the presence of Councillor and Borough Seven Chairperson Sushmita Bhattacharya Chatterjee. The camp was attended by officials from the Water Department, Health Department and other departments of Borough Seven (KMC), and all the officials who help in filling the forms for ration cards, Lakshmi Bhandar, loans of at least Rs 1 lakh to 10 lakh for better education of students and opening new zero balance bank accounts through the annual Duare Sarkar camp. Also, Ward No. 63 Trinamool Congress President Bablu Paine and Ward No. 63 Trinamool Youth President Vishal Khattak were present along with their workers to provide services.

### TAFE honours grassroots agri-innovators in Massey DYNASTAR Contest Season 2

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE) won the second edition of the Massey DYNASTAR Contest, recognizing innovative agricultural innovations. The contest, which drew over 16,000 entries from 26 states and 5 Union Territories, awarded a Massey Ferguson 254 DYNASTAR 2WD tractor worth ₹8.2 lakh to Avinash Desai for his mobile slurry dewatering machine concept. The jury's choice award went to Dr. Jaya Kumar Karuppusamy.

ram Sangha, known as the Mannathpur Pranab Mandir. Located on the banks of the Kalnagiri River, just seven kilometers from Kakdwip, the temple is gradually gaining a reputation among devotees as the "local Tarakeswar."

On this special day, a grand Rudrabhishek and Shiva Yajna were organized with the aim of fulfilling the wishes of the devotees. From the morning, the temple premises resonated with sacred chants and the sound of temple bells. On one side,

devotees offered water to Lord Shiva; on the other, the religious ceremonies created a serene spiritual atmosphere — together transforming Mannathpur into a scene of deep devotion and celebration.

Devotees from nearby villages as well as far-off places took part in the event. The organizers stated that such religious gatherings not only provide spiritual satisfaction to devotees but also play an important role in fostering social unity and collective well-being.

## Mannathpur Temple Draws Huge Crowds for Shravan Rituals



**MI News Service, Kakdwip:** On the occasion of the last Monday of the holy month of Shravan, the Baba Sangheshwarji temple at Mannathpur in Kakdwip saw a huge turnout of devotees from early Monday morning, all waiting in long queues to pour water over the sacred Shivaling.

Established from the divine inspiration of Shiva incarnation Acharya Srimat Pranabananda Ji Maharaj, this temple was built through the initiative of the rural service centre of Bharat Sevash-

## Pilgrim collapses before Tarakeswar Darshan



**MI News Service, Hooghly:** A tragic incident marred the last Monday of the holy month of Shravan in Tarakeswar, where lakhs of devotees had gathered to offer water at the temple. The deceased has been identified as \*\*Amit Pakde (35)\*\*\*, a resident of Bali in Howrah district. On Monday morning, Amit, along with nine friends and relatives, travelled to Sheoraphuli Nimai Tirtha Ghat to collect water for offering at the Tarakeswar temple. The group began their journey on motorcycles towards the shrine.

However, upon reaching Bajitpur intersection, just before entering Tarakeswar, Amit suddenly began feeling unwell. Initially dismissing it as heat exhaustion, he refrained from informing his companions. Soon after, his condition deteriorated, and he started losing consciousness. Amit was rushed to Tarakeswar Rural Hospital, where doctors began treatment, but he was declared dead shortly after. The body has been sent for post-mortem examination. A close friend recounted, "Everything seemed fine; we were enjoying the journey. He mentioned feeling slightly unwell but assured us he would be okay. We never imagined it would end like this." Another companion added, "We were asked by police to dismount our bikes. Almost immediately after getting off, he collapsed as if struck by a seizure. Even after rushing him to the hospital, nothing could be done." Authorities are awaiting autopsy results to determine the exact cause of death.

## Bengalis laid off at Haldia dock; Bangla Pokkho submits deputation as Oriyas get jobs instead

**Nurul Islam Khan**

At a time when Bengalis are returning home after being beaten in various states, Bengalis are being laid off in the Haldia industrial area and Haldia dock in Bengal and given jobs to workers from other states. This cannot continue.

Bengalis should not be laid off and rushed into various companies in Haldia Dock. Bengalis are not being given jobs in the companies operating in Haldia Dock, such as Bothra, JM Baxi, Ripley and AM Enterprise, but instead they are being laid off, and outsiders are being brought in. Monday, on the occasion of Khudiram Bose martyrdom day, a procession was taken out in the Haldia Dock area and a memorandum was submitted to various companies by the Purba Medinipur district organization of Bangla Pokkho. It was clearly stated that Bengalis should not be hired, but they should be provided with job permanently. The procession was led by General Secretary Garg Chatterjee. East Medinipur District Secretary Sutnu Pandit took the initiative of this procession as well. Organizing Secretary Kaushik Maiti and East Medinipur District leadership were present.



Garg Chatterjee said, "At this time, Bengalis are returning home after being beaten in different states. Meanwhile, people from outside the state are being brought in, depriving Bengalis of the Haldia industrial area and Haldia dock in Bengal." This cannot continue. Bengalis will be beaten in Orissa, and Oriyas will come and work here? They said, "We want jobs and work for Bengalis." District Secretary Sutnu Pandit submitted a memorandum with a delegation. He warned that if at least 90% of the sons of the land are not employed, our movement will intensify. Let there be industry, let Bengalis get jobs.

## Bandaged limb on highway sparks panic

**MI News Service, South 24 Pgs:** Residents of Sarachi in South 24 Parganas were left shocked on Sunday night after stumbling upon a severed, bandaged human leg lying along the state highway between Deula intersection and Usti. The grim discovery quickly attracted a large crowd, and photographs of the limb spread rapidly across social media, fuelling speculation about its origin. Alerted to the situation, officers from Usti Police Station rushed to the location,

recovered the amputated leg, and sent it to the Diamond Harbour Hospital morgue for examination.

Preliminary police investigations revealed that the limb may have fallen from a biomedical waste disposal vehicle. The vehicle, operated by a company contracted to handle waste for Diamond Harbour Medical College and Hospital, was reportedly en route to a disposal site in Dhamua at the time of the incident. It is suspected that the leg was part of hospital waste being trans-

ported for disposal. Authorities have registered a case and are probing whether the occurrence was the result of negligence, improper waste handling, or other factors. Officials are also working to determine the exact circumstances under which the limb ended up on the roadside. Diamond Harbour's Superintendent of Police stated that while early findings point to the limb falling from the moving vehicle, the investigation will continue until the full chain of events is confirmed.

## Murder case cracked in 7 months, accused gets life term

**MI News Service, Howrah:** In a swift conclusion to a murder trial, the Uluberia Subdivisional Court has sentenced Akash Jana to life imprisonment for the killing of 22-year-old Bapan Manna in April this year. The verdict came just seven months after the chargesheet was filed.

The incident took place on April 12, 2024 in the Kalabagan area of Chennai reportedly following

a quarrel between two groups over the noise of motorcycle. During the altercation, Jana attacked Manna with a sharp weapon, killing him on the spot. Public Prosecutor Debarajan Battacharayya confirmed that Akash Jana was convicted under section 302 of the Indian Penal code. The court also directed the convicted to pay Rs 50,000 in compensation to the victim's fami-

ly, with a six-month prison term in default of payment. The case was notable for its speed: the chargesheet was filed in December 2024, and the court examined 27-28 witnesses before delivering the verdict in under eight months. A second accused in the case was acquitted due to insufficient evidence. Debarajan Bhattacharayya remarked, "The trial process was very fast, and justice has been served."

## Police recovered 158 mobile phones

**Nurul Islam Khan**

Monday under the 'Operation Prayas' Shri Subham Jadav Pandurang IPS, SDPO Uluberia and Shri Abhijit Das Inspector in charge Bagnan PS, handed over 19 recovered mobile phones to their owners at Bagnan PS compound. Moreover, today in the 4th Phase of the 'Prayas Operation' under the direct kind initiative of Shri Subimal Paul IPS, Superintendent of Police Howrah Rural District, total 158 recovered mobile phones have been handed over to their owners at various Police Stations compound of this Howrah Rural District.



Earlier 167, then 180 and then 226 recovered mobile phones have been handed over to their owners in

the 1st, 2nd and 3rd phase of Operation Prayas' on 21/1/25, 03/4/25, 21/6/25 respectively.

## Triple death points to grisly murder plot

**MI News Service, Purulia:** In a chilling discovery late last night, the bodies of two minor girls and a woman were found lying on a railway track between Tarang and Suisa stations in Purulia district. The victims, believed to be around 9-10 years old, 13-14 years old, and 35-36 years old, bore no signs of being run over by a train, raising suspicions of a brutal triple murder.

Preliminary investigations suggest the victims may have been attacked with sharp weapons, strangled,

and then placed on the tracks to stage the appearance of a rail accident. According to sources, there were no telltale crush injuries typically caused by train collisions. The grim scene came to light when a loco pilot spotted the bodies near Suisa station on the Muri-Chandil branch of the South Eastern Railway and alerted the Government Railway Police (GRP). Officers recovered the bodies and sent them to Purulia Government Medical College and Hospital for post-mortem exam-

ination. The location of the crime scene—just 2-3 kilometers from the Jharkhand border—has added a layer of complexity to the investigation. GRP officials are now racing to establish the victims' identities and piece together the events leading to the suspected killings. The case has sent shockwaves through the region, with locals and authorities alike questioning how such a horrifying act could unfold in an area considered relatively quiet. The investigation is ongoing.

# Bengal

## Mayor Gutam Deb sets example with Bengali nameplate



**MI News Service, Siliguri:** Siliguri is set to see a stronger presence of Bengali language in public spaces. Mayor Gautam Deb has directed that all shop signboards in Siliguri and Naxalbari be written in Bengali by the upcoming Mahalaya. To lead by example, he has added a new nameplate at his Collegepara residence with his name clearly inscribed in Bengali alongside English.

The initiative comes as part of a broader effort to preserve and promote Bengali language and cultural identity, in line with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's ongoing language movement. Deputy Mayor Ranjan Sarkar noted that the Siliguri Municipal Corporation has always maintained signboards in both Bengali and English within its premises, and the move will extend this tradition citywide. Ranjan Sarkar added, "Shops should proudly display names in Bengali. We have instructed that this be implemented by Mahalaya. Nameplates at the Mayor's residence now reflect the same spirit. Under Mamata Banerjee's leadership, the identity and heritage of Bengalis remain well-protected in West Bengal."

## Fresh Gunfire targets TMC worker linked to June murder

**MI News Service, Basirhat:** Tension has gripped Basirhat once again following a fresh shooting incident believed to be connected to the June 17 killing of Trinamool Congress worker Anwar Hossain Gazi.

On Sunday night, shots were reportedly fired at Trinamool worker Mohiud Sheikh in the Ghona area of Gotra Panchayat under Basirhat police station. According to the family, the bullet missed Sheikh and struck the door of a neighbouring house, piercing it. He escaped unharmed. Police have intensified patrolling in the area amid heightened tension. The incident comes less than two months after Anwar Hossain Gazi was shot and hacked to death in the same locality. Several arrests were made at the time in connection with his murder. In this latest episode, Sheikh has accused Zakir Gazi — brother of the deceased — of firing at him in retaliation. "They are angry with me. That is why they conspired and opened fire," Sheikh alleged in his written complaint to Basirhat police station. However, Zakir Gazi's family has denied the allegations. His uncle stated, "They are making these claims to frame Zakir. There was shooting in the area around 2 a.m., but we were indoors by 3 a.m." Police have registered a case and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident.

## Ichhapur makes Rs 300 Cr alloy steel roll at home

**MI News Service, Ichhapur:** In a significant step toward self-reliance, the Ichhapur Metal and Steel Factory has successfully begun manufacturing alloy steel work rolls domestically, eliminating India's dependence on Chinese imports worth ₹300 crore annually.

The alloy steel work roll, a critical component in producing large steel sheets used in shipbuilding, rocket launchers, and defense applications, was previously imported from China for use by both government and private steel plants, including those supplying the Indian armed forces. General Manager of Ichhapur Metal and Steel Factory, P.K. Patanayak, said the achievement comes in response to the Government of India's "Atmanirbhar Bharat" (self-reliant India) initiative. "This was a major challenge, and now not only will India save substantial foreign exchange, but we also see potential to export these products globally," he stated. The move is expected to benefit multiple sectors, reduce strategic dependence on foreign suppliers, and create new employment opportunities in the domestic steel industry. Officials believe the development will bolster India's industrial and defense capabilities, while enhancing its position in the global market for specialized steel components.



**Joy Bangla: Bangladeshi Police...**  
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word-of-mouth in the community. Among the sea of NYPD officers who lined the street to honour Islam, 36, were some who opted for traditional South Asian attire, their police badges worn around their necks. Many joined the throngs of mourners who knelt in the street in prayer. "He actually uplifted our community in a way that was not imaginable before," said Shamsul

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projects rose significantly from Rs 1.4 lakh crore to Rs 3.9 lakh crore. The government has taken several measures to enhance investor confidence and crowd-in or encourage private sector participation, with a focus on capital expenditure, infrastructure development, financial sector reforms and ease of doing business, he said. Key initiatives include Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, she said, credit guarantee programmes, FDI liberalisation across sectors such as defence, retail and insurance, and regular review of the FDI policy. Significant investments in infrastructure — supported by instruments like Infrastructure Invest-

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protect our country from any kind of disaster," he wrote on X, wishing all affected citizens a speedy recovery. Turkey, which lies on major fault lines, is highly prone to earthquakes. In

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the grounds thereof, (ii) affording a reasonable opportunity of being heard and furnishing relevant documents, and (iii) passing of a reasoned and speaking order by the competent authority," it said. It said these safeguards are further reinforced by a robust two-tier appeal mechanism prescribed under the relevant rules, thereby ensuring that every elector has adequate recourse against any adverse action. The EC said to ensure that no wrongful deletion from the draft rolls was carried out, strict directions were issued to prevent deletion without notice and a speaking order by the competent authority, with provision for appeals under section 24 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950. The poll panel said it is taking every possible step to ensure that no eligible elector is excluded from the electoral roll. In its separate reply, the poll panel said, "It is submitted that the statutory framework does not require the respondent (EC) to prepare or share any separate list of names of people not included in the draft electoral rolls, or publish the reasons for non-inclusion of anyone in the draft electoral rolls for any reason". "As neither the law nor guidelines provide for preparation or sharing of any such list of previous electors whose enumeration form is not received for any reason during the enumeration phase, no such list can be sought by the petition as a matter of right," it said. The poll panel said exclusion of a name from draft electoral roll does not amount to deletion of an individual from electoral rolls. It said draft roll simply showed that duly filled enumeration form of existing electors has been received during enumeration phase. "But, on account of human involvement in execution of this exercise of scale, there is always a possibility that an exclusion or in-

Haque, one of the co-founders of the NYPD's Bangladeshi officers' group. "His legacy will endure not only as a hero who gave his life protecting others, but also as a symbol of hope, integrity and the American dream." When Haque joined the NYPD in 2004, he was one of just a few Bangladeshi immigrants. Many of those who joined around then wanted to dispel the notion that all Muslims were terrorist sympathisers, he said.

ment Trusts (InvITs), Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Debt Funds (IDFs), and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) models under the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme — are aimed at crowding in private capital. Institutions such as National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) provide long-term infrastructure financing. Further, Budget 2025–26 announced steps like the Partial Credit Enhancement (PCE) facility, Urban Challenge Fund, and expansion of the Harmonised Master List of infrastructure to sustain momentum and investor interest.

2023, a catastrophic 7.8 magnitude quake killed more than 53,000 people in Turkey and destroyed or damaged hundreds of thousands of buildings in 11 southern and south-eastern provinces. Another 6,000 people were killed in neighbouring Syria.

clusion might surface due to inadvertence or error," it said. The EC said prior to publication of draft electoral roll, it had directed the CEO and others to share with political parties the booth-level list of individuals whose enumeration forms were not received due to any reason and seek their assistance for reaching out to them. It alleged that the petitioner's approach was consistent with its earlier attempts to malign EC by building false narratives on digital, print and social media. "Such attempts should be appropriately dealt with by this court, and heavy costs should be imposed for petitioner's attempts to deliberately mislead this court," it said. The poll panel said admittedly, after the publication of draft rolls, political parties were supplied with an updated list of names of electors not included in draft roll so as to ensure that all attempts are made to reach out to them. "The political parties have acknowledged receipt of the said list," it said. The EC said, "In yet another attempt to mislead this court, the petitioners emphatically assert that a person whose name has been excluded from the draft roll has no recourse to a remedy as he/she cannot file a claim or objection". Referring to detailed guidelines of SIR order of June 24, the poll panel said it expressly provides for inclusion of individuals whose enumeration forms have not been submitted within the specified time. On August 6, the apex court had asked the EC to furnish by August 9 the details of around 65 lakh electors left out from the draft electoral rolls. NGO 'Association For Democratic Reforms', which has challenged the EC's June 24 order directing for SIR of electoral rolls in Bihar, has filed a fresh application seeking direction to publish names of around 65 lakh deleted voters with the mention whether they are dead, permanently migrated or not considered for any other reason.

# Abhishek issues stern directive on factionalism; tightens oversight on committee formation

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** A firm message against intra-party factional activities was delivered by Trinamool Congress's second-in-command, Abhishek Banerjee, as he intensified scrutiny over the formation of organisational committees. Raising pointed questions — On what grounds are committees being constituted? Who is responsible for their formation? — Abhishek made it clear that such processes will now come directly under the purview of the top leadership. On Monday, at the party's Camac Street headquarters, Abhishek held a high-level meeting with organisational leaders from

Uttar Dinajpur, Behrampore, and Murshidabad districts. This was part of a series of district-level organisational reviews that he initiated earlier this month — an ongoing exercise aimed at strengthening internal discipline and performance. According to party sources, the meeting was attended by a total of ten MLAs from the three districts, along with district presidents and other senior functionaries. Among those present was HumayunKabir, the MLA from Debra. During discussions with the Uttar Dinajpur leadership, Abhishek delivered an unambigu-

ous instruction: committee formation will be executed solely under the directives of the senior leadership, and no leader facing criminal charges or embroiled in controversies will be inducted into any district-level body. Instead, positions will be reserved for leaders who have demonstrated loyalty, commitment, and responsibility toward the party. He further directed party leaders to organise at least two meetings in every booth under the Amader Para, Amader Samadhan programme. Abhishek also emphasised the need to intensify campaigns involving

migrant workers, step up opposition to the NRC, and raise the pitch on issues of central deprivation. Additionally, he instructed leaders to visit booths won by the BJP in the district and campaign on the allegation that housing scheme funds are not being disbursed. Insiders report that Abhishek expressed visible dissatisfaction over the Raiganj outcome and hinted at significant organisational reshuffles in the constituency. The leadership is now actively considering replacing the Raiganj block president, the town president, and key figures in the youth and student wings.

**If India destroys Pak, we will wipe..**  
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May. Munir insisted the US should treat both India and Pakistan as strategic partners. In June, Munir became the first-ever Pakistan Army chief to have lunch with US President Donald Trump at the White House. Pakistan's Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif, was notably absent from the lunch. Munir's hard line is not new, but these are his most hawkish remarks yet. In April, during a fiery speech in Islamabad just before the outbreak of hostilities between India and Pakistan, he declared that Kashmir was Pakistan's "jugular vein" and insisted that "Hindu" India and Muslim Pakistan were fundamentally different nations. "Our religion is different, our customs are different, our traditions are different, our thoughts are different, our ambitions are different. That's where the foundation of the two-nation theory was laid," he said. "Our forefathers gave immense sacrifices for the creation of Pakistan. We know how to defend it." Days later, at an army passing-out parade in Abbottabad, he returned to the theme, saying the two-nation theory was based on the "fundamental belief that Muslims and Hindus are two separate nations... distinct in all aspects of life — religion, customs, traditions, thinking, and aspirations." As per sources, about 120 people, mostly Pakistani-Americans, attended the Tampa dinner, where Western, rather than subcontinental, fare was served. The dishes were all marked as being "halal."according to sources. There is still speculation over whether the Trump administration had any inkling that Munir would launch such a blistering verbal assault on India during his US visit.

## KMC steps up measures to protect Adi Ganga and curb waste disposal

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** In a decisive move to protect the historic Adi Ganga and curb the indiscriminate dumping of waste, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has initiated large-scale fencing along the riverbanks. Several stretches are now being secured with robust iron mesh barriers, aimed at preventing irresponsible citizens from throwing garbage-filled packets and other refuse directly into the river — a measure the civic body hopes will significantly improve cleanliness in the waterway.

Around 35 small bridges spanning the TollyNullah have already been fitted with iron netting on both sides, restricting direct dumping into Adi Ganga. Officials note that while this step has brought noticeable control in certain stretches, the work is far from complete along the river's full length. KMC has sought additional funds from the state government to extend fencing across remaining sections. In some areas, the project has been delayed due to encroachments and unauthorised structures along the banks.

According to the civic body's Planning and Development Department, the target is to install fencing along approximately 31 kilometres of Adi Ganga's banks. Thus far, only about five kilometres have been completed, with progress dependent on the phased release of allocated funds. The first iron mesh installation was undertaken a few years ago at the Kalighat bridge over the TollyNullah, followed by similar work along the Kalighat stretch of the Adi Ganga. Gradually, this initiative expanded to key points in Alipore, Chetla, and Garia. In parallel, a massive desilting and dredging operation is underway along the TollyNullah — from Doyghat through Garia to Sonarpur — covering roughly 15.5 kilometres. Desilting up to Garia has been completed, with work now progressing toward Sonarpur. However, civic officials lament that despite the high costs of cleaning and dredging, sections of the canal are again being polluted due to the actions of some residents. Offerings such as flowers and bel leaves, as well as everyday household waste, continue to be dumped into the water. To combat this recurring problem, the KMC is installing not only iron mesh but also raised walls along the banks to reinforce protection. The civic body believes this dual measure will substantially reduce waste disposal into the Adi Ganga. Nonetheless, officials acknowledge that securing the necessary state funding remains the biggest challenge to completing the project in its entirety.



People move through a waterlogged road during high tide in the Ganga River, at Kalighat area in Kolkata on Monday.

# Students' Health Home to mark poet Sukanto Bhattacharya's birth centenary

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Students' Health Home has unveiled an extensive calendar of events to commemorate the birth centenary of poet Sukanto Bhattacharya. Announced at a press conference on Monday, 11 August 2025, General Secretary Dr.PabitraGoswami outlined initiatives including free surgeries for 100 student members across West Bengal, 100 voluntary blood donation camps, cultural and sports competitions in all 35 regional centres, and the gifting of SukantoRachanabali to 100 participants per centre. Plans also include seminars, primary health



Students' Health Home General Secretary Dr. Pabitra Goswami, in the presence of other dignitaries, announced several programmes to mark poet Sukanto Bhattacharya's birth centenary throughout the year, during a press conference at the Press Club in Kolkata on Monday.

check-up training, thematic walks, and the establishment of a dedicated chest clinic in the poet's memory. The Inaugural programme on 16 August 2025 at the Central Home will be opened by Dr.Apurbo-

Mukhopadhyaya. The newly renovated seminar hall will be named Chharpatra, followed by seminars and cultural events. A blood donation camp is scheduled for 2 September, alongside a free dental camp for delivery workers. On the same day, journalist Debashis Chakraborty will deliver the memorial lecture. A commemorative walk themed E Bishwake E ShishurAbasjogyo Kore Jabo Ami will take place on 17 February 2026. The chest clinic will be inaugurated on 13 May, with a concluding event on 16 August 2026.

# State begins reinstating teachers to former Govt posts

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** Many had resigned from secure government jobs to pursue a career in teaching, clearing the School Service Commission (SSC) examinations and serving in schools for several years. Now, following the Supreme Court's annulment of the entire 2016 SSC panel, they are being reinstated in their former posts. Acting on the apex court's directive, the West Bengal administration has begun the process of returning jobless teachers — who previously served in government departments — to their original roles. So far, Nabanna has given the green signal for the reinstatement of 20

such individuals to various state government departments. On 3 April, nearly 26,000 teachers and non-teaching staff lost their jobs after the Supreme Court invalidated their appointments. In its ruling, the court observed that among those terminated, there were candidates who did not fall under the category of "ineligible" but had left previous government posts to join as teachers. The court directed that such individuals may apply for reinstatement in their original departments, and the concerned authorities must complete the process within three months of receiving the applications. Importantly, their return to

service would not be treated as a break in service, and if necessary, supernumerary posts could be created to facilitate their reappointment. Following this, the state has initiated the reinstatement process for teachers who had earlier served in departments such as Home, Power, and Disaster Management. Of the 20 cleared cases so far, five individuals had left positions in the Home Department to take up teaching posts. Administrative sources reveal that around 4,500 applications for reinstatement have already been received. Each will be carefully reviewed before

appointment letters are issued. Meanwhile, in compliance with the Supreme Court's directions, the SSC has also moved to initiate fresh recruitment for teaching posts. The next round of examinations has been scheduled — on 7 September for classes IX and X, and on 14 September for classes XI and XII. By restoring eligible teachers to their earlier roles and restarting the recruitment process, the state aims to address both the livelihood concerns of affected educators and the staffing needs of schools, while adhering strictly to the court's legal framework.

# Bengal to showcase Bengali lang universality and pride in I-Day celebrations

**MI News Service, Kolkata:** This year's Independence Day celebrations on Kolkata's iconic Red Road will resonate with the pride, heritage, and universality of the Bengali language. The state government has planned the August 15 programme with a thematic focus on mother tongue, uniting the hills to the sea under the banner of linguistic and cultural harmony. The initiative comes in the wake of several recent incidents of violence and discrimination against Bengali-speaking migrant workers in other states — an issue that has drawn strong protests from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who has led rallies across Bengal against "language terrorism." Sources indicate that the Red Road programme will project this cultural pride to the world, with tableaux, music, and dance performances reflecting Bengal's rich artistic traditions. Preparations are already

underway. The parade will feature participants from North Bengal, the Junglemahal region, and South Bengal, including tea garden workers from the hills, farmers, industrial and unorganised sector labourers, and self-help group members. Migrant workers who have returned from other states may also join the celebrations. As is customary, the Chief Minister will hoist the National Flag. The parade will begin with the Parade Commander's jeep, followed by multiple Army and Police contingents. Students from various schools will add vibrancy through performances highlighting the language message. Tableaux will also showcase flagship welfare schemes such as LakshmirBhandar, SabujSathi, and the Student Credit Card programme.



**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) PRAFULLYA KUMAR GHOSH S/o- LATE JATINDRA NATH GHOSH Residing at, Vill - Binpara, Post- Binpara, Ps- Malda, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732142, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from PRAFULLYA KUMAR GHOSH To PRAFULLA KUMAR GHOSH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) PRAFULLA KUMAR GHOSH in all purpose. I have an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 05 Aug 2025, PRAFULLA KUMAR GHOSH and PRAFULLYA KUMAR GHOSH both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Murtaza Ali S/o Md Shoukat Mia Residing at Mughal Patti Road Jamuria Hat, Ps - Jamuria, District - Paschim Barddhaman, Pin - 713336, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Md Murtaza Ali. I declare that Md Murtaza Ali and Md Murtuza Ali is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 11-08-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Tapashii Roy D/o Late Gobinda Ballav Roy Residing at AB-29, Flat-E3, Atal Abash, D. B Nagar, P.O+Ps - Baguiati Rajarhat Gopalpur (M), District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700059, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Tapashii Bhattacharyya. I declare that Tapashii Roy and Tapashii Bhattacharyya is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 11-08-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, PRABIR KUMAR NASKAR, S/O: DULAL NASKAR (as per Passport No- R7662253), residing at Vill-Tapna, P.O- Balakhal, P.S- Bishnupur, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743503, W.B. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PRABIR NASKAR (as per Voter Id- WB/18/11030541, Aadhaar No- 6005 9803 5526, Pan no- BPCPN75797Q) PRABIR KUMAR NASKAR (OLD NAME) and PRABIR NASKAR (NEW NAME) Both is same one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 11-08-25.

**Name Change**  
I, Aheed Mondal S/o Late Tacher Mondal Residing at Vill - Meherpur, Po- Medihat, Ps - Gopalnagar, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743262, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Aheed Ali Mondal. I declare that Aheed Mondal and Aheed Ali Mondal is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 11-08-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Sk Tabibur Rahman (Old Name) S/o Late Sk. Azizar Rahman Residing at Vill - Ishwariyachha, Po - Baduria, Ps - Baduria District- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743401 West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Tabibur Rahman (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Basirhat, vide affidavit no 51 Dated 05-10-2021. I declare that Sk Tabibur Rahman (Old Name) and Sk Tabibur Rahman (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Suparna Das (Old Name) W/o Ajahar Uddin Surendranath Bhu- nia Residing at Molla Para, Raigachi, Rajarhat, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 721434 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Suparna Begum (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 16 Dated 11-08-2025. Suparna Das (Old Name) and Suparna Begum (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Gunadhar Pal, S/o. Late Radheshyam Pal & Jayanti Pal, residing at Vill & P.O.- Salboni, P.S.- Dist.-Bankura, Pin-722102 declare before Notary Public Hooghly at Chinsurah vide affidavit on 07.08.25 that in my Service Book my Mother's DOB has been wrongly recorded as 23/04/1961 in place of her correct DOB 01/01/1953, as mentioned in Aadhaar Card. which needs to be corrected.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Niloy Pramanik, S/o, Nripendra Nath Pramanik & Gita Pramanik, residing at Radhanagar Road, Nazira Para Water Tank, P.O.&P.S.- Krishnanagar, Dist.-Nadia, Pin- 741101 declare before Notary Public Hooghly at Chinsurah vide affidavit on 06.08.25 that in my Service Book my father's DOB (Nripendra Nath Pramanik) DOB has been wrongly recorded as 20.03.1952 in place of his actual DOB 11/01/1949 as mentioned in his Aadhaar Card which need to be corrected.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Niloy Pramanik, S/o, Nripendra Nath Pramanik & Gita Pramanik, residing at Radhanagar Road, Nazira Para Water Tank, P.O.&P.S.- Krishnanagar, Dist.-Nadia, Pin- 741101 declare Notary Public Hooghly at Chinsurah vide affidavit no. 254 dtd. 06.08.2025 that in my Service Book my mother's (Gita Pramanik) DOB has been wrongly recorded as 20.03.1952 in place of my mother's (Gita Pramanik) actual DOB 05.02.1964 which needs to be corrected.

**NAME CHANGE**  
I, Sk Sahajahan Ali, son of Late Sk Sanowar Ali, residing at Rupnagar, P.O. & PS - Sonarpur, Dist- 24 pgs(South), Kolkata- 700150 have corrected my Sumame And my father's surname from "SHEIKE" to "SK" and my father's name "SANOWAR" to "SANOJAR" vide an Affidavit sworn before the Ld. Judicial magistrate 1st class at Baruiapur on 31/07/2025. Henceforth, I shall be known as Sk Sahajahan Ali, son of Late Sk Sanowar Ali instead of Sheikh Sahajahan Ali. I, son of Late Sheikh Sanowar Ali is further stated that Sk Sahajahan Ali, son of Late Sk Sanowar Ali and Sheikh Sahajahan Ali son of, of Late Sheikh sanowar Ali is the same and identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Matiar Rahaman (old name) son of Sk Ambat Ali, residing at Vill- Bagpukur, P.O.- Zafarpur, P.S.- Matia, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743428, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Matiar Rahaman (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. Sk Matiar Rahaman (new name) and Matiar Rahaman (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Aynul Haque (old name) S/O Md Suleman, residing at Kotalpukur, Mutukpur, Pandua, Hooghly, Pin- 712149, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Ainul Haque (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Md Ainul Haque (new name) and Aynul Haque (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sk Azad Ahamad (old name) S/O Sk Nazir Ahmed, residing at Islampur, Jagatbhallavpur, Howrah- 711401, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Azad Ahmed (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Sk Azad Ahmed (new name) and Sk Azad Ahamad (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) BANI ISRILE S/o- REIAK SK Residing at, Vill - Purandarapur, Post- Purandarapur, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742171, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from BANI ISRILE To BANI ISRIL SK (New Name) and hence forth I shall be Known as (New name) BANI ISRIL SK in all purpose. I have an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 05 Aug 2025, BANI ISRIL SK and BANI ISRILE both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) MAKBUL HOSSAIN S/o- ABDUR RAHAMAN Residing at, Vill & Post- Budhia(Jote Basanta), Ps- Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732128, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MAKBUL HOSSAIN To MOKBUL HOSSAIN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MOKBUL HOSSAIN in all purpose. I have an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 05 Aug 2025, MOKBUL HOSSAIN and MAKBUL HOSSAIN both are Same and one identical person..

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) MONOWARA BIBI & MANOARA BIBI W/o- ISMAIL SK Residing at, Vill - Paraiapur, Post- Kanaighat, Ps- Suti, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 731222, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MONOWARA BIBI & MANOARA BIBI To MANOWARA BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MANOWARA BIBI in all purpose. I have an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 05 Aug 2025, MANOWARA BIBI and MONOWARA BIBI & MANOARA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, (Old Name) SALAUDDIN SEKH S/O- LATE MBBS SK Residing at, Vill - Balupur, Post- Sujapur, Ps- Kaliachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732206, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SALAUDDIN SEKH To SALAUDDIN SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SALAUDDIN SK in all purpose. I have an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 05 Aug 2025, SALAUDDIN SK and SALAUDDIN SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Balaram Gupta, Chairman of Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences & Hospital, North Kolkata (A Unit of Urmila Devi Jagannath Gupta Charitable Trust), CE Licence No: 33746996/1, Address: 100, Karna Madhabpur, P.O. - Karna Madhabpur, P.S.- Ghola, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700113, hereby declare that the name of my said institution has been changed to Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences & Hospital, North Kolkata (A Unit of Ayansh Welfare Trust).

**Name Change**  
I, Idrish Mohammad S/o Late Abdul Rahman Residing at Dharampur Danga Para, Burnpur, Ps - Hirapur, District - Paschim Barddhaman, Pin - 713325, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Idrish Mohammad. I declare that Idrish Mohammad and Idrish Mahammad is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 11-08-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Hasina Khatun W/o Shaik Isahque Residing at J-5/26, New Fakir Para, P.o - Santoshpur (Maheshtala), District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700142, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Hasina Begum. I declare that Hasina Khatun and Hasina Begum is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 11-08-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Shani Khatoun Mahammad W/o Idrish Mahammad Residing at Dharampur Danga Para, Burnpur, Ps - Hirapur, District - Paschim Barddhaman, Pin - 713325, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Sahani Khatoun Mahammad. I declare that Shani Khatoun Mahammad and Sahani Khatoun Mahammad is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 11-08-2025.

**Name Change**  
I, Satish Sharma (old name) son of Girdhari Lal Sharma, residing at Raghav Residency, Block- IV, Flat No-3A, 3rd Floor, 493, Grand Trunk Road, Near Jain Hospital, Haroa ( M Corp ), Shibpur, Howrah- 711102, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Satish Chandra Sharma (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. Satish Chandra Sharma (new name) and Satish Sharma (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Md Nasim Ansari (Old Name) S/O Late Md Muslim Ansari, Residing At 45/2, B.L., No.51, Kankinara, Bhatpara (M) Dist-24 Parganas (North), Pin-743126, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nasim Ansari (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 11/08/2025. Md Nasim Ansari (Old Name) And Nasim Ansari (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Halima Bibi (old name) wife of Mozammel Molla, residing at VILL, RAJAPUR, P.O. MURARISHA, PS. HASNABAD, DIST. (N) 24 PGS. PIN NO- 743456, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Halima Molla (new name), as declared before the 1ST Class Judicial Magistrate at Basirhat, vide an affidavit dated 05/08/2025. Halima Molla (new name) and Halima Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Saima Bibi (old name) wife of Momin Mondal, residing at VILL, NALKORA, P.O. KAR NALKORA, PS. BASIRHAT, DIST. (N) 24 PGS. PIN NO- 743412, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Saima Khatun (new name), as declared before the 1ST Class Judicial Magistrate at Basirhat, vide an affidavit dated 04/08/2025. Saima Khatun (new name) and Saima Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Adit Budhia (old name) son of Manoj Kumar Budhia, residing at 2, Deodar Street, Flat-1B, Ballygunge, Kolkata- 700019, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Aaditya Budhia (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. Aaditya Budhia (new name) and Adit Budhia (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Manoj Budhia (old name) son of Satyanarain Budhia, residing at 2, Deodar Street, Flat-1B, Ballygunge, Kolkata- 700019, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manoj Kumar Budhia (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. Manoj Kumar Budhia (new name) and Manoj Budhia (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Anisha Praveen @ Anisha Prveen (old name) wife of Md Abdul Kalam Azad and daughter of Md Nejamuddin, residing at 21/1, Basiruddin Munshi Lane, P.O. & P.S.- Howrah, Dist- Howrah, Pin- 711101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anisha Praveen (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/08/2025. Anisha Praveen (new name) and Anisha Praveen @ Anisha Prveen (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Nanda Bandopadhyay Santra (old name) wife of Ashok Santra, residing at 25/13, Mahendra Bhattacharya Road, P.O. - Santragachi, P.S.- Chatterjee Hat, Dist.- Howrah, Pin- 711104, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nanda Bandopadhyay Santra (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. Nanda Bandopadhyay Santra (new name) and Nanda Bandopadhyay Santra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sufia Zaman (old name) wife of Sahid Iman Mallick, residing at Planet Heights, Flat-6B, 229/1, Tiljala Road, 6th Floor, Gobinda Khatlick Road, Kolkata- 700046, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sufia Zaman Mallick (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. Sufia Zaman Mallick (new name) and Sufia Zaman (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ramesh Ch Halder (old name) son of Nagen Halder, residing at L-4/24 Gop Nagar Vivekananda Park, Paschim Barisha, Kolkata- 700063, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ramesh Halder (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. Ramesh Halder (new name) and Ramesh Ch Halder (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Amiruzzaman Munshi (old name) son of Munshi Abu Hossain, residing at Vill- Majampur, P.O.- Khalisdya, P.S.- Haroa, Dist- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743425, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Munshi Md Amiruzzaman (new name), as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Barasat, vide an affidavit No. 3121 dated 16/07/2025. Munshi Md Amiruzzaman (new name) and Amiruzzaman Munshi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

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

**Name Change**  
I, Debasish Kumar Chandra, Son Of Arun Kumar Chandra, Residing At 17/6, Raja Rajkissen Street, Po - Beadon Street, Kolkata - 700006, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Debasish Chandra (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/08/2025. Debasish Kumar Chandra And Debasish Chandra Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, ANSARI BEGUM (old name) wife of SHAUKAT ALI, residing at SAKURABAD LEDUAPUR, CHANDDAULI, UTTAR PRADESH - 232101, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ANSARI BEGAM (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. ANSARI BEGUM (new name) and ANSARI BEGUM (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, SHAUKAT AHMED (old name) son of LATE ATULLA, residing at SAKURABAD LEDUAPUR, CHANDDAULI UTTAR PRADESH - 232101, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SHAUKAT ALI (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. SHAUKAT ALI (new name) and SHAUKAT AHMED (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Hemant Jhunjhunwala, Residing At 93 Deshpandur Shasmal Road, Charu Market, Kolkata - 700033, West Bengal, Do Hereby Notified That My Father Paruchowam Agarwala (Old Name), Shall Henceforth Be Known As Purushottam Jhunjhunwala (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/08/2025. Purushottam Agarwala And Purushottam Jhunjhunwala Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, GAFFAR MANDAL (old name) son of AH KADER MONDAL, residing at VILL - JHINKA, PO - BHABIJA, PS - BASIRHAT, NORTH 24 PARGANAS - 743422, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as GAFFAR MANDAL (new name), as declared before the 1st Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat at North 24 Parganas, vide an affidavit No. 14593, dated 06/08/2025. GAFFAR MANDAL (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, MD REYAZUDDIN ANSARI (old name) son of ABDUL RAZZAQUE ANSARI, residing at Z-3237/10, RAJAPUR, ROAD, P.O. - BALADATIA, KOLKATA-700044, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MOHAMMAD REYAZUDDIN ANSARI (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. MOHAMMAD REYAZUDDIN ANSARI (new name) and MD REYAZUDDIN ANSARI (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Sk Fajlul (Old Name), Son Of Sk Abdul Khalek, Residing At Vill-Dakhin Raipur, Po Dakhin Raipur, Ps Nodakhali, South 24 Parganas- 743318, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Fajlul (New Name) Vide An Affidavit-46885, Sworn Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Alipore At Kolkata On 23/07/2025. Sk Fajlul (New Name) And Sk Fajlul (Old Name) Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, HASANI JABALPURWALA declare that my minor son MOIZ JABALPURWALA (old name), residing at FLAT-101, BLOCK-D, AMATUL SOCIETY, JAGATIPOTA, PO DHALUA, BARUIPUR- 700152, W.B, India, have changed my son name and he shall henceforth be known as MOIZ HASANI JABALPURWALA (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. MOIZ HASANI JABALPURWALA (new name) and MOIZ JABALPURWALA (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Ashoke Manna & Ashok Manna (old names) son of Late Ramkrishna Manna, residing at Saraswati Apartment, 1st Floor, Flat No-1E, 179 Gopal Lal Tagore Road, P.S.- Baranagar, Kolkata- 700108, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ashok Kumar Manna (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. Ashok Kumar Manna (new name) and Ashoke Manna, Ashok Manna (old names) all are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, JEEVAN TAMANG (old name) son of AN RAMGOPAL TAMANG, residing at NORTHERN SIDE OF SUN-SUNI BAZAR GOPIMOHAN TEA GARDEN JAIGAON ALIPURDUAR PIN 736182, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as JIBAN TAMANG (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. JIBAN TAMANG (new name) and JEEVAN TAMANG (old name) both are same and one identical person.

**Name Change**  
I, Salma Khatun (Old Name), Wife Of Arful Islam, Residing At 5/4 S A Faruque Road (X), C M C G U, Metiabruz, South 24 Parganas - 700018, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Negar Sultana (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 31/07/2025. Salma Khatun And Negar Sultana Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

## Free Bus Service between Cuttack and Naraj Marthapur Stations for Passengers of Diverted Trains



**MI News Service, Bhubaneswar:** In view of the ongoing modernization work at Platform Number 2 of Cuttack Railway Station, the East Coast Railway has announced temporary changes in train operations and added passenger convenience measures. From 11th August to 21st September 2025, the following three trains will be diverted to run via Barang-Naraj Marthapur-Machhapur-Salagaon-Kapilas Road, bypassing Cuttack Station:

- 12515 Coimbatore-Silchar Superfast Express
- 22643 Ernakulam-Patna Bi-weekly Express
- 12509 Bengaluru-Guwahati Tri-weekly Express

These trains will provide a temporary stoppage at Naraj Marthapur Railway Station during the above period. To ensure smooth connectivity for passengers, free bus services will be available in both directions between Cuttack and Naraj Marthapur Railway Stations for passengers of the diverted trains. Passengers who have booked tickets to Cuttack on the diverted trains will be boarded at Naraj

Marthapur Station. From there, free bus services will be provided to take them to Cuttack Railway Station. Similarly, passengers who have booked tickets from Cuttack on the above diverted trains are requested to arrive at Cuttack Railway Station well before the scheduled departure time. They will be transported to Naraj Marthapur Station by free bus services to board their respective trains. This temporary arrangement has been made to facilitate major infrastructure upgrades at Cuttack Station, including the construction of a new Air Concourse, Granite Laying Works, and Grid & Pile Works on Platform Number 2. Passengers are advised to arrive at Cuttack Station well ahead of the scheduled departure times of the above-mentioned trains to avail the bus service and avoid any inconvenience. The East Coast Railway regrets the temporary inconvenience and seeks cooperation from the public as it works toward providing a better and more modern travel experience.

## Leopard captured from a tea estate after months of panic

**MI News Service, Jalpaiguri:** A leopard that had been terrorising residents of the Bhandiguri Tea Estate in Jalpaiguri district was finally captured, bringing an end to weeks of fear and anxiety among locals. According to forest department sources, the panic began a few months ago when a tea garden worker was severely injured in a leopard attack. The incident sent shockwaves through the workers' colony and the broader tea estate community, prompting urgent calls for intervention. The Bhandiguri Tea Estate lies in close proximity to the Baikunthapur Forest, an area known for wildlife activity, increasing the likelihood of such encounters. In response to the growing tension, officials from the Baikunthapur Forest Department's Belakoba Range strategically placed a large cage in a section of the estate where leopard sightings had been most frequent. For days, residents remained on high alert as the animal's movements were tracked. Finally, the leopard was lured into the

cage, marking a significant relief for both the workers and their families, who had been living in constant fear. The capture operation drew a crowd of onlookers, many of whom expressed gratitude to the forest officials for acting swiftly and effectively. "We were scared to even step out for work early in the morning," said one tea garden worker. "Now, at least, we can feel safe again." Once secured, the leopard was carefully transported by the Belakoba Range staff. According to forest officers, the animal underwent preliminary veterinary examination to ensure it had not sustained injuries during capture. Officials confirmed that the leopard appeared healthy and, after necessary medical care, would be released back into its natural habitat deep within the Baikunthapur Forest, far from human settlements. Wildlife experts note that such leopard incursions are becoming more frequent due to habitat encroachment and food scarcity, underscoring the need for improved human-wildlife conflict management.

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I, Mohammed Nazimuddin Molla (Old Name), Son Of Abdul Gaffar Molla, Residing At Santoshpur Padirhat, Ps - Rabindranagar, Kolkata - 700066, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nazim Uddin Molla (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/08/2025. Mohammed Nazimuddin Molla And Nazim Uddin Molla Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

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I, Shaikh Afsar Rahaman (Old Name), Son Of Sk Golam Mustafa, Residing At Pachara, Charagram, Ps - Gurap, Hooghly - 712303, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sekh Afsar Rahaman (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/08/2025. Shaikh Afsar Rahaman And Sekh Afsar Rahaman Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

**Name Change**  
I, Salma Khatun (Old Name), Wife Of Arful Islam, Residing At 5/4 S A Faruque Road (X), C M C G U, Metiabruz, South 24 Parganas - 700018, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Negar Sultana (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 31/07/2025. Salma Khatun And Negar Sultana Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

## Miscellaneous

# Tiranga Yatra under 'Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign - 2025' inspires patriotic fervour in Malda Division



**MI News Service, Malda:** As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and the ongoing 'Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign - 2025', Malda Division of Eastern Railway organised a grand Tiranga Yatra today (11.08.2025), marking the Second Phase of the nationwide celebrations. The rally commenced from Malda Town Railway Station and concluded at the DRM Administrative Building, with participants carrying the National Flag in their hands and moving forward with great enthusiasm. The event saw the participation of DRM/Malda, Shri Manish Kumar Gupta, ADRM/Malda, Shri Sheo Kumar Prasad, DSC/Malda Shri A.K. Kullu along with Senior branch officers, RPF personnel, Bharat Scouts & Guides and other railway employees. The collective presence of such a diverse group highlighted the strong sense of unity and respect for the Tricolour that binds the entire railway fraternity together. The Second Phase of the

campaign, being observed from 9th to 12th August, is dedicated to Tiranga Yatras across the country, aimed at fostering community spirit and reinforcing the values embodied in the National Flag. Malda Division's wholehearted participation reflects Eastern Railway's enduring commitment to the ideals of freedom, harmony, and collective responsibility towards the nation. The Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, a flagship initiative under the Government of India's Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, encourages citizens to hoist the National Flag at their homes, workplaces, and public spaces. For Malda Division, this initiative holds special significance as it serves not only to strengthen the emotional bond with the Tricolour but also to honour the sacrifices of freedom fighters and inspire a renewed sense of patriotism among its people, in harmony with the spirit resonating across the nation.

## 13-year-old girl dies after self-immolation in Odisha's Bargarh

**MI News Service, Bargarh:** A 13-year-old girl allegedly died due to self-immolation in Odisha's Bargarh on August 11, police said. The victim was admitted to a hospital, where she was declared brought dead by the doctors. "Investigation is going on, and as per law, action will be taken. 3-4 teams have been formed and interrogation is going on... The girl has died and her post-mortem is going on," IG Northern Range Himanshu-Lal said. Expressing grief over the incident, Odisha Congress President BhakataCharan Das said such incidents are repeatedly happening, but the government is not taking any steps. "It happened in Bargarh and Baleshwar, and in Navrangpur, one girl committed suicide after being blackmailed. These incidents are ongoing, and the government is not taking any steps. In such a situation, we are fighting back and sending our people to every place," Das said. BJD leader LekhasriSamantsinghar also said that Odisha is trying to achieve the status of the "crime capital" under the BJP government. "The rate at which girls are being killed, raped, and murdered is alarming. Today, an incident has come to light where a 13-year-old girl from Bargarh has been burnt and is now struggling for her life. These cases are increasing because the government is not taking any action against the perpetrators. The police inaction has led to strengthening the mindset of the criminals," BJD leader said.

Odisha has recently witnessed a spike in the incidents of self-immolation. It marks the fourth such case in a month, each involving a young girl. Earlier on August 7, former Odisha Chief Minister and Biju Janata Dal (BJD) president Naveen Patnaik expressed grief over the death of a girl from Pattamundai in Kendrapara, who allegedly set herself on fire after her appeals for justice went 'unheard.'

Patnaik, who is the leader of the opposition in the Odisha assembly, hit out at the BJP government, saying that three girls of the state died within a month due to an "apathetic" administration that failed to hear their screams at every turn. "Deeply saddened and anguished to know that another girl from Pattamundai, Kendrapara, has set herself on fire in desperation after her pleas for justice fell on deaf ears yet again. My condolences to the young girl and prayers are with the family members in their hour of grief. May God give the family members strength to bear this irreparable loss," Patnaik said in a post on X. The remarks came after the death of a girl who allegedly died by self-immolation in Kathiapada village of Kendrapara district. Earlier, a student of FM Autonomous College, Balasore, reportedly set herself on fire. Days later, a minor girl from Balanga in Puri district also allegedly died due to self-immolation. She was airlifted to AIIMS Delhi but succumbed during treatment.

## Greece sees immense nationwide popular mobilization against Israeli genocide in Gaza

**MI News Service, Athens:** Responding to a joint call by the Greek chapters of Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) and the Global March to Gaza initiative as well as the Palestinian community in Greece, protesters rallied in over 100 locations, including Athens, the nearby port city of Piraeus, the western port city of Patra, the northern port city of Thessaloniki, as well as the islands of Mykonos, Santorini, Amorgos, Chios, Tinos, and Syros. Carrying Palestinian flags and banners expressing support for Palestine and condemnation of Israel's genocidal war and policies in Gaza, the protestors chanted slogans such as "Victory to the resistance," "Freedom to Palestine," and "End genocide in Palestine," among others. Israel has been facing mounting outrage over its deadly war on Gaza, where it has killed more than 61,400 people since October 2023.





Amit Sarangi, President and Munish Jhagaria, Vice President, MCCJ presenting a Memento to Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose, Governor of West Bengal on Monday at Raj Bhavan.

# Uttarakhand rains: Kedarnath Yatra halted for 3 days amid IMD's red alert

**MI News Service, Rudraprayag:** The Kedarnath Yatra in Uttarakhand has been temporarily halted for three days due to a red alert issued by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) predicting heavy rainfall in the region.

The district administration has been put on high alert, and security arrangements have been made to ensure the safety of pilgrims and locals.

As per the predictions by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), heavy rain is expected in Rudraprayag district and the entire state on August 12, 13 and 14.

The administration has been put on alert given the warning of heavy rains. Security arrangements have also been made.

"As per the predictions

by the IMD, red and orange alerts have been predicted in Rudraprayag and other districts of the state. The administration has been put on alert and security arrangements have also been made," District Magistrate Prateek Jain said in a self-made video.

Jain further appealed to all locals residing near water bodies to shift to safer places, further stating that the water level of the river was being constantly monitored and weather alerts would be issued from time to time.

"We are keeping a check on the rising water levels of the river here. We also appeal to residents to shift to safer places and be safe...All personnel, including the police, public work department and disaster management teams, have been asked to

be on alert. We will be keeping a check on the weather, and will let the public know when the Kedarnath Yatra will resume," Jain further added.

The Kedarnath temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, is located at an altitude of over 11,000 feet in the Himalayas and holds immense religious significance. The Kedarnath Yatra doors for the year 2025 were opened for devotees on May 2.

Meanwhile, the IMD has issued a red alert for heavy to very heavy rainfall in the coming days for several districts of Uttarakhand, including Haridwar, Dehradun, Tehri, Pauri, Nainita and other districts of the state. In light of this warning, the Uttarakhand Police has requested people to exercise caution and travel as per weather conditions.

# "Evidence that Rahul Gandhi placed before public is indisputable": Sachin Pilot backs Congress MP's "vote theft" allegation

**MI News Service, New Delhi:** Extending support to Lok Sabha LoP Rahul Gandhi over his allegation on the Election Commission, Congress leader Sachin Pilot on Monday said that the evidence presented by Gandhi is "indisputable".

Speaking to ANI, Pilot emphasised that they are demanding an investigation by the poll body over Rahul's allegations.

"The evidence that Rahul Gandhi placed before the public is indisputable. The BJP has become the spokesperson of the Election Commission. We are just demanding an investigation by the Election Commission. Every common citizen has this right," he said.

The Congress leader's remarks come in the wake of Rahul Gandhi's public statements accusing the ECI of lapses in ensuring free and fair elections.

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detained Congress MPs Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and a host of other INDIA bloc leaders. The police foiled their march to the Election Commission to protest over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in poll-bound Bihar and allegations of "vote chori" (vote theft) in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

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## EASTERN RAILWAY

**Bid No. GEM/2024/8/6548919, dated 09.08.2025.** Chief Medical Superintendent, Eastern Railway, Kancharapara, North 24 Parganas, P.O. - Kancharapara, Pin-743145 (WB) invites open GeM service tender for the following work:  
**Description :** Hiring of medical staffs (Nursing Supdt. - 8 nos., Pharmacist Gr.-III - 4 nos., Lab Asstt. Gr.-II - 2 nos., Dresser Gr.III/OTA Gr.III - 4 nos., H&M - 2 nos., HTA - 40 nos.) on contractual basis. **Estimated value of tender:-** Rs. 3,01,58,660/-, **EMD :** 6,03,175/-, **E-PBG :** 5% of PO value. **Period of Completion :** 1 years 2 months 2 days. **Date & time of opening :** 20.08.2025 at 09.30 hrs. The GeM Service Bid documents will be available at GeM site (Govt. e-Marketplace) i.e. GeM portal <https://gem.gov.in> and rates are to be quoted online and submitted online through GeM portal i.e. <https://gem.gov.in>

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## S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

For & on behalf of the President of India, the Dy. Chief Electrical Services Engineer, South Eastern Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043 invites e-Tender for the following work before 15.00 hrs. on 01.09.2025. **Tender No.:** ADEE-SOLAR-2025-SR-3, **Date:** 08.08.2025. **Description of Works:** Provision of 55 nos. 10KWp, 21 nos. 5 KWp & 46 nos. 2 KWp on grid connected roof top Solar Plant at Garden Reach. **Tender Value:** ₹ 3,73,34,621.80 including GST as applicable. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 3,36,700. **Cost of Tender Documents:** Nil. **Date of closing:** at 15.00 hrs. on 01.09.2025. **Completion period of the work:** 06 (six) months from the date of issue of LOA. Interested Tenderers may visit website [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for this work will be accepted. **N.B.:** Prospective Bidders may regularly visit [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) to participate in all tenders. (PR-053)

## Additional Stoppages of Trains

**MI News Service, Bhubaneswar:** East Coast Railway, always committed to serving the needs of its passengers, has decided to provide additional stoppages for several trains at various stations across its jurisdiction. This passenger-friendly step, taken in response to long-standing public demand,

is aimed at ensuring greater convenience and comfort for travellers. With the festive season around the corner, this decision will bring cheer to thousands of families, making their journeys smoother and more accessible. The details of trains, stations, timings and the dates with effect from are detailed below:

Sl. No.	Train No. & Name	Station	Arrival	Departure	With Effect From (WEF)
1	18472 Bhubaneswar-Jagdalpur Express	Bhubaneswar	06:08	06:10	15.08.25
2	18474 Jagdalpur-Bhubaneswar Express	Bhubaneswar	20:16	20:18	15.08.25
3	18518 Visakhapatnam-Korba Express	Murtabahal	09:08	09:10	15.08.25
4	18517 Korba-Visakhapatnam Express	Murtabahal	23:23	23:25	15.08.25
5	17452 Alappuzha-Thiruvananthapuram Express	Arntodele	02:35	02:37	15.08.25
6	17451 Thiruvananthapuram-Alappuzha Express	Arntodele	18:00	18:02	15.08.25
7	17483 Mangalore-Tirupattur Express	Arntodele	22:07	22:09	15.08.25
8	17482 Tirupattur-Mangalore Express	Arntodele	09:30	09:32	15.08.25
9	13452 Tirupattur-Thiruvananthapuram Express	Thiruvallur	17:07	17:09	15.08.25
10	13453 Thiruvananthapuram-Tirupattur Express	Thiruvallur	03:50	03:52	15.08.25
11	17482 Tirupattur-Mangalore Express	Thiruvallur	09:43	09:45	15.08.25
12	17483 Mangalore-Tirupattur Express	Thiruvallur	23:20	23:22	16.08.25
13	12808 H.Nizamuddin-Visakhapatnam Ex.	Thiruvallur	12:38	12:40	15.08.25
14	12807 Visakhapatnam-H.Nizamuddin Ex.	Thiruvallur	12:46	12:48	16.08.25
15	18420 Patna-Durg Express	Boinda	06:25	06:27	15.08.25
16	18426 Durg-Patna Express	Boinda	02:53	02:55	15.08.25
17	20662 Ahmedabad-Puri Express	Boinda	01:20	01:22	17.08.25
18	20661 Puri-Ahmedabad Express	Boinda	23:50	23:52	20.08.25
19	20624 Ajmer-Puri Express	Mancheswar	12:36	12:38	16.08.25
20	20623 Puri-Ajmer Express	Mancheswar	09:36	09:38	15.08.25
21	12838 Puri-Howrah Express	Mancheswar	21:39	21:41	15.08.25
22	12837 Howrah-Puri Express	Mancheswar	04:44	04:46	15.08.25
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23	20008 Amritsar-Visakhapatnam Express	Narai Mathapur	13:45	13:47	15.08.25
24	20007 Visakhapatnam-Amritsar Express	Narai Mathapur	07:56	07:58	15.08.25
25	18450 Patna-Patna Express	Sakshi Gopal	01:34	01:36	21.08.25
26	18449 Patna-Patna Express	Sakshi Gopal	15:05	15:07	18.08.25
27	15049 Patna-Kanakhya Express	Sakshi Gopal	15:13	15:15	19.08.25
28	15048 Kanakhya-Patna Express	Sakshi Gopal	01:44	01:46	19.08.25
29	12896 Patna-Shalimar Express	Sakshi Gopal	22:50	22:52	21.08.25
30	12895 Shalimar-Patna Express	Sakshi Gopal	03:52	03:54	15.08.25

# "Is there any weightage in their demand?": BJP slams opposition for protesting against EC

**MI News Service, New Delhi:** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Ravi Shankar Prasad on Monday slammed the INDIA bloc leaders, including Leader of Opposition (LoP) Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, for protesting against the Election Commission (EC) amid allegations of "vote theft".

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"Is there any weightage or strength in their demand? EC has said that not one person in Bihar or political party has raised any objection till now. EC says that you can download the voter list. Everything is answered there. Rahul Gandhi isn't giving proof. They didn't provide proof in the Rafale case. This is not how a country is run. All in all, they are frustrated because they lost repeatedly," BJP MP Prasad told ANI.

Meanwhile, BJP MP Rajiv Pratap Rudy suggested that the opposition should visit villages and rural areas to ensure that those left are added to the voter list.

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This development came as the Secretariat of the Election Commission of India wrote to Congress MP Jairam Ramesh, granting an appointment for interaction at noon today.

"EC has granted an appointment for an interaction at 12:00 PM today. It is re-

quested that, due to the limitation of space, names of up to 30 persons may kindly be intimated," the letter read.

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I. Balaram Gupta,  
Chairman of Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences & Hospital, North Kolkata (A Unit of Urmila Devi Jagannath Gupta Charitable Trust), CE Licence No.: 33746996/1, Address: 100, Karna Madhabpur, P.O. - Karna Madhabpur, P.S. - Ghola, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700113, hereby declare that the name of my said institution has been changed to Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences & Hospital, North Kolkata (A Unit of Ayanash Welfare Trust).

**আমমোক্তারনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি**  
এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ১)শ্রী প্রশান্ত সিংহরায়, ২)শ্রী স্বপন কুমার সিংহ রায়, ৩)শ্রী তপন সিংহ রায়, সকলের পিতা ৩দানন্দ সিংহ রায়, ৪)শ্রী মানস সিংহ রায় পিতা ৩দানন্দ সিংহ রায়, ৫)শ্রীমতী নিভারানী সিংহ স্বামী ৩দানন্দ সিংহ রায়, সকলের সাক্ষিক মালপুত্র, দাদপুত্র, হুগলী-৭১২০০৫, ৬)শ্রীমতী দেবী সিংহ রায়, পিতা ৩দানন্দ সিংহ রায়, স্বামী শ্রী সুজিত সিংহ রায়, সাক্ষিক ছাত্রাচার্যী বরুণাড়া, ছাত্রাচার্যী, হরিপাল, হুগলী-৭১২০০৫, মহাশয়/মহাশয়াগণ বিগত ইং ১১/০৮/২০২৪ তারিখে সম্পাদিত ও ০২/১১/২০১৮ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-1, হুগলী, চুচুড়া, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত IV-546/2018 নং আমমোক্তারনামা দলিল মূলে আদালতকে (১)শ্রী সুজিত সিংহ রায় পিতা শ্রী প্রদাদ চন্দ্র আদক, সাক্ষিক আলিপুত্র, দাদপুত্র, হুগলী-৭১২০০৫ ও ২)মিস সওকত আলী পিতা মিস মহম্মদ আলী সাক্ষিক চিত্রালা, লোকাবর্তী, ধনেশাখালী, হুগলী-৭১২০০৫) ক্ষমতাগ্রস্ত আমমোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন ও নিম্ন তপশীল বনিত সম্পত্তি উক্ত আমমোক্তারনামা বলে আমরা ১)বিগত ইং ১১/০৮/২০২০ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.-1, হুগলী, চুচুড়া, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-752/2020 নং দলিল মূলে বাবুল দেবী পিতা নরেশ 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# Researchers reveal how a mother's health issues pose risk to her children

TRONDHEIM [NORWAY] : Women with polycystic ovary syndrome, also known as PCOS and obesity are more likely to have smaller babies in terms of birth weight, length, and head circumference, according to a recent study from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).

PCOS is a hormonal illness that affects one out of every eight women. Male sex hormone levels are often increased, menstrual periods are inconsistent or rare, and tiny cysts grow on the ovaries.

In the study, 390 children born to women with PCOS were compared with about 70,000 children from the Norwegian Mother, Father, and Child Cohort Study (MoBa).

The researchers discovered that, on average, kids born to moms with PCOS weighed less, were shorter, and had a smaller head circumference. This was especially true for obese moms, who had a BMI of 30 or above.

"In women of normal weight who have PCOS, we only find that their children have a lower birth weight compared to women who do not have PCOS. It is the group of children born to mothers with obesity that stands out the most. These babies have lower weight, shorter stature and a smaller head circumference. Obesity places an additional burden on mothers who have PCOS and their children," said Professor Eszter Vanky at NTNU's Department of Clinical and Molecular Medicine.

PCOS is a disease that follows women throughout their lives and can trigger various metabolic diseases and challenges such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity. Women with PCOS are generally more likely to develop overweight and obesity.

"What is unusual is that



women who are generally overweight and gain a lot of weight during pregnancy usually have an increased risk of giving birth to large babies. This also applies to women who develop gestational diabetes. On average, women with PCOS have higher BMIs, gain more weight during pregnancy, and 25 per cent of them develop gestational diabetes. However, the outcome is the opposite: these women give birth to babies who are smaller than average. We still don't know why, but we see that the placenta is affected in these women," said Vanky.

The newly qualified doctors Maren Talmo and Ingvild Floyland have carried out the study as their master's thesis, with Eszter Vanky and Melanie Rae Simpson as their supervisors. Talmo explains that even though the placenta in these women is smaller in size, it seems to deliver more nutrients relative to the baby's body weight compared to

a normal placenta. Vanky describes it as a placenta in over-drive.

"The placenta delivers nutrients to the baby through the umbilical cord. In women with PCOS, we see that the placenta is generally smaller in size. At the same time, it must provide everything the baby needs, so it has to work very hard to meet these demands. Sometimes, however, the placenta can't keep up, which can lead to placental insufficiency and, in rare cases, foetal death."

The researchers do not know why this is the case.

"There are many hypotheses, but I don't think anyone has a definitive answer yet. Previously, we thought the cause was linked to the high levels of male sex hormones, but we have not been able to fully connect the two. We also know that women with PCOS have a slightly different immune profile during pregnancy."

The researchers believe this is

important knowledge both for the women affected and for healthcare professionals.

"A newborn baby is not a blank slate. Much of our long-term health is established in the womb. Genes play a role, but also what we are exposed to during the foetal stage and early in life," said Vanky.

The NTNU researchers now want to learn more about what happens to the children's health.

"What are the consequences of the mother's PCOS diagnosis for the child? Is there anything that can be done before or during pregnancy so that expectant mothers with PCOS do not gain too much weight? Can follow up and good glucose regulation be provided so that the child gets the best outcome possible? All this depends on knowing more about the mother's situation," said Vanky.

The NTNU researchers have also followed up on some of the children when they reached the age of 7 years.

"We saw that the children born to mothers with PCOS generally had more central obesity, meaning they were larger around the waist," said Vanky.

Other studies have shown that children born to mothers with PCOS are at higher risk of developing overweight and obesity at a young age. Research has also shown that low birth weight is linked to the development of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease later in life.

"We see differences in children as early as 7 or 8 years old, where children born to mothers with PCOS have a larger waist circumference and higher BMI. They bear small signs that their mother has PCOS. It may therefore be an advantage to know about this so we can provide guidance on lifestyle and diet," said Vanky.

# Natural compound targets tumour metabolism: Study

Tokyo [Japan] : Scientists in Japan have discovered that a natural compound found in a type of ginger called kencur can throw cancer cells into disarray by disrupting how they generate energy.

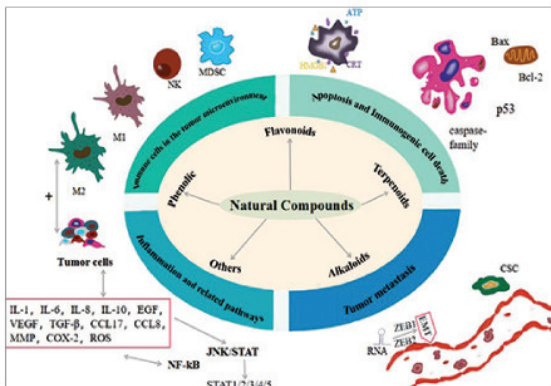
According to Osaka Metropolitan University, the finding opens new doors in the fight against cancer, showing how natural substances might help target cancer's hidden energy tricks.

While healthy cells use oxygen to make energy efficiently, cancer cells often rely on a backup method. This ginger-derived molecule doesn't attack that method directly, it shuts down the cells' fat-making machinery instead, which surprisingly causes the cells to ramp up their backup system even more.

For instance, human cells oxidise glucose to produce ATP (adenosine triphosphate), an energy source necessary for life.

Cancer cells produce ATP through glycolysis, which does not utilise oxygen even under conditions where oxygen is present, and convert glucose into pyruvic acid and lactic acid.

This method of producing ATP, known as the Warburg effect, is considered inefficient, thus raising questions as to



why cancer cells choose this energy pathway to fuel their proliferation and survival.

In search of this energy catalyst, Associate Professor Akiko Kojima-Yuasa's team at Osaka Metropolitan University's Graduate School of Human Life and Ecology analysed the cinnamic acid ester ethyl p-methoxycinnamate, a main component of kencur ginger, and its mechanism of action.

In previous research, the team discovered that ethyl p-methoxycinnamate has inhibitory effects on cancer cells.

Furthering their study, the acid ester was administered to Ehrlich ascites tumour cells to assess which component of the cancer cells' energy pathway was being affected.

Results revealed that the acid ester inhibits ATP production by disrupting de novo fatty acid synthesis and lipid metabolism, rather than through glycolysis as commonly theorised.

Further, the researchers discovered acid ester-induced inhibition triggered increased glycolysis, which acted as a possible survival mechanism in the cells.

This adaptability was theorised to be attributed to ethyl p-methoxycinnamate's inability to induce cell death.

"These findings not only provide new insights that supplement and expand the theory of the Warburg effect, which can be considered the starting point of cancer metabolism research, but are also expected to lead to the discovery of new therapeutic targets and the development of new treatment methods," stated Professor Kojima-Yuasa. (ANI)

# Study finds how gut microbes play role in regulating stress responsiveness throughout day



CORK [IRELAND] : A groundbreaking study has revealed the critical role of gut bacteria in regulating stress responses through interactions with the body's circadian rhythms.

The findings pave the way for the development of new microbial-based medicines to help people better manage stress-related mental health problems including anxiety and depression, which are frequently connected with changes in circadian and sleep cycles.

This groundbreaking study from University College Cork and APC Microbiome Ireland, a Research Ireland Centre, provides compelling evidence that the trillions of microorganisms in the gut orchestrate the body's hormonal responses to stress in a time-dependent manner, opening the door to new therapeutic approaches targeting the gut-brain axis. Published in Cell Metabolism, this study shines a spotlight on the intricate relationship between the gut microbiota and the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis, the body's central stress response system. The research demonstrates that depletion of gut microbiota leads to an hyperactivation of the HPA-axis in a time-of-day specific manner, which alongside with alterations to the brain's stress and circadian responding regions, results in altered stress responsiveness across the day. The study further identifies specific gut bacteria, including a Lactobacillus strain (Limosilactobacillus reuteri), as key influencers of this circadian-regulated stress mechanism. L. reuteri emerged as a candidate strain that modulates glucocorticoid secretion (stress hormones), linking the microbiota's natural diurnal oscillations with altered stress responsive-

ness.

This groundbreaking discovery opens up new possibilities for psychobiotic interventions aimed at improving mental health outcomes by targeting gut bacteria that influence stress regulation.

With modern lifestyles increasingly disrupting circadian rhythms through irregular sleep patterns, high stress, and poor diet, this research underscores the importance of the gut microbiota in maintaining the body's natural stress-regulation processes.

Speaking about the findings, Principal Investigator Professor John Cryan said,

"Our research has revealed an important link between the gut microbiota and how the brain responds to stress in a time-specific way. The gut microbiome doesn't just regulate digestion and metabolism; it plays a critical role in how we react to stress, and this regulation follows a precise circadian rhythm. These findings underscore the importance of maintaining a healthy microbiome, particularly for those living in today's stressful and fast-paced environment."

First author Dr Gabriel Tofani added "Our findings underscore the importance of not only the gut microbiota composition, but also how gut microbes change across the day. By showing that gut bacteria influence how the body handles stress throughout the day, we're helping to understand the mechanisms through which the microbiota shapes our responses to the environment around us. Our work also demonstrates that exploring this relationship between the gut microbiota and circadian rhythms will be key in the development of microbiota based therapies for the stress-related disorders.

# Keto diet metabolite may power up CAR T cells to kill cancer: Study

PENNSYLVANIA [US] : Researchers at Penn Medicine's Abramson Cancer Centre and the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine have found that a straightforward dietary supplement may offer a novel way to enhance CAR T cell performance.

The early research, presented at the 66th American Society of Haematology (ASH) Annual Meeting and Exposition (Abstract 4), suggests a potentially economical way to enhance CAR T cell function and cancer-fighting capabilities, even though the strategy needs to be evaluated in clinical trials.

CAR T cell therapy is a personalized treatment approach, pioneered at Penn Medicine, that reprograms patients' own immune cells to kill their cancer.

"Thousands of patients with blood cancers have been successfully treated with CAR T cell therapy, but it still doesn't work for everyone," said co-lead author Shan Liu, PhD, a postdoctoral fellow who presented the study at ASH. "We took an outside-the-box approach to improve CAR T cell therapy, by targeting T cells through diet rather than further genetic engineering."

Liu co-lead the study with Puneeth Guruprasad, PhD, who earned his PhD at Penn and is now a medical student in the Perelman School of Medicine. The lead authors worked under the mentorship of co-senior authors Marco Ruella, MD, an assistant professor of Hematology-Oncology, a researcher with the Center for Cellular Immunotherapies and the scientific director of Penn Medicine's Lymphoma Program; and Maayan Levy, PhD, an assistant professor of Microbiology.

First, the research team tested the effect of several different diets, including ketogenic, high-fiber, high-fat, high-protein, high cholesterol, and a control diet, on



CAR T cell's tumor-fighting capabilities using a mouse model of diffuse-large B-cell lymphoma. They found improved tumor control and survival in the mice receiving a ketogenic diet compared to all other diets. In subsequent studies, they found higher levels of beta-hydroxybutyrate (BHB), a metabolite produced by the liver in response to a ketogenic diet, was a key mediator of this effect.

The research builds on previous work from Levy's team, which found that BHB strongly suppressed the growth of colorectal tumors in lab experiments.

"Our theory is that CAR T cells prefer BHB as a fuel source rather than standard sugars in our body, such as glucose," Guruprasad said. "So, increasing the levels of BHB in the body gives the CAR T cells more power to take out the cancer cells."

Next, the research team tested a BHB supplement combined with CAR T cell therapy in laboratory models of human cancer (on a standard diet); the results showed complete obliteration of the cancer in the vast majority of mice and resulted in higher CAR T cell expansion and activation. To see if BHB, which occurs naturally at various levels in our bodies, had a similar effect in humans, the team assessed blood samples from patients who had recently received CAR T cell therapy and found that greater BHB levels were associated with better CAR T cell expansion in patients. They

also looked at T cells of healthy volunteers who took a BHB supplement and found similar changes in how normal T cells generated energy after exposure to BHB.

Past studies across several cancer types have looked at the impact of dietary interventions, such as a high-fiber diet, on the response to cancer immunotherapy, however the mechanism behind the BHB effect in this study appears to stem from metabolic changes in the blood, rather than via the gut microbiome, as in the case of a high-fiber diet.

The theory that BHB supplementation could improve response to CAR T cell therapy is being tested in a Phase I clinical trial at Penn Medicine's Abramson Cancer Center.

"We're talking about an intervention that is relatively cheap and has low toxicity potential," Levy said. "If the clinical trial pans out, I'm excited to think about how a fairly simple approach like this could be combined with dietary interventions or other, more traditional approaches, to enhance the anti-cancer effect."

The clinical trial, led by principal investigator Elise Chong, MD, an assistant professor of Hematology-Oncology, will soon begin enrolling patients with relapsed or refractory large B-cell lymphoma who are receiving commercially available anti-CD19 CAR T cell therapy as part of their treatment.

# Astronomers find the smallest main-belt asteroids ever detected: Study

GEMBLOUX [BELGIUM] : The majority of known asteroids orbit inside the main asteroid belt, which is positioned between Mars and Jupiter at an average distance of around 250 million km from Earth. Since the discovery of the first asteroid in 1801, about 750,000 asteroids have been identified, primarily in the last decade thanks to several optical surveys that examine the sky on clear nights.

The majority of these asteroids are larger than one kilometre in diameter, with the largest, Vesta, being roughly 530 km, and millions of smaller ones are expected. While they appear to be massive figures, the total mass of all asteroids combined is less than that of the Earth's Moon.

The study of small bodies of the solar system is of high importance as they give us a unique view of the early phases of our system, even before the planets formed. Being able to observe the smallest main-belt asteroids would not only give us clues about the building blocks of planets, but also provide a unique window into the source of meteorites falling on Earth", explains Jehin, a planetary scientist at the University of Liege part to the new study led by MIT astronomers (and ULiège Alumni) Burdanov and de Wit. "But, until now, only asteroids about 1 km or larger were spotted in the main belt".

Sometimes, these asteroids are nudged into Earth's neighbourhood by the gravity of the nearby planets Mars and Jupiter. These objects are called Near-Earth asteroids and about 35,000 of them have been discovered, and counting. Many of them have slammed into Earth and the other planets in the past, playing a major role in altering the geological history of the planets and in the evolution of life on Earth. Today they are actively searched and studied in the context of the Earth's planetary



defense.

De Wit and his team are primarily focused on searches and studies of exoplanets -- worlds outside the solar system that may be habitable. The researchers are part of the group led by the ULiège astronomer Gillon, which in 2016 discovered the planetary system around TRAPPIST-1, a tiny red star that is about 40 light years from Earth. Using first the ULiège Transiting Planets and Planetisimals Small Telescope (TRAPPIST) in Chile, the team confirmed using many other telescopes that the star hosts seven rocky, Earth-sized planets, several of which are in the habitable zone. The TRAPPIST-1 system became quickly the most observed and the best characterized exoplanetary system. In 2023, Gillon and other colleagues used the most powerful infrared observatory -- the NASA's James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) - to search for signs of atmospheres around the two inner planets of the system.

While these results are still under review, de Wit and Burdanov wondered whether the same data used to study exo-

planets could be recycled and mined for serendipitous asteroids crossing by chance the TRAPPIST-1 field of view.

To do so, they looked to "shift and stack," an image processing technique that was first developed in the 1990s. The method involves shifting multiple images of the same field of view and stacking the images to see whether an otherwise faint object moving at the right speed can outshine the background noise. This method requires significant computational resources, as it involves testing a huge number of scenarios for where an asteroid might be, but it was already tested successfully by the MIT team using state-of-the-art GPUs graphics processing units that can process an enormous amount of imaging data at high speeds. The team applied this approach to more than 10,000 JWST images of the TRAPPIST-1 field, which were originally obtained to search for signs of atmospheres around the system's inner planets. After processing the images, the researchers were able to spot eight known asteroids in the main belt. They then

looked further and discovered 138 new asteroids, all within tens of meters in diameter -- the smallest main belt asteroids detected to date. They suspect a few asteroids are on their way to becoming near-Earth objects, while one is likely a Trojan - an asteroid that trails Jupiter.

"We thought we would just detect a few new objects, but we detected so many more than expected, especially small ones" de Wit says. "It is a sign that we are probing a new population regime where many more small objects are formed through cascades of collisions that are very efficient at breaking down asteroids below roughly 100 meters."

"Statistics of these very small main belt asteroids are critical for modelling the asteroid population. In fact, these are the debris ejected during collisions of bigger, kilometre-sized asteroids, which are observable and often exhibit similar orbits about the Sun, so that we can group them into 'families' of asteroids" adds Miroslav Brož, from the Prague Charles University in Czech Republic, co-author of the study, and a specialist of the various asteroid populations in the solar system.

"We were not expecting that such impactful solar-system bonus science could be done using cutty-edge exoplanet observations!" says ULiège co-author Gillon.

The success of this investigation was allowed because of the extraordinary sensitivity of the JWST which, being in space far from Earth, with its large mirror and state of the art instrumentation is particularly sensitive to infrared rather than visible light. "And as it happens, asteroids that orbit in the main asteroid belt are much brighter at infrared wavelengths than at visible wavelengths, and thus are far easier to detect with JWST's infrared capabilities", says Jehin.



## ABD's Sterling Reserve B7 spreads its magic with a new blend in Bhubaneswar

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar : Allied Blenders and Distillers (ABD), India's largest spirits company by volume, has introduced the renewed Sterling Reserve B7 (SRB7), a refreshed semi premium whisky blend crafted to meet the evolving expectations of modern Indian consumers.

With its refined taste and renewed blend finish, the SRB7 now delivers smoothness that is no less than pure magic! The blend with a bolder, fuller bodied experience designed for today's discerning palate.

The reimagined Sterling Reserve B7 features a smoother, more refined taste profile inspired by the rising sophistication of India's whisky audience. While preserving the bold character that made B7 a household favourite, the new blend offers the easy-drinking smoothness today's consumers seek making it perfect for both seasoned whisky aficionados and curious newcomers. Commenting on the relaunch, Mr. Alok Gupta, Managing Director, ABD, said: "Today's Indian consumers seek innovation rooted with tradition, and Sterling Reserve B7 delivers that promise.

Initially launched in Maharashtra and subsequently introduced in Kolkata and Hyderabad, the campaign now arrives in Bhubaneswar with the unveiling of the refreshed Sterling Reserve B7 — a blend that embodies superior quality and evolving consumer preferences."

Bhubaneswar had firmly established itself as a vibrant hub for whisky connoisseurs, with strong spirits sales reflecting the city's sophisticated and evolving palate and thus reinforcing its position as a fast-growing and discerning market for premium whisky. The Sterling Reserve B7 is available in Odisha at ₹780 for 750 ML.

## Australia to recognize Palestinian state at UN general assembly

MI News Service Wellington: Australia will recognize a Palestinian state, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said Monday, joining the leaders of France, Britain and Canada in signalling they would do so.

His remarks followed weeks of urging from within his Cabinet and from many in Australia to recognise a Palestinian state and amid growing criticism from officials in his government over suffering and starvation in Gaza. Australia's government has also criticised plans announced in recent days by Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu for a fresh, sweeping military offensive in Gaza. Albanese told reporters after a Cabinet meeting Monday that Australia's decision to recognise a Palestinian state will be formalised at the United Nations General Assembly in September. The acknowledgement was "predicated on commitments Australia has received from the Palestinian Authority."

Albanese said. Those commitments included no role for Hamas in a Palestinian government, demilitarisation of Gaza and the holding of elections, he said. "A two-state solution is humanity's best hope to break the cycle of violence in the Middle East and to bring an end to the conflict, suffering and starvation in Gaza,"



Devotees perform 'Jalabhishek' of a shivling at Shiv Bari temple, in Agartala.

## New Zealand considering recognition of Palestinian state, says Foreign Minister

MI News Service, Wellington: New Zealand is considering recognition of the Palestinian state and will make a decision over the next month, Foreign Minister Winston Peters confirmed on Monday.

In a statement, Peters confirmed he spoke about the matter at a Cabinet meeting on Monday, and the government would formally consider the move, coming to a decision in September, state-run Radio New Zealand reported. The foreign minister will attend the UN General Assembly in New York in late September and present

the government's approach to the UN at that time. While the announcement does not change New Zealand's position on Gaza or Palestinian statehood, the deadline suggests that Wellington may join other Western nations in moving forward with recognition.

New Zealand's move coincided with Australia's announcement of recognizing Palestinian statehood at the UN General Assembly in September. France has already announced its intention to recognize Palestine at the UN General Assembly meeting, while the UK has moved to support

the recognition of Palestine if Israel fails to meet a set of conditions. Peters noted that the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza is rightly at the forefront of the global agenda, and New Zealand "has been giving this issue careful, methodical and deliberate attention." "We will be taking heed of the facts on the ground deteriorating rapidly, our close partners being divided on the issue of recognition, and a range of Arab states making clear Hamas must disarm and must have no future role in Palestinian governance," he added.

## Successful conclusion of Shrivani Mela 2025 over Asansol Division



MI News Service, Kolkata: Shrivani Mela 2025, held from 11 July to 9 August, concluded successfully at Jasidih, Deoghar, Basukinath and Baidyanathdham stations under Asansol Division of Eastern Railway. Around 23 lakh devotees took part, which is 21% higher than last year. Pilgrims from different parts of the country came to offer holy water at Baba Baidyanathdham temple. To handle the rush, 540 trips of special trains were run to long-distance destinations like Gorakhpur, Danapur, Varanasi, Saraighar, Raxaul and Jaynagar, and 560 trips to short-distance destinations. Extra coaches were attached to Mithila Express, Mokama Express, Ballia Express and Gangasagar Express. Some trains were given extra stoppages for passenger convenience. At Jasidih, 65,000 sq. ft. of additional holding space was created. Facilities were im-

proved with more booking counters, ATMs, m-UTS machines, a new foot over bridge with ramp, extra bio-toilets, drinking water points and medical booths supported by St. John's Ambulance. NTES-based train display boards, AI-powered CCTV, bilingual signage, mobile charging points, LED lights and vinyl-wrapped holding areas ensured safety and comfort. Scouts, guides and "May I Help You" booths helped passengers. Special care was given to elderly passengers, divyangjan and missing children cases. Smooth crowd control was achieved with support from Jharkhand Police, SRP Dhanbad, district administration and local taxi unions. Additional staff, anti-over-charging squads, cleanliness drives, medical stores, relaxation chairs and better catering services ensured a safe and comfortable Mela for lakhs of devotees.

## Sealdah Division Observes "Swachhata Abhiyan - 2025" with Focus on Reducing Plastic Waste and Promoting Staff Welfare



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing Independence Day Celebrations 2025, the Environment & Housekeeping Management (EnHM) Department of Sealdah Division has been actively observing the "Swachhata Abhiyan" across various locations including stations, railway colonies, health units, and other establishments within the Division. On August 11, 2025, special activities were undertaken with a strong emphasis on reducing plastic waste and encouraging sustainable practices. Awareness campaigns were conducted to discourage the use of single-use plastics, highlighting their harmful environmental impact, and promoting alternatives such as steel or recyclable lunchboxes, paper bags, cloth bags, and reusable water bottles. Functional checks were carried out on plastic bottle crusher machines installed at Baruiপুর Jn., Barasat, Kolkata, Naihati, Sonarpur, Belgharia, Dum Dum Jn., and Krishnanagar City Jn. stations, alongside passenger awareness drives to encourage the use of these machines. Additionally, a dedicated health check-up camp for housekeeping assistants was organized at Dakshindari Colony Health Unit, reinforcing Eastern Railway's commitment to the welfare of its frontline cleanliness staff. Through these initiatives, Sealdah Division continues to engage passengers, staff, and communities in building a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable railway environment.

## Howrah Division Celebrates 'Har Ghar Tiranga' with Cycle & Bike Rally

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a vibrant display of patriotism, the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway this morning organized a Har Ghar Tiranga – Cycle & Bike Rally from the New DRM Building, showcasing the spirit of freedom and pride in the national flag. The initiative was part of the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, encouraging citizens to participate in the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign by proudly hoisting the Tiranga at their homes. The event was attended by Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah, along with other senior officers and enthusiastic participation from railway staff. The rally featured cyclists and bikers carrying the Tricolour, spreading the message of unity, patriotism, and civic pride throughout the city. As part of the celebrations, a Tiranga Rally was also conducted at Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bamangachi, involving students and staff in promoting the spirit of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. In addition, a cultural



programme was organised at the Old Complex, Howrah Station by the Divisional Cultural Association, featuring performances that celebrated India's rich heritage and the ideals of freedom. Through these events, Howrah Division reaffirmed its commitment to fostering

national integration and inspiring the community to uphold the dignity of the Tiranga. The celebrations also underscored the Division's active role in engaging employees, students, and the public in meaningful activities that honour India's 79th Independence Day.

## Puri-Lalgarh-Puri Express to be extended up to Shri Ganganagar, Rajasthan from August 13, 2025

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: In a major boost to inter-state connectivity, Indian Railways has decided to extend Train No. 20472/20471 Puri-Lalgarh-Puri Weekly Express up to Shri Ganganagar, Rajasthan, with effect from 13th August 2025, from Puri. This historic extension will seamlessly connect the Bay of Bengal to the Thar Desert, forging stronger cultural and economic ties between the Eastern State of Odisha and the Northwestern state of Rajasthan. Sambit Patra, Hon'ble Member of Parliament will flag off the extension of this train in the esteemed presence of Shri Sunil Kumar Mohanty, Hon'ble M.L.A. at Puri Railway Station on 13th August 2025 at 0635hrs. The ceremony will also be graced by Shri Alok Tripathi, Divisional Railway Manager, who will emphasise the route's growing importance in enhancing regional connectivity and passenger convenience. **Train Schedule & Connectivity:** Timings between Puri and Lalgarh will remain unchanged from both the directions. The extended route from Lalgarh to Shri Ganganagar is now incorporated into the schedule. This extension provides direct rail connectivity between Eastern and Northwestern India, significantly benefiting pilgrims, tourists, and business travellers.

**Key Highlights:** New Terminal Station Added: Shri Ganganagar, Rajasthan. Improved Accessibility across key states: Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan. Strengthened Cultural Integration between geographically and culturally diverse regions. After arriving at Lalgarh at 2033hrs, this train will leave at 2035hrs towards Sri Ganganagar and will reach there at 0205hrs. In the return direction, this train will leave Sri Ganganagar at 1410hrs and will arrive at Lalgarh at 1830hrs and will leave at 1832hrs towards Puri. This train will provide stoppage at Lunkaransar, Suratgarh, Rai Singh Nagar and Sri Karanpur between Lalgarh and Sri Ganganagar from both the directions. This initiative marks a significant step in nation-building through enhanced rail infrastructure and reflects Indian Railways' continued commitment to the vision of "One India, Stronger India."

## At least 621 Arbaeen pilgrims hospitalised after chlorine leak in Iraq

MI News, Baghdad: At least 621 Arbaeen pilgrims in Iraq were treated for respiratory distress after a chlorine gas leak from a water treatment station on the route between Najaf and Karbala, the Ministry of Health announced. In its statement on Sunday, August 10, the ministry confirmed that all affected individuals received prompt medical care and were discharged in good health. It praised the rapid and efficient response of doctors, ambulance crews, and civil defence teams, who managed the emergency with high professionalism. The Arbaeen pilgrimage marks the end of a 40-day mourning period for Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad, who was killed alongside his companions in the Battle of Karbala in 680 AD. The commemoration is among the largest religious gatherings in the world, drawing millions of Shiite worshippers each year. Many undertake the journey on foot from across Iraq and neighbouring countries to reach Karbala, where Hussein's shrine is located. This year, mourning ceremonies will peak on the night of August 14-15. Iraq continues to face frequent accidents linked to ageing infrastructure and poor enforcement of safety standards, leading to incidents such as industrial leaks, fires, and building collapses.

## Howrah Division intensifies Cleanliness Efforts under Swachhata Abhiyan



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing Swachhata Abhiyan, the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway has reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to cleanliness, public hygiene, and environmental sustainability. On 11th August 2025, the division conducted a series of impactful cleanliness and awareness drives with the active and enthusiastic participation of railway staff and local residents. The primary focus of the day's programme was the intensive cleaning of buildings, colonies, and offices, along with raising awareness on maintaining plastic-free stations. Efforts included the use of plastic bottle crusher machines, ensuring litter-free platforms, railway premises, and surroundings, and promoting segregation of waste through separate dustbins. Intensive cleaning of railway tracks was also undertaken across the division. Cleanliness drives were carried out at a wide range of locations including railway stations, colonies, office premises, and hospitals. Notable locations covered under this initiative included Howrah Orthopaedic Hospital, Gulmohar Railway Colony, Bamangachhi Railway Colony, Bandel Railway

Colony, and stations such as Howrah, Katwa, Rampurhat, Bardhaman, Bandel, Kamarkundu, Bolpur (Shantiniketan), Konnagar, Magra, Adisaptagram, Pakur, Azimganj, Nabadwip Dham, Sheoraphuli, and Shrirampur. These efforts were aimed at maintaining hygienic conditions and fostering a culture of cleanliness in both operational and residential areas. Through such initiatives, the Howrah Division continues to work towards creating a clean, green, and hygienic railway ecosystem for passengers, staff, and the wider public. The Howrah Division of Indian Railways appeals to all citizens to refrain from spitting or disposing of bottles, plastic waste, and other garbage within station premises, railway areas, and their surroundings. Such actions adversely impact sanitation and the smooth functioning of railway infrastructure. Citizens are urged to actively support the Swachhata Abhiyan by adopting responsible waste disposal practices and contributing towards a cleaner and more sustainable India. Cleanliness is a shared responsibility — every individual action plays a vital role in shaping a healthier and more hygienic environment for all.

## Member (Traction and Rolling Stock) visits Metro Railway, Kolkata



MI News Service, Kolkata: Braj Mohan Agrawal, Member (Traction and Rolling Stock), MTRS, Railway Board visited Metro Railway today i.e. on 11.08.2025. During his visit Shri Agrawal inspected the stretch from Jatin Das Park to Noapara of Blue Line in a Metro rake. After reaching Noapara, he held a high level meeting with senior officers of Metro Railway in which he was apprised of the developmental activities taken in Metro Railway. He inspected Noapara Carshed and dedicated an Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Unit there. He dedicated two Dalian Rakes MR 508 and MR 510 for passenger service at Noapara Carshed. Wider doors in these rakes will facilitate easy Entry and Exit of passengers specially during the peak hours. Enhanced features of these rakes will also provide free ride. CCTV coverage in-

side the coach, modular and wider vestibules, enhanced seating capacity including provision of more seats for senior citizens and specially-abled are some of the unique features of these rakes. Apart from these, features like aesthetically designed interior, improved air diffuser, high capacity ACs, small and sleek alarm device with outside indication lamp, brighter multi-colour multilingual display board, uniform illumination, wheel chair parking facility and door side hand rails have made these rakes unique in Kolkata Metro. Shri Agrawal also inspected Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbantar stretch of Yellow Line in a Metro with senior Metro officials. He also inspected Jai Hind Bimanbantar Metro station where Metro officials apprised him of different passenger amenities going to be provided at the station.

## Additional Stoppage of Kanchanjungha Express at Jolaibari & Belonia Stations

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of 13174/13173 Sabroom – Sealdah – Sabroom Kanchanjungha Express at Jolaibari & Belonia stations of Lumding Division over Northeast Frontier Railway. 13174 Sabroom – Sealdah Kanchanjungha Express (journey commencing on & from 14.8.2025) will arrive Jolaibari & Belonia stations at 06:26 hrs. & 06:46 hrs. respectively and 13173 Sealdah – Sabroom Kan-

chanjungha Express (journey commencing on & from 14.8.2025) will arrive Belonia & Jolaibari stations at 19:12 hrs. & 19:28 hrs. respectively. Both the trains will stop at Jolaibari & Belonia stations for 2 minutes. Moreover, 13174 Sabroom – Sealdah Kanchanjungha Express (journey commencing on & from 14.8.2025) will leave Sabroom at 06:10 hrs. instead of 06:20 hrs. Timings of the above trains at all other stations will remain unchanged.



INDIA'S SURAJ NARREDU MAKES HISTORY WITH SHERGAR CUP 2025 WIN AT ASCOT

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Team Asia, captained by Suraj Narredu -- fondly known as the Magic Man of India -- has brought home the Shergar Cup 2025 trophy. From India to Ascot, Narredu delivered on his promise to leave a global mark. Alongside Japanese jockeys Ryusei Sakai and Mirai Iwata, he won two of six races and secured a crucial second place, snatching the win by just one point ahead of Europe.

Asia prevailed 68-67 over Europe, with Great Britain & Ireland third on 62, and the Rest of the World on 55. Hugh Bowman clinched the Silver Saddle as the leading jockey, as per a press release from Suraj Narredu's media team.

Trained by Dylan Cunha, Narredu piloted Fireblade at the prestigious Ascot Racecourse -- winning the Dubai Duty Free-sponsored Shergar Cup Stayers. Sakai also scored aboard Prince of India in the Shergar Cup Sprint. The victory was celebrated in the presence of Deputy MD Salah Tahlak and Senior VP of Marketing Sinead El Sibai.

In a steadily driven two-mile event, the 40-year-old made his move early, keeping every opponent at bay by almost two lengths. "Being a debut team and winning today is icing on the cake. I know this is a new team, but I'm sure in the future they'll be a force to be reckoned with," he said as quoted by a press release.

With over 2,400 career wins, Narredu has left no soil untouched by his excellence. His passion for carrying the Narredu name like a crown-- just as his father and uncle once did--adds deeper value to his game.

"It has been a dream come true. I had always imagined what it would feel like, but now that I'm living it, it's surreal. This is one of the greatest moments in my life--the one I'd always been waiting for. I feel honoured to take this win back to my country," he added.

To mark the milestone, Narredu celebrated with a signature flying dismount for the first time --a move made famous by his idol Frankie Dettori--lighting up the crowd and leaving fans smiling from ear to ear.

Sports Governance, Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bills passed in Lok Sabha

NEW DELHI : The National Sports Governance Bill, 2025 and The National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025, were passed in the Lok Sabha on Monday.

The bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on July 23.

Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the bill is very important for creating an international-level sports ecosystem in India.

The National Sports Governance Bill aims to provide for the development and promotion of sports, welfare measures for sportspersons, ethical practices based on basic universal principles of good governance, ethics and fair play of the Olympic and sports movement, Olympic Charter, Paralympic Charter, international best practices and established legal standards and to provide for the resolution of sports grievances and sports disputes in a unified, equitable and effective manner and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto, be taken into consideration.

Mandaviya said that the National Sports Governance Bill remained pending for decades due to the internal politics of pre-



vious governments.

The bill provides for the constitution of the National Sports Board. The Bill empowers the central government to establish a National Sports Board (NSB). NSB will grant recognition to

conditions. Other functions of NSB include: (i) issuing guidelines on code of ethics and compliance with international rules, (ii) inquiring into matters affecting the welfare of sportspersons, sports development, and misuse of funds, and (iii) creating an ad-hoc administrative body in case of loss of international recognition of a national body.

The National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill, 2025, was introduced in the Lok Sabha on July 23, 2025. The Bill seeks to amend the National Anti-Doping Act, 2022.

The bill empowers the Central government to constitute the Appeal Panel. The Act requires the National Board to constitute: (i) a Disciplinary Panel to determine the consequences of rule violations, and (ii) an Appeal Panel to hear appeals against decisions of the Disciplinary Panel. The Bill transfers the power to constitute the Appeal Panel from the Board to the central government. The Act empowers the Board to specify the manner of filing and hearing appeals through regulations. The Bill instead empowers the central government to prescribe these details.

Mitchell Killeen signs for Essex on two-year deal



LONDON [UK] : Essex Cricket announced on Monday the signing of young Durham bowling all-rounder Mitchell Killeen. The 20-year-old player has agreed to a two-year deal with Essex, which will see him join the Club at the end of the 2025 season.

The right-arm seam bowler and right-handed batter made his List A debut for Durham at the age of 17 in August 2022 against Nottinghamshire, where he took 1-17 and scored 17 off 26 balls, batting at number eight, as per a press release from Essex Cricket.

Durham-born Killeen had to wait a few years for his first-class opportunity, which came against Zimbabwe A in Harare on March 12 during Durham's tour of Zimbabwe. In that match, he scored 21 off 41 balls and took 2-12 from six overs.

The son of former Durham cricketer and England bowling consultant Neil Killeen, Mitchell made his County Championship debut for Durham earlier this season against Somerset at Chester-le-Street.

He made an immediate impact, claiming a five-wicket haul in the first innings and finishing with figures of 5-36 from 10 overs, including two maidens. In the second innings, he continued to impress, taking 1-67 from 20.1 overs, with two maidens.

The Durham Academy graduate has represented England Under-19s on half-a-dozen occasions taking eleven wickets during 2022 and 2023, playing and training alongside Essex Cricket's Luc Benkenstein, Charlie Allison and Noah Thain.

Upon the conclusion of the 2024 season, Mitchell was awarded Durham's Second XI Player of the Year, tallying over 400 runs (including an unbeaten 112\*) and claiming 18 wickets across formats (including 11 in T20s).

Earlier this year, Killeen was selected in the Professional County Club Select XI squad to face Zimbabwe for a four-day match at Leicestershire, the same squad which included Essex's Luc Benkenstein and Jamal Richards.

Upon signing for the Club, Killeen said as quoted by an Essex Cricket press release, "I am really excited to be joining Essex for the 2026 season. Essex have an excellent squad of cricketers and have obviously enjoyed some great success in recent years. Once Chris Silverwood got in touch, I knew that I wanted to be involved with what he is trying to build at Chelmsford."

"I feel my cricket is developing and I will be doing my best to push hard for regular first team cricket. I know a few of the younger players from my time with England Under 19s, and I can't wait to meet the rest of the squad ahead of next season," the player added.

Chief Executive Officer, Dan Feist, said, "We are really excited to be bringing Mitchell to the Club. He is a young seamer with plenty of potential, and we've seen what he is capable of this season in both the first-class and List A formats. He will add depth to the bowling attack, and we look forward to seeing him grow and develop his game here at Essex."

Jay Shah hails '50 Days To Go' event ahead of Women's World Cup 2025

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman Jay Shah on Monday hailed the '50 Days To Go' event ahead of the ICC Women's World Cup 2025 in India, scheduled to be held later this year. Shah inaugurated the event before the panel discussions involving the stars of the present and past of Indian cricket, along with ICC CEO Sanjog Gupta.

India legends Mithali Raj and Yuvraj Singh, along with Indian skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana and Jemimah Rodrigues, came together in Mumbai for the '50 days to go' event for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025. The upcoming 50-over World Cup marks the return of a senior ICC Women's tournament to the sub-continent for the first time since 2016, when India hosted the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. India has previously staged the Women's World Cup in 1978, 1997 and 2013.

In an X post, Jay Shah wrote, "What a fantastic celebration of

women's cricket today, marking 50 days to go until the @cricket-worldcup. This promises to be the biggest women's cricket event ever, and it all begins on September 30. #CWC25."

The event also marked the official launch of the ICC Trophy Tour, beginning in Mumbai and travelling to all host cities of the tournament, as well as Delhi.

As part of a wider school legacy programme, the Trophy Tour will visit several schools in each host city, with the BCCI and ICC partnering with stakeholders to give select schools the chance to attend matches of the World Cup.

India will be hoping to go one step further at this year's tournament than they did in 2017, when they made it to their second Women's Cricket World Cup Final, missing out narrowly to England in a thrilling finish at Lord's.

The tournament will take place from September 30 to November 2, with India playing the tournament opener against Sri Lanka in Bengaluru.



Akshay Bhatia lies sixth in St. Jude Championship

MEMPHIS [US] : Akshay Bhatia fired a modest even par 70 to be tied sixth and five off the lead after three days at the St. Jude Championship. Bhatia, 22, a two-time winner on the PGA TOUR, now has rounds of 62-69-70 and is 9-under and still in the picture for a good finish in the first of three Play-off events.

Bhatia, who set the course alight with a 62 on the first day, had two birdies and two bogeys on the third day, as Tommy Fleetwood survived some hiccups on the way to a 1-under 69 but stayed in sole lead at 14-under. Fleetwood, looking for his first win on the PGA TOUR, now has rounds of 63-64-69.

Fleetwood leads veteran Justin Rose (64-66-67) a 13-under by one shot as Scottie Scheffler (67-66-65) lurks close behind at 12-under in third place, a release said.

Indo-British Aaron Rai (70-69-68) is T-30 as he tries to move

into the Top-50 from 55th to make the next Play-offs event.

Bhatia birdied the second and the 17th but gave away shots on the seventh and the 18th had a three-shot swing go against him early and a two-shot swing cost him on the final hole Saturday in the FedEx St. Jude Championship. He did enough right in between for a 1-under 69 and a one-shot lead over Justin Rose as he goes for his first PGA TOUR title. If that wasn't enough, Scottie Scheffler had a huge presence only two shots back.

Still, those two holes were a reminder to Fleetwood that 18 holes can feel a long way off at the TPC Southwind. There figures to be plenty of pressure at the top and scattered among the rest of the field trying to advance in the FedExCup Playoffs.

Fleetwood started the third round with a three-shot lead over Rose, who had to finish his storm-delayed second round in



the morning.

On the par-5 third, Fleetwood's second shot came up short and into the water. He took his penalty drop and then hit wedge over the green into a bunker. Fleetwood said he noticed his golf ball move ever so

slightly on his swing with the wedge.

Rules officials could not determine if it did because it was so slight and Fleetwood didn't cause it. So no penalty was issued. He made a double bogey, and Rose ran off three straight birdies to

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Speaking at an event in Mumbai to mark '50 Days to Go' for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, ICC CEO Sanjog Gupta said, "There is a larger picture here, which has to do with what this means for the country. The growth of women's cricket, in many ways, is a reflection of the country's progress."

"In every sense, the growth of

women's cricket over the last eight years has brought us to this moment where it is time for the game to take its next leap. This World Cup can be the springboard for that next leap. World Cups are more than just events; they are apertures for building trans-generational legacies and fostering new cultures," he added. India legends Mithali Raj and Yuvraj Singh, along with Indian skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana and Jemimah Rodrigues, came together in Mumbai for the '50 days to go' event for the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025. The upcoming 50-over World Cup marks the return of a

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