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Massive

cloudburst in

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J-K, 10

feared dead

MI News Service, Jammu: At least 10 people are feared dead in a massive cloudburst that struck a remote village en route the Machail Mata yatra in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday, officials said.

The cloudburst hit Chasoti, the last motorable village en route to the Machail Mata shrine.

The annual yatra to the shrine has been suspended following the incident as authorities mobilised all resources and are heading to the scene to conduct a massive rescue and relief operation, the officials said.

Preliminary reportys reaching here this evening said at least 10 people, including some women have died after the massive cloudburst hit picturescue village in the Paddar area of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district on Thursday besides washing away several houses and domestic animals


This last village that can be reached by road on the way to the Machail Mata shrine has also suffered huge damage after experiencing the nature's fury the reports said adding that the annual pilgrimage to the shrine has since been stopped and all available resources are being sent to the area for a massive rescue and relief operation, which are underway.

Union minister Jitendra Singh said he spoke to Deputy Commissioner Kishtwar, Pankaj Kumar Sharma, soon after receiving information from the Leader of Opposition in Jammu and Kashmir and local MLA Sunil Kumar Sharma.

In a post on X, Singh wrote, "Massive cloud burst in Chositi area, which could result in substantial casualty. Administration has immediately swung into action, rescue team has left for the site. Damage evaluation and necessary rescue and medical management arrangements being made. My office receiving regular updates, all possible assistance will be provided."

According to Singh, teams have been sent to the site to assess the damage, carry out rescue operations, and provide medical help to those affected. The Office of the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu and Kashmir posted on X, "Anguished by cloudburst in Chositi Kishtwar. Condolences to bereaved families & prayers for quick recovery of injured. Directed Civil, Police, Army, NDRF

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West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee is addressing a programme to mark the 12th Kanyashree Day.organised by the Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare at the Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium in Kolkata on Thursday

Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

Mamata Banerjee says 'Over 93 Lakh women in Bengal benefitted from Kanyashree scheme'

MI News Service , Kolkata : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday said a record number of over 93 lakh women have so far benefited from the state government's one of the most popular projects called 'Kanyashree' scheme.

Taking to the social media platform X this morning to mark the 12 successful years of the project, Mamata Banerjee said her government has spent over Rs 17,000 crore in the last 12 years to help women through this scheme to tide over their financial and other difficulties. .

"Today is Kanyashree Day. The Kanyashree project has completed 12 years today. Many congratulations to all the Kanyashree women across the world, across the country, across Bengal. I don't think there is any other government project that has had such a big impact on women's empowerment in society in such a short time! That's why it is so popular in the world - it won the United Nations Public Service Award, winning first place among 552 projects from 62 countries," Mamata Banerjee said in her post.

Kanyashree Prakalpa' is a targeted conditional cash transfer scheme which is aimed at preventing child marriage and retaining girls in schools and other educational institutions.

In 2017, Kanyashree Prakalpa, which is a targeted conditional cash transfer scheme, received the United Nations' highest award, the first place for Public Service.

"I always think that a society where women are not well off can never be well off. Empowerment of women is necessary for the development of society. It is my pride that today there are more than 93 lakh 'Kanyashree women' in our state. Seventeen and a half thousand crore taka has been handed over to them under this project. We don't just talk about women's empowerment. We do it," she said.

The Chief Minister concluded by saying, "I would like to tell all the Kanyashree women to grow up in life and make the face of the country and the state shine. You will one day build a world Bengal. You will wear the crown of respect on your heads in the world."

If Bengal was not there, India would not have got Independence, says Mamata Banerjee

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday said India would not have got Independence if Bengal was not there, as personalities like Rabindranath Tagore and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, had contributed significantly to shaping the nation's destiny..

Speaking at a function here on the eve of 79th Independence day and marking the 12th anniversary of the 'Kanyashree' scheme, Mamata Banerjee said Bengal is the beacon of hope which stands for unity amid diversity. "If Bengal was not there, India would not have got Independence. Bengal's soil has produced eminent people like Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The national anthem, the national song and the 'Jai Hind' slogan are all created by these Bengali personalities in Bengal", she said. . Mamata Banerjee's statement at this juncture assumed an added significance as the ruling Trinamool Congress has now been leading a campaign centred around Bengali 'asmita' (pride), alleging "language terror" on migrant workers from West Bengal in BJP-ruled states. Maintaining that an

overwhelming majority of the country's freedom fighters came from Bengal, she said, "You will find that almost 70 per cent of inmates of the Cellular Jail (in Port Blair) were Bengalis. Freedom fighters from Punjab came second." She told the school-girls present in the programme, "Tomorrow is (79th) Independence Day. I urge all of you to discard narrow-mindedness and divisive thoughts. Bengal stands for harmony and unity amongst diversity. We are always strong and united". She said those who had entered the country after the Partition are all Indian citizens. "Only yesterday, I read about a father accompanying his son to a sporting event was not allowed accommodation at a hotel in Noida for speaking in Bengali. If we can honour your languages, why can't you respect ours?" she asked.

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee also highlighted the "funds-deprivation" for Bengal and criticised the Centre for "curbing scholarships in higher education".

"The UGC has nearly stopped funding of all research activities in Bengal. The state government is now sponsoring those academic endeavours with its limited resources", she asserted. She also said there is a need to learn many languages, including English, but one should not forget his or her mother tongue. "The sweetness of Bengali is all-pervading," she said.

Earlier the Chief minister said so far 93 lakh students have taken benefit of the 'Kanyashree' scheme, which is aimed at preventing child marriages, and announced that the number would surpass one crore next year.

As part of the scheme, poor schoolgirls in the age group of 13 to 18 are being provided Rs 1,000 annually besides a one-time grant of Rs 25,000 when they turn adult, provided that they are engaged in an academic or occupational pursuit and remained unmarried. The CM said her government has spent Rs 17,000 crore for implementing the scheme, which has also received UN recognition. "Due to Kanyashree, school dropout rates of young girls at the primary, secondary and higher secondary levels have significantly come down. Dropout rates at the primary level are zero," she said. The aim of the government is to make the youth self-sufficient and help them stand on their own feet.

Country's responsibility is to strengthen harmony to hold the nation together', PM Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has stated that Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, which is observed annually on the eve of Independence Day on August 14, is a stark reminder of people's enduring responsibility to strengthen the bonds of harmony that hold the country together. On this day, India remembers the upheaval and pain endured by countless people during that "tragic chapter of our history", PM Modi said this here on Thursday in reference to the unspeakable suffering as millions were forced to leave their homes and lakhs of people are estimated to have died in communal violence before the country got its Independence on August 15, 1947. The PM said on X, "It is also a day to honour their grit... their ability to face unimaginable loss and still find the strength to start afresh. Many of those affected went on to rebuild their lives and achieve remarkable milestones."He said the partition in 1947 was a tragic chapter in the country's history and in order to remember that India observes August 14 as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. "Remembering the upheaval and pain endured by countless people during that tragic chapter of our history. It is also a day to honour their grit...their ability to face unimaginable loss and still find the strength to start afresh.", he said .

Mamata Banerjee condoles the demise of Vece Paes

MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday expressed her deep condolences at the death of Vece Paes , a member of the Bronze Medal winning Hockey team in 1972 Olympic who also contributed in Sports Medicine. Vece Paes was also the father of ace tennis player Leader Paes who also represented India in a number of Olympic and world tournaments and won several medals and laurels for the country.

Remembering the contributions of Vece Paes , Mamata Banerjee in a post in her X handle wrote today "Saddened by the demise of Dr Vece Paes, member of the bronze medal winning team at the 1972 Olympic Games. His contribution to hockey and sports medicine will be remembered. My condolences to his family, including Leander, his friends and the members of the many clubs of Kolkata he was associated with".

India tightens norms for overseas citizenship

MI News Service, New Delhi : In a major move in the midst of the current citizenship row in the country, the Ministry of Home Affairs has announced a set of new rules for overseas citizens of India that may impact their future registration or cancellation.

In a gazette notification issued on Thursday, India has stated that OCI cards and registrations will be subject to cancellation if an individual faces criminal charges or convictions.

Section 7D of the Citizenship Act, 1955 (57 of 1955), the central government hereby states that an Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) registration shall be liable to get cancelled when a person has been sentenced to imprisonment for a term of two years and above or has been charge-sheeted for an offence entailing punishment of imprisonment for seven years or more," read the notification issued by MHA. As per the MHA notification, an OCI registration or card is liable for cancellation "if the cardholder has been sentenced to jail for a term of two years or more. If the cardholder has been charge-sheeted for an offence that carries a punishment of seven years or more".These new rules will help tighten the framework around OCI registration., the notification said .

The Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card allows Indian-origin foreign nationals to visit India without any visa.


Incidentally, the latest move of MHA is aimed at tightening the legal framework governing OCI status, which grants certain rights and privileges to foreign citizens of Indian origin.

"The provision applies irrespective of whether the conviction occurred in India or abroad, provided the offence is recognised under Indian law," official sources said.

The latest notification marks a shift toward stricter scrutiny of OCI holders, aligning the privileges of the card with a higher standard of legal and moral conduct.

The OCI scheme was introduced in August 2005, allowing foreign nationals of Indian origin to travel to India without a visa, offering long-term residency and multiple-entry benefits. In a gazette notification, the Ministry of Home Affairs said the OCI registration of individuals will be liable for cancellation if convicted of a serious criminal offence or formally charge-sheeted in cases involving grave charges. The latest notification marks a shift toward stricter scrutiny of OCI holders, aligning the privileges of the card

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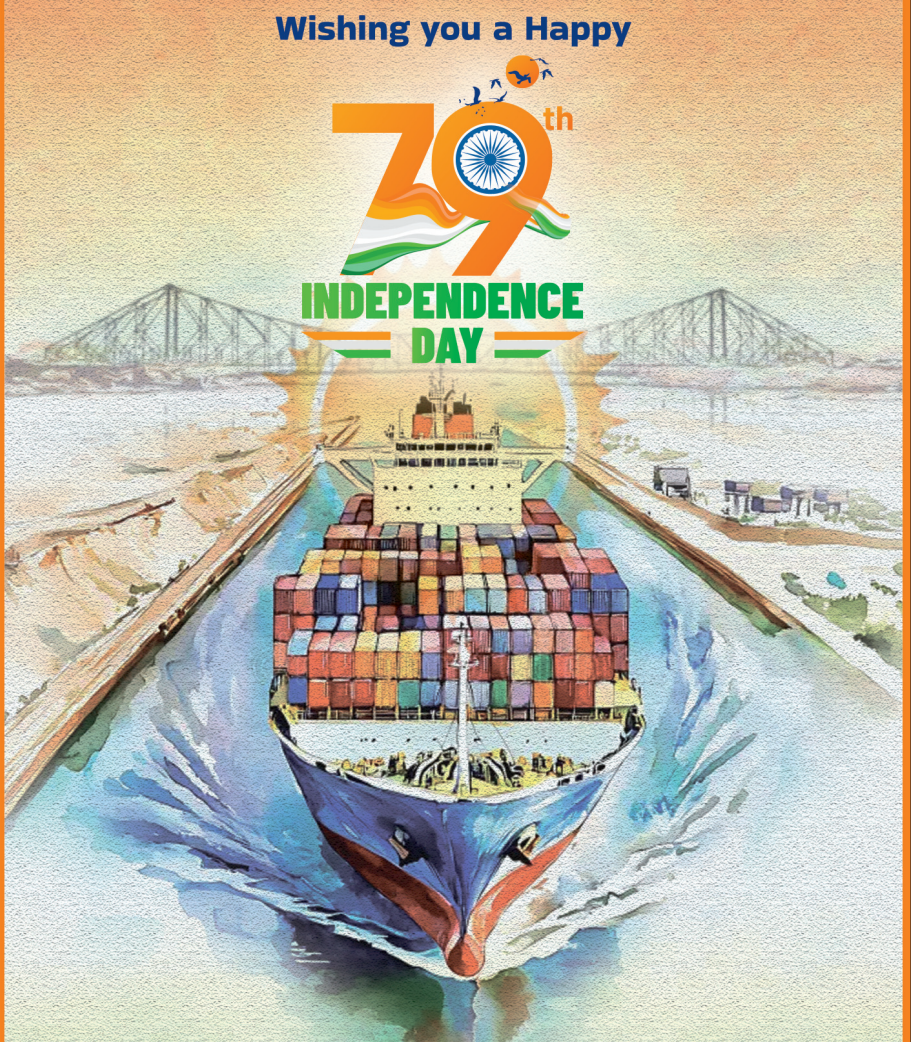
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Security beefed up in J-K ahead of Independence Day celebrations

MI News Service , Jammu / Srinagar : Security has been intensified and tightened further across the Jammu region since Thursday as a precautionary measure with increased checking, patrolling and area domination ahead of tomorrow's Independence Day celebrations, officials said. A massive multi-tier security grid of the Army, BSF, and Jammu and Kashmir Police has been kept on high alert along the Line of

Control and International Border to foil any nefarious designs from across the border, they said. Quick Response Teams (QRTs) of the J-K Police have been deployed in Jammu city, they said, adding that checking and frisking have been intensified at every entry and exit points in every district and on important

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Members of All India Democratic Students' Organisation (AIDSO) took part in a protest rally and blocked the road at College street against State Government over delay in merit list publication for College admission including delay in publication of results of the Joint Entrance Examination, in Kolkata on Thursday.

Malda Division Observes Partition Horror Remembrance Day Across Multiple Stations

MI News Service, Malda: The Malda Division of Eastern Railway conducted commemorative programs today on the occasion of Partition Horror Remembrance Day at Malda Town, Jamalpur, Bhagalpur and Sahibganj stations. These events paid tribute to the sacrifices of freedom fighters during the Partition, honoring their courage and dedication, while promoting messages of peace, fraternity and national unity. At Malda Town Station, the program was organized under the guidance of Divisional Railway Manager, Shri Manish Kumar Gupta, through the Personnel Department. The event was attended by Smt. Anupa Ghosh, along with all senior branch officers and employees. The program commenced with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the chief guest, Shri Sukumar Joardar (DOB:1942), symbolizing the official inauguration of the observance. The event took place at Platform No. 1, 1st Class Waiting Hall, with active participation from the Station Superintendent (SS), Commercial Inspectors (CMI), railway employees, passengers. At Bhagalpur Station, near



the Reservation Counter, the program was conducted under the supervision of Station Director, Shri Utpal Sharma and attended by SS, CMI, railway employees, passengers, and local residents. The event included reflections on human resilience and unity during the Partition, providing a thoughtful and educational experience for all present. At Jamalpur Station, the commemorative event was held at the Reserved Lounge under the supervision of Senior DME (D/ Shed) Jamalpur, Shri Krishna Kumar Das, with Chief Guest *Baleshwar Prasad Bhagat (DOB: 11.01.1925), senior officers, employees, passengers and local residents in attendance. The program featured storytelling sessions and photo exhibitions highlighting his-

torical moments of the Partition, creating a reflective and engaging atmosphere. At Sahibganj Station, the commemorative program was organized under the supervision of AME Sahibganj (DEMU & C&W), Shri Pawan Kumar Singh,* along with Station Superintendent Shri Rajhans Pathak. The event was graced by Ex. Head Master, Eastern Railway High School, Sahibganj and Smt. Chanda Jha, Head Mistress, Eastern Railway High School, Sahibganj as chief guests. Students and teachers of Sahibganj Railway School, supported by the Scouts & Guides team, participated enthusiastically through speeches, patriotic songs and cultural performances. The program saw active involvement from all station masters, SS, CMI, railway

employees, officers, passengers and local residents, collectively paying tribute to the heroes of the Partition and promoting messages of unity, patriotism and fraternity. Divisional Railway Manager, Malda, Shri Manish Kumar Gupta, said, "Observing Partition Horror Remembrance Day reminds us of the immense challenges faced during the Partition. Thousands of refugees traveled by rail during that time, and countless railway employees worked tirelessly, often under difficult and unsafe conditions, to ensure smooth operations. This day honors the courage, perseverance and dedication of all those who contributed to managing the crisis and assisting people during those tumultuous times. It also reinforces our responsibility to foster harmony, fraternity and peace while remembering the sacrifices that shaped our nation." The event at Malda Town concluded with the National Anthem (Jana Gana Mana) performed at four locations within the station premises, symbolizing respect, patriotism and collective remembrance, leaving a lasting impression of unity, pride and solemn homage to the heroes of our history.

Lawyers' Union marches to High Court to save constitution and country



Nurul Islam Khan The country's constitution is being destroyed, and the fundamental rights of the people are being taken away. At the same time, the country's pluralism and secularism are being turned

into a sacred tomb. The All India Lawyers Union, with numerous lawyers, took out a protest march at the Calcutta High Court on Thursday against this Hitlerite attitude of the central government. In this procession,

pictures of all the lawyers and freedom fighters of the country were displayed and protested. On this day, the contribution of lawyers and other freedom fighters who participated in the freedom struggle is remembered. The organization's All India President, Senior Lawyer Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya, said that the contribution of all freedom fighters is being highlighted to the common people throughout the week. Because the country's democracy is in deep crisis today. Therefore, remembering their contribution, we must take a new oath in the interest of protecting the country's constitution and democracy. Lawyer Shamim Ahmed, the organization's secretary, said that on the eve of Independence Day, we are remembering and paying

tribute to the contributions of all those freedom-fighting lawyers. Because if we want to protect the Constitution we have received, it is very important to remember their purpose and struggle. Many lawyers including the President, lawyers Siddharth Shankar Mandal, Tapas Maiti, Sabyasachi Chatterjee, Anjana Mehboob, Gulshan Parveen and Ambia Khatun were present at the meeting. Everyone says this is how we can honor all the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives to liberate the country. The lawyers' group regretted that they could not arrange the program due to lack of cooperation from the High Court administration in this regard. They said that this painting exhibition will continue next to the statue of Khudiram.

SMPK-GBTPL alliance to drive ₹365.88 Cr

MI News Service, Kolkata: Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) has awarded the concession for the Mechanization of Berth No. 5 (erstwhile Berth No. 4B) at the Haldia Dock Complex (HDC) of SMP Kolkata to Ganges Bulk Terminal Pvt. Ltd. (GBTPL). The project, valued at ₹343.58 Crore, will be developed on a Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) basis through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.



structure project will see GBTPL mechanize the berth to handle dry bulk cargo, aiming to increase the port's efficiency and cargo throughput. The project has a designed capacity of 5 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA) and will be developed over a substantial area of 44 acres (1.78 Lakh Sqm). The total project cost is a combination of PPP and government funding, with the concessionaire,

GBTPL, investing ₹343.58 Crore and the government contributing ₹22.30 Crore through Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR). The project is slated for completion by December 27, marking a key milestone in the modernization efforts of SMPK and its Haldia Dock Complex. Speaking on the development, Rathendra Raman, Chairman of SMP Kolkata stated, "This mechanization project is another step

towards transforming HDC into a world-class cargo handling hub. The partnership with GBTPL will not only enhance our operational capabilities but also strengthen the port's contribution to India's maritime growth and the economy of Eastern India. As we take this leap forward, I am confident that this initiative will pave the way for a new era of operational excellence at HDC and strengthen India's position in global maritime trade." The mechanization of Berth No. 5 is a crucial step towards enhancing operational capabilities, reducing vessel turnaround time, and strengthening the Haldia Dock Complex's position as a vital gateway for maritime trade in the region. This initiative is expected to bring long-term economic benefits and contribute to the overall growth of India's maritime sector.

Trainee Nurse's unusual death triggers tension

MI News Service, Hooghly: Tension gripped Borai Tematha in Singur after the body of a nursing student was recovered late Wednesday night from a room at a local nursing home.

The deceased, identified as Deepali Jana of Raynagar, Nandigram, had joined the nursing home just three days earlier for practical training. Police said she had completed her JNM Nursing Training examination in Bengaluru last year and was working there to obtain her training certificate. According to sources, nursing home staff discovered Deepali's body hanging in a fourth-floor room and immediately informed the local police station. Officers arrived promptly and recovered the body. However, the family alleged that the police removed it hastily before they could arrive, raising suspicions. The incident sparked unrest in the area on Thursday morning. Angry residents surrounded the police, blocked roads, and staged protests demanding answers. Deepali's parents also joined the demonstration, sitting on the road in grief. "I cannot understand what happened. My daughter came here for training. She was healthy and fine. I still don't know what went wrong," said the victim's mother. Police have launched an investigation into the incident. The cause of death is yet to be confirmed, and officials said all angles are being examined.

One slap, one life lost: Van driver killed in roadside clash

MI News Service, Howrah: A shocking incident in Kona, Howrah, claimed the life of a 50-year-old van driver after a roadside dispute turned fatal. The victim, identified as Alok Naskar, died shortly after being slapped during an altercation with a pedestrian.

According to police sources, the incident occurred on Thursday afternoon near Kona School intersection on Benares Road. Naskar, transporting tiles from a quarry, reportedly lost control of his bicycle van and accidentally hit a pedestrian, identified as Asim Das (52). Witnesses say Das, angered by the collision, slapped Naskar in the heat of the moment. The force of the blow caused Naskar to collapse onto the road, where he sustained a severe head injury. Locals rushed the injured man to Jagdishpur Rural Hospital, where doctors pronounced him dead on arrival. Eyewitnesses detained Das at the scene, but tensions escalated as an agitated crowd attacked him. A large police contingent from Dasnagar Police Station arrived promptly, rescuing the accused from the mob and taking him into custody. Police have registered a case of murder against Das, who remains under arrest. Investigators are reviewing CCTV footage of the area to piece together the sequence of events. The incident has left residents stunned, with Naskar's family demanding the strictest punishment for the accused. Authorities have urged the public to remain calm and allow the investigation to proceed.

Two Killed in Separate Wild Elephant Attacks

MI News Service, Jalapiguri: Two people were killed in separate wild elephant attacks within a span of four hours in Banarhat block of Duggurji subdivision, sparking panic across the Doars region. The deceased have been identified as Somra Orao (50) and **Guruya Orao (60). According to local sources, a wild elephant entered Chanadipa village in Duramari around 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday. It approached Somra Orao's house, and upon encountering him, reportedly twisted him.

Tanishq Grand store in Baruipur

MI News Service, Baruipur: India's largest jewellery retail brand, Tanishq, has opened a grand store in Baruipur, Kolkata. The store, spanning 5000 sq. ft., offers an extensive selection of iconic Tanishq jewellery designs, including dazzling plain gold, diamonds, kundan, and polki. The store also features a contemporary daily-wear collection, 'GlamDays', and a modern, lightweight line, 'String It'. The store also features 'Aalo', a luminous collection inspired by divine light, and 'KonkonKotha', a festive and wedding bangle collection rooted in Bengali culture.

Celebrating Kanyashree Day



Nurul Islam Khan On Thursday, several police stations and schools including Narayanpur and Rajarhat celebrated "Kanyashree Day". ACP Mrityunjay Banerjee,

teachers Ramkumar and Mahesh Das, the head of Narayanpur police station, and OC Jonaki Bagchi of Rajarhat police station were present. Students and teachers from the neigh-

boring schools. On this day, the importance of various educations including higher education was emphasized. Everyone said that it was definitely a commendable initiative.

"Aye Watan Tere Liye" Tricolor Yatra in Champdani on August 15th: Hajis to be honoured with Quran pak and priests with Gita : Suresh Mishra

MI News Service, Hooghly: The 79th Independence Day will be celebrated in two days. The entire country is eagerly waiting for this. Not only government offices but also streets, neighborhoods, clubs, institutions, and intersections hoist the tricolor flag in the glory of the country. Small and big events are also held on this day. The Chairman of Chapdani Municipality under Hooghly district is going to make this day more special. On this Independence Day, a grand procession will be taken out from Ward No. 1 Manjushri Cinema Hall of Chapdani to Palta Ghat near Chapdani Municipality. Regarding this event, Suresh Mishra said that a grand procession titled "Aye Watan Tere Liye" will start from Ward No. 1 at 10 am on August 15 and will end at the municipality. After that, a public meeting will be held here. He added that a few days ago, on the occasion of Muharram,



I was given the religious book "Gita" as an honor at a function of Muslim brothers. On the same day, I had promised that in some future function, I will also give the "Quran" as an honor. I have decided that I will present the Gita to some priests of our Chapdani and the "Quran Sharif" to the Haji's saheban. Suresh Mishra further said that this function will be a non-political function. In which people of every caste, religion, elder, young, and children, will participate. He further said

that this country belongs to everyone. People of all castes, religions, have shed blood and made sacrifices for the freedom of this country. Without naming the central government, he said that some political parties are igniting the fire of hatred in the country. People are being divided in the name of religion. There is a conspiracy to destroy mutual sympathy and brotherhood among the people of the country by doing politics of religion. Such people are calling themselves "religious".

Celebration of Kanyashree Day at Kanyashree University



MI News Service, Krishnanagar: Various schemes of the Government of West Bengal are currently of immense social and economic importance, and overall, they have had a positive impact on society. Among these schemes, one of the most popular is the Kanyashree scheme. Every year, Kanyashree Day is celebrated across West Bengal on August 14. Like every year, this year too, Kanyashree Day was celebrated at Kanyashree University in Krishnanagar.

On this occasion, a festive fair-like atmosphere prevailed on the university campus. The chief guest of the event was Ujjal Biswas, Minister of Science, Tech-

nology, and Biotechnology, Government of West Bengal. Other dignitaries present included Professor Sujay Kumar Mandal from the Department of Folklore, University of Kalyani; Shilpi Pal, DSP of Krishnanagar Police District; and Taranum Sultana Mir, Chairperson of the Krishnanagar Zilla Parishad. Teachers and officials from various departments of Kanyashree University were also present.

In their speeches, the guests highlighted the significance of Kanyashree Day and strongly encouraged girls to move forward in society. Minister Ujjal Biswas stated that he would extend his support

for the infrastructural development of Kanyashree University and was already making efforts toward its progress. Vice-Chancellor Professor Tapati Chakraborty expressed, "We are very happy to celebrate Kanyashree Day at Kanyashree University. The university will continue its constant efforts to advance girls in the field of higher education."

In the first segment of the program, a documentary on the Kanyashree scheme was presented by the Krishnanagar Police District. The central message of the documentary was to ensure that girls do not fall behind in education due to financial constraints and to spread awareness about ending child marriage.

In the second segment, students of Kanyashree University staged various cultural performances. Several alumnae of the university, who had completed their postgraduate degrees here with the support of the Kanyashree scheme, shared their personal struggles and life experiences with the audience. According to the students, these stories of perseverance from the alumnae greatly inspired the current batch of learners.

Dhantala Man Gets Life Term for Brutal Murder of Wife

MI News Service, Ranaghat: A Fast Track Court in Ranaghat has sentenced a man to life imprisonment for the gruesome murder of his wife in Nadia district's Dhantala last year.

The convict, Nirmal Dutta, son of Sitanath Dutta of Kushaberia Paschimpara under Dhantala police station, was found guilty under Sections 85/103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) in connection with Dhantala PS Case No. 624/24 dated September 1, 2024.

According to the prosecution, the incident took place on September 1, 2024, at around 1:55 pm, when Nirmal attacked his wife, Sucharita Dutta, with a daw (sharp cutting weapon). When the victim's father, who was also the complainant, and her brother tried to rescue her, the accused assaulted them as well before fleeing from



the spot. Police conducted a prompt and thorough investigation, leading to the submission of a chargesheet within the stipulated time. S.I. Prabin Ghosh was the Investigating Officer of the case, while APP Apurba Bhadra represented the prosecution. On Wednesday, the Additional District Judge of the

Fast Track Court, Ranaghat, pronounced Nirmal Dutta guilty and sentenced him to life imprisonment along with a fine of Rs. 10,000.

Following the verdict, the SP of Ranaghat Police District felicitated both the Investigating Officer and the Public Prosecutor for their dedicated work in securing the conviction.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee celebrates the 12 th Kanyashree Day by cutting a cake along with students and other dignitaries. The said programme was organised by the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal at Dhono Dhannay auditorium in Kolkata on Thursday.
Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

State govt orders cinema screens to show 1 Bengali film daily in prime time

MI News Service, Kolkata: Every cinema screen in Bengal, including those in plexes, will have to show at least one Bengali film between 3pm and 9pm, "prime time" in entertainment parlance.

The government issued a notification that said: "In every Cinema hall, and all screens (each screen) of every multiplex situated in this State, 365 (Three hundred and Sixty Five) prime time shows/screenings of Bengali films shall mandatorily be held throughout the year with at least one Bengali show per day for all 365 days during the year". Prime-time shows refer to screenings between 3pm and 9pm, the notice issued by Santanu Basu, the principal secretary of the information and cultural affairs department, said. The notification was shared at a meeting held at Nandan on Wednesday. Ministers Aroop Biswas and Indranil Sen presided over the meeting.

The meeting was the second in a week. The first took place on August 7, following a letter some of the leading names in Tollygunge had written to the chief minister, alleging discrimination in the allotment of slots to Bengali films. Most of the prime-time slots would be allocated to big-budget Hindi films, the letter said.

Police arrest ex-JU student over attack on Bratya Basu

MI News Service, New Delhi/Kolkata: Hindol Majumdar, a former Jadavpur University student who went to Spain to pursue higher studies, was arrested at Delhi airport on Wednesday morning while he was returning to the city for his alleged involvement in the attack on education minister Bratya Basu on the campus in March, said a senior police officer of Kolkata Police.

Bidisha Kalita, the DC of South Suburban Division (SSC) of Kolkata Police, said: "Hindol Majumdar, a former JU student, against whom a look-out notice was issued following his involvement in the attack on the education minister, was arrested on Wednesday morning. A team of Kolkata Police has gone to Delhi to seek his transit remand and take him into custody. He will be produced before Patiala House Court on Thursday".

Hindol's father, Chandan Majumdar, a retired professor at JU, said his son was detained at Delhi airport police station around 10.30am.

"Once he arrived at the airport, cops from Delhi airport police station detained him, producing the look-out notice. Later, when I called Kalita, DC SSD, she confirmed that he has been detained for his alleged involvement in the attack on the education minister. We have contacted lawyers," Majumdar, a former dean of engineering and technology faculty, told.

He said Hindol was scheduled to come to Calcutta after meeting his sister in Delhi.

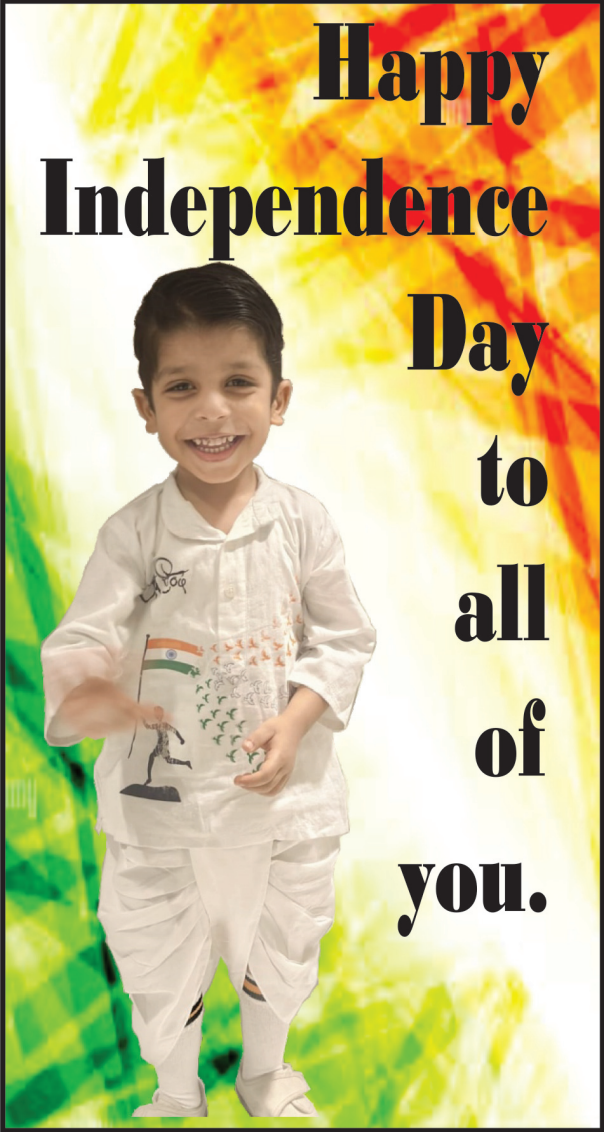
A section of ultra-Left students had detained Basu for hours after he went to the university on March 1 to attend the annual general meeting of a pro-Trinamool college and university teachers' association.

The students allegedly heckled the minister, demanding the immediate resumption of the campus polls. Basu, on March 2, alleged that although he was keen to meet a delegation of the students belonging to the ultra-Left faction, they did not meet him. "They were more keen on creating hooliganism on the campus," the minister alleged.

A JU undergraduate student, Indranuj Roy, was hit when the minister's car moved through the cordon that the protesting students threw around the minister's car.



State Minister Aroop Biswas speaks to grief stricken Leander Paes as the latter lost his father, Legendary sports person Vece Paes in Kolkata on Thursday.



SIR: TMC councillors begin booth-level outreach prog

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress (TMC) councillors across Kolkata Municipal Corporation have begun intensive meetings with booth-level party agents, preparing them for the upcoming electoral roll revision and training them to prevent the deletion of genuine voters or addition of fraudulent names.

The mobilisation comes amid growing speculation in Bengal politics over whether the Election Commission of India will order a special intensive revision (SIR) similar to the controversial process currently underway in Bihar. The Trinamool Congress, as part of the opposition INDIA bloc, has strongly opposed any such move.

Mayor Firhad Hakim, who also serves as MLA for Kolkata Port and councillor for Ward 82, led the charge by meeting with booth-level agents in Chetla on Monday evening. Other councillors across the city are following suit, with meetings scheduled throughout the week.

"We discussed the upcoming scrutiny of electoral rolls," Hakim told Metro on Tuesday. "Fresh names will be added, and those who have left the neighbourhood or died must be deleted. We've asked booth-level agents to stay alert so no wrong inclusion or omission occurs."

A councillor from north Kolkata has scheduled her ward meeting for Wednesday. Trinamool sources indicate the leadership will soon direct all district presidents to begin similar meetings across Bengal.

Unlike booth-level officers (BLOs), who are government officials, booth-level agents (BLAs) are party workers with intimate knowledge of their constituencies.

"There's an apprehension that electoral rolls may see intentional addition of bogus voters or removal of genuine voters," Mayor Hakim said. "Booth-level agents will be vital in preventing such attempts."

Heartfelt greetings to all fellow citizens on 79th INDEPENDENCE DAY

“If today the world thinks Bharat is ready to take a big leap, it has a powerful launchpad of 11 years behind it.”
- Narendra Modi

Live telecast of the Independence Day celebrations from the ramparts of the Red Fort on Doordarshan network from 6:30 AM onwards.

Name Change
I, Chhaleya Molla, w/o. Lt. Ah Hamid Molla (actual name in his Voter Card, Aadhar Card & other Id Proof documents) residing at present address Vill., P.O.-Jeliakhali, P.S.-Sandeshkhali, Dist-24 Pgs (N),Pin-743329, W.B. declared that my name has wrongly recorded (in my land deed & other all docs.) as Mosammat Chhaleya Bibi, (Uj-jawala Gas Pass Book) as Chhaleya Boyea, (my 3 son's Passport) as Selehah Bibi Molla, Chaleha Bibi, Saleha Bewa in place of Chhaleya Molla (actual name), vide Affidavit No.27/B-1/25 dtd. 06.08.2025 in the Court of the Ld. Executive Magistrate at Basirhat, Dist.24Pgs (N) declared that Chhaleya Molla, Mosammat Chhaleya Bibi, Chhaleya Boyea,Selehah Bibi Molla, Chaleha Bibi, Saleha Bewa all are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rahul Gupta S/o Late Krishna Kumar Gupta Residing at Metro Apartment Flat - E, F and G T-81, Rajarhat Road, Po - Haliyara Togharia, Rajarhat Gopalpur (M), District - North 24 Parganas, India, 700157, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Rahul Kumar Gupta. I declare that Rahul Gupta and Rahul Kumar Gupta is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 14-08-2025.

Name Change
I, Bibi Soufura W/o Sawkat Ali Shaikh Residing at Khasmalki, Po-Dakhshin Gobindapur, District- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700145, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Safura Bibi. I declare that Bibi Soufura and Safura Bibi is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 14-08-2025.

Name Change
I, ABDUL HAI, S/O- MOHAMMED SALMAN, Vill- Dakshin Kashi Shiuli Para, P.O- Khankar Bazar, P.S- Magrahat, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743355. That due to inadvertently my name & father name has wrongly been recorded in my passport being No. M9180696, Dated of Issue 20/10/2015 as Abdul Hai Mohamed, S/O- SALMAN In Place of ABDUL HAI, S/O- MOHAMMED SALMAN. In the Court Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore dated on 12/08/25. By Affidavit I hereby declare that ABDUL HAI, S/O- MOHAMMED SALMAN & ABDUL HAI MOHAMIED, S/O- SALMAN is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rinki Kumari Singh (old name), W/o Durgesh Kumar Singh, Residing at 30,Kishanlal Burman Road, Saklia- 711106 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rinki Singh as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore court, vide affidavit no 4672 Dated 14/07/2025 Rinki Kumari Singh(old name) and Rinki Singh(new name) both are same and identical

Name Change
I, Durgesh Singh (old name), S/o Balindra Singh, Residing at Ropan Chhapara, Salempur Deoria, Uttar Pradesh- 274502 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Durgesh Kumar Singh as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore court, vide affidavit no 4672 Dated 14/07/2025 Durgesh Singh(old name) and Durgesh Kumar Singh(new name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Rathindra Chandra Hore S/o Late Sudhir Chandra Hore residing at 4, Lake East 6th Road, Kolkata - 700075, P.S. - Survey Park, declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata on 02.08. 2025 that Rathindra Chandra Hore and Rathindra Hore are the same person.

Name Change
I, Vimla Devi M/o Neeraj Singh Army No. 18015978F, Rank Nk, R/o 28, Byunkhi, Guptkashi, Rudraprayag, Ukhimath, Uttarakhand-246439 have changed my name and DOB from Bimla Devi 03/08/1971 to Vimla Devi 01/01/1971 vide notary public dated 12.08.25 so both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Indal Singh F/o Neeraj Singh Army No. 18015978F, Rank Nk, R/o E-78, Rawatpur, Katarjiyola Nawab Ganj, Kheora, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh- 208002 have changed my name and DOB from Indra Singh 22/02/1965 to Indal Singh 02/02/1966 vide notary public dated 12.08.25 so both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) JAIDUL ALI SK S/o- AYUB SEKH Residing at, Vill - Radhanagar, Post- Radhanagar Colony, Ps- Nakashipara, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741126, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JAIDUL ALI SK To JAIDUL ALI SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) JAIDUL ALI SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025, JAIDUL ALI SEKH and JAIDUL ALI SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anoyara Khatun, W/o- Sekh Samsur Joha, D/o- Anowar Sekh, residing at Vill - Bamunpukur, Po- Uchalan, PS- Khandeghosh, Dist. - Purba Bardhaman, PIN- 713427, do hereby declare that in my Father's PAN Card BKLPB2451G his name has been recorded as Sekh Anowar Ali and in my WBSS Admit Card his name has been recorded as Sk Anoyar Ali instead of actual name Anowar Sekh. On 11.08.2025 vide an affidavit no. 11062 before the Executive Magistrate, Arambagh, I affirm that Anowar Sekh, Sekh Anowar Ali and Sk Anoyar Ali is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ANOAR HOSSAIN SHAIKH S/o- KADER SHAIKH Residing at, Vill - Chilikhali, Post- Karuigachi, Ps- Tehatta, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741163, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ANOAR HOSSAIN SHAIKH To ANOWAR HOSSAIN SHAIKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ANOWAR HOSSAIN SHAIKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025, ANOWAR HOSSAIN SHAIKH and ANOAR HOSSAIN SHAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mokbul Alam Zamadar (Old Name) S/O Asraf Jamadar Residing At Chutkia Radhanagar,Po-Narabunia, Ps-Minakhan, Dist-24 Parganas (North), Pin-743425, West Bengal, India.Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mokbul Alam Zamadar (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 12/08/2025. Mokbul Alam Zamadar (Old Name) And Mokbul Alam Zamadar(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Hedayatulla Sk(Old Name)/S/O Late Sk Rahim And Rahim Shekh, Residing At Vill-Machpukur,Po-Brindakhali, Ps-Baruipur,Dist-24 Parganas (South), Pin-743387, West Bengal,India.Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hedayatulla Shekh (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 12/08/2025.Hedayatulla Sk(Old Name) And Hedayatulla Shekh (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Safia Molla (Old Name)/W/O Yusuf Molla Residing At Vill & Po - Kalikatala,Ps-Jibantala,Dist-24 Parganas(South),Pin-743329,West Bengal, India.Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Safiya Molla(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 12/08/2025. Safia Molla(Old Name) And Safiya Molla(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Iusuf Molla(Old Name)/S/O Late Golam Molya Residing At Vill & Po - Kalikatala,Ps-Jibantala,Dist-24 Parganas(South),Pin-743329,West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Yusuf Molla(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 12/08/2025. Iusuf Molla(Old Name) And Yusuf Molla(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Arshad Shamim(Old Name),Son Of Md Shamim,Residing At 16,Royd Street, Park Street,Vtc: Park Street H.O, Kolkata-700016, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Arshad Shamim (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 13/08/2025. Mohammad Arshad Shamim And Md Arshad Shamim Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Govind Masram (old name) S/O Kishor Masram residing at Priyanti B-1C, 1ST Floor, Shresti Nagar, Asansol, P.O. - Asansol, P.S.- Asari(Sol), Dist.- Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713305, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Govind Kishor Masram (new name), as declared before the Ld 1st class judicial magistrate at Asansol, vide an affidavit SL No. 9456/25 dated 07/08/2025. Govind Kishor Masram (new nam) and Govind Masram (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Seema Agarwal (Old Name) wife of Pradip Kumar Agrawal, residing at Ideal Grand, Block-D, T/5-456 Cnrk, Trunk Road, Howrah- 711102, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Seema Agrawal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, dated 13/08/2025, Seema Agrawal (New Name) and Seema Agarwal (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Tapan Bhowmick (old name) son of Gopal Chandra Bhowmick, residing at Protish Nath Sarani, Radha Madhab Enterprises Shiyama Prosad Road, Lala Hailakandi, Assam 788163, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Tapan Kumar Bhowmick (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 13/08/2025. Tapan Kumar Bhowmick (new name) and Tapan Bhowmick (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ronjila Bibi Molla , W/OREzaul Karim Molla, residing at Vill - Sarberia,P/SNazat, Dist- 24pgs (N). That before my marriage my name has been recorded in my Educational document as Ronjila Khatun . So vide Affidavit before the Ld 1st class J.M at Basirhat dt-28/07/2025 (no.-13205) that Ronjila Bibi Molla & Ronjila Khatun is same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Meena Khemka (Old Name) D/o Badri Das Chauria Residing at Block -B, 1st Floor, Flat-3 1232 Bangur Avenue, Jessore Road, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700055, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Meena Agarwal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 63/2025 Dated 14-08-2025. Meena Khemka (Old Name) And Meena Agarwal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MOHAMMED FAIMODDIN SHAIKH S/o- SEIKH SIRAJUL ISLAM Residing at, Vill - Gangapur, Post- Bhabta, Ps- Bel-danga, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742134, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MOHAMMED FAIMODDIN SHAIKH To FAIMUDDIN SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) FAIMUDDIN SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025, FAIMUDDIN SK and MOHAMMED FAIMODDIN SHAIKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) BADARADDIN SEKH S/o- CHAMATKAR SEKH Residing at, Vill - Benipur, Post- Benipur, Ps-Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742140, West Benga. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from BADARADDIN SEKH To BADARUDDIN SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) BADARUDDIN SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025, BADARUDDIN SEKH and BADARADDIN SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) FAJALA HOQUE SK S/o- MANURUDDIN SK Residing at, Vill - Durlabhpur, Post- Kumaranda, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from FAJALA HOQUE SK To MD FAJLE HOQUE (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD FAJLE HOQUE in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025, MD FAJLE HOQUE and FAJALA HOQUE SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SERAJUL SK S/o- MD FAJLE HOQUE Residing at, Vill - Durlabhpur, Post- Kumaranda, Ps-Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742136, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SERAJUL SK To SIRAJUL HOQUE (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SIRAJUL HOQUE in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025, SIRAJUL HOQUE and SERAJUL SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MOHAMMAD ANKAR ALI S/o- KAIMUDDIN SEKH Residing at, Vill - Chayghari Pirtala, Post-Chhaghar, Ps- Daulatabad, Dist-Murshidabad, Pin- 742302, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MOHAMMAD ANKAR ALI To ANKAR ALI SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ANKAR ALI SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025, ANKAR ALI SEKH and MOHAMMAD ANKAR ALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) WAHIDA MONDAL W/o- MD RUBEL MONDAL Residing at, Vill - Barbakpur, Post- Barbakpur, Ps- Karimpur, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741165, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from WAHIDA MONDAL To WAHIDA KHATUN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) WAHIDA KHATUN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025, WAHIDA KHATUN and WAHIDA MONDAL both are Same and one identical person.

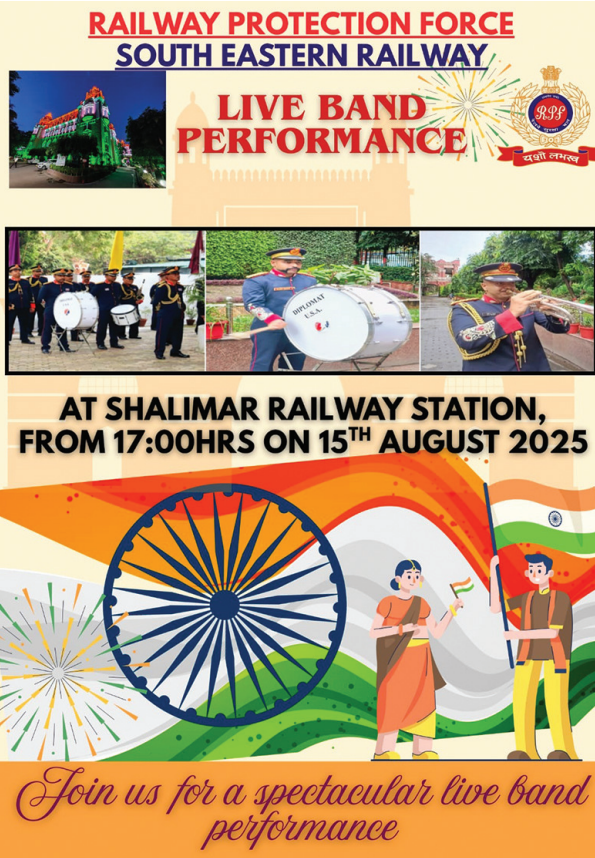
Name Change
I, (Old Name) SHAIKH MD EKIM S/o- MASLIM SK Residing at, Vill - Jasehari, Post- Jasehari, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742147, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SHAIKH MD EKIM To EKIN SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) EKIN SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025, EKIN SK and SHAIKH MD EKIM both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SERAJ SK S/o- NUR ISLAM SEKH Residing at, Vill - Durgapur, Post- Durgapur, Ps-Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742187, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SERAJ SK To SERAJ SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SERAJ SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025, SERAJ SEKH and SERAJ SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, SHAGUFTA NAZ (old name) wife of MD SHAKIR ALI ANSARI, residing at 36, PILKHANA 1ST LANE, HOWRAH- 711101, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SHAGUFTA PAIRWEEN (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/08/2025. SHAGUFTA PAIRWEEN (new name) and SHAGUFTA NAZ (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Asraf Zamadar (Old Name)/S/O Badri Das Chauria Residing At Chutkia Radhanagar,Po-Narabunia, Ps-Minakhan,Dist-24 Parganas (North), Pin-743425,West Bengal,India.Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Asraf Jamadar (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 12/08/2025. Asraf Zamadar(Old Name) And Asraf Jamadar (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

RPF band performance at Shalimar Railway Station



MI News Service, Kolkata: To commemorate the 79th Independence Day, RPF Band performance will be organised at various prominent and historical locations across the country on the evening of 15th August, 2025. In this connection, a spectacular Brass Band performance on patriotic tunes will be

organised at Shalimar Railway Station from 17:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs on 15.08.2025. Railway Protection Force of South Eastern Railway will organise the programme. A Selfie point will also be installed near band performance location highlighting the theme of "Operation Sindoor".

SMP Kolkata Illuminates Howrah Bridge in Tricolour for 79th Independence Day



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a tribute to the spirit of freedom, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Kolkata (SMPK), (erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust), illuminated the iconic Rabindra Setu popularly known as Howrah Bridge, in the vibrant hues of the Tricolour to mark the celebration of India's 79th Independence Day.The Howrah Bridge, an enduring landmark of Kolkata

and a vital link for trade and transport, stood resplendent in the national colours—serving as a beacon of unity and a reminder that the spirit of independence continues to inspire progress.By such a gesture, SMP Kolkata not only honoured the nation's glorious past but also reaffirmed its commitment to building a stronger, self-reliant, and prosperous India.

Century Plyboards sees strong Q1 FY26 Growth

MI News Service, Kolkata: India's leading plywood company, Century Plyboards(India) Ltd recently held their board meeting to announce the company's Q1 financial results for the quarter ending June 30th, 2025.

Highlights: -Net Revenue from operations at Standalonefor the Quarter, ending 30th June 2025were Rs 1,017 crs; which is 6.8% growth over Jun'24. -Earnings before

Depreciation Interest and Tax for theQuarter, ending 30th Jun 2025stood at Rs 128.8 crs as EBITDA Margin before Forex and Exceptional Items. -Profit After Tax stood at Rs 67.8 crs for the Quarter, ending 30th Jun 2025 i.e. 6.7%as PAT Margin. Centuryply reported a 16.3% YoY increase in consolidated revenue for Q1 FY26, with standalone revenue up 6.8%, in line with guidance. Consolidated EBITDA rose to 12.5%, aided by improved contribution from the Badvel MDF plant.

Name Change
I, Sk Mahamadd Hasan,Son Of Sk Abdus Samad,Residing At Saijati, Po-Bodra,South 24 Parganas, 743502,West Bengal.Do Hereby Notified That My Mother Abeda Khatun & Abeda(Old Name) Have Changed His Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abeda Bibi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Baruipur On 12/08/2025.Abeda Bibi And Abeda Khatun & Abeda Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) RUKSHANA BIBI W/o- FAIMUDDIN SK Residing at, Vill - Gangapur, Post- Bhabta, Ps-Beldanga, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742134, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from RUKSHANA BIBI To RUKSANA BEGUM (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) RUKSANA BEGUM in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025, RUKSANA BEGUM and RUKSHANA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Metro to run 182 services in Blue Line ,92 Services In Green Line-1 And 124 Services In Green Line-2 On Independence Day (15.08.2025)



BLUE LINE
Metro will run 182 (91 UP + 91 DN) services in Blue Line on Independence Day i.e. on15.08.2025 (Friday) instead of 262 daily services. **First Service:-** At 06:50 hrs. from Noapara to Sahid Khudiram (No Change) At 06:54 hrs. from Sahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar (No Change) At 06:55 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Sahid Khudiram (No Change) At 06:55 hrs. from Mahanayak Uttam Kumar to Dakshineswar (No Change) **Last Service:-** At 21:28 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Sahid Khudiram (No Change) At 21:32 hrs. from Sahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar (No Change) At 21:44 hrs. from Sahid Khudiram to Dum Dum (No Change) Special night Metro services in Blue Line will be available from Sahid Khudiram station at 22:43 pm and from Dum Dum station at 22:40 pm as usual on that day.

GREEN LINE-1
Metro will run 92 services (46 UP + 46 DN) services in Green Line-1 instead of 108 daily services. **First Service :-** At 06:35 hrs. from Sealdah to Salt Lake Sector V (No Change) At 06:40 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Sealdah (No Change) **Last Service :-** At 21:35 hrs. from Sealdah to Salt Lake Sector V (No Change) At 21:40 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Sealdah (No Change) **GREEN LINE-2**
A total of 124 services (62 UP + 62 DN) services in Green Line-2 instead of 134 daily services. **First Service :-** At 06:30 hrs from Howrah Maidan to Esplanade (No Change.) At 06:30 hrs from Esplanade to Howrah Maidan (No Change) **Last Service :-** At 21:45 hrs from Howrah Maidan to Esplanade (No Change) At 21:45 hrs from Esplanade to Howrah Maidan (No Change) Normal services will be available in Purple Line and Orange Line on that day.

Regulation of trains for maintenance Work at Sealdah Station

MI News Service, Kolkata: In connection with Tramway type Over Head Equipment work at Sealdah station, 150 minutes (from 00:45 hrs. to 03:15 hrs.), Traffic Block has been planned on 16/17.08. 2025. Consequently following arrangements in train running have been made as under :- 31542 Shantipur - Sealdah local will be short terminated at Barrackpore on 16.08.2025 (Saturday) and 31511 Sealdah - Shantipur local will be short originated from Barrackpore on 17.08.2025 (Sunday). Moreover, 13106 Ballia - Sealdah Express (journey commencing on 16.08.2025) will be controlled for 75 minutes enroute.

Additional stoppage of Howrah – Raxaul – Howrah Express at Laheria Sarai Station

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of 13043/130433 Howrah – Raxaul – Howrah Express at Laheria Sarai station over East Central Railway on an experimental basis. 13043 Howrah – Raxaul Express will arrive Laheria Sarai at 10:09 hrs. to leave at 10:11 hrs. and 13044 Raxaul – Howrah Express will arrive Laheria Sarai at 00:38 hrs. to leave at 00:40 hrs.

Miscellaneous

B.R. Singh Hospital introduces minimally invasive radiofrequency ablation for advanced Pain Management



MI News Service, Kolkata: B.R. Singh Hospital, Eastern Railway, has achieved a significant milestone in advanced pain management by introducing minimally invasive Radiofrequency (RF) ablation for the treatment of chronic pain. This modern technique is aimed at providing long-term relief to patients suffering from persistent pain, thereby improving their quality of life and reducing dependence on medication.

The newly installed RF equipment at B.R. Singh Hospital is being used in the Pain Clinic to manage complex pain cases with notable success. Radiofrequency ablation works by using heat generated through RF waves to target specific nerves, thereby interrupting the transmission of pain signals to the brain. Successful RF ablation can result in prolonged pain relief and decreased need for analgesics. Two recent cases at the hospital highlight the impact of this advancement:

a patient with chronic low back pain caused by lumbar facet joint arthropathy experienced complete pain relief following RF lesioning of the median branch of lumbar nerves, while another patient with hepatocellular carcinoma, suffering from severe abdominal pain, underwent celiac plexus neurolysis with RF lesioning of the splanchnic nerves and is now almost pain-free.

This development has been made possible with direct participation of Dr. Ananya Kanti Roy, Additional Chief Health Director/IC, Pain Clinic, and the Anaesthesiology team at B.R. Singh Hospital, mentored by Honorary Visiting Specialist Dr. Chinmoy Roy and with the constant support of Dr. Debasis Guha, MD, B.R. Singh Hospital. The introduction of RF ablation marks a new horizon in the hospital's pain management capabilities, reaffirming Eastern Railway's commitment to providing modern, patient-centric healthcare solutions.

De-addiction oath and door-to-door tricolor campaign organized in the Corps



MI News Service, Kolkata: Central Railway Electrification Organization, Prayagraj: On August 14, 2025, under the nationwide campaign to make India drug-free, Chief Administrative Officer Shri Yatendra Kumar administered the de-addiction oath to all officers and employees in the headquarters premises.The main objective of this initiative is to make the employees and their families aware of the ill effects of drug abuse and motivate them to live a healthy and drug-free life. Drug addiction is a serious social problem that not only affects the health of the individual, but also has a negative impact on his family and society. This campaign of the Corps is committed to keep its employees away from this evil and to create a safe workplace. The organization has pledged to continue such awareness programs

in the future as well so that a healthy and strong nation can be contributed to. This is an important step towards making the country drug-free.Under the door-to-door tricolor campaign running from August 02, a grand rally was organized with the Indian flag in the core premises. Also, under the "Cleanliness" activities of Independence Day Celebration (IDC-2025), all the officers and employees made this campaign successful by signing on the cleanliness board.Chief Electrical Engineer (Planning) Mr. S.S.Negi, Chief Electrical Engineer (Works) Mr. Upendra Kumar, Chief Public Relations Officer Mr. Kalyan Singh, Public Relations Officer- Mr. Vimal Kumar and all the officers and employees of Central Railway Electrification Organization, Prayagraj were present in all the above programs.

Two Eastern Railway RPF Personnel honoured with President's Medal for Meritorious Service



Amit Kumar Mallick
Head Constable/ RPF/Asansol,ER



Shyamalendu Bhushan
Chanda, ASI/ER, Sealdah Division.

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a proud moment for Eastern Railway, two Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel—Sri Shyamalendu Bhushan Chanda, Assistant Sub-Inspector, Sealdah Division, and Sri Amit Kumar Mallick, Head Constable, Asansol Division—have been awarded with the President's Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM) on the occasion of Independence Day 2025. The prestigious honour recognises their exceptional dedication, unwavering commitment, and

sincerity in the discharge of their duties. Their service stands as an inspiration for the RPF fraternity and reinforces the force's mission to ensure the safety and security of railway passengers and property. On this occasion, Director General/ RPF, New Delhi, and Sri Amiya Nandan Sinha, IG-cum-PCSC/ Eastern Railway, extended their heartfelt congratulations to the awardees, appreciating their professional excellence and contributions to Eastern Railway's safety network.

Green Steps & Clean Moves: Howrah Division Marks 79th Independence Day with Plantation, Awareness & Health Drives

MI News Service, Howrah: On 14th August 2025, as the nation prepared to celebrate its 79th Independence Day, the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway undertook a series of impactful initiatives under the ongoing Swachhata Abhiyan. These activities were designed not just as official programmes, but as a heartfelt call to citizens to join hands in building a cleaner, greener, and healthier India.

Awareness campaigns for the protection of the environment were conducted at Azimganj, Pakur, Bandel and Rampurhat. These campaigns aimed to inspire communities to take ownership of their surroundings, conserve natural resources, and adopt sustainable practices for the collective well-being of our nation.

A large-scale tree plantation drive was carried out at Pakur, Katwa, Azimganj, Bolpur, and Rampurhat, symbolising hope and the shared responsibility of all Indians to preserve our natural heritage. Each sapling planted was a step towards ensuring cleaner air, greener landscapes, and a healthier environment for generations to come.

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GeM Bid No. GEM/2025/B/6565055, dated 12.08.2025 & Corrigendum issued vide Bid No. GEM/2025/B/6565055 dated 13.08.2025. Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer (Chg), Eastern Railway, Kanchrapara, North 24 Parganas, P.O. - Kanchrapara, Pin-743145 (WB) invites open GeM service tender for the following work:
Description :- (A) (i) Cleaning, Sweeping, Swabbing (ii) Cleaning of Cooberbs of all Office Floors including Administrative Building, (iii) Cleaning, Sweeping of Toilets, Urinals, Wash Basins, Water Points, Bathrooms, Service Latrines including searing Drains, (iii) Cleaning and sweeping of Roadway along with the disposal of waste material to the nominated place of Carriage Workshop Complex and (iv) Mechanised as well as Manual Cleaning and disposal of silts, garbage etc. from Drain (Uncovered/ Open Drain and Covered Drain) excluding ETP drains & (B) Cleaning, Scrapping, Sweeping & Segregation of scrap, rubbish etc. of all the Shop floors & removal of the scrapping and sweeping materials to the outside nominated place/bin in all shop floors inside the Carriage Workshop Complex and disposal of Non-Saleable Rubbish, Garbage, Shop Wastes on transportation through Truck/Dumper (10 Cum Capacity) per trip basis to be provided by the contractor from the shop bins to the Railway nominated place outside the Carriage Workshop Complex for a period of 3 years. **Estimated value of tender :-** Rs. 3,74,93,360.88. **EMD :-** 2% of Bid Estimated value i.e. Rs. 3,37,500/- **E-PBG :-** 5% of PO value. **Period of Completion :-** 3 years. **Date & time of opening :-** 03.09.2025 at 12.30 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> (MISC-165/2025-26)

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Security beefed up in J-K ahead of Independence Day...



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roads. Deployment of police and central paramilitary forces along the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway and Jammu-Pathankot Highway have also been strengthened, the officials said. Security has been beefed up in all the 10 districts

of the Jammu region, with more focus on area domination and deployments in militancy-affected districts of Rajouri, Poonch, Kishtwar, Doda, Udhampur, and Kathua, they said. The main Independence Day function in Jammu will be held at Maulana Azad Stadium, where Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary will unfurl the Tricolour and take the salute. However, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah will preside over the main Independence Day function in Srinagar at the city's Bakshi Stadium which has also been put under maximum security and special arrangements made to ensure a fool proof security in and around the main venue of the Independence day function in the capital city.



The 63rd Janmashtami Puja festival was inaugurated by the Speaker of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, Biman Banerjee. Also present were Deputy Chief Convenor of the Legislative Assembly, Debashish Kumar, MLA Supri Pandey, MLA Ashok Dev, Secretary of the Legislative Assembly, Soumendra Nath Das and other officials. Arrangements have been made to hold the Puja on August 15 and distribute the Prasad on August 16. The event was celebrated with beautiful dance, music and various cultural programs. The Speaker inaugurated the event by performing the Aarti of the temple idols.

Israel destroys over 300 homes in Gaza's Zeitoun neighborhood in 3 days

MI News Service, Gaza: The Israeli military has demolished more than 300 homes over the past three days in the Zeitoun neighborhood in the central Gaza Strip as part of its ongoing occupation plan. Mahmoud Basal, the spokesperson for the Civil Defense in Gaza, said Wednesday that the Israeli army has conducted heavy assaults in Zeitoun, deliberately targeting civilian residential areas. He noted that the Israeli forces particularly targeted buildings with

five floors or more, and due to the explosives used, surrounding structures have also been destroyed. Some homes were destroyed while residents were still inside, causing casualties, with demolitions carried out without prior warning and intense bombardment preventing civil defense teams from reaching the wounded. Israel is facing mounting condemnation for its genocidal war on Gaza, where it has killed more than 61,700 people since October 2023.

IIT Hyderabad launches driverless bus that can carry 15 people

MI News Service, Hyderabad: A major step for India's transport technology, the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIT Hyderabad/IIT-H) launched a driverless, fully autonomous electric bus on its campus. The project is a milestone moment in the nation's progress towards embarking on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and sophisticated robotics in public mobility. The driverless bus, which is a result of collaboration with a start-up in Hyderabad, is fitted with the latest sensors, high-definition cameras, LiDAR technology, and artificial intelligence-based navigation systems.

India tightens norms for overseas citizenship

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with a higher standard of legal and moral conduct. Legal experts note that while conviction has long been a ground for cancellation, the inclusion of charge-sheeting, prior to judicial determination, may raise concerns about due process and potential misuse. The move is expected to impact OCI holders involved in serious criminal pro-

ceedings, including financial fraud, organised crime, and other offences under Indian penal laws. The OCI scheme is available to individuals who were citizens of India on or after January 26, 1950, or were eligible to become citizens on that date. However, the scheme excludes individuals who are, or have been, citizens of Pakistan, Bangladesh, or any other country specified by the government in the official gazette.

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& SDRF officials to strengthen the rescue & relief operations and ensure all possible assistance is provided to the affected (sic)." Officials said that Kishtwar Deputy

Massive..... Commissioner Sharma and Senior Superintendent of Police Naresh Singh are on their way to the cloudburst-hit area to oversee the rescue work. A team led by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Padder has already reached the spot.

79th HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

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Councillor 94 no. ward

Anita kar Majumdar
Councillor 113 no. ward

Prasenjit Das (Dabli)
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Regulation of trains for Non-Interlocking Work over Asansol Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Pre-Non Interlocking/Non Interlocking work from 18.08.2025 to 24.08.2025 at Andal Up yard in Asansol Division, following trains will be regulated as under:

Cancellation on 24.08.2025 (Sunday): • 63513 Barddhaman – Asansol MEMU • 63518 Asansol – Barddhaman MEMU • 63515 Barddhaman – Asansol MEMU • 63522 Asansol – Barddhaman MEMU • 63549 Barddhaman – Asansol MEMU • 63550 Andal – Barddhaman MEMU • 63516 Asansol – Barddhaman MEMU • 63517 Barddhaman – Asansol MEMU • 63552 Asansol – Andal MEMU • 13179 Sealdah – Siuri MEMU Express.

Cancellation on 25.08.2025 (Monday): 13180 Siuri – Sealdah MEMU Express.

Diversion on 24.08.2025 (Sunday): • 13029 Howrah – Mokama Express will be diverted via Khana – Rampurhat – Kiul instead of Khana – Andal – Asansol – Kiul. • 13030 Mokama – Howrah Express will be diverted via Kiul – Rampurhat – Khana instead of Kiul – Asansol – Andal – Khana. • 13045 Howrah – Deoghar Mayurakshi Express will be diverted via Khana – Jhapter Dhal – Sainthia instead of Khana – Andal – Sainthia. • 12551 SMVT Bengaluru – Kamakhya Superfast Express will be diverted via Kharagpur – Bhattanagar – Barddhaman – Sainthia instead of Hiji – Adra – Andal – Durgapur. • 13021 Howrah – Raxaul Mithila Express will be diverted via Khana – Rampurhat – Kiul instead of Barddhaman – Andal – Asansol. • 13185 Sealdah – Jaynagar Ganga Sagar Express will be diverted via Khana – Rampurhat – Kiul instead of Barddhaman – Andal – Asansol. • 13105 Sealdah – Ballia Express will be diverted via Khana – Rampurhat – Kiul instead of Barddhaman – Andal – Asansol. • 13106 Ballia – Sealdah Express will be diverted via Kiul – Rampurhat – Khana instead of Asansol – Andal – Barddhaman. • 02024 Patna – Howrah Special Express will be diverted via Jasidih – Dumka – Rampurhat – Khana instead of Jasidih – Asansol – Andal – Khana.

Short Termination/Origination on 24.08.2025 (Sunday): • 22321/ 22322 Howrah – Siuri – Howrah Hool Express will be short terminated at/ Short Originated from Durgapur and the service between Durgapur & Siuri will remain cancelled in both direction. • 63510 Jhajha – Barddhaman MEMU will be short terminated at Asansol and the service between Asansol & Barddhaman will remain cancelled. • 63519 Barddhaman – Bokaro Steel City MEMU will be Short Originated from Asansol and the service between Barddhaman & Asansol will remain cancelled. • 13504 Hatia – Barddhaman MEMU Express will be short terminated at Asansol and the service between Asansol & Barddhaman will remain cancelled.

Short Origination on 25.08.2025 (Monday): • 13503 Barddhaman – Hatia MEMU Express will be Short Originated from Asansol and the service between Barddhaman & Asansol will remain cancelled.

Rescheduling on 24.08.2025 (Sunday): • 12326 Nangal Dam – Kolkata Gorumukhi Superfast Express will be rescheduled by 4 hours 15 minutes. • 13152 Jammu Tawi – Kolkata Express will be rescheduled by 4 hours. • 12988 Ajmer – Sealdah Superfast Express will be rescheduled by 3 hours 45 minutes. • 22348 Patna – Howrah Vande Bharat Express will be rescheduled by 3 hours 15 minutes.

Wildfires ravage Europe in worldwide heat waves

MI News Service, Madrid: Record heatwaves have turned Europe into a sweltering sauna above 40 degrees Celsius as raging wildfires sweep many countries on high alert.

The extreme summer heat has created favorable conditions for rampant wildfires, which have already killed several people, displaced thousands and forced firefighters to battle blazes across large parts of Europe. In France, a heatwave broke temperature records in the southwest, with maximums up to 12 degrees Celsius above normal, before spreading to the center-east and northeast of the country. "Often remarkable, even unprecedented maximum temperatures, often 12 degrees above normal levels, were reached this Monday," Meteo France said Tuesday in a press release. The intense heat, combined with dry winds and rare rainfall, has created ideal conditions for fueling wildfires, which have erupted across southern Europe and the Balkans.

In Croatia, air temperature records were set in Sibenik, at 39.5 degrees, and Dubrovnik, at 38.9 degrees, while large forest fires raged along its coasts and ripped through neighboring countries in the Balkans. In Spain, for example, a lightning-sparked wildfire near Madrid killed one man, forced hundreds of residents to evacuate, and scorched about 1,000 hectares of land, while a second fire in the southern resort

town of Tarifa prompted around 2,000 people to flee, and additional blazes in Zamora and Castilla y Leon forced hundreds more to leave. A fire map published on the website of national broadcaster RTVE shows widespread fire activities across the country, with orange and red indicators marking both active fires and affected zones.

Authorities are requesting help from European partners as Spain faces its 10th consecutive day of a record-breaking heatwave, with temperatures peaking at 45 degrees. The country is ready to seek more help from European allies, such as more firefighters, Spanish Interior Minister Fernando Grande-Marlaska was quoted by local media Cadena SER as saying on Wednesday. Meanwhile, wildfires continue to scorch northern Portugal, with more than 1,300 firefighters and 16 aircraft busy battling flames, one of which has been burning for 10 days. Large fires have also been roaring in northwestern Türkiye, Albania and Montenegro, where thick smoke blankets several towns. In Albania, one man died, while a Montenegrin soldier was killed during firefighting operations, and in Greece, wildfires have prompted emergency evacuations at multiple tourist destinations. Meteorologists attribute the extreme heat to a large high-pressure system drawing warm, dry air over the continent and expected to persist through at least Monday in many areas.

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Statement of Unaudited financial Results for the quarter ended June. 30. 2025

The Board of Directors of the Company at the Meeting held on August, 14, 2025 approved the Unaudited financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended June, 30, 2025. The results, along with the Auditors' Limited Review Report, have been posted on the Company's website at https://mldgroup.in/reports/pdf/bateli_quarterly_financial_results/2025-26/BTCL-FR-Quarterly-Results-June25.pdf and can be accessed by scanning the QR Code

Place: Kolkata
Date: August 14, 2025



For Bateli Tea Company Limited
Sd/- Manish Dalmia
Director
DIN No.: 00264752

Notes: The above intimation is in accordance with Regulation 33 and read with Regulation 47(1) of the SEBI (Listing obligation and disclosure) Regulations, 2015

Ecor General Manager Parmeswar Funkwal's Message on 79th Independence Day 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: On the momentous occasion of 79th Independence Day, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes for happiness, good health, and prosperity to you and your families. Our Railway's outstanding performance in 2024-25 stands as a testament to the steadfast dedication and untiring efforts of every employee. For the eighth consecutive year, ECoR has maintained its position as the highest freight loading zone in Indian Railways, and remained the only zone to surpass the 250MT milestone in freight transportation besides SECR. This year, we achieved a record freight loading of 259.25MT, exceeding last year's 256.22MT. Similarly, passenger carried increased to 93.52 million in 2024-25 as compared to 85.57 million in 2023-24. Our originating earnings touched ₹29,562.85 crore, up from ₹28,897.93 crore last year, and our operating ratio of 58.98% remains the second best among all Zonal Railways.

I am happy to share that, East Coast Railway is experiencing robust growth in current fiscal and as of July 2025, we have loaded 91.42MT of freight—an impressive 9.72% growth over the corresponding period last year. Passenger sector has also registered a growth of 7.41% over last year.

Our earnings up to July 2025 have reached ₹8,224.18 crore. To ensure we continue to set benchmarks in passenger service, our commitment to meeting the evolving needs of passengers remains unwavering. During the current year (up to July 2025), we have proactively addressed seasonal demand—particularly during festivals and vacation periods—by operating 840 special trains, including dedicated Rath Yatra specials, and augmenting regular trains with an additional 1,921 coaches to accommodate peak passenger traffic. Further improving connectivity and convenience, the services of 12893/12894 Bhubaneswar–Sonepur–Bhubaneswar Express, as well as 58305/58306 and 58307/58308 Balangir–Sonepur–Balangir Passenger trains, have been extended up to Purnakatak. To enhance both safety and the travel experience, modern LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) coaches have been introduced on the Puri–Bangiriposi Express and Bhubaneswar–Junggarh Express. Further enhancing passenger amenities, numerous upgrades have been undertaken this year to improve comfort and convenience. These initiatives include the installation of Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs), additional Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters,

upgraded catering services, and the introduction of Sleeping Pod facilities. Significant improvements have also been made to infrastructure, with the construction of new Foot Over Bridges, upgraded waiting halls, additional platform shelters and benches, and extensive concreting and elevation of platforms. Special attention has been given to ensuring Divyang-friendly (accessible) facilities across stations to promote inclusivity. To ensure a clean and hygienic environment both on trains and at stations, mechanised cleaning has been implemented at all four coaching depots of our Railway. Additionally, On-Board Housekeeping Services are now available in 94 pairs of long-distance trains, further enhancing the travel experience for our passengers.

Station development works are progressing at a fast pace. Major upgradation of 11 stations including Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri, Jajpur, Bhadrak, Visakhapatnam, etc. are in progress. Under Amrit Station, works at 57 stations across East Coast Railway are also progressing well. During the world-famous Rath Yatra 2025, East Coast Railway undertook unprecedented measures to ensure the smooth and comfortable travel of millions of devotees.

Har Ghar Tiranga awareness drive by Khurda Road Division



MI News Service, Khurda Road:

As part of the nationwide Har Ghar Tiranga campaign under the aegis of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway conducted an awareness drive to promote the spirit of patriotism and respect for the National Flag. Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) along with Additional Divisional Railway Managers (ADRM)s Shri Pradeep Kumar Behra and Subhrajyoti Mandal led the initiative by proudly displaying the Tiranga at their residences & offices and encouraging all railway employees and Rail Users to

participate in Tiranga movement with pride. As part of the drive, the officials also displayed the National Flag at office premises to raise awareness among employees and rail users about the importance of the campaign. The drive aims to instill a sense of national pride and remind citizens of their commitment to the nation by hoisting the National Flag at every home.

The Khurda Road Division urges all employees and the general public to actively participate in the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign and contribute to this celebration of unity and independence.

Howrah Division intensifies awareness against ticketless travel – 2.20 Lakh revenue realised in Magistrate Ticket Checking Drive



MI News Service, Kolkata:

Travelling without a valid ticket is not only an offence under the Railways Act but also a practice that undermines fair travel for genuine passengers. To reinforce public awareness and ensure compliance, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway conducted an intensive Magistrate Ticket Checking drive at Howrah Station premises today. The campaign aimed not only at enforcement but also at educating passengers on the importance of travelling with proper tickets. The special drive, led by the Railway Magistrate in close coordination with the Assistant Commercial Manager (Coaching), Howrah, involved a strong team of 44 ticket checking staff, supported by 7 Railway Protec-

tion Force (RPF) personnel and 3 Government Railway Police (GRP) officials. The coordinated effort detected 507 ticket irregularities, including 385 cases of ticketless travel, resulting in a total penalty collection of ₹2,20,725. Such operations reflect Howrah Division's dual approach of strict enforcement and passenger education, aimed at building a responsible travel culture. Passengers are urged to always purchase valid tickets before boarding trains and cooperate with railway staff during checks. This not only helps maintain a fair travel environment but also supports Indian Railways in improving facilities, enhancing safety, and delivering quality service for all.

Partition Horrors Remembrance Day Observed at Khurda Road Division

MI News Service, Khurda Road: Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway solemnly observed Partition Horrors Remembrance Day on 14th August 2025, in remembrance of the countless lives lost and the immense suffering endured during the partition of India in 1947. In a collective effort to honour the memory of those who suffered the horrors of partition,



the Indian Railways, under the directive of the Government of India, organized a series of commemorative events across the Khurda Road Division. The observance focused on spreading awareness about the tragic human cost of partition and the significant role played by Indian Railways during that tumultuous period. Exhibitions on the "Role of Railways in Partition" were displayed at major stations over Khurda Road Railway Division like Khurda Road,

Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Bhadrak, Palasa, and Puri depicting the journeys and struggles during the migration. Historic footage and informative videos were shown on Station TV Screens, highlighting the emotional and physical impact of the partition. Apart from this, Special programmes were held at stations linked to partition history, reinforcing its impact

and remembrance. Patriotic songs played during the exhibitions fostered a spirit of unity, respect and remembrance among passengers and staff. Exhibitions at prominent Station locations attracted large crowds with many pausing to reflect on the stories of resilience and sacrifice. The observance served not only as a tribute to the victims and survivors of the partition but also as a reminder of the resilience and unity that have shaped modern India.

Sealdah Division Observes Partition Horrors Remembrance Day with Solemn Tributes



MI News Service, Kolkata:

Partition Horrors Remembrance Day is observed every year on 14th August to honor the memory of the victims and acknowledge the immense suffering endured during the Partition of India in 1947. The day serves as a reminder of the trauma, violence and mass displacement faced by millions during the division of India and Pakistan. Sealdah Railway Station, a key transit point during the Partition, played a pivotal role in receiving refugees from East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) and remains a living witness to one of the largest human displacements in history.

This year, the station observed the day with solemnity and respect through a series of commemorative activities. The programme included a photo exhibition depicting the migration and struggles of refugees, a nukkad natak highlighting the historical impact of Partition, and documentary screenings aimed at educating younger generations about the human cost of this chapter in history. The observance at Sealdah carried special significance, serving both as a tribute to those who endured unimaginable hardships and as a reminder to preserve the values of peace, unity, and compassion.

Howrah division Fosters Patriotic Spirit with Har Ghar Tiranga celebrations ahead Of Independence Day



MI News Service, Kolkata:

As part of the ongoing Har Ghar Tiranga campaign ahead of the 79th Independence Day, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway has taken inspiring steps to strengthen the patriotic spirit among citizens. The initiative encourages people across the Division to proudly display the Tiranga and capture memorable photographs with the national flag, fostering a deep personal connection to this symbol of unity and pride. The campaign has been actively promoted at prominent locations, notably at the New DRM Building and Health unit in Howrah, where railway officials, staff, and visitors came together to honour the Tricolour. These moments,


captured in photographs, serve as a reminder of the nation's shared heritage and the values it upholds.

Adding a spectacular visual dimension to the celebrations, Tiranga Lighting was arranged at Barddhaman Station and the Gitanjali Museum in Bolpur. These landmarks, illuminated in the vibrant hues of the national flag, became beacons of patriotism, drawing admiration from passengers and the local community alike. Through such people-centric initiatives, Howrah Division reaffirms its commitment to uniting the nation in the celebration of Independence, while inspiring every citizen to participate wholeheartedly in the Har Ghar Tiranga movement.

SC adjourns plea to save Indian nurse on Yemen death row

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday, August 14, adjourned for eight weeks the hearing on a plea seeking the Union government's intervention to rescue Kerala nurse Nimisha Priya from execution in Yemen.

A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta deferred the hearing on a writ petition filed by 'Save Nimisha Priya Action Council' after being informed that negotiations with the victim's family were currently underway, and granted liberty to mention the matter in case of any urgency. It may be recalled that the execution of Indian national Nimisha Priya, initially scheduled for July 16, has been temporarily halted. She was sentenced to death in Yemen for murdering Yemeni national Talal Abdo Mehdi and remains behind bars there. In the previous hearing, the Justice Vikram Nath-led Bench had asked the Centre to decide on a representation seeking permission to travel to Yemen to negotiate a pardon for the Indian citizen from the family of the victim. The Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had earlier rejected the petitioner's request to grant travel clearance to the war-torn country, citing severe security risks in Yemen.

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1.	Loan Code No. 13700006215, (Branch : U B I Kolkata Synd.) Ajit Kumar Verma (Borrower) Punam Verma (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Property : Holding No. 149/6, Sundia Village Road, P. S. - Jagaddal, Mouza - Sundia, Near Jagaddal Hospital, Kankinara, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Pin - 743126	16.09.2024 for Rs. 11,86,932.00 (Rupees Eleven Lacs Eighty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Two Only)	11/08/2025 (Symbolic)
2.	Loan Code No. 13700001214, (Branch : U B I Kolkata Synd.) Subhas Chandra Mondal (Borrower), Jagannath Mandal (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Property : Holding No. 259, Siladubi Road, Golbagan, Nimta, District - 24 Parganas (North), West Bengal, Pin - 700049	16.09.2024 for Rs. 7,08,329.00 (Rupees Seven Lacs Eight Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Only)	10/08/2025 (Symbolic)
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4.	Loan Code No. 194CAL34463, (Branch : Kolkata - Theatre Road), Pratik Singh (Borrower) Suman Singh (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Property : H / Flat No. Shop No. 3, Floor No. Ground, Plot No. , P. S. - Laketown, Pratna Enclave, Sector - 34, Kolkata, West Bengal, Pin - 700048	16.09.2024 for Rs. 9,71,148.00 (Rupees Nine Lacs Seventy One Thousand One Hundred Forty Eight Only)	09/08/2025 (Symbolic)
5.	Loan Code No. 13700002804, (Branch : Kolkata - Shakespeare Sarani), Yarra Mala Rao (Borrower), Yarra Vijaya Laxmi (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Property : Flat No. B, South Eastern Side, 4th Floor, Basushree Apt., 181 N. Jella Para, Mahishya Para, Khardah, Kolkata, North 24 Pargana, West Bengal, Pin - 700115	18.11.2024 for Rs. 7,15,327.00 (Rupees Seven Lacs Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Seven Only)	11/08/2025 (Symbolic)
6.	Loan Code No. BLSA00008ACE, (Branch : Barasat, Habibul Islam (Borrower), Mahmudul Mondal (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Property : Makhalgachha, J. L. No. 30, Dag No. 486, Kh No. 414(1), P. S. - Hasnabad, Near Makhalgachha F. P. School, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Pin - 743422.	24.03.2025 for Rs. 12,02,598.00 (Rupees Twelve Lacs Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Eight Only)	14/08/2025 (Symbolic)
7.	Loan Code No. BLSA0001433C, (Branch : Barasat, Mirajuddin Sarder (Borrower), Sahitan Bibi (Co-Borrower)	All the Part & Parcel of Property : J. L. No. 20, Touzi No. 609, R. S. & L. R. Dag Nos. 2970, 2971, L. R. Kha. No. 466 Under Chandipur Gram Panchayat, Bena Near Uttar Bena FP School, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Pin - 743401	24-02-2025 for Rs. 5,45,005.00 (Rupees Five Lacs Forty Five Thousand Five Only)	14/08/2025 (Symbolic)
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Date : 15.08.2025		Place : Kolkata (West Bengal)		Sd/- Authorised Officer Piramal Finance Limited

KHO-KHO PLAYERS TO JOIN PM MODI IN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : In a historic first for the sport, Kho Kho players will join Prime Minister Narendra Modi to partake in the Independence Day ceremony at the Red Fort on August 15.

Celebrating the burgeoning growth of an indigenous sport, PM Modi has invited 30 of India's best Kho Kho players, fresh off the country's triumph in the maiden World Cup held in January 2025 in New Delhi, as per a release from UKK.

The inclusion of Kho Kho at such a significant national gathering also highlights how the government is elevating indigenous games.

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has explicitly advocated for Kho Kho's inclusion in the Asian Games and the 2036 Olympics, calling it a "collective effort" involving players, federations, and the Sports Ministry to boost its international footprint.



The celebration also aligns with India's 2036 Olympic bid and the pitch to return Kho Kho to the Games exactly a century after its 1936 Berlin demonstration appearance.

Fifteen of these 30 players will

be part of the player draft of the new season of Ultimate Kho Kho (UKK) beginning November 29. Since its inception in 2022, UKK with collaboration with Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) has provided a structured professional

platform for Kho Kho, giving players regular high-level competition and access to better training resources. Its modern format, faster gameplay, and national telecast have helped rekindle public interest in the sport while inspiring a new generation of players across the country. In season 3, for the first time, the league will feature international players, underscoring the sport's growing global footprint.

Speaking on the occasion, Pratik Waikar said, "Being invited to the Red Fort for Independence Day is one of the proudest moments of my life.

Winning the World Cup earlier this year was historic for us, but this honour from the nation shows that Kho Kho is finally getting the recognition it deserves.

With the sport now reaching audiences across the world and international players set to join us in UKK Season 3, it feels like Kho

Kho is stepping onto the global stage in a way we've all dreamed of," as quoted from a release by UKK.

Among those honoured are the World Cup-winning players Pratik Waikar, Ramji Kashyap, Sachin Bhargo, Suyash Gargate, Gowtham M K, Rokeson Khuman, Nikhil B, Pabani Sabar, Akash Baliyan, Aditya Ganpule, Siva Reddy, Subramani, Mehul, Aniket Pote and Sumon Barman, whose performances have energised the sport's momentum at home and abroad.

With its fast pace, strategic depth, and deep cultural roots, Kho Kho has evolved from a schoolyard favourite to a professional sport with a growing international fanbase. UKK's expansion to include foreign players this season is seen as a crucial step in positioning the sport for both commercial growth and Olympic recognition.

Khelo India Water Sports Festival mascot, logo released in Srinagar



SRINAGAR (JAMMU AND KASHMIR): The Himalayan Kingfisher, the mascot for the first-ever Khelo India Water Sports Festival, was released in Srinagar on Thursday. The Games will be held at the iconic Dal Lake from August 21-23, according to a release from SAI media.

The water sports festival is part of the expanding Khelo India calendar. The first-ever Khelo India Beach Games were held in Diu in May this year. The KIWSF will be hosted by the J&K Sports Council in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Sports Authority of India.

For Jammu and Kashmir, this will be the second Khelo India event after Gulmarg hosted the snow events of the Khelo India Winter Games in March. The KIWSF will feature rowing, canoeing and kayaking as medal events. The demonstration events will be water skiing, shikara race and dragon boat race. More than 400 athletes from 36 states and Union Territories are expected in Srinagar.

The Minister for Youth Services and Sports, Jammu and Kashmir, Satish Sharma, and the Member of Legislative

Assembly (MLA), Zadibal, Tanvir Sadiq, released the mascot and the logo. The official kits of the Games were also revealed.

The Himalayan Kingfisher, the colourful mascot of the Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025, embodies the spirit of adventure, nature, and competition in the Games. With its bold orange and blue, it represents energy, tranquillity, and the beauty of Kashmir. More than a symbol, it's the festival's ambassador, promoting eco-friendly sports, tourism, and youth engagement nationwide.

The Khelo India Water Sports Festival logo captures the essence of Kashmir, featuring a Shikara gliding on Dal Lake, framed by snow-capped mountains and pine trees. Its calm reflections mirror the beauty of Kashmir, while the Khelo India colours unite tradition, nature, and the energy of sport.

"Gulmarg has already become the winter games capital of the country, and now Dal Lake will become the water sports hub of the country," said Sadiq, as quoted from a release from SAI media.

"This is a proud moment for the people of Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

PRITHVI SHAW SET TO PLAY FOR MAHARASHTRA IN BUCHI BABU TOURNAMENT; AYUSH MHATRE TO LEAD MUMBAI

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Prithvi Shaw has been named in Maharashtra's 17-member squad for the All India Buchi Babu Invitational Tournament to be held in Chennai from August 18 to September 9. This will be Shaw's first outing for Maharashtra since moving from Mumbai in July, as per ESPNcricinfo.

The 24-year-old opener shifted to Maharashtra after securing a no-objection certificate from the Mumbai Cricket Association. He was left out of Mumbai's Ranji Trophy squad for the 2024-25 season owing to concerns over his fitness and disciplinary issues.

The Maharashtra side will be led by Ankit Bawne and also features Ruturaj Gaikwad, who is set to make his return to professional cricket following the elbow injury he sustained during Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025.

Meanwhile, 18-year-old Ayush Mhatre, who captained India Under-19 during their recent tour of England, will lead Mumbai in the Buchi Babu Tournament. Mhatre had an impressive IPL 2025 for Chennai Super Kings (CSK). He was also the top scorer in the U-19 Tests in England, amassing 340 runs in four innings.

Mumbai's squad also features Sarfaraz Khan and his younger brother Musheer Khan. The latter suffered a fracture in the neck region in a road accident last September.

Maharashtra Squad: Ankit Bawane (capt), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Prithvi Shaw, Siddhesh Veer, Sachin Dhas, Arshin Kulkarni, Harshal Kate, Siddharth Mhatre, Saurabh Nawale (wk), Mandar Bhandari (vc), Ramakrishna Ghosh, Mukesh Choudhary, Pradeep Dadhe, Vicky Ostwal, Hitesh Walunj, Prashant Solanki, Rajvardhan Hangargekar. Mumbai squad: Ayush Mhatre (capt), Musheer Khan, Divyansh Saxena, Sarfaraz Khan, Suved Parkar (vc), Pragnesh Kanpillewar, Harsh Aghav, Sairaj Patil, Aakash Sharma, Aakash Anand (wk), Hardik Tamore (wk), Shreyas Gurav, Yash Dicholkar, Himanshu Singh, Royston Dias, Sylvester DaEUR(tm)Souza, Irfan Umair.



India's greatest sporting moments since Independence: A journey of firsts, glory and grit

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : From dusty playgrounds to the grandest stages of global sport, India's journey since 1947 has been written with sweat, spirit, and unyielding dreams. In a country where sports have often carried the hopes of a billion, some victories have gone beyond the scoreboard; they have become national memories, etched in collective pride.

The Olympics have been the stage for some of India's most defining breakthroughs. In 1952 at Helsinki, wrestler KD Jadhav clinched bronze in the men's 57 kg freestyle wrestling category, becoming the first individual Olympic medalist for India after independence. Four years later, in Melbourne, the Indian men's hockey team, in a sport they had dominated for decades, won gold by defeating Pakistan, their first Olympic gold in hockey for independ-



ent India and the sixth in a row for the nation.

In 1996 at Atlanta, tennis ace Leander Paes brought home a bronze in men's singles, becoming the first Asian to win an Olympic tennis medal and the only Indian to do so to date. Sydney 2000 saw weightlifter Karnam Malleswari lift herself into

history by winning bronze and becoming the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal. Beijing 2008 was a watershed year as shooter Abhinav Bindra struck gold, India's first-ever individual Olympic gold. In the same Games, wrestler Sushil Kumar won bronze before going on to secure silver at

London 2012, becoming the first Indian to win two individual Olympic medals. The 2020 Tokyo Games (held in 2021) gave India its first-ever athletics gold medal through javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, whose triumph sparked a wave of interest in track and field. Most recently, at Paris 2024, shooter Manu Bhaker became the first Indian to win two medals in the same Olympics, adding another golden page to the country's Olympic story. Outside the Olympics, Indian football had its own tryst with glory when, in 1951, the national team won gold at the Asian Games in New Delhi. The following year, in 1952, India registered its first-ever Test cricket victory, against England in Chennai, a sign of things to come for a cricket-loving nation. In 1975, at Kuala Lumpur, the men's hockey team lifted

their first and only Men's Hockey World Cup. Badminton legend Prakash Padukone became the first Indian to win the prestigious All England Open in 1980, inspiring a generation to follow. In 1988, chess prodigy Viswanathan Anand earned the title of India's first-ever Grandmaster. In 1997, Mahesh Bhupathi made history as the first Indian Grand Slam winner, claiming the French Open mixed doubles with Japan's Rika Hiraki. Cricket, of course, has its own chapters of legend. In 1983 at Lord's, Kapil Dev's men stunned the mighty West Indies to win India's first-ever Cricket World Cup. Two decades later, under the captaincy of MS Dhoni, India won the inaugural T20 World Cup in 2007 in South Africa, lifted the ODI World Cup at the Wankhede Stadium in 2011.

BCCI likely to change venue of Bengaluru ICC Women's WC matches to another city: sources

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is likely to change the venue for ICC Women's World Cup matches initially allotted to M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru to some other city in the aftermath of the stampede which occurred outside the celebration just a day after Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) team's maiden Indian Premier League (IPL) title win, as per sources.

As per sources, the final decision on the venue could come during this weekend.

The M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru is facing the risk of losing its Women's World Cup

fixtures after the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) missed the August 10 deadline set by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to obtain police clearance for hosting the games, as per ESPNcricinfo.

In case Bengaluru is ruled out, the Greenfield Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram is being discussed as a possible replacement venue. As per the current schedule, Bengaluru is set to host the tournament opener between India and Sri Lanka on September 30, followed by England vs South Africa (October 3), India vs Bangladesh (October 26), the second semi-final on October 30, and possibly the final on November 2.

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