

Mumbai rain causes mayhem, as extremely heavy rainfall warning issued

MI News Service, Mumbai : All government and semi-government offices in Mumbai will remain closed on Tuesday in view of the extremely heavy rainfall warning issued by the weather office in the city.

It also appealed to all private establishments across Mumbai to allow their employees to work from home and avoid unnecessary travel.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), in a statement on Tuesday morning, announced the closure of all government and semi-government offices as a precautionary measure, in view of the continuous heavy rains in the city and suburbs and the 'red alert' issued by the IMD.

The statement said the decision applies to



all BMC offices and state-run establishments, excluding essential services.

"Considering the red alert for very heavy rainfall in Mumbai city and suburbs, all government, semi-government, and BMC offices, barring the essential services, will remain closed today," the BMC said.

In the 24-hour period ending at 8 am on Tuesday, the island city, eastern and western suburbs recorded an average excessive rainfall of 186.43 mm, 208.78 mm and 238.19 mm, respectively, an official said. In the forecast for Tuesday, India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicted "very heavy to extremely heavy" rainfall in the city and suburbs of Mumbai with occasional gusty winds reaching 45-55 kmph. Rainfall during the early morning hours and late evening could lead to traffic snarls as there was 3.75 metre high tide at 9.16 am and of 3.14 metres to occur at 8.53 pm. People complained of waterlogging on

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives to attend the NDA parliamentary party meeting, in New Delhi.

Mamata Banerjee alleges 'NRC Agenda' behind AIIMS' mental health survey in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has raised strong objections to a door-to-door mental health survey being conducted by AIIMS Kalyani in the state, alleging that it is a "covert attempt to collect data for the NRC (National Register of Citizens) on behalf of the Central government".

Addressing a press conference after a cabinet meeting at Nabanna, CM Banerjee cautioned people of the state not to share their personal details with anyone conducting such surveys.

Mamata Banerjee claimed, "Under the guise of mental health surveys, AIIMS is carrying out an exercise for the NRC. The institution is allegedly being used as a tool to conduct door-to-door data collection. I want to make it clear that if the state government conducts any such survey, people will be informed in advance. But working directly for a political agenda under the guise of research is unacceptable. I would



like to ask AIIMS not to play such games." The chief minister also urged the people of Bengal to remain cautious and not disclose any per-

sonal information. "If necessary, information should only be shared with state government representatives," she said.

She further highlighted that the land for AIIMS Kalyani was provided by the state government. "We have no objection if they do good work. Whenever AIIMS holds an inauguration event, we are not even informed. We are not bothered about that but now they are conducting surveys in the name of mental health, which I believe is linked to the NRC," she said, while questioning, "What does mental health have to do with asking about voter ID cards, family members, and citizenship status?"

According to sources, Mamata Banerjee also discussed the matter during the cabinet meeting and expressed displeasure. Since health is a state subject, she questioned the legality of a central institute undertaking such surveys without

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EAM Jaishankar embarks on 3-day visit to Russia

MI News Service, New Delhi / Moscow : External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Tuesday embarked on a three-day visit to Russia from August 19 to 21 to further bolster the "longstanding and time-tested India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership", amid the present strained Indo-US ties following President Donald Trump's decision to double tariffs on Indian goods to 50 per cent.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in a statement, said, "At the invitation of First Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Denis Manturov, the External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar, will undertake an official visit to Russia on 19-21 August 2025 to co-chair the 26th Session of the India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological

and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC) scheduled for 20 August 2025. EAM will address the India-Russia Business Forum meeting in Moscow." During the visit, Jaishankar will meet his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov to review the bilateral agenda and exchange perspectives on regional and global developments.

The MEA added, "During the visit, EAM will also meet Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov and review the bilateral agenda and share perspective on regional and global issues."

The visit comes amid strains in India's ties with the US following President Donald Trump's decision to double tariffs on Indian goods to 50 per cent, including an additional 25 per cent penalty for purchasing Russian crude oil. Jaishankar and

Lavrov are also expected to discuss recent initiatives by the Trump administration to bring peace to Ukraine. Reiterating New Delhi's intent, the MEA underlined, "The visit aims to further strengthen the long-standing and time-tested India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership." Moreover, Jaishankar's Moscow visit comes days after National Security Advisor Ajit Doval travelled to Russia and held talks with President Putin on bilateral energy and defence ties.

Further, the visits of senior Indian officials, including Doval and Jaishankar, come against the backdrop of strains in India's ties with the US following President Donald Trump doubling tariffs on Indian goods to 50 per cent that included an additional penalty of 25 per cent for purchasing Russian crude oil.

PM Modi appeals for unanimous election of Radhakrishnan as next Vice-President

MI News Service, New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed to all political parties, including the Opposition, for unanimous election of NDA's Vice Presidential candidate C P Radhakrishnan, as he praised his life of public service at a meeting of the ruling alliance MPs.

Radhakrishnan was felicitated at the meeting of MPs here on Tuesday by the NDA top brass, including Prime Minister Modi and several BJP allies.

Radhakrishnan is likely to file his nomination on Wednesday. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju told reporters that Modi, in his address, appealed to allpolitical parties, especially the Opposition, to back the candidacy of Radhakrishnan to ensure that he is elected unanimously.

Modi introduced the Maharashtra Governor, who is a seasoned BJP leader from Tamil Nadu, to the NDA MPs, citing his long public life in which he served ably in different capacities. jiju said Radhakrishnan (67) has led a simple life away from any controversy or taint, stressing that his election as Vice President will be a matter of delight for the entire country.

With the BJP-led NDA enjoying a comfortable majority in the electoral

college comprising MPs from the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Radhakrishnan's win is a certainty amid indications from the opposition INDIA bloc that it will field its own candidate and force a contest.

During the meeting Prime Minister Modi introduced him to the Parliamentarians, hailed his unblemished political career and also called for his unanimous election to the post. Briefing the press about the NDA parliamentary party meet, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju said the floor leaders and the NDA MPs warmly welcomed CP Radhakrishnan and also thanked the Prime Minister for picking him for the position.

He said that PM Modi introduced C.P. Radhakrishnan to the lawmakers at the NDA meet and appealed to everyone to come together and unanimously vote for the candidate and elect him as the next Vice President. Heaping praise on Radhakrishnan, Rijiju said that his entire political journey remains devoid of any controversy, any stain or any corruption charge. He said that the NDA V-P nominee lived a simple yet accomplished life, working tirelessly for society and the country and hence was the right person suited for the chair. "If he is elected as the next Vice President, it

will be a matter of great joy for the country. With his decades of experience and all-encompassing approach, he will be efficient and instrumental in conducting the House proceedings," he said. Rijiju also informed that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is holding talks across the political spectrum to seek consensus on his election and is also urging the Opposition to elect him unanimously. The BJP has already started reaching out to Opposition parties, particularly those in Southern states, to gather support for the NDA's V-P pick. It has activated its Tamil Nadu unit to rally support for his candidature, given his Tamilian roots and also his successful stint as the state unit chief. Tamil Nadu BJP has urged the DMK and other parties of the INDIA bloc to extend support to his candidature.

Meanwhile, Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) president Dr Anbumani Ramadoss has extended support to NDA's V-P nominee, C.P. Radhakrishnan, describing him as the "right choice" for the country's second-highest constitutional office. Radhakrishnan, who hails from Tamil Nadu's Kongu region, has served two terms as a Lok Sabha MP from Coimbatore and is currently serving as the Governor of Maharashtra.

PM Modi to inaugurate projects worth Rs 12,000 crore in Gaya

MI News Service, Gaya: Continuing his resolution to take steps for the all round development of Bihar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of several projects worth more than Rs 12,000 crore in Gaya on August 22. Announcing this here on Tuesday ahead of the Prime Minister's visit, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary said that he had inspected the venue at the Magadh University campus and issued necessary instructions to officials

regarding preparations for the Prime minister's visit. Later, while addressing an NDA workers' meeting in Gaya, Chaudhary launched a scathing attack on the opposition, particularly the Gandhi family and RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav. "Some people add 'Jananayak' to their names, and some write 'Gandhi' after their names, but merely writing does not make anyone a leader. The Gandhi family and Lalu family looted Bihar, while Nitish Kumar has transformed the state," he said. Chaudhary questioned the Congress over

the legacy of the Emergency and said, "Does the word 'Jananayak' sound good from the mouth of a party that imposed the Emergency and jailed political workers?"

Highlighting NDA's record in employment generation, he compared the tenures of Lalu Prasad Yadav and Nitish Kumar. "Lalu Prasad could not provide even one lakh government jobs during his tenure, whereas Nitish Kumar gave 7.5 lakh jobs between 2005 and 2020. By 2020-25, 50 lakh government jobs and employment opportunities have been created, and by 2025-30, one crore youth will be given jobs and employment," Chaudhary claimed. During the review meeting with senior JDU leaders, Bihar minister Santosh Suman, and leaders of NDA allies, Chaudhary stressed that rapid development is taking place in Bihar under the guidance of PM Modi and the leadership of CM Nitish Kumar. He urged NDA workers to strengthen the organisation at the block level and spread awareness about government achievements among the people. Citing progress in

infrastructure and power supply, Chaudhary said: "In 2005, Bihar had only 17 lakh electricity connections, which have now increased to 2.14 crore. Currently, the electricity bill of 1.64 crore households is zero under the subsidy schemes. The government aims to provide free electricity to every household through 100 per cent subsidised solar plate installations in coordination with the Centre."

He also underlined improvements in road connectivity: "Now one can reach any part of the state from Patna in five hours, and the government's goal is to reduce this to four hours." Referring to religious tourism, Chaudhary pointed to major temple projects: "The grand temple of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya completed under PM Modi's tenure and a Rs 1,000 crore grand temple of Maa Janaki under construction at Punaaradhnam, Sitamarhi." Incidentally during his proposed visit to Gaya and West Bengal on Friday next, the Prime minister will inaugurate a number of Metro rail and other infrastructural projects in both the states worth over Rs 20,000 crores.

Opposition parties announce former SC judge B Sudershan Reddy as VP candidate

MI News Service, New Delhi : Former Supreme Court judge B Sudershan Reddy was announced as the candidate of the united Opposition parties for the Vice-Presidential polls, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge announced on Tuesday, as he called the upcoming election for the country's second-highest office an "ideological battle".

Reddy is a former judge of the Supreme Court and the first Lokayukta of Goa. He is also on the Board of Trustees of the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre in Hyderabad.

Reddy would arrive in the national capital on



Tuesday evening and meet with various Opposition leaders. He will file his nomination on August 21. He will fight for the September 9 Vice-presidential elections against the National Democratic Alliance (NDA)'s candidate C P Rad-

hakrishnan. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, terming Justice Reddy one of India's most distinguished and progressive jurists, said the upcoming elections for the post of the Vice-President were "an ideological battle" with the Opposition standing united. "All Opposition parties have nominated B Sudershan Reddy garu as their joint candidate for the position of the Vice President of India," Kharge announced, adding that Justice Reddy had been a consistent and courageous champion of social, economic and political justice. A native

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Lot of interest about Gaganyaan world over: Shubhanshu Shukla tells PM Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi : Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla told Prime Minister Narendra Modi that a lot of interest has already been generated about India's Gaganyaan mission around the world, and many international scientists were keen to be part of it.

In an interaction with the Prime minister on Monday evening at the Prime minister's residence, Shukla also shared his experiences about his space journey to the International Space Station (ISS) as part of the Axiom-4 mission, adjusting to micro-gravity conditions, and the experiments he carried out on the orbital lab.

The video of Shukla's interaction with the Prime minister was shared on Tuesday. "People are very excited about India's Gaganyaan mission. Many of my crew mates (of the Axiom-4 mission) wanted to know about the launch," Shukla said.

"Many of my crew mates even took signed declarations from me



that they would be invited for the launch of Gaganyaan mission. They wanted to travel in our vehicle," Shukla said.

PM Modi said there was a need to have a pool of 40-50 astronauts ready for India's future space missions. "I had said that your mission is the first step," Modi said, referring to India's ambitions in

the space sector. PM Modi also told Shukla that his mission to the ISS will be helpful in India's space ambitions.

India plans to undertake its first human spaceflight in 2027 and build its own space station by 2035. India also has plans to land its own astronaut on the moon by 2040. After his nearly two week

long historic visit to the International Space Station (ISS) in July, Shukla returned to India on Sunday and is poised to share his experiences with friends and colleagues back home as ISRO eyes its maiden human spaceflight in 2027.

Shukla, who was in the US, training for the Axiom-4 mission to ISS for the past one year, will now travel to his hometown Lucknow to meet his parents and other family members and friends there. He is expected to be back in the capital to participate in the National Space Day celebrations on August 22-23. In an emotional message on his way back home on Sunday Shukla said "As I sit on the plane to come back to India, I have a mix of emotions running through my heart. I feel sad leaving a fantastic group of people behind who were my friends and family for the past one year

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Police detain Students' Federation of India (SFI) activists took part in a protest rally against State Government Bhawan during their march to Bikash Bhawan over merit list for admission to college after higher secondary is not out yet and the results of the Joint Entrance Examination are not out issue, at Salt Lake in Kolkata on Tuesday

First year foundation day celebration of Subhadarshini Super Multi Specialty Hospital



MI News Service, Raniganj: Postage stamp issued in the name of CEO. Raniganj. Lakshmi Turo saplings were planted on the first year foundation day of Subhadarshini Super Multi Specialty Hospital

located at Bansda Square, Raniganj. World spiritual guru and founder of Art of Living Sri Sri Ravishankarji is promoting this medicinal plant all over the world. This tree is native to South America. The followers of

Sri Sri Ravishankar have done research on this tree.

The tree is used to prevent cancer. A cake was also cut on the occasion. Hospital Chairman Shanti Swaroop Pari, Vice President Rony Mukherjee, CEO Antara Ganguly, HR Saini Ghosh, Chartered Accountant Pradeep Sahu and many social workers were present. Hospital officials said that the process of providing better healthcare services to patients will be further advanced and efforts are being made so that patients do not have to go to other cities for treatment and all healthcare services will be available here. On this occasion, a postage stamp was issued by the Postal Department in the name of the CEO of the hospital, Antara Ganguly, and presented to her.

Inauguration of the presiding deity Shri Bhomiya Dada Darbar at Jain temple

MI News Service, Kolkata: Calcutta Jain Shwetambar Sthanakvasi (Gujarati) Sangh has created history under the guidance of revered Gurudev Shri Dr. Adarshchandra Swami Ji. On Sunday, the inauguration of the presiding deity Shri Bhomiya Dada Darbar was done at the Jain temple located at Navalakha Polak Street, in which members of 11 families took benefit. Along with this, 99 days 99th Bhaav Yatra and darshan of 24 Tirthankaras was also organised here. In Jainism, the 24 Tirthankaras and the 99th Bhaav Yatra have a lot of importance. It is said that by visiting them and doing Bhaav Yatra, one attains self-knowledge and salvation.

On this day, a camp of late Gurudev Adarsh Chandra Swami ji was also organized here which was organized by Gautam Prasad, Kishor-bhai, Dilipbhai Atha (Atha



Foundation). In this program, Dilipbhai Aatha, Viresh Shah of Manav Jyoti, Rajesh Singh, Kamlesh Joshi of Karchi Samaj, Atulbhai Doshi of Kamani Jain Bhavan and committee members, Haresh Jain of Ahimsa Bhavan, Ashokbhai Turakhia and other persons were also present as the chief guest.

Chandrashekhar Medhani (Romi) Chairman of Navalakha Jain Temple, Deepak Gathani, Dinesh Patel Vice President, Dinesh Bhimani Secretary, Harshad Seth,

Bharat Bhayani Joint Secretary, Bhavesh Chovatya played an important role in making the program successful. The program was conducted by Nimesh Shah, Pankaj Desai, Mayur Sheth, Vikash Khara, Paful Lakhani, Harshad Shah, Manish Doshi, Paresh Daftari, Hemal Daftari, Rajesh Modi, Dhamesh Bhimani, Pulin Parekh, Deep Goslia, Mukesh Walani, Sanjay Shah, Miten Shah, Deepak Gathani. Chandresh Medhani expressed his gratitude to all the guests who came.

IndianOil and Air India Sign MoU for Supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel



MI News Service, Gurugram: The collaboration builds upon Indian Oil's recent milestone of becoming the first Indian company to receive ISCC CORSIA certification for SAF production at its Panipat Refinery

As part of its strategy to achieve the IATA Net Zero by 2050 target, Air India is actively pursuing initiatives in operational efficiency, low-carbon emissions, and now, SAF

Gurugram, 19 August 2025: Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Air India today signed a

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), marking a major step towards a greener future for Indian aviation. This MoU outlines the shared commitment of both Parties to promote the adoption of low-carbon fuels in aviation, support global decarbonization goals, and contribute to the transi-

tion toward more sustainable air transport operations.

The MoU was signed by Shri Shailesh Dhar, Executive Director (Aviation), IndianOil, and Shri P. Balaji, Group Head Governance, Regulatory, Compliance (GRC) & Corporate Affairs, Air India, in the presence of Shri A S Sahney, Chairman, IndianOil and Shri Campbell Wilson, CEO, Air India.

This collaboration reaffirms Indian Oil's role as a trailblazer in India's energy transition, bringing India closer to a greener, cleaner aviation future. The Corporation has become the first Indian company to receive ISCC CORSIA certification for SAF production at its Panipat Refinery. The certification granted under ICAO's Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), establishes Indian Oil's capability to produce SAF that meets the most stringent international

sustainability and lifecycle carbon emission standards.

Shri A. S. Sahney, Chairman, Indian Oil, said "Air India represents a strategic step in India's transition to sustainable aviation. With our ISCC-CORSIA-certified SAF from Panipat, IndianOil is ready to provide a sustainable fuel solution that will help decarbonize air travel. Partnering with India's flagship carrier, we are aligning national growth with global climate goals and setting a benchmark for the industry" Shri Campbell Wilson, CEO & Managing Director, Air India said: "Through this MoU with Indian Oil, Air India is committed to support the Government of India's initiatives to promote sustainable development in the aviation sector and to further its own sustainability goals to achieve the IATA Net Zero by 2050 target."

By integrating certified green fuels into commercial operations, IndianOil and Air India are together reinforcing India's position as a front-runner in sustainable aviation and energy transition. Through this MOU, IOCL and Air India aim to collaborate on the supply of SAF to meet CORSIA targets and even exceeding them for international flights, ensuring a reliable, transparent, and sustainable fuel supply to support both companies' environmental goals.

Man arrested for molesting 4-year-old neighbour

MI News Service, Belgharia: A 60-year-old man has been arrested in Belgharia on charges of molesting a four-year-old girl. The accused, identified as Swapan Kumar Das, was apprehended after the child's family and local residents reported the incident.

The alleged assault took place at a residence in Prothom Alo Housing, Deshpriyo Nagar. The young victim lives with her working mother and grandmother. According to reports, the grandmother would regularly leave the child in the care of their downstairs neighbor, Das, when she departed for her afternoon job. Police allege that Das exploited this trust when he was left alone with the child. The family discovered the abuse upon re-

turning home and immediately informed their neighbors. A group of angry residents then reportedly locked Das in his flat and called the Belgharia police station. Officers quickly arrived at the scene, took the accused into custody, and transported him to the station. This shocking incident has caused a significant stir in the community, with locals demanding strict and appropriate punishment for Das. The case is currently under investigation, and a formal complaint has been lodged against the accused. The police have not released further details to protect the identity of the victim. This event serves as a grim reminder of the need for heightened vigilance in communities. The community is united in their call for justice.

Little Thespian's 36th Rang Adda: A Celebration of Theatre Legends



MI News Service, Kolkata: On 17th August, 2025, Little Thespian, a renowned theatre group of Kolkata, celebrated its 36th Rang Adda at Sujata Devi Vidy Mandir. This Rang Adda was dedicated to four theatre stalwarts Smt. Pratibha Agarwal, Usha Ganguli, playwrights Swadesh Deepak, and Bhisam Sahni.

The Rang Adda began with a brief introduction of Smt. Pratibha Agarwal by Supriya Chaudhary of Gokhale Memorial Girls College. This was followed by an insightful article titled "Pratibha Agarwal's Contribution to Theatre" presented by Dr. Vasundhara Mishra, Professor at The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata. The article highlighted Agarwal's significant contributions to the world of theatre.

Sandhya Ram from Calcutta University gave a comprehensive introduction to Usha Ganguli's life and work. This was followed by an article titled "Usha Ganguli's Style of Direction and the Play Court Martial" presented by renowned theatre actor Shri Om Pareek. The article explored Ganguli's unique directing style and her iconic play Court Martial. The Rang Adda also featured

dramatic reading of Bhisam Sahni's story "Mata Vimata". Supriya Chaudhary gave a brief introduction of Bhisam Sahni, highlighting his contributions to Indian literature and theatre followed by the dramatic reading of his story by Md. Asif Ansari and students of Khidderpore College Khalida Khatun and Sweta Kumari Rajbhar. Sandhya Ram gave a detailed introduction to the life and work of Swadesh Deepak. This was followed by dramatic reading of an excerpt from his play Court Martial by Dr. Rama Shankar Singh, Shivam Tiwari, Pintu Pandey, and Pramod Mahato.

Many students and several distinguished guests, including Smt. Binla Poddar (Executive Member of Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad), theatre director Shri Dinesh Vadera, poet Shri Bhupinder Singh Bashar, writer Om Prakash Choubey, Telugu poet Aruna V, Smt Pushpa Bhanani etc. were present on this occasion.

The Rang Adda was expertly convened by Gunjan Azhar (Secretary, Little Thespian) she said that these Rang Addas are testament to the organization's commitment to promoting theatre and paying tribute to its legends.

SC dismisses Review Petition in SSC Recruitment Case

MI News Service, New Delhi: Candidates from the 2016 recruitment drive faced a major setback on Tuesday following the Supreme Court's verdict in the SSC Teacher Recruitment Case. The apex court has dismissed all review petitions filed in this matter, thereby upholding the Calcutta High Court's decision to cancel the jobs of 26,000 teachers. This decision affects both eligible and ineligible candidates and has created significant uncertainty in the state's education sector. The Calcutta High Court had ordered the

cancellation of nearly 26,000 teacher appointments from the 2016 SSC recruitment process due to allegations of widespread corruption. The state government, the SSC, and eligible candidates challenged this verdict in the Supreme Court, but the apex court initially affirmed the High Court's order. The case was heard by a bench led by Justice Sanjay Kumar. When the petitioners' counsel, inquired about the verdict, the judge explicitly stated that he had already made his decision and dismissed all petitions.

"FIRs filed on us by ruling party members": Filmmaker Vivek Agnihotri targets TMC amid 'The Bengal Files' row

MI News Service, New Delhi/Kolkata: After the trailer launch of 'The Bengal Files' was disrupted in Kolkata, filmmaker Vivek Agnihotri targeted the state government and said that "FIRs have been filed by ruling party members" on the makers.

A ruckus erupted during the release of 'The Bengal Files' trailer in Kolkata on August 16.

'The Bengal Files' features actors Mithun Chakraborty, Anupam Kher, Darshan Kumar, and Pallavi Joshi. It is focused on the events of the "Direct Action Day", aiming to unveil the "most brutal chapter" of Indian history.

Speaking to ANI, Agnihotri said, "I am discovering the political scenario. I had thought how anybody can stop the trailer, but when we went to Kolkata, the multiplex refused to show the trailer after all the permissions in writing. Then, the hotel chain stopped showing the trailer. The police came...cut the wire then I was told that the ruling party filed many FIRs as we stand here today, the FIRs are filed on us by the ruling party members and I have been told that ruling party has major objection on portrayal untold story of Hindu genocide. They have problem with that film about demographic change."

Reportedly, Shantanu Mukherjee, grandson of Gopal Mukherjee, filed an FIR against the director. Speaking about the same, he added, "I just don't want to speak as it is a legal matter, but I just want to give you a hint that a lot of people you are mentioning are trying to blackmail us for a long time. They are members of TMC, and that is why they are trying to put pressure on us, but we will take a legal course and solve it all."

On August 16, during the event at ITC Royal Bengal, the trailer was suddenly stopped, the director blamed the authorities, saying, "If this is not dictatorship/fascism, then what is? Law and order in your state has failed, and this is the reason that everyone supports 'The Bengal Files'. I have just got to know that some people came here (event venue in a private hotel) and cut all the wires. I don't know on whose orders this is happening? You know who those people are behind us. After all tests and trials, this programme was being held. The hotel managers still can't tell us why we are not allowed to continue with our programme."

While speaking to the media, he highlighted the issue and shared, "Police aur party workers ne milkar unconstitutionally hamare trailer ko radd kiya bharat ke itihhas mein kayi filmein ban hui hai..shayad pehli baar bharat ke itihaas mein ek state government ne ek film ke trailer ko ban kiya hai. This is very scary and worrisome. Jinhone Indian constitution ki oath li hai, hamare judges, ministers, Chief Ministers, ye log Indian constitution ki oath lete aur Indian constitution mein ye likha gaya hai ki state officials jo hai inka ye dharm hai ye duty hai ki ye common logon ke rights ko protect kareng, especially their free speech and safety. Lekin agar rakshak hi bhakshak ban jaye to koi kya lad sakta hai?"

He also shared that the film got a good response in the US, "aur hum ko waha ka Capitol Hill mein invite kiya gaya, 'The Bengal Files' ko present karne ke liye."

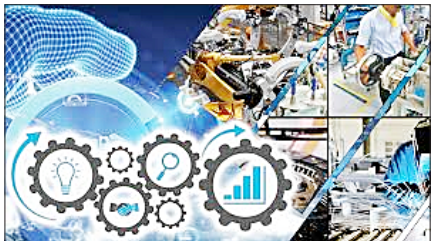


Police detain interview neglected 2022 Primary Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) passed candidates took part in a protest rally against the State Government, demanding for their permanent jobs at Salt Lake in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Bengal govt's MSME policy energizing industrial growth

MI News Service, Kolkata: The government of West Bengal has taken multiple steps to energize the MSMEs in the state which is in a way acting as positive catalyst in industrial growth of the state. With West Bengal's MSME credit set to cross ₹2 lakh crore by FY26 and recent state-level initiatives driving digitization and exports promotion for the MSMEs, M1xchange, India's leading RBI-Licensed TReDS platform for invoice discounting for MSMEs, aims to contribute to the credit growth, by bridging the working capital credit requirements of the MSME in the state. It targets to double its business with sectors such as infrastructure, auto/auto ancillaries, electricals/electronics, textiles, and agriculture, which are poised to be the key growth drivers.

Currently, West Bengal is a leading state for manufacturing, trade, and export, with over 4.6 million registered MSMEs under Udyam and nearly 1 crore MSMEs in total. The state's strong industrial base spans steel, aluminium, iron products, electricals/electronics, trading, and chemical fertilizers sectors with high working capital requirements. The credit to MSMEs in Bengal rose 7.5% year-on-year, highlighting growing



demand for timely and cost-effective financing.

Till date, it has facilitated INR 200,000+ crores worth of invoice discounting with more than 60,000 MSMEs, 3000+ Corporates and 69+ Banks & NBFCs on the platform.

Aligned with West Bengal's ambition to cross ₹2 lakh crore MSME credit by FY26, it has made significant inroads into the state.

Kaustubh Srivastava, Senior Director M1xchange said, "The state government's proactive collaborations are enabling last-mile digital adoption and improving access to credit. We are also witnessing robust momentum across industries in the state, driven by a thriving MSME base and a strong entrepreneurial spirit."

Howrah District Press Club 2025 Election : Sanjay Singh becomes President

MI News Service, Howrah: Howrah District Press Club completed 12 years on Tuesday. Every year, elections are held here as per tradition.

This year too, the election of Howrah District Press Club was held at Sharat Sadan on the pre-announced date 17/8/2025. Gifts were distributed to each member by the committee in this day-long election ceremony. After this, a moment of silence was observed as a tribute to those members of the club who are no longer in this world. After this, the annual election process started. As per the old rules of the previous committee, before the election, the old committee presented its works and financial accounts of the previous year. The election process continued till noon and the results were also declared. After the declaration of



the results, today's ceremony concluded with the national anthem. All the members included in the new committee were felicitated by the old committee and its members. After this election, new committee was formed and their names and designations are as follows...

[List of New Committee]
1) Chairman: Sanjay Singh

2) Vice Chairman: Megh Dutt Roy
3) Secretary: Subhash Deb Sarkar
4) Joint Secretary: Sanjay Rajbhar
(Members of New Committee) And the members include:
1) Debashesh Chakraborty.
2) Nikhat Hasan.
3) Pritam Kole.
4) Indro Baroi.

do it'. If we had known this from the start, why would we have taken on so many teams and actors and spent so much money to come here?"

The film explores the communal violence in undivided Bengal during the 1940s, including events like the 1946 Direct Action Day and the Noakhali riots of 1946, a Hindu genocide.

He added, "Aur Direct Action Day, Hindu genocide, Murshidabad riots, film ka trailer kahan launch hona chahiye? Kolkata mein hi hona chahiye. Par mai bhi harne vaalon me se nahi hu, to aisa pehli baar ho raha hai mera ye andaaz hai ki film ka trailer theatre ki jagah hotel ke banquet hall mein..but mai janna chahta hu hamari awaaz dabane ki koshish kyu ho rahi hai. (And where should the trailer of the film dealing with Direct Action Day, Hindu genocide, Murshidabad riots, film ka trailer kahan launch hona chahiye? Kolkata mein hi hona chahiye. Par mai bhi harne vaalon me se nahi hu, to aisa pehli baar ho raha hai mera ye andaaz hai ki film ka trailer theatre ki jagah hotel ke banquet hall mein..but mai janna chahta hu hamari awaaz dabane ki koshish kyu ho rahi hai. (And where should the trailer of the film dealing with Direct Action Day, Hindu genocide, Murshidabad riots, film ka trailer kahan launch hona chahiye? Kolkata mein hi hona chahiye. 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Mamata Banerjee alleges 'NRC...'

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knowledge of the state administration. Over the last few months, the issue of NRC has repeatedly surfaced in political debates, making the statements of the Chief minister particularly significant.

She has reportedly instructed three senior ministers to take steps to ensure public awareness. Panchayat Minister Pradip Majumdar has been tasked with warning people in rural areas, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Minister Firhad Hakim has been asked to alert people in urban areas, while Power Minister Aroop Biswas has been told to brief legislators to create an awareness in their respective constituencies. On the other hand, AIIMS Kalyani said it has been conducting the study in seven districts of West Bengal as part of the second phase of the National Mental Health Survey (NMHS), and under the guidance of a senior official of the state govern-

ment's health and family welfare department.

Issuing a statement, AIIMS Kalyani clarified that it was participating in the second phase of the NMHS as a partner institution of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru. "The survey is being conducted in seven districts of West Bengal under the guidance and liaison of the Additional Director of Health Services (Mental Health), Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal," it said.

The questionnaires used in this study have been duly validated by the World Health Organisation and NIMHANS, ensuring high standards of scientific and ethical rigour, the statement read.

The institution further said, "This survey is part of a nationwide initiative and is being conducted across all states and union territories of India to assess the mental health status and needs of the population."

Mumbai rain causes mayhem,...

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railway tracks in low-lying areas of Dadar, Matunga, Parel and Sion. The railway authorities, however, claimed the water was below the track level and hence train movement was unaffected though the services were delayed. Water-logging was also reported at

Hindmata, Andheri Subway and in some parts of the Eastern Express Highway, Mumbai-Gujarat highway and the Eastern Freeway. To make the situation worse, there was an early morning technical snag in the signalling system between Ambivali and Shahad stations on the Mumbai suburban network.

Lot of interest about Gaganyaan...

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during this mission. I am also excited about meeting all my friends, family and everyone in the country for the first time post mission. I guess this is what life is — everything all at once".

The Ax-4 mission, launched under Axiom Space's commercial programme with international collaboration, saw Shukla engage in critical research experiments, outreach initiatives, and operational work supporting next-generation space objectives

His presence on the mission was celebrated not only as a personal achievement but also as a moment of pride for India, highlighting the country's growing role in global space exploration.

Acknowledging the support he received, Shukla wrote, "Having received incredible love and support from everyone during and after the mission, I can't wait to come back to India to share my experiences with all of you. Goodbyes are hard but we need to keep moving in life. As my commander Peggy Whitson fondly says, 'the only constant in spaceflight is change'. I believe that applies to life as well." The heartfelt note closed with lines from a Hindi song, where Shukla likened life to a train that keeps moving forward with time as its wheels. His words resonated with followers, blending the personal and the philosophical in a way that captured the gravity of his journey.

Opposition parties announce former...

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of Telangana who grew up in undivided Andhra Pradesh, and went to the Bar at Hyderabad, Justice Reddy was appointed as a permanent Judge of the Andhra Pradesh High Court on May 2, 1995, served as Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, and at the Supreme Court between 2007 and 2011. Most recently, he was at the helm of a high-level independent committee of 11 members constituted by the Revanth Reddy government to conduct an independent verification, analysis, and comprehensive study of the caste census in Telangana. The Congress president, flanked by TMC MP Derek O'Brien and NCP chief Sharad Pawar, said that Justice Reddy reflected the values that shaped the country's freedom movement profoundly, and that the Constitution and democracy have been anchored. Emphasising unity in the face of the Constitution "being in danger", and foundational values under assault, Kharge said the united Opposition was on the other end of "an ideological battle" with the ruling NDA.

"This VP contest is an ideological battle and all Opposition parties agreed on this; that is why we have decided to contest unitedly... We have unanimously chosen the candidate... It is a big achievement for democracy if all Opposition parties are able to come together at a point like this," Kharge said.

The Aam Aadmi Party, which was not represented at the press conference, was also on board with the candidature of Justice Reddy, O'Brien clarified.

Given both his organisational and political roots in Tamil Nadu, following the announcement of Maharashtra Governor C P Radhakrishnan as the NDA's pick for the VP polls, BJP sources had underlined a significant political aspect of his candidature.

The goodwill that Radhakrishnan has in Tamil Nadu, where he served as the chief of the BJP unit and is credited with having laid the foundations of its organisation, as well as with the DMK, was understood to have posed a dilemma for the ruling party in the southern state regarding whether or not to support him

Deep Depression Brings Heavy Rain Forecast for Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: The depression over the Bay of Bengal has intensified into a deep depression, making landfall near Gopalpur in Odisha on Tuesday morning. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the system is now positioned over south Odisha and south Chhattisgarh. It is expected to gradually weaken into a well-marked low-pressure area in the next 24 hours.

Even as it loses strength inland, the system will trigger significant rainfall activity across Bengal this week. The IMD has predicted light to moderate rain with thunderstorms and gusty winds across southern districts of the state, including Kolkata, Howrah, Hooghly, Nadia, North and South 24 Parganas, East and West Midnapore, Jhargram, and Bankura on Tuesday and Wednesday. Wind speeds may reach 30 to 40

kmph in some places.

From Thursday onwards, heavy rainfall activity is likely to intensify again, particularly over the coastal and western districts. The weather office has issued alerts for North and South 24 Parganas, East and West Midnapore, Jhargram, and Bankura, where heavy to very heavy showers may disrupt normal life through the week-end.

Leptospira Outbreak: Poultry Farm Closure Sparks Tensions, Health Camps Set Up

MI News Service, Kolkata: Panic has gripped Chekramari village under Sannyasikata Gram Panchayat in Jalpaiguri's Rajganj block after a sudden outbreak of Leptospira infection, with nearly 100 people affected.

For weeks, villagers had been complaining of fever, respiratory distress, and fatigue. Blood tests later confirmed cases of Leptospira and Hepatitis A. While health experts note that Leptospira usually spreads through rodents and livestock

and Hepatitis A through contaminated water, the exact source of this outbreak remains under investigation.

Local residents, however, blame a large poultry farm in the area. Anger boiled over earlier this week when Rajganj MLA Khageswar Roy visited a hospital to meet patients. Villagers confronted him, accusing the poultry farm of spreading the disease. One woman, Seema Das Pandey, declared: "Either close the farm or step down." Following mount-

ing pressure, district authorities called in farm officials and examined records. Missing paperwork led to an order to shut down the farm within seven days. Adi Narayan, the farm in-charge, confirmed compliance: "We are removing poultry as per government orders."

The farm, spread across 15 acres and built at a cost of nearly 40 crore, houses 1.5 lakh birds and produces over 1.5 lakh eggs daily. Around 200 workers are employed there, many of whom

now face job losses. Workers have staged protests, arguing they have not been infected and urging authorities to reconsider closure. Meanwhile, the health department has set up medical camps in Chekramari village to prevent further spread and monitor residents. Over 180 blood samples have already been collected. Chief Health Officer Dr. AsimHaldar said, "We are trying to identify whether the infection is from contaminated water or animals. Patients under treat-

ment are stable." Authorities have also initiated water sample testing and a livestock health survey to trace the outbreak. While administrative action continues, local fears remain high. Villagers are demanding permanent closure of the poultry farm, while workers worry about losing their livelihood.

With tensions rising, the administration faces the twin challenges of containing the disease and balancing public health with economic fallout.

Mayor inaugurates Geetashree Sandhya Mukherjee Stand



MI News Service, Kolkata: Mayor Firhad Hakim on Tuesday inaugurated a senior citizen stand in the name of legendary singer, Geetashree Sandhya Mukherjee at a park on

ward 93. The park is adjacent to the residence of Mukherjee. The Mayor also inaugurated a walking track for senior citizens at newly decorated Bangur Park at Lake Gar-

dens. Eminent personalities like Debashish Kumar (MLA & MIC), Debabrata Majumder (MLA) and others were present at the propitious occasion.

MBBS, Dental Admission Process Put on Hold in West Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: The admission process for first-year MBBS and dental courses in West Bengal has been suspended indefinitely, according to a notification issued by the Directorate of Medical Education under the state health department.

The notification only stated that admissions are being put on hold, without specifying the exact reason or the duration of the suspension. As a result,

thousands of aspiring medical students and their families are left uncertain about the future course of action.

While there is speculation that the matter may be linked to reservation-related issues, officials have not confirmed any details. The development has caused anxiety among students preparing for admission into medical and dental programs, as the process was expected to

move forward in the coming weeks.

Student organizations have expressed concern that a prolonged delay could affect the academic calendar and disrupt the training schedule of future doctors. Experts also note that a hold on admissions may eventually impact the state's healthcare delivery, as timely intake of new batches is critical for maintaining the flow of trained professionals.

Anandapur missing case: Youth found dead



MI News Service, Kolkata: A mysterious disappearance has shocked Anandapur after a young man and woman went missing while learning to ride a scooter late Monday night. The incident has sparked speculation, suspicion of foul play, and an intensive police search operation.

According to police sources, the missing woman has been identified as RonitaBaidya (23). On Monday evening, she left home to practice riding a scooter. Accompanying her was her friend and trainer, Rohit Agarwal. Hours passed but Ronita failed to return home, raising alarm among her family members. Repeated calls to her phone went unanswered, further intensifying their worry.

By late night, after frantic searches by relatives and neighbors, police discovered Ronita's scooter and mobile phone abandoned near a canal in Anandapur. This development turned the case into a seri-

ous missing persons investigation.

Local residents claimed that there had been an argument between Rohit and Ronita shortly before they went missing. Some even alleged that Rohit assaulted Ronita and pushed her into the canal. Acting on these suspicions, police deployed divers to search the water body.

The search operation led to a grim discovery: the lifeless body of Rohit Agarwal was recovered from the canal. However, there has been no trace of Ronita as of yet. Police and rescue teams continue their search in and around the area.

Investigators are now working on two possible angles. The first is that the incident might have been a tragic accident, with both losing control of the scooter and falling into the canal. The second, and more alarming, possibility is that foul play was involved, particularly in light of allegations from Ronita's family that she was attacked and deliberately thrown into the water.

Forensic experts have been called in, and police are awaiting the postmortem report of Rohit to determine the cause of death. Meanwhile, search operations for Ronita are ongoing, with divers scouring the canal and adjoining areas.

The mysterious circumstances have left the community unsettled, with locals anxiously waiting for answers. Police have assured that all possible angles—including accident, conflict, and criminal conspiracy—are being thoroughly examined before drawing any conclusions.

Cyber Cafés Under Watch as Fake Voter Entries Raise Alarm in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Election Commission has begun a probe into fraudulent voter registrations in West Bengal, with cyber cafés now coming under close surveillance. A recent survey revealed that in several constituencies, multiple online applications were being approved within hours, leading to names being added to electoral rolls without proper verification.

Officials confirmed that in many such cases, neither supporting documents were submitted nor were field checks conducted by Booth Level Officers (BLOs). The unusually fast processing of these applications has raised suspicions of "ghost voters." After identifying negligence on the part of Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), the Commission has shifted focus to tracing who is filing these suspicious applications. Investigations so far indicate that a large number of submissions originated from cyber cafés.



Acting on the Commission's recommendation, the Union Home Ministry has directed central intelligence agencies to monitor cyber cafés across the state. Sources say several cafés in Kolkata as well as in districts like North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, and Hooghly are already under scrutiny.

Senior officials of the Chief Electoral

Officer's office have reportedly met central intelligence teams to coordinate the monitoring process. The aim is to track the origin of fraudulent applications and prevent organized misuse of the online voter registration system.

Authorities stressed that while online applications are essential for voter accessibility, safeguards must be strengthened. Plans include stricter backend checks, tighter scrutiny of documents, and mandatory BLO verification before names are added to the list.

With elections approaching, the discovery of fake entries has sparked concerns over electoral credibility. The Commission has assured corrective action to ensure that only genuine voters remain on Bengal's rolls.

Kolkata Police Foil Drug Smuggling Bid, Two Arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major breakthrough against narcotics trafficking, Kolkata Police foiled an attempt to smuggle heroin into the city and arrested two persons late Monday night. Acting on a tip-off, officers of the Narcotics Cell laid a trap in the Hastings police station area and intercepted the accused along with a consignment of drugs.

According to police sources, the accused were part of a larger network operating between districts and the state capital. Investigators revealed that the smugglers had planned to transport a large quantity of heroin from Palashi in Nadia district to Kolkata on a motorcycle. Based on intelligence inputs, plainclothes officers took positions near the post office gate outside SSKM Hospi-

tal on AJC Bose Road, where the suspects were expected to arrive.

At the designated spot, the police team intercepted a Bullet motorcycle and apprehended two men. On searching them in the presence of witnesses and under videography, officers recovered nearly 760 grams of heroin, three mobile phones, cash, and the motorcycle used for transportation.

The arrested individuals have been identified as ShubhankarPanja (35) and Sourav Pradhan alias 'Kasai' (20), both residents of the Parnasree area in Kolkata. Police officials believe that the duo was working as carriers for a wider smuggling racket and were attempting to supply the drugs to contacts in the city.

Following the seizure,

Hastings police registered a case under various sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. The two accused will be produced before a special NDPS court on Tuesday, where the police are expected to seek custody for further interrogation.

Senior officers said that the seizure is significant, given the purity and market value of the recovered heroin. Investigators are now trying to trace the source of the consignment in Nadia and identify the intended recipients in Kolkata.

Officials added that Kolkata Police has intensified its operations against drug syndicates, with increased surveillance at entry points and coordination with district units to break the supply chain.

Tata AIA introduces Momentum 50 Index Fund



MI News Service, Kolkata: Tata AIA Life Insurance has introduced the Momentum 50 Index Fund, blending equity investments in high-growth sectors with life insurance protection. The New Fund Offer (NFO) is open from August 18 to 25, 2025, at INR 10 per unit. CIO HarshadPatil said the fund offers a rules-based approach to tap India's equity momentum while safeguarding families' financial security.

Nine-Year-Old Survives Deadly Krait Bite After Being Rushed Across Four Hospitals

MI News Service, Kolkata: A nine-year-old boy from Bethuadahari in Nadia district had a miraculous escape after being bitten twice by a highly venomous snake, believed to be a krait measuring nearly three-and-a-half feet. The child, identified as Aditya (name changed), survived after being taken to four different hospitals in quick succession before finally receiving life-saving treatment at a private hospital in South Kolkata.

The incident occurred on Thursday night when the boy stepped outside his house to relieve himself. He suddenly felt a sharp pain in his foot, followed by difficulty in breathing and drooping eyelids. Family members initially rushed him to a local quack, who failed to diagnose the problem. He was then shifted to the subdivision hospital, followed by Krishnanagar hospital, and finally to Kolkata's Nil RatanSircar (NRS) Medical College.

Doctors at NRS soon realized his lungs were

losing capacity and he urgently required pediatric ventilation. However, with no ventilator available at the time, the child was moved to a private hospital where doctors managed to stabilize him.

As per reports, the boy was showing signs of respiratory paralysis. We immediately put him on ventilation and administered anti-venom serum (AVS).

The sources further explained that the child had likely received AVS earlier, but the dosage was insufficient. Doctors confirmed this after noticing four fang marks on his toe, suggesting he had been bitten twice and injected with a large amount of venom.

Snake experts noted that of over 300 species found in India, around 50 are venomous, with kraits, cobras, Russell's vipers, and saw-scaled vipers causing the highest fatalities in Bengal. Krait venom contains neurotoxins that attack the nervous system, leading to respiratory failure if untreated.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SAMAULLAH MD S/o MD IDRISH Residing at, Vill - Hatichhapa, Post- Daulatnagar, Ps- Harishchandrapur, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732125, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SAMAULLAH MD To MD SANAULLAH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) MD SANAULLAH in all purpose Vide an Affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025. MD SANAULLAH and SAMAULLAH MD both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nitesh Kumar Patel S/o Vithal Das Patel Residing at 396/1, N.S.C. Bose Road, Po - Naktala, Ps - Netaji Nagar, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700047, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Nitesh Patel. I declare that Nitesh Kumar Patel and Nitesh Patel is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 19-08-2025.

Name Change
I, Khetani Saritaben Ratilal W/o Nitesh Patel Residing at 396/1, N.S.C. Bose Road, Po - Naktala, Ps - Netaji Nagar, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700047, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Sarita Patel. I declare that Khetani Saritaben Ratilal and Sarita Patel is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 19-08-2025.

Name Change
I, Papiya Biswas W/o Arabinda Kumar Biswas Residing at 22A Deshbandhu Sarani, Po - Konnagar, Ps - Uttarpara, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712235, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Papiya Biswas. I declare that Papiya Biswas and Papiya Biswas is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 19-08-2025.

Name Change
I, Arvind Biswas S/o Debendra Nath Biswas Residing at 22A Deshbandhu Sarani, Po - Konnagar, Ps - Uttarpara, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712235, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Arabinda Kumar Biswas. I declare that Arvind Biswas and Arabinda Kumar Biswas is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 19-08-2025.

Name Change
I, Phool Bibi wife of Iqbal Ahmed, residing at 376/2, Sarat Chatterjee Road, Shibpur, Howrah-711103, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my actual name is Phool Bibi and Chandni Parveen is my daughter and Phool Bibi and Fool Bibi is the same and one identical person via affidavit in the Court of LD 1st Class Executive Magistrate at Howrah dated 7th August 2025.

Name Change
I, Md Ganir Uddin Molla (Old Name) S/o Achir Uddin Molla Residing at Ghuni Mollah Para, VTC - Ghuni(CT), Po - Ghuni, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700157, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ganiruddin Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 1908/2025 Dated 19-08-2025. Md Ganir Uddin Molla (Old Name) and Ganiruddin Molla (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mosammat Murshida Begam. Wife of No. 147553F Rank Ex Naik(Time Scale) Name Abu Kalam Mondal resident of Vill -Nutanhath, P.O. - Nutanhath, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman (WB), Pin- 713147 have change my Name & Date of birth from Mosammat Murshida Begam & 25 Dec 1976 to Mosammat Murshida Begum & 21 Mar 1977 vide Affidavit dated 12/08/2025 before the Court of Sub-Div. Executive Magistrate.(1st Class) Katwa, Purba Bardhaman.

Name Change
I, Rajat Roy S/o Late Adyanath Roy R/A 25, Ramchandra Pally, P.O - Barisha, PS - Haridevpur, Kolkata - 700008 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajat Kumar Roy as declared before the Court of the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, South 24 - Parganas (WB) vide Affidavit No. 52202 dated 05.09.2019. Rajat Roy and Rajat Kumar Roy both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Asraf Ali Baidya, s/o. Md. Azade Ali Baidya (in Aadhar Card, Pan Card & Voter Card) residing at Vill - Dakshin Shasan, P.O. - Shikharbali, P.S.- Baruijur, Dist.-24 Pgs.(S),Pin-743367 W.B. declared that vide Affidavit No.62271 dtd.18.02.05 in the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Baruijur declared that my & my father's name wrongly recorded in educational certificate as Md. Asraf Ali Baidya, s/o. Md. Ajade Ali Baidya in place of Asraf Ali Baidya, s/o. Md. Azade Ali Baidya both are the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Mohammad Jawaid Iqbal (Old Name), s/o. Md. Yasin residing at 36/E, Aga Mehdi Street, Taltalla, Kol-700016, W.B. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md. Jawaid Iqbal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public at Sealdah Court, dated 19.08.2025. Mohammad Jawaid Iqbal (Old Name) & Md. Jawaid Iqbal (New Name) both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anovara Khatun, W/o- Sekh Samsum Jha, Dio- Anowara Sekh, residing at Vill- Bamunpukur, PO- Uchalan, PS- Khandagohosh, Dist. - Purba Bardhaman, Pin- 713427, do hereby declare that in my Father's Aadhar Card BKLPB2451G his name has been recorded as Sekh Anwar Ali and in my WBSSE Admit Card his name has been recorded as Sk Anwar Ali instead of actual name Anwar Sekh. On 11.08.2025 vide an affidavit no. 11062 before the Executive Magistrate, Anambagh, I affirmed before the Court of actual name Anwar Sekh, Sekh Anwar Ali and Sk Anwar Ali is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Firoz Alam S/O Late Fakir Mohammad, declare that my father said name Md Sajjad (old name) son of Late Ismail, residing at Ward No.4, Panchberia, Jamid- dar Mohalla, P.O.- Inda, P.S.- Kharagpur Town, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, Pin- 721305, West Bengal, India, I have changed my father name and he shall henceforth be known as Fakir Mohammad (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kharagpur, vide an affidavit N/60, dated 23/07/2025. Fakir Mohammad (new name) and Md Sajjad (old name) both are same and one identical person (myfather).

Name Change
I, Manoj Biyani (old name) S/O Late Kanoj Kumar Biyani, residing at FA-38, Narayantala West, P.O.- Deshbandhunagar, P.S.- Baguiati, Dist.- Bidhanagar, Pin- 700059, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manoj Kumar Biyani (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/08/2025. Manoj Kumar Biyani (new name) and Manoj Biyani (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Shiv Shanker Jaiswal (Old Name), Son Of Hari Das Sha,Residing At Merlin Regent,Flat-5b, 9, Sambhubabu Lane, Po & Ps- Entally, Kolkata-700014,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shiv Shankar Jaiswal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/08/2020. Shiv Shankar Jaiswal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Nandu Kumar Pal(Old Name), Son Of Late Murahu Pal,Residing At 41 Pulin Khatrick Road,Po&Ps-Tangra, Kolkata - 700015,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nandu Pal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/08/2025. Nandu Kumar Pal And Nandu Pal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ISMAIL SK S/o- A RAHAMAN SEKH Residing at, Vill - Hajipara, Post- Hatnagar, Ps- Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742101, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ISMAIL SK To ISMAIL SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) ISMAIL SEKH in all purpose Vide an Affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025. ISMAIL SEKH and ISMAIL SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) RUMIA BIBI W/o- MD ASHARAFUL HUDA Residing at, Vill - Mirzapur Hazipara, Post- Mirzapur, Ps- Beldanga, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742190, West Bengal, Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from RUMIA BIBI To MST RUMIA SULTANA (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) MST RUMIA SULTANA in all purpose Vide an Affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025. MST RUMIA SULTANA and RUMIA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SK ABDUL RAFI S/o-ABDUR RAKIB Residing at, Vill - Birrampur coloni, Post- Lahpur, Ps- Lahpur, Dist- Birbhum, Pin- 731303, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SK ABDUL RAFI To ABDUL RAFI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) ABDUL RAFI in all purpose Vide an Affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025. ABDUL RAFI and SK ABDUL RAFI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD RABBUL ALI S/o- SATTAH Residing at, Vill - Chanditala, Post- Dakshin Alinagar, Ps- azole, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732102, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD RABBUL ALI To RABBUL SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) RABBUL SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 13 Aug 2025. RABBUL SEKH and MD RABBUL ALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rajdeb Paswan (old name) son of Late Ram Prasad Paswan, residing at 25/B, CHRISTOPHER ROAD, OPP. EXCISE BUILDING, WEST BENGAL, PIN- 700046, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Raj Deb Paswan (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/08/2025. Raj Deb Paswan (new name) and Rajdeb Paswan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Tajmira Bibi, my daughter's Birth Certificate Reg. No. BHT/DH/ 1213 Reg. Dt. 21.3.16 my name have been written Tajmira Khatun Bibi, vide affidavit I affirmed before the LD Judicial Magistrate Court Basirhat dt 13.8.25 that Tajmira Bibi, Tajmira Khatun Bibi same & identical person.

Name Change
I, Md ASLAM S/O, Late Md Jani residence of 17/11 Topsia Road, Post Office: Tiljala, Police Station : Tiljala, Kolkata - 700039. Vide an affidavit (no. 67733) before the Learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Alipore on 03.10.2019 that Md aslam,Mohammed aslam and Muhammad Aslam are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Zaheda Mahmood Shees (old name) W/O Late Sk. Md. Shees Zakaria, residing at 7A, Circus Market Place, Flat no. 8, Kolkata- 700017, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Zaheda Mahmood (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/08/2025. Zaheda Mahmood (new name) and Zaheda Mahmood Shees (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Asis Kumar Mukherjee & Ashish Mukherjee (old name) S/O Prafulla Kumar Mukherjee, residing at 7/12, Olabithala 1st Bye Lane, P.O.- Santragachhi, P.S.- Chatterjee Hat, Howrah- 711104, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asis Mukherjee (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/08/2025. Asis Mukherjee (new name) and Asis Kumar Mukherjee & Ashish Mukherjee (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Farhad Khan (Old Name).Son Of Yakub Khan,Residing At I 181, Paharpur Road, Garden Reach, Kolkata- 700024,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Farhad Khan(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 18/08/2025. Farhad Khan And Md Farhad Khan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Shakir Alam & Md Shaker Alam(Old Name).Son Of Late Shamsher Alam,Residing At 97/4,Topsia Road,Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Shakir Alam(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 18/08/2025. Mohammed Shakir Alam & Md Shaker Alam And Md Shakir Alam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shabnam Sultana D/O Late Md Nizamuddin, declare that my father said name Nizamuddin (old name), residing at Z-23 238/18 1D, Bagdi Para Road, P.S.- Nadial, Kolkata- 700044, West Bengal, India, I have changed my father name and he shall henceforth be known as Md Nizamuddin (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/08/2025. Md Nizamuddin (new name) and Nizamuddin (old name) both are same and one identical person (myfather).

Name Change
I, Pars Kumar Golchha (old name) son of Late Kaushal Chand Golchha, residing at Rukmani Paramrani, Flat No-7PC 92/1B, Moulana Abul Kalam, Azad Sarani, Kolkata- 700054, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Parash Golchha (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 18/08/2025. Parash Golchha (new name) and Pars Kumar Golchha (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Gazanfar (old name) son of Mohammed Hanif, residing at Ward No. 5, Debalpur, Kalkati, P.O. & P.S.- Kharagpur Town, Dist.- Paschim Medinipur, Pin- 721301, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Gazanfarullah (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kharagpur, vide an Affidavit N/23, dated 04/06/2025. Md Gazanfarullah (new name) and Mohammed Gazanfar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaymal Kumar Brahma & Shayamal Kr Brahma (old names) S/O Madhusudan Brahma, residing at Sreebhumi Ichapur, Nawabganj, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743144, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shyamal Kumar Brahma (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit no dated 19/08/2025. Shyamal Kumar Brahma (new name) and Shaymal Kumar Brahma & Shayamal Kr Brahma (old names) all are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ankita Das (old name) wife of Sayak Das, residing at 131/1/2, Becharam Chatterjee Road, Behala, Kolkata- 700034, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ankita Bhownick (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 18/08/2025. Ankita Bhownick (new name) and Ankita Das (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Suvamaya Ghosh (old name) son of Dinabandhu Ghosh, residing at 4, Edon Park Lane, Manushpur, Hooghly- 712123, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Suvamoy Ghosh (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 18/08/2025. Suvamoy Ghosh (new name) and Suvamaya Ghosh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, JALALUDDIN (Old Name) S/O- LATE SK DARBARI, Residing at VILL- MUKUNDAPUR, PO.- SAGAR, PS.- RAMNAGAR, EAST MEDINIPUR, Pin- 721446, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) SK JALALUDDIN (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 19/08/ 2025. SK JALALUDDIN (New Name) and JALALUDDIN (Old Name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaikh Akram Hossain(Old Name).Son Of Jainal Abedin,Residing At Chandrapur, Saltighat, Guzarpur, Amta,Howrah-711401, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Akram Hossain(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 18/08/2025. Shaikh Akram Hossain And Sk Akram Hossain Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Umbyahoone Mondal (Old Name).Wife Of Hasem Mandal,Residing At Fulbagicha,Banerjee Chak, J aynagar South 24 Pgs-743337, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Umbyahani Mandal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 18/08/2025. Umbyahoone Mondal And Umbyahani Mandal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Hasem Mondal(Old Name). Son Of Mannan Mondal,Residing At Fulbagicha,Banerjee Chak,Jaynagar South 24 Pgs-743337, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hasem Mandal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 18/08/2025. Hasem Mondal And Hasem Mandal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Arun Kr Sen (Old Name), Son Of Haripada Sen,Residing At, Vill- Shyamganj Para, Po & Ps-Kalna, Purba Bardhaman, 713409,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Arun Sen (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/08/2025. Arun Kr Sen And Arun Sen Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Suklal Roy (old name) S/O Late Ganesh Roy, residing at Vill. & P.O.- Tangra Colony, P.S.- Bongaon, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743251, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sukhlal Roy (new name), as declared before the Ld. A C J M 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Bongaon, vide an affidavit no 7395, dated 21/07/2025. Sukhlal Roy (new name) and Suklal Roy (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ali Shaikh Abdur Razzak (old name) S/O Late Abdur Rashid, residing at Ekdil Shah Road, Karigar Para, P.O. - Kazipara, Barasat-1, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700125, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abdur Razzak (new name), as declared before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Barasat, vide an affidavit no 5285, dated 31/07/2025. Abdur Razzak (new name) and Ali Shaikh Abdur Razzak (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Balai Ghosh (old name) S/O Late Aswini Ghosh, residing at Vill- Srinagar, P.O.- Bangalghii, P.S.- Chapra, Dist.- Nadia, Pin- 741123, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Balai Chand Ghosh (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/08/2025. Balai Chand Ghosh (new name) and Balai Ghosh (old name) both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Jainal (Old Name), Son Of Sorman Ali Khandekar, Residing At Alasin,Po-Dabra,Ps-Pandua, Hooghly-712152, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jaynal Abedin Khandekar(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/08/2025. Jainal And Jaynal Abedin Khandekar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Jalal Uddin (Old Name), Son Of Jaynal Abedin Khandekar,Residing At Alasin, Po-Dabra, Ps-Pandua, Hooghly-712152, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jalal Uddin Khandekar(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/08/2025. Jalal Uddin And Jalal Uddin Khandekar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Chhupiya Molla (Old Name) W/O Apat Ram,Residing At Vill-Rajbari,Ps-Nazat,Dist-24 Parganas(North), Pin-743329, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Chhupiya Bibi(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata. Dated 12/08/2025. Chhupiya Molla(Old Name) And Chhupiya Bibi(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Anowara Bibi Molla (Old Name) W/O Liakat Ali Molla, Residing At Bownia Abad,Ps-Nazat,Dist-24 Parganas (North),Pin-743442, West Bengal, India,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Anowara Bibi(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata. Dated 12/08/2025. Aniwara Bibi Molla(Old Name) And Anowara Bibi(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Parimal Majumdar (Old Name), Son Of Late Chandramohon Majumdar,Residing At 2 No Chitnayabadi (Pubalee),Po Panchasayer, Kolkata 700094, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Parimal Majumder (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 18/08/2025. Parimal Majumdar And Parimal Majumder Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Mahalaya deadline for Bengali signboards

MI News Service, Siliguri: Siliguri mayor Gautam Deb set a deadline of September 21 this year for business and other establishments located across the city to put up display boards in Bengali. Mahalaya falls on September 21 this year. “People from different communities have been living in Siliguri for years.

We respect every language, but as Bengali is the official language of our state, we want all establishments in the city to put display boards in Bengali, along with other languages by September 21,” said Deb. He was speaking at a meeting held with trade bodies and associations at the Ramkinkar Hall in Dinabandhu Mancha. “I must

appreciate people from different organisations who attended the meeting here, spontaneously supported the cause and stood by the civic body’s appeal to them,” the mayor added. The decision to put up display boards in Bengali was taken at a meeting of the members, mayor-in-council of the Siliguri Municipal Corporation (SMC) on March 29. In April, it was approved in the monthly board of councillors’ meeting of the SMC. “At the meeting, it was decided to implement the order by June this year. However, representatives of the trade bodies requested the mayor to extend the date, which made him fix the new deadline of Mahalaya,” said a source.

Regulation of trains for Development Work over Northeast Frontier Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Pre Non-Interlocking /Non- Interlocking work in connection with development work at New Jalpaiguri Station over North East Frontier Railway upto 20.08.2025, following arrangements in train running have been made as under: Cancellation: • 15710/15709 New Jalpaiguri – Malda Town – New Jalpaiguri (Journey commencing on 20.08.2025) will remain cancelled. Moreover, 12042 New Jalpaiguri – Howrah Shatabdi Express (Journey commencing on 20.08.2025) will be short originated from Kishanganj.

Thrust in Mutual fund business in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Mutual fund gross sales in the city have jumped 39% in a year. Most of this investment has come from the retail sector. During the same period, SIP growth stood at 53%. Kolkata is 5th in the country in terms of mutual fund investments. The top three cities are Mumbai, New Delhi and Bengaluru. In the mean time, Quantum Mutual Fund has announced the opening of its new Business Centre in Kolkata. This marks a significant step in the company’s expansion strategy to strengthen its distribution network and enhance its presence in Eastern India. Seemant Shukla, CEO – Quantum Mutual Fund, said, “Kolkata is a critical market for us, offering immense growth potential.” As per the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) data, gross sales have increased from 32,918 in FY 2023-24 to 45,753 in FY 2024-25 in Kolkata. Net sales saw 141% growth as it increased to 18,528 in 2024-25 from 7,686 in the previous fiscal. According to experts, Bengal has emerged as a key contributor to the MF movement.

EPFO to identify PF defaulters

MI News Service, Darjeeling: The Siliguri regional office of the Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) under the Union ministry of labour and employment will inspect the tea estates of the Terai and Darjeeling brew belts in August. The inspections aim to verify if the estate owners are regularly depositing provident funds of their employees and workers with the EPFO. “Next month, we will inspect the tea estates located in the hills and the Terai to check whether PF accounts of the workers are maintained properly,” said Shaileendra Nath Jha, the regional provident fund commissioner of Siliguri.

Miscellaneous

Successful Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery for Complex Congenital Heart Disease at B.R. Singh Hospital



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant achievement, the Cardiology and Cardiothoracic Surgery team at B.R. Singh Hospital (BRSH), Eastern Railway, successfully performed a Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery (MICS) on a 17-year-old girl suffering from a rare congenital heart defect – Atrial Septal Defect (Sinus Venosus type) with Partial Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection (PAPVC). The patient had been experiencing recurrent chest discomfort, palpitations, and breathlessness for almost a year. Despite several consultations elsewhere, her condition remained undiagnosed until she visited the Cardiology OPD at BRSH. Routine tests appeared normal, but based on clinical suspicion, a Transoesophageal Echocardiography (TEE) was advised, which confirmed the diag-

nosis of ASD with PAPVC — a condition where oxygenated blood mix abnormally inside the heart. Considering her age and gender, the surgical team led by Dr. Rashid, CTVS Surgeon, opted for a minimally invasive approach instead of conventional open-heart surgery. The procedure was carried out through a small 3–4 inch incision below the right chest, ensuring minimal scarring, quicker recovery, and better cosmetic results. The surgery was a complete success, and the patient was discharged in stable condition. Her family expressed gratitude to the medical team for their expertise and dedication. This milestone reaffirms BRSH’s commitment to advanced, patient-centric cardiac care by combining clinical excellence with modern surgical techniques.

Howrah Division Launches Vigilance Awareness Campaign to Promote Transparency & Integrity



MI News Service, Howrah: Howrah Division of Eastern Railway launched a Vigilance Awareness Campaign on 18th August 2025, which will continue till 17th November 2025. The campaign aims to promote transparency, accountability, and integrity among railway officials and staff, while also sensitizing them to the importance of ethical practices in public service. The inaugural event was marked by an inspiring address from the Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah, who motivated the gathering by emphasizing the crucial role of honesty and vigilance in strengthening the trust of the people in the railways. The DRM urged all employees to remain committed to the values of fairness, transparency, and dedication in their work. The program also featured key addresses by

senior officials, including the Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Admin), Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (Loco), and Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer (Freight & EnHM). Each of them highlighted different aspects of vigilance, ranging from maintaining ethical conduct in day-to-day operations to ensuring efficiency, safety, and sustainable practices in railway functioning. Through this initiative, Howrah Division reaffirms its commitment to creating a corruption-free environment while ensuring better service delivery to passengers. The campaign will include awareness programs, workshops, and interactive sessions over the coming months to spread the message of integrity and responsible governance across all levels of the division.

37th All India Railway Chess Championship kicks off at Eastern Railway Sports Complex, Majerhat



MI News Service, Kolkata: The 37th All India Chess Championship started today (19.8.2025) at Eastern Railway Sports Complex/Majerhat. This year 16 Railway Teams are participating with total of 127 players. This tournament will continue for 07 days i.e. from 19th August to 25th August 2025. The tournament is conducted both at team level and individual level and 12 Nos. of Grand Masters and 17 No. of International Masters are participating in the tournament.

PM’s Metro Gift, Connecting Kolkata from Heart to Heart

• A Bond That Began in 1984

Kolkata and the Metro share a bond that began decades ago. In 1984, when India’s first Metro ran in this very city, it was not just a transport system, it was a moment of pride. Generations grew up with that pride, watching the Metro become part of their everyday stories. But as the city expanded, the dream of a wider, faster network often felt incomplete. Roads got busier, traffic grew worse, and especially during Durga Puja, one phrase was on everyone’s lips: “uff... jam!”

• A Festive Gift for Kolkata

This Pujo, that story will change before Maa Durga arrives, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will give Kolkata a festive gift of 13.62 km of new Metro connectivity, including three important stretches: • **Green Line** (Esplanade–Sealdah) • **Yellow Line** (Noapara–Jai Hind Bimanbandar) • **Orange Line** (Hemanta Mukhopadhyay–Belegghata) For the City of Joy, this will not only be about trains and tracks, it will be about people and emotions. Families will reunite sooner, friends will meet more often and pandal-hopping will become easy and stress-free. Devotion will flow freely without being trapped in traffic.

• Making Lives Easy

The Green Line (Esplanade–Sealdah) will bring Bengal’s two life-lines closer than ever. What once took up to an hour by road will

now take just 11 minutes. For over six lakh daily passengers, this will set a new rhythm to life.

The Yellow Line (Noapara–Jai Hind Bimanbandar) will fulfill a long-cherished dream of Kolkatans—a direct Metro to the airport. The journey from Esplanade to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, which earlier took an hour by road, will now take only 30 minutes. Families will welcome loved ones on time, travellers will find Kolkata warmer and closer and thousands of airport workers will travel with ease and dignity. The Orange Line (Hemanta Mukhopadhyay–Belegghata) will connect areas like Science City and major hospitals near Belegghata. Patients will find relief, families will find comfort, and students will find new opportunities. Soon, the IT hub at Salt Lake Sector V will also be linked, giving young professionals faster and more reliable journeys.

• Enhanced Connectivity

The expanded network of Kolkata Metro is knitting the city together like never before. By linking peripheral areas like Noapara in the north and Belegghata in the east to central hubs like Esplanade, Park Street and Sealdah, the Metro has allowed lakhs of residents to access different regions more conveniently. It is turning long commutes into easy rides, creating new possibilities for work, study, and leisure.

• Reduced Traffic Congestion

Kolkata has long battled serious road congestion due to limited urban infrastructure, heavy rainfall, and a rising number of vehicles. With the Metro providing a fast and reliable alternative, the city’s dependence on road travel is reducing. This is not just easing traffic jams in areas like Sealdah Flyover, EM Bypass, and Airport Road, but also cutting pollution and stress for everyday commuters.

• Boosting Economic Growth*

The Metro has become a driver of Kolkata’s economy. It has created jobs, encouraged local businesses around stations like Dum Dum, Gariahat, Park Street, and Esplanade, and attracted industries to well-connected areas. With more passengers, more shops, and more opportunities, the Metro is stimulating the local economy and fueling the city’s growth story.

• Time Efficiency

In today’s fast-paced life, time is everything. The Metro is helping Kolkatans save precious hours every day. For instance, the journey between Esplanade and Howrah Maidan, which takes around 20 minutes by road, will now be covered in just 5 minutes by Metro. Faster travel means more time for families, studies, work, and celebrations.

• Seamless Integration with Other Modes

The Kolkata Metro is not just a

standalone system, it is a lifeline that connects with others. At key interchange stations like Dum Dum, Sealdah, and Howrah, it links seamlessly with Kolkata Suburban Railways and other transport systems. This multi-layered connectivity is ensuring smooth travel across the city and beyond.

• A Decade of Unmatched Progress

Kolkata was India’s first Metro city. Yet from 1984 to 2014, only 27.99 km of Metro was built in three decades. In the last 10 years under Prime Minister Modi, 45 km has been added—more than the previous 30 years combined. From being the first Metro city to now becoming the fastest expanding network, Kolkata’s Metro will once again be a matter of pride. For Kolkatans, this will not just be progress, it will be personal. It will make journeys smoother, celebrations easier, and hearts closer. As Maa Durga arrives, Pujo will finally be celebrated without the shadow of traffic. The Metro will carry people to pandal-hopping in North and South Kolkata, to prayers at Kalighat and Dakshineswar, and to their loved ones with ease and with joy.

• Kolkata’s Moment

This is Kolkata’s moment. A city that gave India its first Metro will now celebrate the fastest progress in its history. A journey of pride, a journey of progress, and above all, a journey of connecting hearts.

ECoR Gm Conducts Inspection Of Rajdhani Express And Bhadrak Railway Station



MI News Service, Kolkata:

Passenger amenities, safety measures, and cleanliness reviewed on the Bhubaneswar–New Delhi Rajdhani Express Station facilities, crew lobby, and yard at Bhadrak Railway Station inspected with a focus on operational efficiency. Shri Parmeshwar Funkwal, General Manager of East Coast Railway, conducted an on-board inspection today of

Train No. 22823, the Bhubaneswar–New Delhi Rajdhani Express. His inspection focused on passenger amenities, cleanliness, safety measures, and service quality, aiming to ensure a comfortable and seamless travel experience for all passengers. Subsequently, the General Manager visited Bhadrak Railway Station, where he reviewed the passenger facilities,

crew lobby, and station yard. He stressed the importance of upholding high standards of cleanliness, enforcing safety protocols, and enhancing the overall efficiency of station operations. His visits served to uplift the morale of the staff and supervisors. Shri Funkwal encouraged officials to stay dedicated to delivering safe, clean, and passenger-friendly services throughout the zone.

Taiwan to launch regular inspections in 2025 to bar military, civil servants and educators holding Chinese citizenship

MI News Service, Taipei:

Regular inspections are set to begin next year to address the issue of military personnel, civil servants, and public-school educators possessing Chinese citizenship or household registration, according to a report by Taipei Times citing the Mainland Affairs Council (MAC). Article 9-1 of the Act Governing Relations Between the People of the Taiwan Area and the Mainland Area states that Taiwanese individuals who obtain Chinese household registration or a Chinese passport will lose their Taiwanese citizenship and be barred from working in the military, public service, or public education, as reported. In order to identify and prevent the unauthorised employment of individuals holding Chinese ID cards or residential permits, systematic inspections will be implemented starting on January 1 of next year, the council indicated, as noted by Taipei Times. Recruits or transferred military personnel, civil servants, and public-school instructors will need to comply with these inspections; failure to do so could lead to a suspension of their qualification assessments and their employment or reassignment.

Distance of hours now in minutes: New extension of Kolkata Metro

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is soon going to give a new impetus to metro connectivity in Kolkata. Where the journey once took hours, now with the new metro lines, the distance will be reduced to minutes. These new services connecting the city and surrounding areas will infuse a new energy in the life of Kolkata. First of all, Green Line – Esplanade to Sealdah (2.45 km). This small section will prove to be the biggest relief for the city. Currently, it takes 40-45 minutes by road to reach between two major railway terminals like Howrah and Sealdah. Now this journey will be completed in just 11 minutes by metro. This time saving will be no less than a boon for lakhs of passengers daily. The second big achievement is Yellow Line – Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbandar (6.77 km). Now there will be no need to travel long by road to reach the airport. Domestic and international passengers, airline staff and airport employees will all experience fast, safe and comfortable travel. With the interchange facility

from Dum Dum Cantt, direct connection to the entire city and major railway stations will also become easy. Now this distance from Esplanade to Airport will be covered in just 30 minutes.

The third link is Orange Line – Hemant Mukhopadhyay to Belegghata (4.4 km). This extension will connect Science City, big hospitals, schools and business centers. The number of passengers is expected to double here. The special thing is that the journey from Belegghata to Kavi Subhash can now be completed in just 32 minutes. This will make the journey between South Kolkata and East Kolkata very easy. With the addition of these new lines, not only Kolkata but also the passengers of North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas will get a big benefit. The time which used to take hours to reach different parts of the city, now the same journey will be possible in a few minutes. This new chapter of Kolkata Metro is not just a metro running on tracks, but a step to increase the speed of the city and make the life of the residents of Kolkata easier.

Additional 70,100 berths to be Generated by running of four Puja Specials

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Running of special trains ensuring Puja holds significant benefits. The special trains cater to increased travel demand, offering more convenient and efficient transportation options for people wanting to celebrate. Additionally, these initiatives promote tourism, boost local economy and contribute to a sense of national unity and celebration during occasion like Puja and Diwali. Keeping in the view to clear extra rush of passengers, Eastern Railway has decided to run four special trains between Howrah & Raxaul, Sealdah & Gorakhpur, Asansol & Patna and Asansol & Gorakhpur. Additional 70,100 berths will be generated by running this special trains.

03043 Howrah – Raxaul Puja Special will leave Howrah at 23:00 hrs. on every Saturday between 27.09.2025 & 15.11.2025 (08 trips) to reach Raxaul at 16:15 hrs. on the next day and 03044 Raxaul – Howrah Puja Special will leave Raxaul at 17:45 hrs. on every Sunday between 28.09.2025 & 16.11.2025 (08 trips) to reach Howrah at 10:50 hrs on the next day. The special train will stop at Bardhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madhupur and Jasidih stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned accommodations.

03131 Sealdah – Gorakhpur Puja Special will leave Sealdah at 18:15 hrs. on every Tuesday & Thursday between 30.09.2025 & 18.11.2025 (15 trips) to reach Gorakhpur at 10:30 hrs. on the next day and 03132 Gorakhpur – Sealdah Puja Special will leave Gorakhpur at 13:00 hrs. on every Wednesday & Friday between 01.10.2025 & 19.11.2025 (15 trips) to reach Sealdah at 07:30 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Bardhaman,

Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madhupur & Jasidih stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned accommodations.

03527 Asansol – Gorakhpur Puja Special will leave Asansol at 13:20 hrs. on every Friday between 26.09.2025 & 07.11.2025 (07 trips) to reach Gorakhpur at 03:30 hrs. on the next day and 03528 Gorakhpur – Asansol Puja Special will leave Gorakhpur at 06:30 hrs. on every Saturday between 27.09.2025 & 08.11.2025 (07 trips) to reach Asansol at 20:45 hrs. on the same day. The train will stop at Chittaranjan, Jamtara, Madhupur & Jasidih stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned accommodations. The booking of 03043 Howrah – Raxaul Puja Special, 03131 Sealdah – Gorakhpur Puja Special and 03527 Asansol – Gorakhpur Puja Special is available through PRS & internet.

03511 Asansol – Patna Puja special will leave Asansol at 13:20 hrs. on every Sunday between 19.10.2025 & 09.11.2025 (04 trips) to reach Patna at 20:15 hrs. on the same day and 03512 Patna – Asansol Puja special will leave Patna at 21:55 hrs. on every Sunday between 19.10.2025 & 09.11.2025 (04 trips) to reach Asansol at 04:50 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at Chittaranjan, Jamtara, Madhupur and Jasidih stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned accommodations. The date of booking of 03511 Asansol – Patna Puja special will be available from 20.08.2025 through PRS & internet.

Eastern Railway to Run Sahibganj – Bhagalpur – Sahibganj Memu Special

MI News Service, Kolkata:

To clear the rush of passengers, Eastern Railway has decided to run Sahibganj – Bhagalpur – Sahibganj MEMU special on temporary basis from 21.08.2025. Sahibganj – Bhagalpur MEMU special will leave Sahibganj at 11:00 hrs. to reach Bhagalpur at 13:00 hrs. and Bhagalpur – Sahibganj MEMU special will leave Bhagalpur at 13:45 hrs. to reach Sahibganj at 15:45 hrs. The above special train will stop at all stations enroute between Sahibganj & Bhagalpur.



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TAKE OVER OF POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (hereinafter referred as "HDFC") under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued Demand Notices to the Borrower/Guarantors details of which are mentioned in the table below. Whereas, as the respective Borrower/Guarantors having failed to repay the outstanding amount, the Authorised Officer of HDFC took Symbolic possession of the underlying secured assets (described hereinbelow) on 14.08.2023 in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with the said Rules.

Whereas subsequently, HDFC has vide Assignment Agreement dated 27.03.2025 assigned all its rights, title, interest and benefits in respect of the debts due and payable by Borrower/Guarantors arising out of the facilities advanced by HDFC to Borrower along with the underlying securities to Phoenix ARC Private Limited, acting in capacity as Trustee of Phoenix Trust FY25-2 (Phoenix) for the benefit of the holders of Security Receipts. Therefore, in view of the said assignment, Phoenix now stands subrogated in the place of HDFC and Phoenix shall be entitled to institute/continue all and any proceedings against the Borrower/Guarantors and to enforce the rights and benefits under the financial documents including the enforcement of guarantee and security interest executed and created by the Borrower/Guarantors for the financial facilities availed by them. In view of the said Assignment, the Authorised Officer of Phoenix has taken over the symbolic possession of the underlying secured assets (described herein below) from the Officer of HDFC on "AS IS WHERE IS & WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".

Borrower Name and Guarantors	Demand Notice	Taking over possession date
Borrower 1. Mrs. Majumdar Jayanti 2. Mr. Swapnik Majumdar 3. Jyoti the book people	Rs. 1,99,93,278/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety-Nine Lakhs Ninety-Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eight Only) as on date as mentioned in the notice along with costs and default interest @ rates mentioned in the notice. Notice dated: 16.10.2019 Rs. 51,23,742/- (Rupees Fifty-One Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Two Only) as on date as mentioned in the notice along with costs and default interest @ rates mentioned in the notice. Notice dated: 16.10.2019 Rs. 40,21,707/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Seven Hundred Seven Only) as on date as mentioned in the notice along with costs and default interest @ rates mentioned in the notice. Notice dated: 08.01.2020	13.08.2025

Description of Property:- 1. The property being a Flat No. A-1, measuring 1600 sq. ft. approx., East North facing on the First Floor together with one Garage space being No. 8, measuring 125 sq. ft. approx., in the building constructed upon land measuring 12 cottahs 14 chittaks 42 sq. ft. more or less, situated at Mouza: Brahmapur, Dag No.: 100, 18/429, Khatian No.: 87, 91, 83, within the limits of Kolkata Municipal Corporation Ward No.: 93, Premises No.: 3, Jadavpur, North Road, P.S.: Jadavpur, Kolkata-700032, alongwith the undivided proportionate share of the land and the construction there present and in future.

2. The properties being the entire first and second floors measuring 2900 sq. ft. (269.51 sq. mtrs.) approx. in total (super built area) in the building constructed upon land measuring 02 cottahs 12 chittaks more or less situated at Mouza: Baderiapur, J.L. No.: 34, EP No.: 825, SP No.: 713, CS Plot No. 586 (P), Premises No.: 68B/345, Raja Subodh Chandra Mallik Road (mailing address B/7, Baghatian Colony), Jadavpur, P.S.: Jadavpur, Kolkata-700092, Dist.: South 24 Parganas, alongwith the undivided proportionate share of the land and the construction thereon present and in future. The said property is butted and bounded as follows: On the North: By Plot No.: EP 817, On the South: By Colony Land, On the East: By Tank and Colony Boundary, On the West: By EP No. 284.

3. The Property being flat no.: 1 measuring 1270 sq. ft. (118.03 sq. mtr.) approx., on the First floor together with one car parking space measuring 120 sq. ft. approx. on the Ground Floor of the G-4 storied building known as "Kapana Apartment" constructed upon land measuring 03 cottahs 09 chittaks 23 sq. ft. more or less, situated at Mouja: Rajapur, J.L. No.: 23, Scheme Plot No.: 1371, within the limits of Kolkata Municipal Corporation Ward No.: 102, Corporation premises No.: 178, Central Park, P.S. Jadavpur, Kolkata – 700032, alongwith the undivided proportionate share of the land and the construction there present and in future.

The Borrower/ Guarantors' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the said Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the mortgaged property/possession secured asset.

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Gill to serve as Suryakumar's deputy as Asia Cup squad unveiled; Bumrah returns to T20I set-up

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : Team India for the Asia Cup 2025 was unveiled on Tuesday, with skipper Suryakumar Yadav leading the squad and Shubman Gill as his deputy with several major names missing out.

The squad was announced during a press conference attended by T20I skipper Suryakumar and chief selector Ajit Agarkar, which was held after a selection meeting which also featured the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Devajit Saikia.

India will kick off their campaign against the UAE on September 10, while the high-voltage game against Pakistan is scheduled for the September 14, with both fixtures set to be played in Dubai. India will play their final group stage fixture against Oman on September 19 in Abu Dhabi.

After the group stage, the tournament will proceed to the Super 4, where the top two teams from each group will qualify. If India finishes at the top of Group A, then all of their Super 4 matches will be held in Dubai. If India finishes second, then one of their Super 4 clashes will be held in Abu Dhabi and the remaining two in Dubai. The Super 4 stage will run from September 20 to 26, Dubai will host the final, which is scheduled for September 28.

Suryakumar is the captain of a formidable Team India, who have

been in stunning form since their ICC T20 World Cup win last year, having won 10 out of 13 matches since the marquee tournament and losing just two.

Gill, who was the captain for the T20I tour to Zimbabwe just after the T20 WC, was leading a side which featured mostly newer players, will now play his first T20I competition since July 2024 as a vice-captain. In 21 T20Is, Gill has made 578 runs in 21 innings at an average of 30.42, with a strike rate of 139.27. He has scored a century and three fifties, with the best score of 126*. He was also Surya's deputy during the T20I series against Sri Lanka away from home last year. After this series, he was omitted from T20Is to focus mainly on a heavy Test season with tours to Australia and England and the ICC Champions Trophy.

In the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025, Gill scored 650 runs in 15 innings at an average of 50.00, with a strike rate of 155.87, with six fifties and a best score of 93*, ending as the fourth-highest run-getter in the tournament.

During the tour of England consisting of five Tests, Gill displayed exemplary leadership qualities as a captain, leading a new-look team without legends like Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravichandran Ashwin to a well-fought 2-2 draw. He also scored a whopping 754 runs with the bat,



including four tons and a best score of 269.

Axar Patel, who was elevated to the vice-captaincy following the Sri Lanka white-ball tour, has now been removed from the position of vice-captaincy.

Jitesh Sharma, has been chosen as a back-up wicketkeeper-batter for Sanju Samson, who found a new lease of life as a T20I opener for Team India with three centuries in a quick succession. He played T20Is last time for India in January last year and scored 100 runs in nine matches across seven innings at an average of 14.28.

However, he shined for the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) in their Indian Premier

League (IPL) win for the first time this year, scoring 261 runs in 11 innings at an average of 37.28 and a strike rate of 176.35, with a crucial 85* against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) and a quickfire 24 in 10 balls during the final against Punjab Kings (PBKS).

Some big misses in the top order in the main squad include Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shreyas Iyer, who had incredible IPL seasons this year for the Rajasthan Royals (RR) and Punjab Kings (PBKS). Jaiswal is not in the main squad, but rather in the reserves group alongside all-rounder Washington Sundar, all-rounder Riyan Parag, pacer Prasidh Krishna and wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel. Notably, Krishna was the Purple

Cap holder for most wickets in IPL 2025, with 25 wickets in 15 matches at an average of 19.52.

Openers Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson, Tilak Varma, Suryakumar and Gill form a fiery top order in the main squad, with Varma having nailed the number three spot to the perfection. In 13 T20Is as India's designated number three, Tilak has managed 443 runs at an average of 55.37, with a strike rate of almost 170, with two centuries and two fifties.

Jaiswal was the back-up opener ahead of Gill for the T20 World Cup last year. He was the backup as India wanted to open with Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. Having made 723 runs in 23 T20Is with a century and five fifties at a

strike rate of over 164 throughout his career, Jaiswal's 559-run IPL 2025 season (in 14 matches with six fifties at SR of almost 160), brought back the leftie into T20I conversations.

Iyer ended up as the sixth-highest run-getter in IPL 2025 and had his best season, scoring 604 runs in 17 matches and innings at an average of 50.33, strike rate of 175.07 and six fifties. His best score was 97*. He played a massive role in taking PBKS to their first IPL final since 2014, but the team fell short by six runs to Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB).

India has a solid list of all-rounders, with Abhishek, Axar being capable spinners as well. Also in pace-bowling all-rounder department, the hard-hitting pair of Hardik Pandya and Shivam Dube is present. In Rinku Singh, they have a reliable finisher. This is of course, without considering the reserves players list.

The pace department looks solid, with return of pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah to T20Is as a big bonus. His last T20I was the T20 WC final against South Africa, where he took two crucial wickets and unleashed a pace choke in the death overs to power India to a narrow win.

He ended as the 'Player of the Tournament' with 15 wickets in eight innings at an average of 8.26.

Bumrah recently took 14 wick-

ets in three Test matches, including two five-wicket hauls during the tour of England in Test cricket and has been a vital part of India's Test set-up. His workload has been heavily managed, and it would be interesting what would be done to take care of him in the Asia Cup. Alongside him in the pace department are Arshdeep Singh, Harshit Rana as frontline pacers.

Kuldeep Yadav, who did not feature in the Test series against England, is a part of the team, with his last T20I being the T20 WC final as well last year.

His partner-in-spin would be Varun Chakravathy, who has been on a rampage since his return to white-ball cricket last year. In 18 T20Is, he has picked 33 wickets at an average of 14.57 with two five-wicket hauls to his name.

He was also a part of India's ICC Champions Trophy-winning campaign.

Team India squad for Asia Cup: Suryakumar Yadav (C), Shubman Gill (VC), Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya, Shivam Dube, Axar Patel, Jitesh Sharma (WK), Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep Singh, Varun Chakravathy, Kuldeep Yadav, Sanju Samson (WK), Harshit Rana, Rinku Singh.

Reserve players: Prasidh Krishna, Washington Sundar, Riyan Parag, Dhruv Jurel, Yashasvi Jaiswal. (ANI)

India wins silver in men's 10m Air Pistol team at Asian Shooting Championship

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The Indian pair of Anmol Jain, Saurabh Chaudhary and Aditya Malra opened the country's medal tally at the ongoing Asian Shooting Championship 2025 as they won a silver medal in the men's 10m air pistol team event on Monday.

Competing at the Shymkent Shooting Plaza in Kazakhstan, the Indian trio tallied 1735-52x to finish behind the People's Republic of China's Hu Kai, Changjie You and Yifan Zhang, who took the gold with 1744-51x, as per Olympics.com.

The Islamic Republic of Iran

bagged the bronze medal with 1733-62x.

In the individual competition, Anmol Jain was the lone Indian shooter to make the cut for the final round after finishing ninth with 580-17x. India's Amit Sharma (588-24x) topped the qualifying rounds, while Varun Tomar (584-24x) was fourth, but both were shooting for Ranking Points Only (RPO).

Aditya Malra was 13th in qualifying with 579-20x, while Saurabh Chaudhary, an Olympian and Asian Games gold medal winner, was 21st with 576-

15x.

In the final, Anmol finished sixth with a score of 155.1. Hu Kai won gold, with the Republic of Korea's Suhyeon Hong and Iran's Amir Joharikhou completing the podium.

The Indian senior shooting squad for the Asian competition comprises 35 members competing for medals in 15 events. Two-time Olympic medalist Manu Bhaker is also in the mix.

A total of 129 Indian shooters will also compete in the junior events at the Shymkent meet, as per Olympics.com. (ANI)



SWIATEK DOWNS PAOLINI TO CAPTURE MAIDEN CINCINNATI OPEN TITLE

CINCINNATI [US] : Iga Swiatek outclassed Jasmine Paolini to secure her first-ever Cincinnati Open title on early Tuesday morning.

In the title clash lasting one hour and 49 minutes, Swiatek emerged victorious by 7-5, 6-4, becoming the first-ever Poland player to secure a singles title at Cincinnati.

She has secured six victories over Paolini in as many meetings and dropped just one set against the Italian.

This marks Swiatek's 24th tour-level title and 11th on the WTA 1000 level. The six-time Grand Slam winner, who won Wimbledon this year, has been on a rampage, not dropping a single set during this whole championship campaign in Cincinnati.

This win also marks Swiatek's second title of the season, helping her head to the US Open as a number two seed in the singles competition. She will also play Casper Ruud in the mixed doubles competition.

Speaking after her win, as quoted by the WTA's official website, Swiatek said, "I do not know why I win the tournaments that we are like the last ones in terms of what I thought they were going to be. So, thank you to my team for forcing me to become a better player and learn how to play on all these faster surfaces."

"I am kind of shocked and super happy, so thank you for the awesome support, to the team and to my family back home," she added.

Swiatek did not drop even a single set to the title, and her run includes wins over top 10 talent like Paolini and against Elena Rybakina in the semifinal. Since 1990, her winning percentage against WTA Top 10 players trails only Steffi Graf and Serena Williams. While Paolini continued her poor run against Swiatek and sustained her second loss in the finals, her performance was an encouraging one, as heading into the tournament, Paolini had won just three matches in her past four tournaments. Now, in this tournament, heading into the finals, she defeated Grand Slam champions Barbora Krejickova and Gauff towards the final and has lifted her world ranking to number eight.



SA's Breetzke becomes fourth batter to achieve unique ODI feat



CAIRNS [AUSTRALIA] : South African batter Matthew Breetzke became the fourth batter in the history of ODIs to secure 50-plus scores in his first three innings.

Breetzke accomplished this feat during South Africa's first ODI against Australia at Cairns, scoring 57 in 56 balls, with seven fours and a six, at a strike rate of over 101.

Now in three ODIs, Breetzke has scored 290 runs in three matches at an average of 96.66, with a strike rate of over 100, with a century and two fifties. His best score is 150, which he scored against New Zealand on his debut for the Proteas. This is the highest score by a South African on his ODI debut.

He has joined India's Navjot Singh Sidhu and Netherlands players Max O'Dowd and Tom Cooper as the fourth player to achieve this feat.

Coming to the first ODI, South Africa got off to a fine start after opting to bowl first, with Aiden Markram and Ryan Rickelton (33 in 43 balls, with three fours) putting on a 92-run stand for the first wicket. Markram scored 82 in 81 balls, with nine fours, before being the second wicket to fall.

Later, skipper Temba Bavuma (65 in 74 balls, with five fours) and Breetzke put on a 92-run stand for the fourth wicket. Travis Head (4/57) and Ben Dwarshuis (2/53) made a fine comeback for Aussies, restricting the Proteas to 296/8 in 50 overs. It is the highest total against Australia in Australia since 2021.

It is also the second-highest total by the Proteas against Australia in the Aussie land, after 320/5 against them at Hobart in 2018.

SA needs to defend 297 runs to secure a 1-0 lead in the series, having lost the T20I series by 2-1 earlier. They would be aiming to make amends by winning the ODI series.

PLAYING IN IPL IS MY PRIORITY, NO FAVORITE FRANCHISE, SAYS ANUJ RAWAT

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : East Delhi Rider skipper Anuj Rawat expressed his desire to play in the Indian Premier League (IPL) as his top priority, and he sees the Gujarat Titans (GT) as a great opportunity.

However, Rawat also believes options for different teams are always open, without any favourite franchise.

"The most important thing for me is to play. I think GT is a very good thing for me, but options are always open. There is no such favourite. But definitely, wherever I go, I want to play," Anuj Rawat told ANI.

Rawat didn't play any fixture in the IPL 2025 for GT; however, he has been part of 24 matches in the rich league. He has made 318 out of those 24 fixtures at an average of 19.88 and a strike rate of 119.10.

Under Rawat's captaincy, East



Delhi Riders, in the ongoing Delhi Premier League (DPL) season 2, with five victories out of their seven fixtures, are placed second in the DPL points table. Rawat with the bat has been in fine touch.

He has slammed 232 in seven matches at an average of 46.40 and a strike rate of 184.13, with three fifties under his belt. Rawat also felt that his good performances in DPL would be reflected in the upcoming Indian domestic season, and Rawat believes he is 100 per cent ready to play in IPL.

"Whatever I am doing, whatever you can see in DPL, I think that will be seen in domestic too. But I always feel that I am 100 per cent ready to play in IPL," he added.

Rawat emphasised the learning he gained from practising with his GT teammate Jos Butler and assis-

tant coach Parthiv Patel in the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025.

"There are a lot of talks. Jos Butler and Parthiv Patel are also there. So when you practice with them, you get to learn small things. Things that you can't do yourself, you get to learn from them as a batter. I talk to Jos a lot on the field and off the field. And I think I have worked a lot with Parthiv Patel, and I think that thing is helping me this season too," Rawat said.

HOWEVER, RAWAT ALSO BELIEVES OPTIONS FOR DIFFERENT TEAMS ARE ALWAYS OPEN, WITHOUT ANY FAVOURITE FRANCHISE.

