

CM Fadnavis on Sunday said leaders alleging vote theft were doing so to provide solace to their workers for their defeat in polls instead of introspecting about their loss.

BJP can try, but nothing is going to happen: Hakim on BJP's demand for SIR of electoral rolls in Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: Following the BJP's demand for a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bengal, TMC leader and Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim said that the BJP can try, but nothing is going to happen here.

Speaking to reporters, Firhad Hakim said, "Bengal is a place where Mamata Banerjee was, is and will remain. BJP can try, but nothing is going to happen here."

Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar on August 17 said that the decision on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in West Bengal and other states will be taken collectively by the three Election Commissioners.

"...The three Election Commissioners will decide when the exercise of SIR will be carried out in West Bengal or other states," he said while addressing a press conference in the national capital.

He further clarified the legal provisions available to citizens who wish to object



to the inclusion of a voter's name, the CEC said such objections can be made before the electoral registration officer by taking an oath.

"If you are not a voter of that constituency, then you have only one option in the law and that is The Registration Of Electors Rules, rule number 20, sub-clause (3), sub-clause (b) which says that if you are not a voter of that constituency, then you can lodge your complaint as a

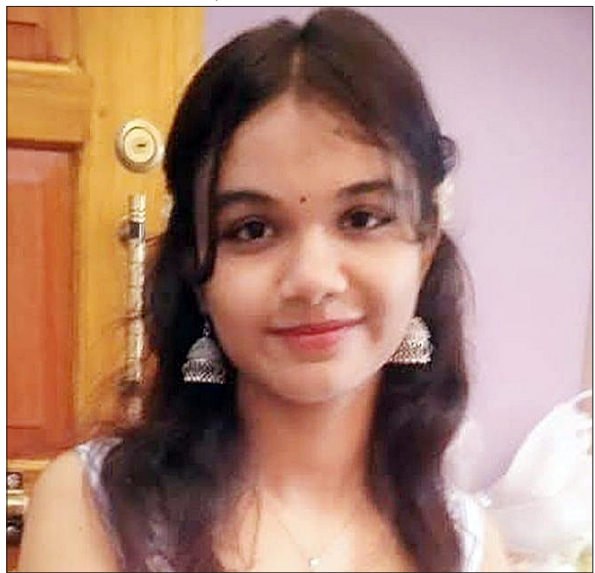
witness and you will have to give an oath to the electoral registration officer and that oath will have to be administered in front of the person against whom you have complained..." Kumar stated.

Earlier, BJP MP and Bengal in-charge Samik Bhattacharya said that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's objections to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process is an attack on the constitutional institutions.

BJP MP and Bengal in-charge Samik Bhattacharya said to ANI, "Let them protest. Mamata Banerjee's demand is why the names of those who died should be removed. If she thinks she can come to power for the 4th time with the help of Bangladeshis, Jihadis, Rohingya, illegal migrants, and illegal voters, then she is mistaken. How will the people of India tolerate such an attack on a constitutional institution? Whatever Mamata Banerjee has to say, she should go to the Supreme Court and tell them... This government will go this time."

Bhattacharya's remarks came after Banerjee's protest in Jhargram, where she slammed the BJP over their demand to carry out Special Intensive Revision (SIR) activity in West Bengal and alleged that the Election Commission of India (ECI) was acting as an agent of the Union Home Minister. She said that she would continue to raise her voice if genuine voters were removed from the voter list.

Youth Shoots Girlfriend Dead in Front of Mother, Brother, after she tried to end relationship



MI News Service, Krishnagar: In a chilling incident, a youth fired a girl from blank range entering their home and killed her. Allegedly, he was her boyfriend. Sources said, she wanted to end the relationship and that's why he killed her and ran away. It happened in Nadia's Krishnagar on between 2 to 2.30 pm. on Monday.

SP, Krishnagar Police

District, K. Amarnath said, "During schooling at Kanchrapara, allegedly the relationship grew between the two. She finished schooling in 2023.

The crime took place opposite to the Krishnagar Women's College, in Manikpara under Kotwali police station limits. The victim, identified as Isha Mallik (19), was rushed to Shaktinagar District Hospital in a

bloody state, where doctors declared her brought dead.

According to police sources, Isha had been in a relationship with a youth named Debraj Singha. Recently, she expressed her wish to break off the affair, which allegedly enraged Debraj. In a fit of rage, he stormed into her home and shot her at point-blank range.

Superintendent of Police, Krishnagar Police District, K. Amarnath, said: "The body bears two bullet injuries. It has been sent for post-mortem. The accused is absconding, and a manhunt has been launched to trace him."

The horrific incident unfolded in front of Isha's family. Her mother and younger brother were at home at the time. As per her mother's statement, she heard a loud noise and rushed towards the room, only to see a young man fleeing with a firearm in hand. Moments later, she found her daughter lying in a pool of blood.

Police have launched a search operation to nab the accused.

Road Accident in Shantipur: Passenger Bus Rams into Stationary Truck, Several Injured



MI News Service, Shantipur: A road accident in Shantipur on Monday left several passengers injured when a private luxury bus rammed into the rear of a stationary truck on National Highway 12, near the flyover adjacent to the B.Ed College.

According to eyewitnesses, the bus was trav-

elling from Krishnagar to Kolkata when the driver allegedly attempted to drink water while driving. In the process, he lost control of the speeding vehicle, which then crashed into the parked truck from behind, a police source said.

The collision caused multiple injuries among the passengers. Several victims

were rushed to Shantipur State General Hospital with head and facial injuries. Two critically injured passengers were later referred to Krishnagar Hospital for advanced treatment. Sources said some other passengers sought medical attention at Ranaghat and Krishnanagar hospitals.

Following the incident, police from Shantipur Police Station reached both the accident site and the hospitals. Authorities have seized the bus and the truck, and an investigation is underway.

Residents pointed out that accidents along NH - 12 have been on the rise in recent months despite the installation of speed-monitoring cameras. They alleged that reckless and inattentive driving continues unabated, forcing ordinary commuters to bear the consequences.

Malashree blooms in 27 years of tradition and artistry



MI News Service, Kolkata: Malashree, a centre for cultural excellence, celebrated its 27th Annual Programme at Uttam Mancha with an evening steeped in splendour and artistic brilliance.

Under the sensitive guidance of Sampita Chatterjee and Dr. Arpita Venkatesh, the audience was treated to mes-

merising Kathak and Odissi recitals, enriched by the youthful exuberance of "Nrityanjali," a special presentation by the students. The distinguished presence of Sri Rajib Bhattacharya, Smt. Kakoli Bose, Sri Arnab Bandyopadhyay, and Smt. Alokparna Guha lent further grace to the occasion. Adding to the grandeur, Malashree honoured

three of its brightest students for their exceptional achievements. Each performance radiated charm and dedication, with particularly delightful renditions by Moumita Dutta, Nitika Maitra, Indrajit Sarkar, Bandita Venkatesh, Anwesha Ghosh, and Imontika Biswas, making the evening a tapestry of rhythm, elegance, and youthful passion.

23-Year-old bride dies under suspicious circumstances

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: The disturbing shadow of dowry deaths and domestic abuses deepened further in Bengal with mysterious death of a 23-year-old housewife in Nimta, North 24 Parganas, on Sunday night. The incident comes close on the heels of the shocking murder of Uttar Pradesh's Nikki Bhati, sparking fresh outrage over the vulnerability of woman within their martial homes

According to police sources, the deceased has been identified as Sushmita Das, a resident of Sridurga Palli in Nimta. Her hanging body was allegedly recovered from her in-law's residence, triggering chaos in the neighbourhood. The victim's family has filed a written complaint, alleging that Sushmita was killed and later hanged to stage a suicide. Acting swiftly on the basis of the complaint, police have arrested the husband, father-in-law, and mother-in-law. Family members claimed they received frantic calls from Sushmita's in-laws on Sunday evening. They were initially told that Sushmita had hanged herself and was being taken to Sagar Dutta Hospital in Kamrhati. However, midway they were informed that she was shifted to Birati Municipal Hospital. Before the family could reach, they were told she had died, and her body was already being brought back home. Upon seeing Sushmita's body, the grieving relatives alleged foul play, insisting that visible signs suggested she had been murdered before being hanged. They immediately alert Nimta police station. The police later recovered the body and took it to Sagar Dutta Hospital, where she was declared dead. Investigators have said the exact cause of death will only be determined after post-mortem. For now, the police have detained the accused family members for questioning, while a cause has been initiated based on the parents' allegation. The incident has reignited concerns about the recurring pattern of young housewives meeting pattern of young housewives meeting tragic, suspicious ends- often silenced behind the four walls of their martial homes.



Protesting against the abolition of most of the posts reserved for the visually impaired in the 2016 SLST, illegal imposition of unscientific method of approving the blind as a copywriter and non-recognition of RCI approved special B.Ed. degree, visually impaired people march to SSC Bhawan demanding medical tests for disabled candidates to stop the use of fake disability certificates, at Salt Lake in Kolkata on Monday

Kolkata hosts HR leadership summit 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: Against the backdrop of AI revolutionizing the workplace and hybrid models reshaping organizational dynamics, BIBS, in collaboration with the NHRDN Kolkata Chapter, successfully hosted the HR Leadership Summit 2025 in Kolkata recently.

The summit brought together some of the country's most prominent HR leaders, practitioners, and thought experts to chart the roadmap for HR leadership in a rapidly transforming business landscape. The event was graced by Snehasis Chakraborty, Cabinet Minister for Transport, Government of West Bengal.

The event began with an insightful keynote address by Prabir Jha, Founder & CEO of Prabir Jha People Advisory, who spoke on "HR Space Beyond Tomorrow." The first panel, "Master-



ing People Leadership in a Hybrid World," examined how hybrid work models are redefining leadership approaches. Panelists were George Thomas (CHRO - MSP Steel), Kassiopea Chaudhuri (Associate Director HR - IBM), Rashmita Parija (Head HR - Lexmark), Subrata Chatterjee (CHRO - AECOMTITAL Design & Engineering Centre), and Ms. Sudarsana Sanyal (Head HR & Admin - CESC) emphasized the need for empathy, adaptability, and strong

communication skills to inspire diverse and distributed teams. The discussion was moderated by Ms. Vineeta Mehta (Head HR - Rollicks Ice Cream).

The second panel, "Future Ready or Left Behind: The Urgency of Upskilling in the Age of AI," focused on how businesses must urgently reskill and upskill talent to remain competitive in an AI-powered era. Speakers were Megha Chhabra (GM & Global HR Head - Cyber Security & Risk Services, Wipro), Prapti Lodh Roy (Managing Director Human Capital - PwC India), and Suman Banerjee (CHRO - ABP Pvt. Ltd.) discussed how organizations that invest in continuous learning and digital literacy will thrive, while others risk being left behind. The session was moderated by Ms. Sagorika Sanyal (VP - Talent Management, Apse-connect).

Family feud meets political battlefield in Bhangar

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: The volatile political landscape of Bhangar appears to be simmering once again. At a protest rally this week, Shasani-Canning East MLA Shawkat Mollah issued a stark warning that has sent ripples across the constituency: "If any finger is raised against a Trinamool Congress worker in Bhangar, I will break it." Though Mollah refrained from naming anyone, his remarks were widely perceived as a direct warning to the Indian Secular Front (ISF) and its local supporters.

The remarks come amid growing speculation that Kashem Siddiqui, general secretary of the Trinamool state committee and brother of sitting ISF MLA Naushad Siddiqui, could be fielded against Naushad in the 2026 Assembly elections. This possibility has injected new tension into Bhangar's already fragile political balance. The constituency has been a political flashpoint for years, with Naushad Siddiqui securing the Bhangar seat in 2021 as the ISF's only MLA in the Assembly. However, in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Bhangar

tilted the other way, giving Trinamool candidate Sayani Ghosh a lead from within the Jadavpur parliamentary constituency. Mollah's aggression is not new. Earlier, from the Assembly premises, he openly taunted Naushad, declaring: "He could not even keep control over his own brother, yet he talks about fighting against the Chief Minister! He claimed he would contest from Diamond Harbour and finally fled." Throwing down a gauntlet for 2026, Shawkat Mollah asserted that he would personally defeat Naushad from Bhangar—even vowing to quit politics if he failed. His latest warning in Bhangar signals that he intends to reinforce that promise with forceful political mobilization on the ground. The combination of fiery rhetoric, family dynamics within the Siddiqui clan, and the constituency's history of unrest is raising concerns among observers. With Shawkat Mollah, Naushad, and Kashem Siddiqui potentially heading toward a three-way collision in the coming election, the soil of Bhangar seems fertile once again for political turbulence.

"A committed bureaucracy is not a luxury—it is the backbone of good governance."

Arghadeep Ganguly
Civil Engineer

In today's age of rapid change and rising aspirations, citizens no longer tolerate a slow or indifferent administration. They expect efficiency, transparency, and service delivery that truly reflects the spirit of democracy. This growing demand has brought the idea of a committed bureaucracy to the forefront.

A committed bureaucracy is not just about following rules; it is about working with integrity, responsibility, and empathy

toward the people. In a time when technology has made information instant, citizens can easily see gaps between policy promises and on-ground reality. They demand officers who are accountable, innovative, and people-centric, rather than merely procedural.

From disaster response to public health, from urban planning to rural welfare, the effectiveness of governance is measured by how swiftly and sincerely the administration responds. Corruption, red tape, and apathy weaken trust in institutions, but a

committed bureaucracy can restore confidence and strengthen democratic values.

More than ever, governance today requires civil servants who see themselves not as mere custodians of files, but as partners in progress. Their role is to translate government vision into citizen welfare, ensuring inclusivity, fairness, and efficiency.

The call for a committed bureaucracy, therefore, is not just a demand—it is a necessity for building a just, transparent, and forward-looking society.

Treat Obesity to beat many diseases

Dr. Asis Mitra,
MD, MRCP
Director, ODM clinic

In today's fast-paced world, the silent epidemic of obesity is sweeping across India, closely intertwined with the alarming rise of diabetes. These aren't just isolated health concerns; they are deeply connected, forming a dangerous cycle that significantly impacts quality of life and longevity. Obesity is associated with many diseases like high blood pressure, cholesterol, stroke, coronary artery disease, fatty liver, fatty pancreas, sleep apnoea, migraine, osteoarthritis, polycystic ovarian disease in female- a hormonal problem which can give rise to infertility and nevertheless Obesity is a common link of many cancers like Colon, prostate and breast.

The Critical Link: Obesity and Diabetes

Obesity is widely recognized as a primary driver of Type 2 Diabetes. Excess body fat, particularly around the abdomen,



leads to insulin resistance a state where your body's cells become less responsive to insulin, the hormone responsible for regulating blood sugar. To compensate, the pancreas works harder, eventually becoming overwhelmed, leading to elevated blood sugar levels and the onset of Type 2 Diabetes.

This isn't just about managing symptoms; it's about addressing the root cause. Uncontrolled obesity not only increases the risk of developing

diabetes but also exacerbates its complications, including cardiovascular disease, kidney damage, nerve problems, and even certain cancers.

Why Controlling Obesity is Paramount?

At ODM Clinic, we emphasize that controlling obesity is not merely a cosmetic choice but a vital step towards preventing and managing diabetes, and safeguarding your overall health. Even a modest amount of weight loss can dramatically improve insulin sensitivity, lower blood sugar levels, and reduce the risk of diabetes-related complications.

We offer personalized, evidence-based strategies that encompass: Counseling about obesity and how it can affect your health. Many of our patients understand that control of Obesity means just how to decrease your body weight but in reality they need to reduce their waist circumference to get the maximum benefits of reducing weight. They also need to understand that

rapid weight loss also detrimental for health.

Comprehensive Diagnostics: Accurate assessment of your metabolic health to understand your unique needs.

Tailored Treatment Plans: Individualized approaches combining medical management, nutritional guidance, and lifestyle modifications.

Expert Guidance: Our experienced doctors, dietitians, and healthcare professionals work together to support you on your journey.

Long-Term Wellness: We focus on sustainable habits and ongoing support to help you achieve lasting results and prevent future health issues.

Don't let obesity dictate your health trajectory. We believe in empowering you with the knowledge and tools to achieve optimal metabolic health, allowing you to live a fuller, healthier life. Take the first step towards a healthier you. Treat only one disease scientifically to get rid of many diseases in future.

ED raids Prasanna Roy's In-laws as job scam trail widens



MI News Service, Purulia: The enforcement Directorate on Sunday widened into the multi-crore SSC recruitment scam, conducting a fresh search at the Purulia residence of Prasanna Roy's in-laws. Once a struggling painter, Prasanna Roy is now accused of morphing into a key middlemen in Bengal's job-for-cash racket- allegedly handling transactions worth over Rs100 crore, securing jobs for his wife and sisters-in-law, and amassing a fortune that investigators say runs into several crores.

Locals in Purulia described the sudden morning raid: Three cars arrived, several officials stepped out with policemen, and entered the house. We later learned it was related to the son-in-law of this family. The person who owns the house is respected here, but the case concerns his sin-in-law," said a neighbor. Investigators revealed that Prasanna Roy, who began his career as a painter, gained proximity to former Education Minister Partha Chatterjee and quickly entrenched himself in the recruitment syndicate. He allegedly acted as a bridge between desperate job-seekers and complicit officials, extracting crores in exchange for teaching and non-teaching positions under the School Service Commission. ED sources confirmed that Roy's paper trail is staggering. The agency has already traced ₹26.01 crore across multiple companies linked to him, while uncovering a web of nearly 250 bank accounts in the names of his wife and associates. Investigators suspect these accounts were used to launder bribe money. Further scrutiny has revealed lavish assets "grossly disproportionate" to Roy's known sources of income. According to ED officials, these assets are directly tied to the recruitment racket's proceeds. Apart from enriching himself, Roy is accused of misusing his influence to secure government jobs for his wife and two sisters-in-law, tightening the ED's focus on whether these appointments were made illegally through the cash-for-job network. The Purulia raid is part of a wider sweep: ED teams simultaneously searched properties in New Town and other locations linked to Roy. The agency believes Prasanna's empire of corruption extends far beyond what has been uncovered so far. What began as a recruitment scandal is now unraveling into a tale of meteoric rise and unchecked greed — a man who once painted walls now stands accused of painting a ₹100-crore corruption canvas that has stained Bengal's education system.

After Mamata Banerjee and...

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of hands". "Those in the opposition, holding an alternate view, are outvoted. The only recourse left is to table a dissenting note – for the record," he said.

He further said JPCs were "conceived as democratic and well-intentioned mechanisms", established through motions passed by the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, and they ensured transparency and public accountability. "However, this purpose has eroded significantly post-2014, with JPCs incidentally, earlier on Saturday the Trinamool Congress said that it will not appoint any members from the party to the Joint

Parliamentary Committee to review the three Bills to oust arrested Ministers, including Prime Minister and Chief Ministers. The party called the setting up of the Committee a "farce".

In a statement here on Saturday, the party, led by West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee, termed the JPC as nothing but a 'farce'.

TMC will not nominate any member to the joint parliamentary committee formed to scrutinise the bills to sack a prime minister, chief ministers, and ministers if they are detained or arrested for 30 consecutive days, the party said in statement this afternoon.

Death sentence can be...

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pathway for reopening concluded matters. "Reopening will be reserved for only those cases where there is a clear, specific breach of the new procedural safeguards, as these breaches are so serious that if left uncorrected, they would undermine the accused person's basic rights like dignity and fair process," the bench said.

The top court maintained the conviction but set aside the 2017 view taken on sentencing for the present and placed the matter before Chief Justice of India B R Gavai for appropriate listing of the case to be heard afresh.

Dupare's sentencing was confirmed by the apex court in 2014. His review petition against the November 26, 2014 verdict was dismissed by the apex

court on May 3, 2017. He then filed mercy petitions before the Maharashtra Governor and the President of India, which were rejected in 2022 and 2023, respectively.

But Article 32 of the Constitution empowers the court to reopen sentencing in cases of capital punishment on grounds of breach of procedural safeguards, the Supreme Court said on Monday while agreeing to hear again a death row convict's plea.

"We hold that Article 32 of the Constitution empowers this court in cases related to capital punishment to reopen the sentencing stage where the accused has been condemned to death penalty without ensuring that the guidelines mandated in the Manoj vs Madhya Pradesh was followed," the bench said.

Shubhanshu Shukla gets hero's...

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of India." Delighted to meet Gp Capt Shubanshu Shukla, the first Indian Astronaut, on-board International Space Station. We discussed his inspiring space journey, the vital experiments he undertook in orbit, advances in science and technology, and the road ahead with India's pioneering Gaganyaan mission. His journey will inspire the young minds of India. The nation is proud of his achievements," both

PM Modi and Rajnath Singh posted on X and shared some photos of the meetings. During a press conference later on Thursday, Shukla shared his experience of being part of the recent Axiom-4 Mission and his vision for India's space programme.

He said the experience from the ISS mission would be very useful for India's human spaceflight programme, and he learnt a lot in the past year as part of his mission.

Heavy rains disrupt normal...

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and 95 water supply schemes have been disrupted in the state. Between June 20, the onset of monsoon, and August 24, at least 155 people have died in Himachal Pradesh in rain-related incidents, while 37 have gone missing, the SEOC said. It added that the state has witnessed 77 flash floods, 40 cloudbursts and 79 major landslides so far.

Himachal Pradesh has incurred losses to the tune of Rs 2,348 crore in rain-related incidents, it added.

Meanwhile, the NH 927A is closed due to rising water from the Som River. The Jaipur-Agra National Highway has also been flooded since August 23. In Sawai Madhopur, about 50 feet of land have been inundated due to heavy rain. Heavy rainfall was also recorded in Patna, Bihar, on Monday morning, leading to flooding in many areas, including Kurji, Pataliputra Colony, Patna Junction, Gandhi Maidan, Khetan Market, and JP Ganga Path, where water levels reached 2 to 3 feet.

Maniktola: Minibus rams into vehicles, none injured

MI News Service, Kolkata: A minibus rammed into a number of vehicles in north Kolkata's Maniktola area on Monday morning, police said. The accident, which occurred around 11.30 am, left at least two cars, a taxi and a motorcycle partially damaged, they

said. No one was injured in the accident, they added. The accident led to heavy congestion on the busy stretch on the first working day of the week. The driver of the bus fled following the accident, while the damaged vehicles were towed away.



A woman decorating idol of Lord Ganesha ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Kolkata on Monday.

Showing humanitarian gesture India alerts...

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River even as the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) remains in abeyance, according to multiple Pakistani media reports. This is the first major contact between the two neighbours since the military conflict in May.

The Indian High Commission in Islamabad communicated the possibility of a flood situation in the Tawi Ravi to Pakistani authorities on August 24. India's goodwill gesture has, however, prompted the Pakistani authorities to issue urgent flood warnings in tune with the six-decade-old Indus Waters Treaty, which presently is in abeyance after Pakistan-backed terrorists carried out attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22, leaving 26 people dead. In his Independence Day speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said "blood and water won't flow together," referencing the Indus Waters Treaty and the country's firm stance against cross-border terrorism.

The Prime Minister also criticised the Indus Waters Treaty as "unjust and unreasonable," suggesting that India may reconsider its obligations under the agreement if Pakistan continues to support terrorism.

The treaty, signed in 1960 and brokered by the World Bank, governs the sharing of the Indus River and its tributaries between the two countries. India has said that the agreement will remain in abeyance until Pakistan takes credible and irreversible steps to stop supporting terrorism.

A day after the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, India took a series of punitive measures against Pakistan that included putting the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 in "abeyance".

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has warned of heavy rains across most parts of the Pakistan until August 30.

The NDMA warning comes as the country reels from earlier monsoon spells from June 26 to August 20, that claimed over 788 lives and 1,018 injuries as of Saturday.

Care-giver plotted murder of old woman at New Garia: POLICE

MI News Service, Kolkata: The care-giver (ayah) who has been charged with the murder of 82-year-old Bijaya Das at her New Garia home last week had allegedly planned the crime before, police said. As part of her plan, she left home that morning with her elderly mother, whom she dropped off at Garia station, with the promise to return soon. The ayah had kept her promise and returned shortly after completing the "operation" at her workplace. Thereafter, the ayah, her mother, and her paramour fled to a location in South 24-Parganas on a local train, police sources said. Ashalata Sardar and

Mohammad Jalal Mir were arrested on Saturday morning for the murder of the elderly woman and a near-fatal attack on her husband, Prasanta Das.

Bijaya Das was found murdered under the staircase of her two-storeyed home at New Garia Cooperative Housing, with her hands tied up early on Friday. Her 87-year-old husband was found lying on the floor beside his bed in one of their bedrooms at their F-32 apartment.

Ashalata had started from her Narendrapur home early on the last day she reported to work at the Das residence, said the police.



On Monday, the South Kolkata Ganesh Puja, conducted by each of the 94 wards of Tollygunge Assembly, was inaugurated by Minister Aroop Biswas. Local Municipal Representative Sandeep Nandi Majumdar was present at the auspicious occasion.

Mixed weather for Kolkata: IMD

MI News Service, Kolkata: A fresh system is likely to bring in more rain this week, said Met officials.

A low-pressure area that was over Gangetic Bengal on Saturday morning moved northwest to Jharkhand by Sunday morning. It was tipped to move west-northwest and weaken by Monday.

But the Met office anticipates a fresh low-pressure area over the northwest Bay of Bengal by Tuesday. As of now, "thunderstorm with rain" is the forecast for Kolkata on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The days may get hotter, said Met officials. "The new system is likely to trigger heavy rain in Odisha. So far, there is no heavy rain alert for south Bengal.

Calcutta and neighbouring districts are likely to get passing showers because of the system," said a Met official. The favourable position of the monsoon trough was behind the latest wet spell in Calcutta, which started on August 20. Between last Wednesday and Saturday, the Met office recorded close to 100mm of rain in Alipore.

The past few days have been consistently cloudy. The maximum temperature stayed under 30 degrees Celsius.

Sunday was also cloudy and there was more than one drizzle. The sun appeared briefly in the evening.

On Saturday, the maximum was 27.2 degrees, almost five

notches below normal.

According to the forecast, the maximum temperature is likely to rise to 32 degrees by Wednesday.

Sunday's weather report said: "The low-pressure area over west Jharkhand and neighbourhood lay over northeast Madhya Pradesh and neighbourhood on Sunday morning. It is likely to move west-northwestwards during the next 24 hours and weaken gradually thereafter".

"A fresh low-pressure area is likely to form over northwest Bay of Bengal off Odisha-West Bengal coasts during the next 48 hours," said the report.

Forty-eight hours meant Tuesday morning but a Met official said

there was a possibility of a delay.

"There is a tropical storm on the South China Sea. There is a possibility that the system weakens after landfall and reaches the Bay waters in a depleted form before getting revived again and taking the shape of a low-pressure," said the Met official.

Typhoon Kajiki was barrelling towards China and Vietnam, prompting mass evacuations from the coastal towns.

The monsoon trough at mean sea level now passes through Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, the centre of low-pressure area over northeast Madhya Pradesh, Purulia, Digha and thence southeastwards to northeast Bay of Bengal.

Police arrest 2 more for assault on art teacher

MI News Service, Kolkata: An 18-year-old youth was arrested for the alleged attack on art teacher Nirupam Pal in Belgharia on Saturday morning. Police identified the youth as Palash Das of Nimta Paikpara.

Papai Natta of Patna Thakurtila in Nimta, who is suspected to be the prime accused, was arrested. The cops said his face was visible in the CCTV footage that showed Pal being repeatedly punched and kicked.

Two other minors have also been detained.

Pal, an art teacher in his 40s, was allegedly heckled by a group of men and women when he protested against their drinking in public.

The incident, which occurred around 6am on Saturday near a pond at Nandannagar in Belgharia, was captured on CCTV camera.

On Saturday, the police arrested a woman named Madira Mukherjee, 25, in the same case.

Pal told the police he had objected to the group drinking openly in daylight. "I asked them why they were drinking in the open and early in the morning. One of them first attacked me, and subsequently, the others joined him."

The cops reached the spot and spoke to some eyewitnesses. Based on the inquiry, a woman was arrested later on Saturday followed by the two arrests and detention on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the mother of the accused woman had submitted a complaint against Pal alleging that he had made an indecent gesture towards her daughter following which her friends had protested and beaten him up. "...this man came and started making obscene gestures at my daughter.... her friends objected and started to beat him," she said.

Police nab trader for selling pre-activated SIM cards

MI News Service, Kolkata: A shop owner in Rajarhat who runs an outlet from where SIM cards are being issued, was arrested last week for allegedly selling pre-activated SIM cards without valid documents.

Officers of Rajarhat police station, who made the arrest, said the shop was tracked after the involvement of multiple SIM cards issued from there emerged in connection with several cyber frauds.

"We received information that multiple SIM cards that had been used in cyber frauds were issued from this Rajarhat shop. We zeroed in on the shop and found that it was being run by one Raj Saha. Although the owner of the shop was his father Uday Saha, the son used to look after the operations," said an officer of Bidhannagar police.

Name Change
I, Abdus Samad (Old Name) S/O - Late Jangal Mondal Residing at Vill- Kalikapur, P.O- Sadarpur-Behala P.S-Haroa, Dist- 24 Pgs (N) Pin- 743445 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abdus Samad Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Basirhat Court (W.B) Affidavit Dated on 24/04/2024 Abdus Samad (Old Name) and Abdus Samad Mondal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Joya Roy D/O Dibyendra Lal Roy and Jolly Roy, W/O Prasun Roy, residing at 11 J Road Anandapur Barackpore, P.O.- Nonachandanpukur, P.S Titagarh, District- North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700122 shall henceforth be known as Jaya Roy as declared before the 1st class Ld Judicial Magistrate Court at Barrackpore, District North 24 Parganas, vide affidavit. Sl. No. 93 dated 19/08/2025. That I, Joya Roy and Jaya Roy both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pali Bhattacharya, wife of Raghunath Bhattacharya, residing at Dhar & Sardar para, Post- South Bishnupur, P.S- Mandir Bazar, have changed my name and henceforth be known as Polly Bhattacharya as declared before the Notary Public at Diamond Harbour, (South 24 Parganas/ West Bengal) vide affidavit no- 03 dated 21/08/2025. Pali Bhattacharya and Polly Bhattacharya both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Am Golam Mahiuddin Jamadar S/O Abdul Mannan Jamadar Vill-Chak Raypur, P. O. Iyarpur P.S- Usthi, 24 Pgs (S) Pin-743513. In My Pan Card And Passport No-N5306560, Spelling Is Golam Mohiuddin Jamadar. On 7/8/25 By Diamond Harbour 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Affidavit Golam Mahiuddin Jamadar And Golam Mohiuddin Jamadar Is Same And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Am Alamgir Hossain Mollas/O Lt. Abul Hossain Molla, Mother Name Saiyeda Molla, Vill-Hogla Tentulia, P.O- Chandpala P.S-Falta Dist. 24 Pgs(S) Pin-743503.Mistakenly In Passport No-M7421193, Spelling Of My Mother Name Is Sahida Bibi And Father Name Is Abdul Hossain Molla. On 23/7/25 By Diamond Harbour 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Affidavit, Father Abul Hossain Molla And Abdul Hossain Molla And Mother Saiyeda Molla And Sahida Bibi Is Same And Identical Person.

নাম পরিবর্তন
আমি স্রী সুভাজিত মজুমদার, পিতা-স্রী সুরজিত মজুমদার, স্বামী দিগদাস-6357/1, Sarada Pally, Basudebpur, P.O., Tribeni, P.S. Mogra, Dist. Hooghly, Pin-721593, (W.B.)-হুগলি, জেলা হুগলি-তে প্রথম প্রেরিত জন্মনিবন্ধন মার্জিভুক্তের আদালতে স্বাক্ষরনামা (নং ৪৪৬৮৬, তারি, ০১.০৮.২০২০) বহন করেন। স্রী সুভাজিত মজুমদার, পিতা-স্রী সুরজিত মজুমদার, পিতা-স্রী সুরজিত মজুমদার এবং স্রী সুভাজিত মজুমদার ও মাতার নাম Smt. Chayna Majumder এবং এজাটর স্রী সুভাজিত মজুমদার, পিতা-স্রী সুরজিত মজুমদার এক ও তালিকা করি।

NAME CHANGE
I, Niloy Pramanik, S/o, Nripendra Nath Pramanik & Gita Pramanik, residing at Radhanagar Road, Nazira Para Water Tank, P.O & P.S.- Krishnanagar, Dist.-Nadia, Pin-741101 declare Notary Public Hooghly at Chinsurah vide affidavit no. 254 dt. 06.08.2025 that in my Service Book my mother's (Gita Pramanik) DOB has been wrongly recorded as 25.05.1955 in place of my mother's (Gita Pramanik) actual DOB 05.02.1964 which needs to be corrected.

NAME CHANGE
I am PHUL BABU ALI, permanent resident of Raghunathpur, Post: Nayasrai, Police Station: Magra, District: Hooghly. My father's name is GULJARI ALI. My daughter's name is CHANDNI KHATOON whose date of birth is 25.08.2011 and wife's real name is SAFINA BEGAM. By mistake, in the school documents of my daughter CHANDNI KHATOON, my name has been registered as MD. FUL HASAN and wife's name as SAFINA KHATOON. On the basis of affidavit number 36 in the court of Executive Magistrate Sadar Hooghly on 13 August 2025, I declare that CHANDNI KHATOON daughter of PHUL BABU ALI and SAFINA BEGAM and CHANDNI KHATOON daughter of MD FUL HASAN ALI and SAFIA KHATOON are the names of the same person.

NAME CHANGE
I am PHUL BABU ALI, a permanent resident of Raghunathpur, Post: Nayasrai, Thana: Magra, District: Hooghly. My father's name is GULJARI ALI. My son's name is MD SAHEB JAN whose date of birth is 10.01.2014 and my wife's real name is SAFINA BEGAM. My son's name has been recorded as MD FUL HASAN ALI and my wife's name as SAFINA BEGAM in the school documents of my son MD SAHEB JAN. On the basis of affidavit number 42 in the court of Executive Magistrate Sadar Hooghly on 13 August 2025, I declare that MD SAHEB JAN son of PHUL BABU ALI and SAFINA BEGAM and MD SAHEB JAN son of MD FUL HASAN ALI and SAFIA BEGAM are both the names of the same person.

NAME CHANGE
I Pinki Maity Giri,W/o-Army No. 5352353H, Rank Hav. Gopa. Giri, Residing at Village-Bettulia bar,P.O.- Nabatapur, Teshi enge, Dist-721601(Dist.- Purba Medinipur (West Bengal)) Declare that I have changed my name from Pinki Giri (Existing name of spouse as per NOK records/service documents) To Pinki Maity Giri (Proposed correct name of spouse) vide Affidavit No. 27 Dt. 22.08.2025 in the Court of the Judicial Magistrate at Contai (Purba Medinipur)

Name Change
I Md. Rasid Anseri s/o Samasuddin Miyo, residing at present 102/H/4, Madan Mohan Burman street , Kolkata-700007 and my permanent address, East Basuria No.02, PO,Buli, P.S, Telumari, Dhanbad, Jharkhand-828104, in the state of West Bengal do hereby by solemnly affirm and declare that my name is Md. Rasid Anseri mentioned in my Aadhar card No. 9902 1433 5573 and Voter Card CHC 1944487 correctly. But inadvertently my son's Aadhar Card being No. 4421 6074 5542 my name has been recorded Rashid Anseri instead of Md. Rasid Anseri. By an affidavit (no. 13119)in the Court of ld. judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Allpore on 21.08.2025 that Md. Rasid Anseri and Rashid Anseri is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SELINA BIBI W/o/MD AKHTARUZZAMAN Residing at, Vill - Bhabta, Post- Bhabta, Ps-Beldanga, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742134, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SELINA BIBI To MST SELINA KHATUN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MST SELINA KHATUN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 20 Aug 2025, MST SELINA KHATUN and SELINA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) KHATEMA BIBI W/o/MD JABER ALI Residing at, Vill - Bhabta, Post- Bhabta, Ps-Beldanga, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742134, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from KHATEMA BIBI To MST KHATEMA BIBI (New name) and hence forth, Shall be Known as (New name) MST KHATEMA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 20 Aug 2025, MST KHATEMA BIBI and KHATEMA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohadev Koley (old name), S/o. Late Tarak Koley, R/o. Duttapur Dakshinpara, Krishnarampur, Duttapur, Hooghly-712702, W.B. have chang ed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mahadev Koley (new name) vide an affidavit no. 9166 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Krishnarampur, Hooghly Court on 14/08/2025. Mohadev Koley & Mahadev Koley S/o. Late Tarak Koley all are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rajdeep Roy Choudhury (Passport) S/o Ram Narayan Roy Choudhary Residing at C.R. Das Sarani, Kaiballya Dham, Po - Ghoshpara, Ps - Nischinda, District - Howrah, Pin - 711227, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Rajdeep Roy Choudhury. I declare that Rajdeep Roy Choudhury (Passport) and Rajdeep Roy Choudhury is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 25-08-2025.

Name Change
I, Renu Singh (Old Name) W/o Sudhir Shankar Singh Residing at Shrestha Garden, D401 Jasmine Block, Kali-park, Rajarhat, Vidyasagar Pally, VTC - Rajarhat Gopalpur (M), Po - Rajarhat Gopalpur, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700136, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Renu (New Name) as de- clared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 21/2025 Dated 25-08-2025. Renu Singh (Old Name) and Renu (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Siraj Ali Molla alias Sirajul Ali Molla (Old Name) S/o Jiyad Molla Residing at Dara Padmapukur, Padmapukuria, Po - Bhangar Narayanapur, Ps - Bhangar, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743502, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sirajul Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 22-08-2025. Siraj Ali Molla, Sirajul Ali Molla (Old Name) and Sirajul Molla (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Karimunessa Afroj Alam Shaik (Old Name) W/o Sk Afroj Alam Residing at Vill - Kamarpara, Po - Pandua, Ps - Pandua, District - Hooghly, Pin - 721249, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Karimunessa (New Name) as de- clared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 22-08-2025. Karimunessa Afroj Alam Shaik (Old Name) and Karimunessa (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Afroj Alam Shaik (Old Name) S/o Sk Kayem Residing at Vill - Kamarpara, Po - Pandua, Ps - Pan- dua, District - Hooghly, Pin - 721249, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Sk Afroj Alam (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 22-08-2025. Afroj Alam Shaik (Old Name) and Sk Afroj Alam (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Riyajul Afroj Alam Shaik (Old Name) S/o Sk Afroj Alam Residing at Vill - Kamarpara, Po - Pandua, Ps - Pandua, District - Hooghly, Pin - 721249, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Sk Riyajul New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Bisakha Biswas W/o Raja Biswas Residing at Flat 8A1 Urban Sabu- jayan Complex, Jagatipota, Po - Mukundapur, Ps Narendrapur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700099, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Bisakha Sinha. I declare that Bisakha Biswas and Bisakha Sinha is same and one identical person by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the No- tary Public, Kolkata on 25-08-2025.

Name Change
I, Sudhangshu Maity S/o Nityananda Maity Residing at Vill - Lachhimpur, Po - Bodhra, Ps - Mandarmani Coastal, District - East Medinipur, Pin - 721423, West Bengal India shall henceforth be known as Sud- hanshu Maity. I declare that Sud- hangshu Maity and Sudhanshu Maity is same and one identical per- son by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Kolkata on 25-08-2025.

Name Change
I, AAYUSH PUNATAR (old name) Son of RAJESH VINODRAY PUNATAR, Residing at 46A, CHAKRABERIA ROAD NORTH, POLR.SARANI, Kolkata, 700020, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as AAYUSH RAJESH PUNATAR (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/08/2025. AAYUSH RAJESH PUNATAR (new name) and AAYUSH PUNATAR (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Kanishka Dasgupta, Residing At 5 Jahura Bazar Lane, Kasba, Kolkata - 700042, West Bengal, My Father S Das Gupta (Old Name As Per Di No Wb-0120120904839) Shall Hence- forth Be Known As Kaushik Das- gupta(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judi- cal Magistrate At Allpore On 18/08/2025. S Das Gupta And Kaushik Dasgupta Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, S N Hussain & S N Hossain (old names) son of Late Sk Abdul Aziz, re- siding at Vill- Denan Dakshin Para, P.O- Amalpara, PS- Kolaghat, Dist- East Midnapore, Pin- 721134, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Naguib Hossain (new name), as de- clared before the Ld. 1st Class Judi- cal Magistrate at Paschim Medinipur vide an affidavit No. 23812, dated 28/11/2019. Sk Naguib Hossain (new name) and S N Hussain & S N Hossain (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sitara Hussain & Sitara Hossain (old names) wife of Sk Naguib Hos- sain, residing at Vill- Denan Dakshin Para, P.O.- Amalpara, P.S.- Kolaghat, Dist.- East Midnapore, Pin- 721134, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Satara Begum (new name), as de- clared before the Ld. 1st Class Judi- cal Magistrate at Paschim Medinipur vide an affidavit No. 23813, dated 28/11/2019. Satara Begum (new name) and Sitara Hus- sain & Sitara Hossain (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ABDUL ROKID S/o SAUKAT ALI Residing at, Beldanga Dakshin, Jhikarhati- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742168, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ABDUL ROKID To ABDUR RAQUID (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) ABDUR RAQUID in all purpose Vide an af- fidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 20 Aug 2025, ABDUR RAQUID and ABDUL ROKID both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MST SONALI AKTAR W/o- MEHEBO ALAM Residing at, Vill - Jalbagichia, Post- Mahish aashali, Ps- Bhagwangaola, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742178, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MST SON- ALI AKTAR To SONALI AKTAR (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) SONALI AKTAR in all purpose Vide an af- fidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 20 Aug 2025, SONALI AKTAR and MST SONALI AKTAR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SWAPAN DUTTA S/o- PROFULIA KUMAR DUTTA Resid- ing at, Vill - Adityapara, Post- Ghurni, Ps- Kotwali, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741103, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SWAPAN DUTTA To SWAPAN KUMAR DUTTA (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) SWAPAN KUMAR DUTTA in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 20 Aug 2025, SWAPAN KUMAR DUTTA and SWAPAN DUTTA both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MANWARA BIBI & MANUWARA BIBI W/o MD SANAU LLAH Residing at, Vill - Khaltipur, Post- Bahadurpur, Ps- Kaliachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732201, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MANWARA BIBI & MANUWARA BIBI To MANUYARA BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) MANU- YARA BIBI in all purpose Vide an af- fidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 20 Aug 2025, MANUYARA BIBI and MAN- WARA BIBI & MANUWARA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ANOWAR HOSSAIN & ANUAR HOSSAIN S/o- LATE AIUB SK Residing at, Vill - Bibigram, Post- Malda, Ps- Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732101, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ANOWAR HOSSAIN & ANUAR HOSSAIN To ANWAR HOS- SAIN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) ANWAR HOSSAIN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 20 Aug 2025, ANWAR HOSSAIN and ANOWAR HOSSAIN & ANUAR HOSSAIN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MOHAMMAD RAKIMUDDIN ALI S/o- MD MANSUR RAHAMAN Residing at, Vill - Kalika- pur Kabiraj para, Post- Kaliachak, Ps- Kaliachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732201, West Bengal. Do hereby de- clare that I have Changed my name from MOHAMMAD RAKIMUDDIN ALI To MD RAKIMUDDIN ALI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD RAKIMUDDIN ALI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 20 Aug 2025, MD RAKIMUDDIN ALI and MOHAMMAD RAKIMUDDIN ALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ohab Mia (Old Name), Son Of Rajash Mondal,Residing At Barasat Majherpara, Barasat, Nadia - 741257,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Hen ceforth Be Known As Ohab Mondal(Old Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/08/2025.Ohab Mia And Ohab Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Amena Molya (old name) wife of A Rahim, residing at Wari, Paikari Bhangar-II, South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700135, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amena Bibi (new name), as declared be- fore the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 22/08/2025. Amena Bibi (new name) and Amena Molya (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Barun Majhi (old name) son of Prahlad Majhi, residing at Dakshin Jhaphardha Jelia Para, Dakshin Jhaphardha, Domjur, Howrah- 711405, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Barun Maji (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/08/2025. Barun Maji (new name) and Barun Majhi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Dhiren Mallick (Old Name), Son Of Late Suresh Mallick, Residing At 1, Mahajati Nagar, Po-Birti, Ps- Airport North 24 Pgs-700051, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dhiren Chandra Mallick(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The No- tary Public At Kolkata On 25/08/ 2025. Dhiren Mallick And Dhiren Chandra Mallick Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Kaushal Singh (old name) son of Duddhasswar Singh, residing at A/181, Dr Banerjee Road, School Para, Raniganj M, Bardhaman, Raniganj- 713347, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Kaushal Kumar (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 23/08/2025. Kaushal Kumar (new name) and Kaushal Singh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sheikh Faruk Jamal, Sekh Faruk Jamal, Shaik Faruk Jamal (old names) son of Sk Golam Ambia, re- siding at Creative Apartment, Flat No-J, 1st Floor, 29, Basudebpur Road, Behala, Sarania, Kolkata-0 700061, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Faruk Jamal (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 25/08/2025. Sk Faruk Jamal (new name) and Sheikh Faruk Jamal, Sekh Faruk Jamal, Shaik Faruk Jamal (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Bijan Kumar Dutta (old name) son of Sukumar Dutta, residing at 33/4, Naskar Para Lane, Botanical Garden, IST Shibpur, Haora, Howrah- 711103, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bijan Dutta (new name), as declared be- fore the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/08/2025. Bijan Dutta (new name) and Bijan Kumar Dutta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jakir Hooseen Piyada (old name) son of Jaynal Abedin Piyada, resid- ing at Kakmari Para, Jogendra Nagar, Jibantala, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743329, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jakir Hosen Piyada (new name), as de- clared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/08/2025. Jakir Hooseen Piyada (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Toufik (old name) son of Late Wajed Rahaman Molla, residing at Purbja Sardar Para, Munsidanga, Domjur,Bankra, Howrah- 711403, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Toufik Ali Molla (new name), as de- clared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/08/2025. Touk Ali Molla (new name) and Toufik (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Aslam Ansari (old name) son of Md Latif, residing at 12/H/23/3, J K Ghosh Road, Belgachia, Kolkata- 700037, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Aslam (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/08/2025. Md Aslam (new name) and Md Aslam Ansari (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, China Goswami (old name) wife of Subir Goswami, residing at 69, Abinash Banerjee Lane, Santra- gachi, Howrah- 711104, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chayna Goswami (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/08/2025. Chayna Goswami (new name) and China Goswami (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rashed Mohammad (old name) son of Late Sk Abdullah, residing at 18, Chamru Khansama Lane, P.O.- Circus Avenue, Kolkata- 700017, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Rashid (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/08/2025. Md Rashid (new name) and Rashed Mohammad (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Farjana Khatoon (old name) wife of Md Arshad, residing at Bonolata Appartment Chunavati Mullikpara, P.S.- Sankrail, Dist.- Howrah, Pin- 711109, West Ben- gal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Farjana Nikhat (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/08/2025. Farjana Nikhat (new name) and Farjana Khatoon (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nasima Banu (old name) wife of Mohammed Farouque, residing at Orbit Ashwa Tower 2 ID, Kolkata- 700023, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nasima Bano (new name), as declared before the no- tary public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 25/08/2025. Nasima Bano (new name) and Nasima Banu (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Rahim (Old Name),S/O Khalilur Rahaman, Residing At Vill - Ichhanagarj, Po - Jagatballavpur, Howrah Rural - 711408, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Abdul Rahim(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/08/2025. Abdul Rahim And Sk Abdul Rahim Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Nelufar Khatoon (Old Name), Wife Of Md. Azharuddin Molla, Residing At S-140,Mollipara,Ps - Metiabruz, Kolkata - 700018,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nelufa Bibi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/08/2025. Nelufar Khatoon And Nelufa Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Farakendar (Old Name),Wife Of Mohammad Ismail Thandar,Resid- ing At Panchur Gazipara,Po - Bid- hangarh,Kolkata - 700066, West Bengal ,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Farkenda Begum(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The No- tary Public At Kolkata On 25/08/ 2025.Farakendar And Farkenda Begum Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sahanara Bibi (old name) wife of Saiful Islam Mondal, residing at STADIUPUR,PS-DEGAN,NORTH 24 PGS-743424, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Salema Bibi (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 25/08/2025. Salema Bibi (new name) and Sahanara Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Sattar Mondal(Old Name),Son Of Bisarat,Residing At Vill-Krishnagar, Po-Purbanowapara,Ps -Dhantala, Nadia-741501,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hence- forth Be Known As Chhattar Mon- dal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 21/08/2025. Sattar Mon- dal And Chhattar Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Md Ibrahim Mirdde(Old Name), Son Of Abdur Razzak Mirdday, Re- siding At Ramgar Purba Para, Dhunki,Panchla,Howrah- 711322, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Ibrahim Mirdday (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/08/2025.Md Ibrahim Mirdde And Md Ibrahim Mirdday Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Halima Begum Mirdde (Old Name),Wife Of Md Ibrahim Mirdday, Residing At Ramgar Purba Para, Dhunki, Panchla, Howrah - 711322, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Halima Begum Mird- day(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/08/2025.Halima Begum Mirdde And Halima Begum Mirdday Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Elias (old name) son of Late Abdul Rahim, residing at 37/5/H/2, Kabitritha Sarani, P.O.- Khiddipore, P.S.- Waugtunge, Kolkata- 700023, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Md Elyas (new name), as declared before the no- tary public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 25/08/2025. Md Elyas (new name) and Mohammad Elias (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Inder Kumar (old name) son of Ram Dularey Shaw, residing at Ba- sundhara Appts, BL-C, 165-89, Ghosh Para Road, Barrackpore, Pin- 700120, W.B. India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Indra Kumar Shaw (new name), as declared be- fore the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/08/2025. Indra Kumar Shaw (new name) and Inder Kumar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rohan Miaf (Old Name),Son Of Ohab Mondal,Residing At Barasat, Po - Haripurkura,Ps - Haringhata, Nadia - 741257,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rohan Mondal(Old Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Ju- dicial Magistrate At Kalyani On 19/08/2025.Rohan Mia And Rohan Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Bengal industry among top 10 in maize production

MI News Service, Kolkata: Industrial scenario in West Bengal is showing an up- ward trend with Bengal in- dustries or Bengal based industries performing pretty well at the national level. The pro-industry policy of government of West Bengal has made it happen. Maize is an important product and West Bengal based industry Regaal Resource has per- formed exceedingly well in maize production. It ranks among the top 10 maize milling companies in India. Between FY23-FY25, the company achieved revenue CAGR of 37%, one of the fastest among industry peers. It produces maize starch and modified starch, which are natural plant-based starches derived from maize. It also manufactures a range of co-products such as gluten, germ, enriched fiber, and fibre.

Name Change
I, Sarnali Basak (old name) wife of Chiranjit Basak, residing at BC-359, Samarpally, Krishnapur, Bidhanna- gar, Pin- 700102, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Swar- nali Basak (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 22/08/2025. Swarnali Basak (new name) and Sarnali Basak (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jalal Sk (old name) son of Golam Saikh, residing at Chhota Gagang- halia, South 24 Parganas,743503, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jalaluddin Saikh (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/08/2025. Jalaluddin Saikh (new name) and Jalal Sk (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Saroj Chaudhary (old name) wife of Avishek Baidya, residing at 71/C1A, Dr G S Bose Road, 2nd Floor, P.S.- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Saroj Baidya Choudhary (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 25/08/2025. Saroj Baidya Choudhary (new name) and Saroj Chaudhary (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Laily Mollick (old name) wife of Late Sadar Ali Mallick, residing at Narapatipara, Simurai, P.S.- Chak- daba, Dist.- Nadia, Pin- 741248, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Laili Mallick (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/08/2025. Laili Mallick (new name) and Laily Mollick (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Ayub Ali Mollick (old name) son of Sadar Ali Mallick, residing at Narapatipara, Simurai, P.S.- Chak- daba, Dist.- Nadia, Pin- 741248, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ayub Ali Mallick (new name), as declared before the no- tary public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 25/08/2025. Ayub Ali Mollick (new name) and Md Ayub Ali Mollick (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Muslima Mollick (old name) wife of Ayub Ali Mallick, residing at Narapatipara, Simurai, P.S.- Chak- daba, Dist.- Nadia, Pin- 741248, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Muslima Mallick (new name), as declared before the no- tary public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 25/08/2025. Muslima Mallick (new name) and Muslima Mollick (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Dranachrya Mondal (old name) son of Sarbeshwar Mondal, resid- ing at Hatkurulia, P.S.- Bagda, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743232, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dronacharya Mondal (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 25/08/2025. Dranacharya Mondal (new name) and Dranachrya Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Arshdeep Kaur Chhabra(Old Names) D/O-Gurdeep Singh Chhabra, Residing At- S.P Mukher- jee Road,Murgasol,Ansansol,Dist- Paschim Burdwan,Pin-713303,West Bengal,India,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Arshdeep Kaur (New Name) As Declared Before The No- tary Public At Kolkata Dated 31/07 /2025

Researchers unveil new tool that reveals gene behaviour in bacteria



LOS ANGELES [US]: Bacterial infections are responsible for millions of deaths each year, with the global threat made severe by the increasing resistance of microbes to antibiotic treatments.

This is due, in part, to bacteria's capacity to switch genes on and off when they detect environmental changes, including the presence of drugs.

Such switching is accomplished through transcription, which converts the DNA in genes into its chemical cousin in mRNA, which guides the building of proteins that make up the microbe's structure.

Understanding how mRNA production is regulated for each bacterial gene is central to efforts to counter resistance, but approaches used to study this regulation to date have been laborious. According to a new study, scientists revealed a trick that may speed such efforts.

According to the study authors, organisms from bacteria to humans grow as their cells multiply by dividing, with each cell becoming two. Before cells divide, they must copy their DNA such that each of the two daughter cells has a copy. To do so, a molecular machine called DNA polymerase ticks down the DNA chain, reading and making a copy of each gene one by one.

Publishing online Jan. 24 in the journal Nature, the study adds to explanations of how gene expression throughout the genome is shaped by DNA replication during bacterial growth.

Specifically, the research team found that when DNA polymerase arrives at any specific gene, it disrupts the transcription in a way that reveals the state of that gene's regulatory status.

"Our study results show that the constant replication of genes during the cell cycle as the bacterial cells reproduce and grow can be exploited to learn about many aspects of how genes are regulated," said study lead investigator Andrew Pountain, PhD, a postdoctoral research fellow at NYU Langone Health and its Institute for Systems Genetics.

"We like the analogy of the electrocardiogram in medicine," said Itai Yanai, the senior investigator of the study and professor at NYU Langone's Institute for Systems Genetics.

By monitoring patterns of electrical activity in the heart, the ECG reveals a series of waves that provide a detailed, graphical view of a patient's cardiac health. Similarly, waves of changes in the abundance of mRNA in response to a gene's replication produce a signature on a graph, which the authors termed the transcription-replication interaction profile, or TRIP.

The researchers showed how specific waves can be linked to certain features. For example, whether a gene is under a specific form of control, known as repression, where a protein blocks that gene's mRNA from being made. These repressed genes were found to have characteristic, spiked TRIP patterns. "Our aim is to understand how gene regulation shapes these TRIPs, with a goal of using them to diagnose gene regulation across the entire set of thousands of genes in the bacterium," added Yanai. "We hope that our further investigations of gene expression profiles will offer insight into how groups of genes respond to disruptions or changes in their environment."

Study finds how blood cancer medication makes radiotherapy on brain tumours more effective

PLYMOUTH : According to a recent study, medications intended to treat blood and other malignancies may also increase the effectiveness of radiation therapy for low-grade brain tumours in adults.

Roughly 36 per cent of initial brain tumours are meningiomas. Most can be effectively treated with surgery, however radiotherapy is required for individuals that are difficult to treat. This may result in serious side effects and radiation damage to the brain, and tumour growth may also arise from treatment resistance.

A new study by researchers at the Brain Tumour Research Centre of Excellence at the University of Plymouth looked in detail at the effects of that radiation damage but also ways of mitigating it.

Using meningioma cells, researchers discovered that radiation-induced damage can lead to cells producing an increased quantity of the enzyme Histone deacetylase 6 (HDAC6), which has previously been shown to contribute to tumour growth. However, by administering the HDAC6 inhibitor Cay10603 prior to radiotherapy, they were able to inhibit cellular growth - and increase cell death - in meningioma samples. The study - published in the journal eBioMedicine - was led by Dr Juri Na and Professor Oliver Hanemann, and they say their findings represent a potential promising approach to improving the treatment outcomes of malignant meningioma. The research also builds on extensive and ongoing work by the Centre of Excellence in Plymouth looking at the potential of already-approved medications to be repurposed as a way of helping brain tumour



patients. Dr Na, Senior Research Fellow and the study's lead author, said: "Cay10603 has been developed to HDAC, a common target for some approved blood cancer drugs. But our study shows that when used alongside radiotherapy, the drug reduces tumour cell growth and increases tumour cell death. It means that this combination treatment will kill cancer cells more efficiently while avoiding serious side effects that could be caused by heavy radiation treatment, as we can administer a low dose of radiation along with Cay10603."

Professor Hanemann, Director of the Brain Tumour Research Centre of Excellence at the University of Plymouth, added: "Pan-HDAC inhibitors have been approved by both US Food and Drug Administration and the European Medicines Agency, but Cay10603 is not currently licensed in the UK. And no HDAC inhibitors like it have been utilised in clinical settings. It

means there are still steps to overcome before this treatment can begin to benefit patients directly, but this is certainly a positive development when you consider the lack of existing treatments available to meningioma patients." Brain Tumour Research funds sustainable research at dedicated centres in the UK. It also campaigns for the Government and larger cancer charities to invest more in research into brain tumours in order to speed up new treatments for patients and, ultimately, to find a cure. The charity is the driving force behind the call for a national annual spend of £35 million in order to improve survival rates and patient outcomes in line with other cancers such as breast cancer and leukaemia. Dr Karen Noble, Director of Research, Policy and Innovation at Brain Tumour Research, said: "We are delighted to see this promising new approach by the team at our Centre of Excellence at the University of Plymouth. We need to keep funding this early-stage research because this is the only way we will find new and improved treatments. We hope this impressive work will lead to clinical trials for meningioma patients."

Katie Everett, 31, from Romsey in Hampshire, was diagnosed with a meningioma in July 2021. She has had two operations and six weeks of radiotherapy. Her most recent MRI scan, in February 2024, was stable with no sign of regrowth but she is now on thyroid and hormone medication. She said: "This development is really exciting and it's reassuring to know that there is something out there which could help people like me. When I was in hospital, I met a lady with multiple tumours on her brain who had to endure multiple rounds .

Research explores secrets of lipid synthesis inside cells

LOS ANGELES [US] : South Korean researchers at the IBS Center for Molecular Spectroscopy and Dynamics (IBS CMSD) have made a useful discovery concerning cellular microscopy.

The team has successfully developed Two-Color Infrared Photothermal Microscopy (2C-IPM), a unique method for studying neutral lipids within lipid droplets of living cells.

This new microscopy can be combined with isotope labelling, which allows thorough monitoring of neutral lipid synthesis within individual lipid droplets.

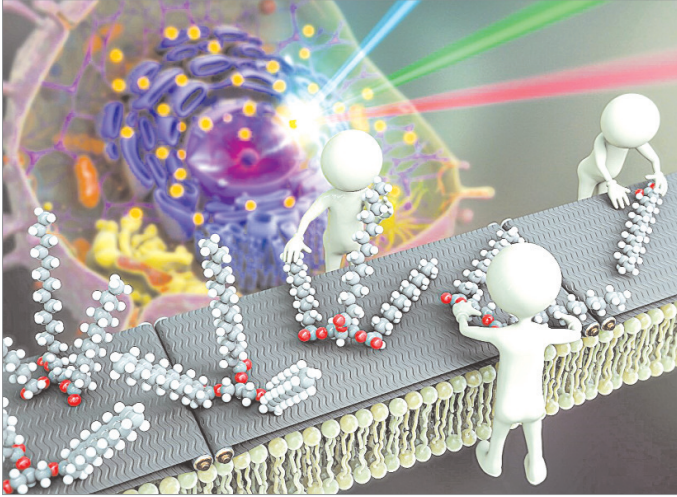
Lipid droplets (LDs) are structures made up of pockets of neutral lipids (triglycerides) enclosed in a monolayer of phospholipids.

They have long been regarded as uninteresting organelles whose sole function is to store excess energy in the form of neutral lipids.

However, recent studies indicate these droplets actually are dynamic players in various cellular metabolic activities.

It was found they are actively involved in regulating lipid toxicity and cell communication, as well as their correlation with prevalent diseases like obesity and non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

Understanding the functions of LDs is thus imperative for the



diagnosis and treatment of these conditions.

Researchers have traditionally stained the cells with lipophilic dyes and employed fluorescence microscopy to study LDs within cells. However, this method has several significant limitations. First is photobleaching of the dyes, which restricts the observation duration of the LDs to very short time windows. Another limitation is the fluorescent dyes themselves. The currently used fluorescent dyes simply target the hydrophobic environment within LDs, utilizing unspecified binding mechanisms. As such, they are

incapable of accurately analyzing the composition and quantity of neutral lipids.

Unlike previous methods that relied on fluorescent microscopy, the new 2C-IPM technology uses an infrared (IR) spectroscopic method and does not require the use of fluorescent dyes. The new method monitors neutral lipids within LDs directly by detecting changes in IR absorbance. Importantly, this advantage allows researchers to observe the synthesis of neutral lipids within individual LDs in living cells over a long period. Employing the newly developed method, the research

team studied the synthesis of neutral lipids in cells when they were exposed to excess fatty acids.

The researchers were able to distinguish freshly synthesized neutral lipids from pre-existing neutral lipids within cells by subjecting deuterium-labeled fatty acids, which have distinct spectroscopic properties from non-deuterated forms. The analysis results verified excess fatty acids caused lipid toxicity, and cells respond by increasing the synthesis of neutral lipids.

The lead author, researcher PARK Chanjong, remarked, "This study serves as a fundamental example demonstrating the possibility of long-term research on lipid droplets and internal neutral lipids in living cells. The analytical method established in this research can be applied to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases closely associated with lipid metabolism, such as non-alcoholic fatty liver disease."

Director CHO Minhaeng commented, "By successfully observing the process of neutral lipid synthesis in living cells, we have laid a new foundation for studying the functions of lipid droplets within cells at the molecular level. This method is expected to be widely used in the investigation of various cellular metabolic phenomena."

Study assesses therapeutic strategies for severe obesity in adolescents



Illinois [US] : According to a study, adolescents with severe obesity who got both meal-replacement therapy and financial incentives had a higher reduction in body mass index compared to those who just received meal-replacement therapy. The finding was published in JAMA Pediatrics. Justin Ryder, PhD, Vice Chair of Research for the Department of Surgery at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and Associate Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, was a co-author of the study.

Severe obesity currently affects about one in five children and adolescents in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and is defined as having a body mass index, or BMI, either at or above the 95th percentile for age and sex. The condition is associated with an increased risk of adult obesity, cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and other conditions.

Previous research has found that meal replacement therapy (MRT), rather than traditional lifestyle modifications, is more effective in helping reduce BMI in adolescents with severe obesity. In the current study, the investigators sought to determine if MRT paired with financial incentives to adolescents with severe obesity would increase the efficacy of MRT and lead to a greater reduction in BMI, when compared to MRT alone. "There's literature for adults that supports that tying in financial incentives to weight loss or physical activity programs increases adherence,

and so we wanted to see whether or not adding financial incentives to a behavioural/nutrition weight loss program using meal replacement therapy would increase adherence and through adherence, increase the efficacy of the treatment," Dr Ryder said. Of the 126 adolescents enrolled in the study, 63 participants received MRT plus financial incentives and 63 participants received only MRT for one year. MRT included pre-portioned meals totalling 1,200 calories per day, and financial incentives were provided based on reduction in body weight from baseline. After 52 weeks, the MRT plus financial incentives group had a greater BMI reduction (a reduction of 6 percentage points) and a greater reduction in total body fat mass (a loss of 4.8 kilograms) compared to those who only received MRT therapy.

"Using a cost-effectiveness analysis, we looked at mean fat mass lost between the two treatments and found that despite providing the additional meal replacements for per pound lost, it was cost-effective to do so," Dr Ryder added. Additional work is also needed to develop interventions that extend beyond one year, according to the authors.

"While financial incentives plus MRT appears to be a longer-term strategy than MRT alone, treatment withdrawal will likely result in BMI increase. As such, research is needed to identify strategies that are scalable and feasible in the long term given the chronic nature of obesity," the authors wrote.

Hypertension guidelines do not include potassium-enriched salt: Study

NEW SOUTH WALES [AUSTRALIA] : An international panel of experts published a suggestion in the scientific journal Hypertension published by the American Heart Association, calling for the inclusion of low-sodium potassium-enriched salt in hypertension therapy guidelines.

High levels of sodium intake and low levels of potassium intake are widespread, and both are linked to high blood pressure (hypertension) and a greater risk of stroke, heart disease and premature death. Using a salt substitute where part of the sodium chloride is replaced with potassium chloride addresses both problems at once.

Professor Alta Schutte at The George Institute for Global Health and UNSW Sydney said that despite data from randomised controlled trials demonstrating the health benefits of potassium-enriched, sodium-reduced salt substitutes, they are rarely used.

"We found current clinical guidelines offer incomplete and inconsistent recommendations about the use of these salt substitutes," she said.

"Given the wealth of evidence available, we feel it's time to include salt substitutes in treatment guidelines to help address spiralling rates of uncontrolled high blood pressure around the world and reduce preventable deaths."

Potassium-enriched salt can be used as a direct replacement for regular salt (sodium chloride) when seasoning, preserving or manufacturing foods. Importantly, while other salt reduction strategies make foods taste less salty, switching to potassium-enriched salt is

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undetectable by most people. "Unwanted taste effects are the main reason why efforts to reduce salt intake have failed for more than two decades. The willingness of patients to keep using potassium-enriched salt removes that barrier, which is why it can be a game-changer," Prof Schutte added. A global collaboration of researchers from the US, Australia, Japan, South Africa and India reviewed 32 separate hypertension treatment guidelines - two from global organisations, five from regional organisations and 25 from country organisations - published between 1 January 2013 and 21 June 2023. They found all guidelines referred to sodium reduction, with most recommending reducing salt intake.



Many also recommended increasing dietary potassium intake, but only two - the Chinese and European guidelines - made a specific recommendation for using potassium-enriched salt.

Dr Tom Frieden, President and CEO of Resolve to Save Lives, a global public health organisation focused on preventing 100 million deaths from cardiovascular disease, said that the number of people living with hypertension had doubled in the past 30 years to about 1.3 billion. "High blood pressure kills more than ten million people every year - almost 20 people every minute. Twenty percent of these deaths can be linked to a single culprit: eating too much salt," he said. "Based on the evidence, there is little

doubt that most patients with hypertension and their families should reduce their overall salt intake and, when choosing to consume salt, should switch from regular salt to potassium-enriched salt. This will help reduce blood pressure and protect against serious complications such as stroke and premature death."

Dr Frieden emphasized the shift required to our food environment. "As a society, we must prioritize availability and accessibility of low-sodium, potassium-enriched salts - at home, in restaurants, and in grocery stores. These products should not be marketed or priced as a luxury. Low-sodium, potassium-enriched salt can become the new default." Another barrier to uptake has

been concerns about causing elevated levels of potassium in the blood (hyperkalaemia) in people with advanced kidney disease.

Professor Bruce Neal, Executive Director at The George Institute Australia and Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at Imperial College London, said it is clear that patients with advanced kidney disease should not use potassium-enriched salts, but this applies to a very small proportion of the population, and these patients are already recommended to avoid salt intake.

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The authors argued that given potassium-enriched salt is one of the few dietary interventions patients comply with long-term, it is logical to at least consider the use of potassium-enriched salt for all those with hypertension.

"We strongly encourage clinical guideline bodies to review their recommendations about the use of potassium-enriched salt substitutes at the earliest opportunity - if the world switched from using regular salt to potassium-enriched it would prevent millions of strokes and heart attacks every year at very low cost," added Prof Schutte.

Assam CM threatens to send Mahmood Madani to Bangladesh over Jamiat Ulama's demand for his removal

MI News Service, Dispur: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has stirred controversy with his latest remarks directed at Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind president Maulana Mahmood Madani. Responding to the organization's reported demand for his removal, Sarma declared, "If I get hold of Mahmood Madani, I will send him to Bangladesh." The statement has sparked sharp criticism from several quarters, with community leaders accusing the Chief Minister of using divisive rhetoric to target Muslims and their leadership. Critics argue that such threats from a constitutional authority undermine democratic values and reflect a pattern of hostility towards minority voices in Assam. Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind, one of the country's oldest Muslim organizations, has been vocal against the government's policies, particularly on issues concerning citizenship, NRC, and the treatment of minorities. The demand for Sarma's removal was reportedly raised over his controversial policies and remarks seen as discriminatory.

While Sarma's supporters claim his statement reflects his tough stance on organizations "opposing national interest," opponents argue that sending threats to a religious leader highlights a dangerous trend in political discourse. The development is expected to further strain relations between the Assam government and Muslim organizations, with Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind likely to issue a formal response in the coming days.

Khamenei rejects US talks, says Washington seeks Iran's 'obedience'

MI News Service, Tehran: Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei said that the United States confronts Iran because it wants the country to be "obedient," a demand he called "offensive" and vowed the nation would resist. Speaking in Tehran, on Sunday, Khamenei rejected calls for direct negotiations with Washington and said US hostility has been consistent since the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Xinhua news agency reported quoting the official news agency IRNA. He referred to a June 13 attack on Iran, saying that US-linked groups met in a European capital the next day to discuss a "post-Islamic Republic" order, even proposing a monarch. Those efforts, he said, were thwarted by the resilience of the Iranian people and state institutions. The rare Israeli and US attacks in June, which targeted key nuclear sites and prompted Iranian retaliation, were designed to destabilise the Islamic republic, Khamenei argued.



People carry an idol of Lord Ganesh ahead of the 'Ganesh Chaturthi' festival, in Agartala.

PM Modi dedicated Railway Projects worth more than 1,400 Crore to the Nation at a program held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat

MI News Service, New Delhi: On 25 August 2025, Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated railway projects worth more than ₹1,400 crore to the nation at a program held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. These projects will particularly benefit the districts of Mehsana, Patan, Banaskantha, Gandhinagar, and Ahmedabad in North Gujarat. They are expected to make a significant contribution to regional connectivity, industrial development, logistics efficiency, and employment generation.

Among the projects dedicated by the Prime Minister are:
Doubling of the Mehsana-Palanpur rail line (65 km) at a cost of ₹537 crore, Gauge conversion of the Kalol-Kadi-Katosan Road rail line (37 km) at a cost of ₹347 crore, and Gauge conversion of the Becharaji-Ranuj rail line (40 km) at a cost of ₹520 crore.

These projects will provide seamless, safe, and uninterrupted broad-gauge connectivity to the districts of

Mehsana, Banaskantha, and Patan in North Gujarat. This will make travel for daily commuters, tourists, and businesses easier and faster, while also boosting regional economic integration. The additional line capacity will enable faster train operations on the Ahmedabad-Delhi route, paving the way for more passenger trains and improving the speed and efficiency of freight trains. In this way, the projects will infuse new energy into Gujarat's economic activities. The gauge conversion of the Becharaji-Ranuj rail line has been undertaken in line with the National Logistics Policy and the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for Multimodal Connectivity. Its aim is to reduce logistics costs and further improve Gujarat's ranking in the Logistics Performance Index. This initiative by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will accelerate the socio-economic progress of North Gujarat, while also setting a new benchmark in India's logistics and

railway sector. In addition, the Prime Minister also inaugurated passenger train services between Katosan Road and Sabarmati via Kadi and flagged off a car-loaded freight train service from Becharaji. The new Katosan-Sabarmati passenger service will not only improve access to tourist and religious destinations but also promote local-level economic activity. Similarly, the car-loaded freight service from Becharaji will strengthen connectivity for industrial areas of the state, expanding the logistics network and creating new employment opportunities.

Both of these services will provide the region with a sustainable, eco-friendly, and high-speed transport option. This will reduce travel time and lead to substantial growth in regional industrial development, investment attraction, and job creation. Together, these railway projects will pave the way from Viksit Gujarat (Developed Gujarat) to Viksit Bharat (Developed India).

Howrah Division Conducts Intensive Cleanliness Drives Under Swachhata Abhiyan



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing Swachhata Abhiyan, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway conducted intensive cleanliness drives on 25th August, 2025 across various stations of the Division, with special focus on Rampurhat station. The drive included thorough cleaning of platforms, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, and passenger amenities, along with special attention to waste management practices. Dedicated teams ensured removal of garbage, washing and scrubbing of floors, and cleaning of drains

to maintain hygienic surroundings for passengers. Passengers and staff were also sensitized about maintaining cleanliness within station premises, reinforcing the message of collective responsibility under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Howrah Division remains committed to upholding the highest standards of hygiene and passenger comfort. Regular intensive cleaning drives not only improve the travel experience but also reflect Indian Railways' vision of providing a clean, safe, and passenger-friendly environment.

Israel has destroyed more than 1,000 buildings in Gaza City: Civil Defence

MI News Service, Gaza: Israel has completely destroyed more than 1,000 buildings in the Zeitoun and Sabra neighbourhoods of Gaza City since it started its invasion of the city on August 6, trapping hundreds under the rubble, the Palestinian Civil Defence says. The agency said in a statement on Sunday that ongoing shelling and blocked access routes are preventing many rescue and aid operations in the area. Emergency workers continue to receive numerous reports of missing people but are unable to respond, while hospitals are overwhelmed by the toll of the attacks, it added.

"There are grave concerns about the continued incursion of Israeli forces into Gaza City, at a time when field crews lack the capacity to deal with the intensity of the ongoing Israeli attacks," the Civil Defence said. "There is no safe area in the Gaza Strip, whether in the north or south, where shelling continues to target civilians in their homes, shelters, and even in their displacement camps." Israeli tanks have been

rolling into the Sabra neighbourhood as Israel moves to fully occupy Gaza City, forcing close to 1 million Palestinians there southwards. The Civil Defence's assertion appears to confirm fears that Israel is planning to fully demolish Gaza City, as it did in Rafah, a campaign that rights advocates say could be aimed at removing all Palestinians from Gaza. At least three people, including a child, were among the latest victims killed in an attack on a residential apartment on al-Jalaa Street in Gaza City, according to a source in the enclave's emergency and ambulance department.

The area, where famine has been declared, has been under relentless Israeli bombardment over the last several weeks. Residents reported explosions echoing nonstop through the neighbourhoods, while several buildings were also blown up further north, in the ravaged Jabalia refugee camp. At least 51 people were killed in Israeli attacks on Gaza on Sunday, including 27 in Gaza City and 24 aid seekers, medical sources told Al Jazeera.

Good News for Travelers: Weekly Puja Special Train to Connect Patna and Puri

To manage the expected surge of passengers and provide improved travel facilities during the upcoming Puja festival season, Indian Railways has decided to operate Weekly Puja Special train services between Patna and Puri.

Train Details

Train No. 03230/03229 Patna-Puri-Patna Weekly Puja Special

From Patna: Departs every Thursday, from 28th August 2025 to 25th December 2025

From Puri: Departs every Friday, from 29th August 2025 to 26th December 2025

Coach Composition

01 Second AC coach
02 Third AC coaches
09 Sleeper Class coaches

06 Second Class seating coaches

02 Luggage-cum-Second Class coaches (with Divyangjan-friendly facilities)

Stops (Both Directions)

The Weekly Puja Special will halt at the following stations:
Bakhtiyarpur, Barh, Mokameh, Kiul, Jhajha, Jaisidhi, Madhupur, Chittaranjan, Ansol, Durgapur, Bardhaman, Dankuni, Andul, Kharagpur, Baleswar, Bhadrak, Jajpur Road, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Khurda Road and Sakhi Gopal.

Israel uses explosive robots in northern Gaza

MI News Service, Gaza Strip: Israeli forces reportedly detonated explosive robots in northern Gaza on Sunday, August 24, destroying homes, forcing evacuations, and killing four Palestinians seeking aid south of the city. Videos circulating on social media show extensive damage to residential buildings in Jabalia al-Nazla, Al-Zarqa, and Zarqa east of Sheikh Radwan, confirming residents' accounts. Activists described the explosions as an "earthquake hitting Gaza City" following Israel's military operation "Gideon Armored Vehicles 2."

Residents reported tear gas fired at civilians in crowded tents, causing respiratory irritation. Dozens of buildings were destroyed and forcibly evacuated, while echoes of the blasts reportedly reached towns in the West Bank. In Jabaliya, a densely populated refugee camp north of Gaza City, residents told the Associated Press that heavy overnight blasts destroyed neighbourhoods, leaving people in constant fear. One displaced resident, Osama Matter, described the damage as total, "They want it like Rafah. There have been non-stop explosions and strikes in the past days." Teacher Salim Dhaer said he saw robots being planted as troops advanced, which he feared was part of a wider effort to forcibly remove northern residents. "The aim is clear: to destroy everything above the ground and force the transfer," he told the Associated Press.

Closing ceremony Of 37th All India Railway Chess Championship 2025-26 held at Eastern Railway Indoor Stadium, Behala

• GM/ER distributed prizes to the winners of the championship

• Himat Gusain/IM bagged the gold medal in the individual level.

• Team of Eastern Railway bagged the champion trophy in the team level.



MI News Service, Kolkata:

The 37th All India Railway Chess Championship 2025-26, hosted by Eastern Railway at Majerhat Sports Complex, concluded today (25.08.2025) with a grand closing ceremony. The week-long championship, which began on 19th August 2025, witnessed participation from 16 Railway teams comprising 127 players, including 12 Grand Masters (GM) and 17 International Masters (IM). The tournament was conducted at both team and individual levels.

At the closing ceremony held at Eastern Railway Indoor Stadium, James Long Sarani, Behala, Shri Milind Deouskar, Patron/Eastern Railway Sports Association & General Manager, Eastern Railway, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Dibyendu Barua, Arjuna Awardee, Grand Master & Vice President, AICF, was present as Guest of Honour. Satyaki Nath, the president of Eastern Railway Sports Association & CAO (systems), Principal Head of Departments and other senior officers were also present in this event. A special highlight of the programme was a Blitz Chess Match between Himat Gusain/IM (Western Railway) and Diptayan Ghosh/ GM (Eastern Railway). As part of community outreach, school students from Orient Day School were present to witness the event and interact with the chess masters.

During the ceremony, the General Manager, Eastern Railway, distributed prizes and medals to the winners of team and individual level. In the individual level Shri Himat Gusain/IM selected as the champion and bagged the gold medal while in team level, Eastern Railway Team emerged as the champion and won the Champion Trophy, Silver Medal to the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) Team and Bronze Medal to the Southern Railway Team.

Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway extended his congratulations to both the champion and runners-up in both levels and applauded the efforts of the Eastern Railway Sports Association for organizing this prestigious national-level event. The championship concluded on a high note, showcasing the immense talent and competitive spirit of Railway players while also inspiring young students through community engagement.

Howrah Division Promotes UTS Mobile App to Encourage Digital Ticketing



MI News Service, Howrah: As part of its continuous efforts to promote digitalisation and enhance passenger convenience, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway conducted an awareness campaign on 25th August, 2025 across several stations including Hooghly, Chinsurah, Bhadrak, Haripal, Baidyabati, Tarakeswar, Bahirkhanda, and Mankundu. The campaign focused on creating awareness among passengers about the Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) Mobile App, which allows users to book unreserved tickets seamlessly through their smartphones. Railway staff interacted with passengers, demonstrated the process

of downloading and using the app, and highlighted its benefits such as cashless transactions, reduced queue times, and eco-friendly paperless ticketing. This initiative reflects Howrah Division's commitment to the Digital India Mission by encouraging the adoption of modern, technology-driven solutions in railway ticketing. By expanding the reach of digital services, Indian Railways aims to provide passengers with a faster, smoother, and more convenient travel experience. Howrah Division continues to take proactive measures in bringing railway services closer to people through innovation, digitalisation, and passenger-friendly practices.

SC stays trial against Ashoka University professor Ali Khan

MI News Service, Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday restrained the trial court from taking cognisance of the chargesheet filed by Haryana SIT in the FIR against Ashoka University professor Ali Khan Mahmudabad, who was booked for social media posts on Operation Sindoor. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joydeep Bagchi also restrained the trial court from framing any charges in the case.

The SIT, constituted by the top court to investigate the two FIRs registered against Mahmudabad over his contentious social media posts, informed the

bench that in one of them it has filed a closure report while in one a chargesheet was filed on August 22 after it was found that some offences were made out. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Mahmudabad, termed the filing of the chargesheet as "most unfortunate" and said they have booked him under section 152 of BNS (sedition), whose validity is under challenge.

The bench asked Sibal to go through the chargesheet and prepare a chart of the alleged offences, saying it would consider the submissions on the next date of hearing. The top court noted



that in one FIR against Mahmudabad, a closure report has been filed and directed for quashing all the proceedings related to the

case. On July 16, the top court questioned Haryana SIT's line of investigation in the case, saying "it misdirected itself".

On May 21, the top court granted him interim bail, but refused to stay the investigation against him. It had directed a three-member SIT to look into the FIRs against him.

Haryana Police arrested Mahmudabad on May 18 after two FIRs were registered against him. His contentious social media posts on Operation Sindoor, it is alleged, endangered the sovereignty and integrity of the country. The two FIRs — one based on a complaint by the

chairperson of Haryana State Commission for Women, Renu Bhatia, and the other on a complaint by a village sarpanch — were lodged by Rai police in Sonapat district.

He was booked under BNS sections 152 (acts endangering sovereignty or unity and integrity of India), 353 (statements conducing to public mischief), 79 (deliberate actions aimed at insulting the modesty of a woman) and 196 (1) (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion). Several political parties and academicians condemned the arrest. — With Agencies Inputs

"IT'S GREAT WHEN WE WIN FOR THE COUNTRY": ELAVENIL VALARIVAN AFTER CLINCHING GOLD AT ASIAN SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan expressed her delight after clinching a gold medal in the 10m air rifle mixed team event at the Asian Shooting Championship 2025, stating that winning for the country is always a proud moment.

Elavenil, along with fellow Olympian Arjun Babuta, secured the top podium finish in the event held in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, on Saturday.

"It's great when we win for the country and see so many people supporting us when we come back," Valarivan told ANI.

Valarivan and Arjun Babuta, both Olympians, dominated the People's Republic of China's Peng Xinlu and Lu Dingke in the final and won the contest 17-11 to land the top podium spot.

In the junior category, Naren Pranav bagged a gold medal in the 10m junior air rifle mixed team event. He said he will continue to work on his progress and ensure India's flag rises on the Olympic stage.

"I feel great getting medals for India in the Asian Championship. I will continue to work on my progress and ensure India's flag rises on the Olympic stage," Naren Pranav said.

Making her international debut, Hurdya Sri Kondur finished seventh and called the experience a valuable learning opportunity.

"This was my first international competition. It took me some time to get settled, as everything was new, and others were really experienced. It was a new experience," Hurdya Sri Kondur said.

Gold medallist Bhumi Gulia, who also secured a bronze, said, "I won a gold and a bronze in the 16th Asian Championship. I am really proud of myself and feel happy."

Two-time Olympic medalist Manu Bhaker, who earlier this week won two bronze medals in the women's 10m air pistol individual and team events, is currently placed fourth after the precision stage of the women's 25m pistol qualification round.

India has sent a 35-member senior squad to the championship, competing across 15 events. Additionally, 129 junior shooters are representing the country in Shymkent.

INDIA'S PACER HARSHIT RANA SAYS HE IS 'FULLY PREPARED' FOR ASIA CUP 2025



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : India's right-arm seamer Harshit Rana revealed that he is "fully prepared" for the upcoming Asia Cup 2025, scheduled to be held in the United Arab Emirates from September 9 to 28.

India will begin their campaign against hosts UAE on September 10, followed by the much-anticipated clash against Pakistan on September 14, with both matches set to be played in Dubai. India will play their final group stage fixture against Oman on September 19 in Abu Dhabi.

Speaking to ANI about his preparation for the Asia Cup

2025, the 23-year-old said, "It's been almost one month of playing in the DPL. I am fully prepared for the Asia Cup, having played 20-over cricket for some time now."

Rana also described the Indian bowling unit as "very stable" and credited the presence of senior pacers Jasprit Bumrah and Arshdeep Singh in the Asia Cup 2025 squad, which will bring valuable experience to the side and greatly benefit the young fast bowlers in the team.

"India has a very stable bowling unit right now, like in the Asia Cup squad, there are players like Jasprit Bumrah and Arshdeep

Singh who bring experience to the side, which will help a lot," Harshit Rana added.

The Super 4 stage of the Asia Cup will take place from September 20 to 26, with the final scheduled to be played in Dubai on September 28.

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.

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

Reserve players: Prasidh Krishna, Washington Sundar, Rryan Parag, Dhruv Jurel, Yashasvi Jaiswal.

"Every ball I bowl is build-up to that": England's Archer hopes to remain injury-free en route to Ashes

LONDON [UK] : England tearaway Jofra Archer isn't in the mood to miss out on any game in future due to injury. With the Ashes, the oldest rivalry in cricket, set to unfold in November, the 30-year-old declared that every ball he bowls before charging at the opposition in Australia will be a build-up to that.

Archer returned to the Test fold after four years of absence during the Third Test at Lord's in the inaugural edition of the tournament against India. Since going missing from red-ball action in 2021, Archer endured a period during which injuries constantly plagued him, especially a recurring stress fracture in his right elbow.

Archer is currently a part of The Hundred, representing Southern Brave, scalping eight wickets in six appearances at 16.

While hoping to avoid a long lay-off, the 30-year-old is taking it one step at a time. He aims to focus on the South Africa and New Zealand white-ball series, which will serve as the build-up to the Ashes.

"I have had a lot of time off, and I don't plan to miss any more days of cricket with injuries. We got a series before the Ashes, which is obviously in my mind. Every ball I bowl is a build-up to that," Archer said while speaking to Sky Sports.

With England cautiously monitoring his workload, Archer was able to find his way to tormenting the batters with his lethal pace. After inspiring England to a 22-run triumph at Lord's, he retained his spot for the fourth Test in Manchester, which ended in a draw.

Courtesy of an eight-day break, Archer had plenty of rest to test



the speed gun with his scorching pace. Since being reinforced into England's red-ball setup, Archer has bowled 88.3 overs, testing the speed gun with his scorching pace and returned with nine wickets at 28.66.

During the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, a wave of

excitement engulfed the spectators as their eyes remained glued to witnessing Archer's tempting pace. He will be keen to break the shackles, continue his red-hot form in the white-ball fixtures against the Kiwis and Proteas before challenging the Baggy Greens.

Dane van Niekerk comes out of retirement for ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025

JOHANNESBURG [SOUTH AFRICA] : Former South Africa skipper Dane van Niekerk has decided to make a return to international cricket. She has been included in the 20-member squad that will participate in the home cap for the preparations of the upcoming ICC Women's Cricket World Cup later this year.

Taking to her social media, Dane van Niekerk wrote in a statement, "I'm thrilled to announce that I have decided to revoke from retirement from international cricket. The time away has reminded me just how much I have missed representing my country and I'm fully committed to give everything to once again have that opportunity."

The national training camp has been scheduled to commence on August 25 in Durban and will continue through September, as per the ICC.

Following the completion of the camp, South Africa will travel to Pakistan for a three-match ODI series starting on September 16 - their final assignment ahead of the Cricket World Cup in India and Sri Lanka.

Missing out on the 20-member squad to take part in the camp are skipper Laura Wolvaardt, along with all-rounders Chloe Tryon and Marizanne Kapp, who are currently featuring in The Hundred.

Meanwhile, uncapped all-rounder Luyanda Nzuza, who represented South



Africa in the U19 World Cup earlier this year, has earned a call-up to the camp.

The final Proteas squads for both the Pakistan tour and the Cricket World Cup will be announced in early September.

"It's a very exciting time to be part of this group as we build towards the World Cup. The players have put in a huge amount of work over the past few months to be ready for that first ball against England in India. This camp in Durban will be crucial in helping us finalise a few key areas of our preparation, making sure we tick every box before we board the plane as a united force," said South Africa Women's head coach Mandla Mashimbyi as quoted by ICC.

"Pakistan will also serve as an important measure of where we are as a team ahead of the tournament, and we're looking forward to putting our best foot forward in those three ODIs. In terms of the players involved in the camp, we've worked hard to ensure we have the right balance and skillset needed for a successful World Cup. We've also brought in the likes of Luyanda and Dane to take a closer look at what they can contribute to the group in the near future," Mandla Mashimbyi added.

Proteas squad for national camp: Anneke Bosch, Tazmin Brits, Nadine de Klerk, Annerie Dercksen, Lara Goodall, Ayanda Hlubi, Sinalo Jafta, Ayabonga Khaka, Masabata Klaas, Sune Luus, Eliz-Mari Marx, Karabo Meso, Nonkululeko Mlaba, Seshnie Naidu, Luyanda Nzuza, Tumi Sekhukhune, Nondumiso Shangase, Miane Smit, Faye Tunnicliffe, Dane van Niekerk.

Indian Supercross Racing League welcomes US-based Tricolor Motorsports as new franchise team

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : The Indian Supercross Racing League (ISRL) has announced the addition of Tricolor Motorsports as its newest franchise team ahead of Season 2.

Backed by a leading US-based business conglomerate and led by industry veteran Pradeep Lala, Tricolor Motorsports marks a significant step in ISRL's global expansion strategy.

The entry of US-based companies into ISRL underscores growing global confidence in India's motorsports potential. This collaboration brings international expertise, innovation, and investment that will accelerate the sport's growth in the country. With India's large youth base and rising fan interest, such partnerships are set to shape a world-class ecosystem for motorsports and entertainment.

Pradeep Lala, former Managing Director and CEO of Embassy Services Pvt. Ltd (part of the Embassy Group, Bengaluru), is also the Founder of Horizon Group, established in 2000. The group has delivered high-quality solutions across real estate, engineering services, and project management. As Team Co-owner and CEO, Lala will lead Tricolor Motorsports' vision to build a full-scale

motorsports division in India.

"India's sports and entertainment market is evolving at a tremendous pace, and the Indian Supercross Racing League is poised to become one of the most scalable and high-impact platforms in this space. With its unique blend of motorsports, entertainment, and brand engagement, ISRL is a new-age league for a new-age audience. Through Tricolor Motorsports, we aim to build a comprehensive motorsports division that will elevate talent, technology, and excitement across the country," said Lala, as quoted in an ISRL press release.

The Indian Supercross Racing League has already captured national attention with Bollywood megastar Salman Khan on board as the official Brand Ambassador and as an Investor in the league. His involvement has propelled the league into the mainstream, giving it a unique blend of entertainment, lifestyle, and commercial appeal that sets it apart from traditional sports formats.

ISRL, known for blending adrenaline and aspiration, is fast emerging as a cultural movement among Indian youth, particularly in urban and semi-urban markets.



A look at head coaches of all teams ahead of PKL Season 12

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) is all set for another blockbuster season in 2025, from August 29 onwards, with a clash between Telugu Titans and Tamil Thalaivas.

In the fast-paced world of PKL, the coaches along with the players play a crucial role in determining the success of a team. Let us look at the head coaches of all teams, some of them being highly influential figures in the history of Indian kabaddi.

-Bengal Warriorz: Naveen Kumar
Bengal Warriorz appointed Naveen Kumar as their new head coach ahead of the PKL Season 12. The player-turned-coach from Haryana brings a wealth of experience to the Warriorz set-up.

The former India international won multiple gold medals, including at the 10th South Asian Games (2006), the 15th Asian Games (2006), the 2nd Kabaddi World Cup (2007), and the 2nd Asian Indoor Games (2007), as per a PKL press release.

Kumar has previously coached several national and international teams, including the Indian Navy and the Sports Authority of India teams.

Meanwhile, the PKL Season 7 winners parted ways with Prashant Surve after the Warriorz failed to qualify for the Playoffs last season.

-Bengaluru Bulls: BC Ramesh
Two-time PKL title-winning coach BC Ramesh was named Bengaluru Bulls' new head coach for the PKL Season 12. Ramesh guided Bengal Warriorz to their maiden PKL title in Season 7, and later helped Puneri Paltan clinch their first-ever PKL trophy in Season 10.

Interestingly, BC Ramesh was the assistant coach of the Bulls when they won their only PKL title in the 2018-19 season.

The Arjuna Awardee, Ramesh takes over the mantle from former



head coach Randhir Singh Sehrawat, who was the longest-serving coach in PKL and was released by the franchise after 11 years.

-Dabang Delhi K.C.: Joginder Narwal

PKL Season 8 winners Dabang Delhi K.C. have decided to stick with Joginder Narwal as their head coach for the upcoming season.

Under his guidance, the New Delhi-based franchise emerged as one of the most dominant teams in the Pro Kabaddi League last season. Dabang Delhi K.C. stormed into the PKL Season 11 playoffs after finishing sec-

ond on the points table with 13 wins in 22 games.

A former defender, Joginder previously guided the franchise to their maiden PKL title as a captain in 2018.

-Gujarat Giants: Jaivir Sharma
Two-time PKL finalists Gujarat Giants have roped in Jaivir Sharma as their head coach ahead of the PKL Season 12.

With over 30 years of experience, Jaivir is regarded as one of the highly esteemed figures in the Indian kabaddi circuit. Under his tutelage, the Indian team won gold medals at major events, including the Asian Games, the Kabaddi World Cup and the Kabaddi Championships.

He has previously served in the Sports Authority of India (SAI) since 1992 and played an instrumental role in developing and producing kabaddi stars.

Jaivir has replaced former head coach Ram Mehar Singh, who was released after the Giants finished 11th last season.

-Haryana Steelers: Manpreet Singh
After guiding Haryana Steelers to their maiden PKL triumph last season, Manpreet Singh will continue as their head coach for the upcoming edition.

Under his guidance, the Steelers have been one of the standout teams in the Pro Kabaddi since his appointment in 2022. The Manpreet Singh-coached Steelers earlier finished runners-up in Season 10.

A former Pro Kabaddi champion as a player with Patna Pirates, Manpreet began his coaching journey on an impressive note after he led Gujarat Giants to runners-up finishes in Season 5 and 6.

-Jaipur Pink Panthers: Narender Redhu
Two-time PKL champions Jaipur Pink Panthers have appointed Narender Redhu as their new head coach for the forthcoming season. Considered to be one of the most

promising young coaches in the Indian kabaddi circuit, Redhu guided a young Patna Pirates outfit to the PKL Season 11 final. Under his coaching, the Pirates also reached the PKL Season 10 playoffs.

Meanwhile, Redhu has been handed the responsibility after the Pink Panthers parted ways with their former head coach Sanjeev Balian.

-Patna Pirates: Anup Kumar
Patna Pirates, the most successful team in PKL history, have named former India kabaddi captain Anup Kumar as their head coach for the PKL Season 12.

The three-time PKL winners have signed Anup to replace former head coach Narender Redhu, who was released after the Pirates lost in the PKL Season 11 Final.

Anup was a member of the Indian national kabaddi team that clinched Asian gold medals in 2010 and 2014, the South Asian gold medal and the Kabaddi World Cup in 2016.

The Arjuna Award winner also guided U Mumba to the final in the first three seasons, including claiming the coveted PKL title in Season 2.

-Puneri Paltan: Ajay Thakur
PKL Season 10 champions Puneri Paltan have announced Ajay Thakur as their head coach for the upcoming season. The former Indian kabaddi captain has been promoted to the role of head coach after he was appointed as their assistant coach in Season 11.

Widely regarded as one of the greatest kabaddi players of all time, Ajay was part of the Indian kabaddi

team that won gold medals at the 2014 Asian Games and the 2016 Kabaddi World Cup. He was awarded the Padma Shri and the Arjuna Award in 2019.

Anup ended his illustrious PKL career with 816 points in 121 matches, including 794 raid points and 22 tackle points.

-Tamil Thalaivas: Sanjeev Balian
Tamil

Thalaivas have acquired the services of Sanjeev Balian as their head coach ahead of Season 12.

The Arjuna Awardee boasts a brilliant coaching record in the PKL, winning titles with Patna Pirates in Season 3 and Jaipur Pink Panthers in Season 9.

Under his guidance, the Pink Panthers qualified for the PKL playoffs in the previous three seasons before ending his stint after PKL Season 11.

Ahead of the upcoming season, the Thalaivas have also appointed Suresh Kumar as their assistant coach to return to a traditional coaching structure. The decision comes after the franchise released their former coaches, Udayakumar and Cheralathan Dharmaraj.

-Telugu Titans: Krishan Kumar
Hooda Telugu Titans have retained Krishan Kumar Hooda as their head coach for the PKL Season 12.

Under his tutelage, the Titans missed the PKL Season 11 playoffs by a whisker after finishing seventh. Having registered 12 wins in 22

matches, the Titans showed promise throughout the season to finish with 66 points, just four points behind sixth-placed Jaipur Pink Panthers.

Earlier in Season 8, the Dronacharya Award winner guided Dabang Delhi K.C. to their first-ever PKL title. Vijay Malik and Naveen Kumar are some of the PKL stars who have grabbed the spotlight under his guidance in the 2021-22 season. -U Mumba: Anil Chaprana

PKL Season 2 champions U Mumba have named Anil Chaprana as their head coach ahead of the PKL Season 12 Player Auction. Chaprana has been roped in to replace Rakesh Kumar, who was appointed as the team's head coach in February.

Chaprana had earlier served as the head coach of U Mumba and was replaced by Gholamreza Mazandarani in 2022.

He later worked as an assistant coach to Narender Redhu at Patna Pirates for one season.

Chaprana returned to U Mumba as assistant coach during PKL Season 11 and helped the team qualify for the Playoffs for the first time since 2019.

-UP Yoddhas: Jasveer Singh
Jasveer Singh will continue as the head coach of UP Yoddhas for the upcoming Pro Kabaddi League season.

The seasoned head coach joined the team in 2018 after retiring from the army. Since his appointment, the Yoddhas have performed consistently under his guidance.

The Jasveer Singh-coached side was one of the standout teams in PKL Season 11.

Having registered 13 victories in 22 games, the Yoddhas finished third on the PKL Season 11 standings with 79 points. Jasveer will be hoping to help his team to title glory in Season 12.