KMC to Build New Garbage Dump Yard Adjacent to Dhapa Amid Growing Waste Burden

With an eye on the city's future waste management challenges, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has decided to construct a new dump yard adjacent to the existing Dhapa landfill. The project, initially planned with state government financial assistance, will now be undertaken solely by the civic body after funds were not sanctioned in time, despite positive recommendations from the Urban Development and Finance Departments. According to KMC sources, the proposal will be placed at the Mayor-in-Council meeting on September 8, followed by a formal tabling at the monthly civic session on September 10 for final approval. The plan involves developing the new landfill on nearly 73 hectares of land owned by the corporation. PG 3



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SC seeks response from Centre and states about landslides and floods



MI News Service, New Delhi: Taking note of this year's unprecedented landslides and floods in several north Indian states like Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the Supreme Court on Thursday sought responses from the Centre, NDMA and others agencies besides observing that illegal felling of trees led to the disasters. A bench of Chief Justice B R Gavai and Justice K Vinod Chandran also issued notices to the Union Ministry of Environment, and Climate Change, the National Highway Authorities of India (NHAI) as well as the governments of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab seeking their response. It was responding to a plea alleging illegal felling of trees as a key reason for such disasters. The bench listed the plea filed by one Anamika Rana for hearing after two weeks and asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to ensure re-

medial measures. "We have seen unprecedented landslides and floods in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab claiming many lives. From the media reports it is noticed that in the flood a huge number of wood was flowing along. Prima facie it appears that there has been illegal felling of trees. Thus issue notice to respondents. Returnable in two weeks..." the CJI said. numbers of timber logs being washed down the hills by floodwaters', the Court said adding it prima facie appeared to be a case of illegal tree felling. The apex court was responding to a plea alleging illegal felling of trees as a key reason for such disasters.

Rs 16.43 crore siphoned off from **Municipal Corpora**tion's account

MI News Service, Agartala : In a first such incident in this small land-locked North Eastern state of Tripura, 'unknown fraudsters' have siphoned off a total amount of Rs 16.38 crore from the account of Agartala Municipal Corporation (AMC) by using a number of cloned cheques during the past few days, an official said on Friday. The Police have registered a case against this unprecedented incident of money laundering at West Agartala police station after the zonal manager of a public sector bank noticed that Rs 16.38 crore was withdrawn from the civic body's account by six cloned cheques between late August and first week of September this year.. "Following a specific complaint from a bank official, we have lodged an FIR for siphoning off Rs 16.38 crore from AMC's account, the police said adding Preliminary investigation reveals that the fraudsters operating from Hyderabad had used six cloned cheques to withdraw huge amount from the bank". The fraudsters forged the

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Death anniversary of Mother Teresa at the Mother House in Kolkata on Friday

President Murmu Honours 45 Teachers with National Awards on Teachers' Day

MI News Service, New Delhi : President Droupadi Murmu on Friday gave the National Teacher Awards to 45 teachers from across the country for their exemplary contribution to teaching and learning. The day marks the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Rad-hakrishnan, India's second President and a respected teacher and philosopher. From novel methods of teaching, dedication to students' growth to attempts to enhance learning achievements in difficult environments, awardees were recognised at the annual award ceremony. Ranging from innovative pedagogy to inspiring first-generation learners, the awardees played a key role in shaping young minds across India.

Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on September 5 to honour the role of teachers in shaping society. The Union Education Ministry announced that the awardees were selected through a rigorous three-stage process at the district, state, and national levels. This year's list includes 24 male and 21 female teachers, representing schools from big cities to remote villages. The award recognises teachers for their innovative teaching practices, dedication to student development, and contri-



President Droupadi Murmu presents an award during the 'National Teachers Awards 2025' ceremony, at Vigyan Bhawan, in New Delhi.

bution to the education sector. From improving classroom learning with creative methods to inspiring students in rural areas, these teachers have made a lasting impact on their communities.

Among the 45 awardees are educators from states such as Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Gujarat, with two teachers each making it to the list. The group also features teachers from the North-East, Union Territories, and southern states, showcasing the diversity of India's education system.

Ahead of the awards, Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the National Awardteachers. light-hearted remark, he said that while teachers usually give homework to students, he wanted to assign one to them—to lead campaigns promoting swadeshi products and strengthen the "Make in India" and "Vocal for Local" movements. He urged teachers to sow the seeds of selfreliance in students and instill the value of building a nation that thrives on its own capabilities. President Murmu, in her message on the eve of Teachers' Day, delight of society and architects of the nation's future. She highlighted their role in nurturing generations of students with wisdom, knowledge, and values, while inspiring them to pursue excellence and innovation. "As India moves towards becoming a developed nation, the contributions of teachers in preparing responsible, skilled, and visionary citizens remain more crucial than ever", President Murmu said.

WhatsApp message claims 14 'terrorists' entered Mumbai with explosives

MI News Service, Mumbai : The police in Mumbai are on high alert after receiving a threat message claiming that 14 terrorists had entered the city with 400 kg of RDX and planted them in vehicles, an official said on Friday. The message also read the blast will "shake the entire city". the official said. As the police make security arrangements for Anant Chaturthi, the 10th day of the ongoing Ganpati festival, the traffic police control room on Thursday received a threat message on their WhatsApp helpline, the official said. He said that the Crime Branch has launched an investigation into the threat, and the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and other agencies have also been informed. The message, which claims to be from the 'Lashkar-e-Jihadi' organisation, also said that 14 Pakistani terrorists have entered India. "Mumbai Police is alert, and security across the state has been enhanced. All angles of the threat are being investigated," an officer said. "We keep receiving such threatening messages

from unknown numbers on

are from someone facing mental health issues or those under the influence of alcohol" . "However, every time we receive such a message, we have to take it seriously and follow the protocol set up for such cases. If a specific location is mentioned, we have to evacuate the premises and carry out a check with the help of the bomb disposal squad," the officer said. In this case, the message does not mention a specific location, the officer said, adding that they are tracking the number and should be able to identify the sender soon. "Further legal processes, like registration of an offence in the matter, will take place soon at the local police station."

According to the details, the caller, identifying himself as a member of a Pakistanbased jihadi group and said that 14 terrorists had already entered the city. "Mumbai Police is alert, and security across the state has been enhanced. All angles of the threat are being investigated," the official said. On August 29, security was tightened at the Patna Civil Court after the authorities

Mamata Banerjee pays tribute to Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on Teacher's Day



MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday said teachers are the main architects who build the new generation taking forward the society. Offering her heartiest wishes to all members of teaching community in schools, higher educational institutions, Mamata Banerjee paid her tribute to former President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, whose birth anniversary day is being observed as Teachers' Day all over the country. "On this auspicious occasion, let me offer my best wishes to all teaching and non-teaching staff of educational institutions who lit up the path of new generation with their guidance, knowledge and wisdom. The teachers are the architects of new generation," she said in a post on her X handle in Bengali. She said teachers are the backbone of the society and the source of inspiration and strength. It may be recalled that after coming to power in 2011, she made it mandatory that the students of all the state-run colleges should pay respect to the teachers on Teachers' Day. She said "Our teachers are our guides, pillars of our inspiration and strength.

our society. We will always be grateful to them for guiding us through our formative years, and even later. Apart from our parents, they are the only ones before whom we bow our heads in respect". Incidentally on the eve of the Teachers' day on Thursday, the Chief minister honoured a total of 73 teachers with Siksha Ratna awards and 12 schools received the Best School Awards. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief minister said there were only 12 universities in West Bengal when the Trinamool Congress came to power in the state in 2011. But now the number has risen to 47, she said. The state now also has 14 new Medical colleges, 51 government colleges, as many as 500 ITIs, over 7,000 new schools and 2.20 lakh new class-Mamata Banerjee also

said her government had so far spent a staggering amount of Rs 10,000 crores for providing free school supplies. "There are 95 lakh Kannyasri beneficiaries. I felt proud when we received a Public Service Award in 2013 from the United Nations. I went to the Netherlands to accept the prize.I will always remember that

Cess 'slitting throat of federalism' says TMC's Derek O'Brien

MI News Service, New Delhi : Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha leader Derek O'Brien has stated that the cess going to the Centre is "slitting the throat of federalism", and noted that several states have voiced concern over the shrinking divisive pool of tax revenues. In a blogpost on Friday, the TMC Rajya Sabha Leader said, 'In all the hoopla about GST, the four-letter word which is slitting the throat of federalism is CESS".

"Funds collected as cess go 100 per cent to the Union government. Not a rupee is shared with the State governments," he claimed. O'Brien said the Parliamentary select committee in its 2015 report on the Goods and Services Tax (GST) bill had recommended the taxes should not exceed 18 per cent and multiplicity of taxes should be avoided. "Now, done. Better late than never," wrote O'Brien, who was a member of the Select Committee, said in his latest blog published today. The GST council on Wednesday night had announced a twotier structure (of 5 and 18 per cent), which the Union government has pipped as major reforms. O'Brien said economist Amit Mitra, the former Chairperson of the Empowered Committee of state finance ministers on GST and Principal Chief advisor to West Bengal Chief minister Mamata Banerjee, too welcomed the GST rationalisation with the rider that the benefits would now reach the people. "There was an anti-profiteering



committee that ensured the lower GST would be passed on to the consumers. That committee has been discontinued. Second, there also remains the question of how states will be compensated. Eleven ministers in the GST Council had asked for compensation, their voices were muffled," O'Brien wrote quoting Mitra. "The Revenue Secretary said that revenue loss will be Rs. 48,000 crore. But he did not take into account the supply chain. It will, easily, be over Rs. One lakh crore," he wrote. The Trinamool's Rajya Sabha leader said while much is being made about the GST, the Centre is silent on cess.

"In all the hoopla about GST, the four-letter word which is slitting the throat if federalism is cess. Funds collected as cess go 100 per cent to the Union government. Not a rupee is shared with the State government," he wrote. In 2012 cess formed seven per cent of the Union government's total tax revenue, according to O'Brien. "In 2025, cess is

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Death toll in flood-hit Punjab risen to 43 with huge crop loss

MI News Service, Chandigarh The death toll in the devastating floods in Punjab rose to 43 on Friday following the deaths of two more people at Gurdaspur, while crops on 1.71 lakh hectares have got damaged, official sources said here. Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan who visited the flood-ravaged areas of the state on Thursday said two central teams would arrive today to assess the situation arising out of floods and submit a report to the Centre soon for appropriate action. After inspecting the extent of crop damage in vast areas. Chouhan called the situation as 'jal pralay' (deluge)and assured the farmers that the Centre would make every effort to bail them out of this crisis. Dauring his visit the flood-hit areas in Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Kapurthala districts, the Union minister also interacted with the local people, particularly the farmers and their families who were mostly affected by unprecedented floods. Meanwhile, after incessant rain for

the past about a week in the



An army officer of the Panther Division carries a 60-yearold snake-bite victim during an evacuation operation while wading through floodwater at Ramdass, in Amritsar district, Punjab.

state, the people got some relief after the intensity of rain stopped this morning, though light drizzles continued in most places. According to the weather department, among the few parts of Punjab which received light rain since Friday morning were Ludhiana 9.8 mm, Patiala 1.8 mm, Gurdaspur 1.7 mm, Faridkot 3.5 mm and Rupnagar 0.5 mm. Chandigarh, the common capital of Punjab and Haryana, received 0.9 mm rain during this period. In neighbouring Haryana

also, during this period, Karnal received 9 mm of rain. In addtion Narnaul received 28.5 mm, Rohtak 17.4 mm, while Nuh received 2 mm rain. Haryana is also facing waterlogging and flooding in several areas.

Meanwhile the overall flood situation in the Jammu region of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir continued to remain grim with the traffic on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway

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our helpline, he said adding **▶▶** Continued on page 3 most of the time, they either



Model Villages for Rainwater Harvesting to Prevent Water Wastage in West Bengal

Kolkata: To ensure safe drinking water in arsenicand fluoride-affected areas and to curb wastage of potable water, model villages for rainwater harvesting are being developed across West Bengal. These initiatives aim not only to provide clean drinking water in rural areas but also to raise awareness about water conservation and sani-

The international organization Water for People India has taken a leading role in implementing the program. With its support, rainwater harvesting projects have already been launched in several districts, including Birbhum and South 24 Parganas. Awareness campaigns have also started in How-

Kolkata hosts musical event by senior citizens

MI News Service, Kolkata: They are eight passionate senior citizens. Their skin might have wrinkled with age, but their passion for music are still as young as they were ages back. They are members of the musical group -'Gaanewale'. It successfully celebrated its second anniversary with a memorable musical evening recently in Kolkata.

It was founded by Madhusudan Das Mundhra. This year's celebration marked a new chapter for the group, as they well comed female singers into their ranks for the first time.

The performances of Shyam Sundar Daga, Chandra Narayan Mohta, Prakash Mimani, Vijay Damani, Madhav P.Mohta, Raj Bagri, Balesh Bagree, Manju Bhatter, Shikha Daga, and Ritika Thawani, - left the audience

Bengal hosts International Med Conference

MI News Service, Kolkata: The 8th Annual Congress of the Indian Neurogastroenterology and Mortality Association organised by Indian Neurogastroenterology and Motility Association (INMA) was recently held in

Representatives from various countries of the world including America, Britain, Australia, Malaysia participated in the gathering. About three hundred doctors participated in this event. Discussions and workshops were held on various topics such as stomach diseases and new innovations in their treatment and their proper application.

Foresters nab couple with ivory & leopard canines

MI News Service, Alipurduar: A team of foresters of the Jaldapara wildlife division in Alipurduar arrested a couple and seized wild animal parts from

"We acted on a tip-off and a special team led by Swarnadipta Rakshit, one of our officers, intercepted a car in Alipurduar. The couple were travelling in the car. When the vehicle was searched, ivory pieces and leopard canines were found in it," said Parveen Kaswan, the divisional forest officer of Jaldapara wildlife division. Sources said that altogether, two kilos of ivory (elephant tusks) in three pieces, and four leopard canines were seized from Parimal Chandra Dey and his wife, Debjani. They are from Jhinaidanga un der the jurisdiction of Kotwali police station in Cooch Behar.



rah, Jhargram, and other

Speaking at a press workshop held at the Kolkata Press Club, Sujata Tripathi, State In-charge of Water for People India,

have been working on this for the past 15 years. So far, 17 rainwater harvesting projects have

and 9 in South 24 Parganas. Similar projects are ongoing in Howrah and other districts as well." She further added,

"Rainwater harvesting not only protects people from the harmful effects of arsenic- and fluoride-contaminated water but also helps in significantly reducing wastage of water in

where toilets exist but are underutilized, and where communities lag behind in maintaining personal hygiene, menstrual hygiene, safe sanitation, and waste management, awareness campaigns and behavioral change programs are being carried out. These efforts are being integrated with Jal Jeevan Mission, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Nirmal Bangla, and Anandadhara projects, with the active involvement of selfhelp groups to strengthen the initiative.

Experts believe such projects will not only help tackle arsenic and fluoride contamination but will also play a crucial role in addressing West Bengal's looming water crisis in the

BJP MLA Agnimitra Paul admitted to city hospital with mild brain stroke



Kolkata: Bharatiya Janata Party leader and Asansol (South) MLA Agnimitra Paul has been admitted to a private hospital in the city since Thursday night following

a mild brain stroke, party sources said on Friday. of the BJP's women's wing was stable and out of dan-

Fifty-year-old a first-time MLA from Asansol, fell ill last night and was admitted to a hospital on the EM Bypass, where a CT scan report confirmed a mild brain stroke. Sources add-They said the president ed that the former fashion designer-turned-politi-

The legislator is expected to remain in hospital for a few more days under the care of a neuromedicine expert in a critical care unit cabin at Fortis Healthcare. Doctors reiterated that she was out of danger but would continue under close supervision for some more time.

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However, Paul's private secretary dismissed reports that the MLA had suffered a brain stroke, saying she was doing well. Paul had had a hectic

day in the Assembly yesterday, actively participating in a fierce debate between the treasury bench and opposition

Swapan Samaddar celebrates Prophet's and Teacher's Day

every year on the occasion of Prophet's Day in Islam too, the Mayor of Kolkata Municipality, member of the council, municipal representative of ward number 56, president of North Kolkata INTTUC and member of North Kolkata Core Committee, Swapan Samaddar toured various areas including Motijheel and Bibi Bagan, distributing fruits, sherbet, and biscuits to the common people and spread the message of peace. He



Swapan Samaddar, a total of 442 teachers including ward number 30 and ward num-

were honored with fruits, sweets, pens, and gifts. Each teacher thanked

Centre mulls TRIBAL VARSITY, SAINIK SCHOOL in North Bengal: Shankar Ghosh

Siliguri: The Union education ministry is mulling proposals to set up a National Tribal University and a National Sainik School in north Bengal, Siliguri's BJP MLA Shankar Ghosh said.

"I, along with some other BJP MLAs from north Bengal, had met Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan in Delhi last month and requested him to consider setting up such a varsity, a Sainik School and some other educational institutions in

the region," Ghosh said. "Recently, I received a letter from him (the Union minister) where he said that he forwarded our letter to the departments concerned for appropriate action. We are confident that our demands will be met in due course,' the MLA added.

Ghosh, who had met Pradhan on August 8, said that a considerable portion of north Bengal's population comprises people from the tribal community.

"I had underscored that to enhance their education, a National Tribal University was needed in this region. Also, there is a trend among the youths in our region, especially in the hills, to join the defence and central security forces. That is why we

need a National Sainik School here, and we have proposed that such a school come up at Bidhannagar," said Ghosh. Bidhannagar,

around 35km from Siliguri, is in the Darjeeling district and close to North Dinajpur. The Siliguri MLA also said

that North Bengal University - the oldest and largest state-run varsity in the region - has joined hands with the Indian army to open a research centre named the North Bengal University Research Centre on Diplomacy and War, to take up research work in different fields in association with the armed

Kolkata Pujo comes alive with landmark Yellow Taxi Project

Kolkata: The Pujo of Kolkata came alive once again with landmark Yellow Taxi Project coming to surface with a bang. Asian Paints Sharad Shamman, Kolkata's most iconic celebration of Durga Pujo completes 40 years in 2025with a landmark project called "Cholte Cholte 40" that transforms Kolkata's yellow taxis into moving time capsules.

With richly painted exteriors and interiors crafted as immersive environments using wall-papers, fabrics, and textures, each taxi becomes a multisensory portal into its decade, crowned by the Asian Paints crown as a symbol of elevating the everyday. Together, these

of Asian Paints Sharad Shamman' cultural archive back into the streets of Kolkata, reaffirming its motto: 'A celebration of

This unique tribute to Shamman was instituted

tradition, a festival of fer-

the presence of Amit Syngle, MD and CEO of Asian Paints Ltd, and acclaimed West Bengal personalities Abir Chatterjee and Sauraseni Maitra.

Asian Paints Sharad

advertisement that redefined how the city viewed its festival.

To mark these four decades, Asian Paints turned to another Kolkata emblem — the yellow taxi — a vehicle that has been inseparable from the city's Pujo journeys yet is now slowly disappearing from its streets.

Speaking on the occasion, Amit Syngle, MD and CEO of Asian Paints Ltd. said, "When Asian Paints Sharad Shamman began in 1985, it set out to honour the imagination of Pujo. Forty years later, it has become a living chronicle of Kolkata's creative spirit. On this milestone year, the yellow taxi felt like the most fitting

A Durga Made of Paper: **Soham's Eco-Friendly Innovation**

Shantipur: In a modest home in Shantipur, the quiet rustle of coloured paper and the faint smell of glue replace the more familiar sight of clay and bamboo. Bent over a half-finished idol of Goddess Durga, 19-year-old Soham De works patiently, giving form to a 24-inch deity made entirely of paper.

For many, Durga Puja is synonymous with dazzling lights, the beat of the dhak, and the majestic clay idols that dominate pandals across Bengal. But Soham, a former student of Shantipur Municipal High School, has chosen a different path, crafting idols that are lightweight, portable, and entirely eco-friendly.

"I made my first idol in Class V, using pieces of cardboard. Slowly, I ex-perimented with old newspapers and then coloured sheets. This year I wanted to create something more detailed," he says, pausing



The son of a retired schoolteacher and a homemaker, Soham completed his Higher Secondary examinations in 2024 and is now preparing for medical entrance tests. While academics remain his priority, he admits that art has been inseparable from his life. "No matter how much I study, I can't let go of idol-making. It's a part of me," he

This year's idol, begun in mid-July, is progressing in stolen hours between make one," he shares books and practice tests. with a smile.

Every part, from the base structure to the intricate ornaments, is paper. The absence of clay, bamboo, or wood not only makes the idol easier to handle but also reduces environmental impact.

His creations have already travelled beyond his own home. Neighbours and relatives have requested idols, and Soham has readily obliged. "One of my grandmother's friends wanted an idol for her small household puja. I promised her I would experiments with paper crafts for home decor. Social media has brought attention to his work, with many intrigued by the idea of a light, eco-friendly Durga idol that could adorn both homes and

community spaces. Balancing dreams of becoming a doctor with a passion for art is no easy task. Soham appeared for NEET this year but did not secure the result he had hoped for. Undeterred, he plans to try again next year. "Medicine is my career goal, but this", he gestures at the paper idol, this is my heart's work.'

In a season when conversations about sustainability grow louder with each passing year, Soham's quiet experiment in Shantipur stands out. His paper Durga is not just an idol, it is a reminder that devotion and creativity can coexist with responsibility towards the envi-

Jalpaiguri to get Rs 150 Cr water project

Jalpaiguri: Chief Minis- minister will lay the founter Mamata Banerjee will dation stone of a drinkreach north Bengal next ing water project of ₹150 week for a three-day visit crore. Under the project, and attend a public service distribution programme in Jalpaiguri, senior administrative officials said.

During her visit, she is likely to meet senior Trinamool Congress leaders of the region to discuss the party's activities, keeping in mind the upcoming Assembly polls.

"The chief minister is likely to reach Siliguri on September 9, and the following day, she will attend a public service distribution programme on the ABPC Ground in Jalpaiguri. On September 11, she is likely to return to Kolkata," said a source in the

water will be pumped from the Teesta to provide drinking water to house-

holds in Jalpaiguri town.
"In the first phase, there is a plan to provide drinking water to around 19,000 households in the town," said a representative of the local civic body.

With less than a year left for the Assembly elections, Mamata's visit to north Bengal is significant as Trinamool and the BJP are steadfastly focusing on the region that has 54 Assembly seats.

In 2021, the BJP had bagged 30 seats while Trinamool had won 23 seats. However, Trinamool won

"BJP is desperate to retain all these seats as was

Prime Minister Narendra lators from the region, has Modi to Alipurduar in May his first tour of Bengal after last year's Lok Sabha elections. Since then, the Prime Minister has been regularly visiting Bengal," said a political observer. Trinamool, on the other

hand, has been consistently playing the development card and is now highlighting the harassment faced by migrant workers who hail from north Bengal in BJP-ruled states. "We expect there will

be some important announcements about development as well as the initiation of some infrastructural projects during

her party want to drive home the point that the evident from the visit of BJP, despite having legisnot done much for north Bengal," the observer Administrative and po-

lice officials, along with representatives of the Jalpaiguri municipality, visited the ABPC Ground where the public service distribution will be held. Engineers of the state

public works department were present at the venue. "The chief minister will attend the event on September 10. We visited the ground today and are drawing up plans for the government pro-gramme," Jalpaiguri district magistrate Shama

Sandeshkhali's 11km lifeline turns into death trap

Service, If roads are Sandeshkhali: a benchmark of development, Sandeshkhali in the Sundarbans delta of North 24-Parganas paints a grim picture despite the state government's claims of rural development.

The 11km arterial road that cuts through the Bermajur 1 and 2 gram panchayats — linking Dhamakhali, the gateway to Calcutta, on one end and Najat (Basirhat) on the other - has virtually become inaccessible. Craters and potholes, left unattended for years, have turned this lifeline into a nightmare for commuters.

The stretch begins at Rampur market in the Bermajur 2 panchayat and runs up to Gajikhali ghat leading to Dhamakhali. Once a proud witness to the historic Tebhaga movement, Bermajur now stands as a symbol of neglect and endless suffering for the island's residents.

Bermajur was one of the storming grounds of the Tebhaga movement in the late 1940s, which sought to secure a fairer share for sharecroppers. During the Bengal famine of 1943, the communists provided relief to peasants in the region. In 1946, the CPI's peasant wing launched the Tebhaga agitation across Bengal, insisting that one-third of the yield belonged to the farm-

The movement continued until 1950 when the Bargadari Act was enacted. Decades later, this same place became the epicentre of mass protests in 2024 against alleged atrocities by some Trinamool Congress leaders, particularly against women.

Today, however, parts of the 11km stretch resemble a canal, with rainwater stagnating in deep potholes. Large sections have been waterlogged for years because of the complete absence of maintenance. Local people say they could

not recall when the road was last repaired, alleging that, except for a few patchworks, no real work had been done for over two "I fell off an e-rickshaw re-

cently as it overturned in a crater, as the operator failed to guess the depth of the hole in the waterlogged stretch. This has become a recurring incident here", said Sabita Biswas, a homemaker in Bermajur.

The CPM has launched a movement demanding the reconstruction of the entire stretch. Local CPM leaders said the struggle was a tribute to the peasants of the Tebhaga movement. The party has also de-

manded that a memorial plaque of the movement, currently under alleged illegal occupation, be restored.

"Bermajur is a place of our pride for the Tebhaga movement. But it is a matter of shock that for the past few years, the main road from Rampur market to Gajikhali ferry ghat has been in terrible condition. No one dares to travel on it. Even taking patients to hospitals has become a serious concern as vehicles cannot ply smoothly. Ferrying expecting mothers has turned out to be a risky affair. In some areas, the waterlogging is kneedeep, often causing e-rickshaws

and CPM activist in Bermajur. The road is used extensively to reach the police station, the office of Sandeshkhali 1 block development officer, and several

to overturn with passengers,"

said Pradipta Sarkar, a teacher

markets. "Ambulances carrying patients to Calcutta hospitals or even local health centres take this route, while countless commuters rely on it for their daily needs," Sarkar added.

CPM's Sandeshkhali 2 committee secretary, Bilas Burman, said: "We have repeatedly appealed for repair or reconstruction of the road and submitted

memoranda to the district administration. But nothing has happened so far, and people, with great patience, continue to endure the daily woes of their

Sandeshkhali 2 BDO Arun Samanta acknowledged the dire condition of the road but insisted that steps were underway.

"I am aware of the terrible condition of the road. Efforts are on to reconstruct it, and the State Rural Development Authority has already submitted a proposal to the panchayat and rural development department. Since the road is under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, the department's approval is needed before the zilla parishad takes up the work under the central scheme. The road will be constructed in two parts, and we are waiting for the necessary nod to prepare the detailed project report and complete other technical formalities," Samanta told The Telegraph.

Trinamool's Sandeshkhali MLA, Sukumar Mahata, also assured that relief was on the way for the villagers.

"Construction of the road is a top priority. I am hopeful that by next year, people will have smooth access on this stretch,



Kolkata, Saturday 6 September, 2025

Intermittent Rain Continues Across South Bengal During Festive Month



MI News Service, Kolkata: Even as the festive season begins, rain continues to cast its shadow across parts of South Bengal. The Alipore Meteorological Department reported scattered rainfall in several districts, including Kolkata. However, there is no immediate forecast of heavy showers for South Bengal. Instead, the mercury is expected to rise by three to four degrees Celsius over the next 24 hours, accompanied by high humidity levels, which could increase discomfort for residents. Officials said rainfall with thunderstorms is likely to reduce by the weekend. But by Monday, the weather may once again shift, with the possibility of rainfall increasing across the region.

While heavy rain is not anticipated immediately, certain districts are likely to receive moderate showers. include Howrah, South 24 Parganas, East Midnapore, Birbhum, and Murshidabad. Coastal and adjoining districts may also experience gusty winds with speeds ranging from 30 to 40 kmph. For Kolkata, the forecast suggests a partly cloudy sky with light to moderate rain. On Friday, the maximum temperature in the city is expected to be around 32°C, while the minimum may hover near 27°C. On Thursday, Kolkata recorded a maximum temperature of 31.2°C — 1.2 degrees below normal - and a minimum of 27.2°C, which was 0.9 degrees above normal.

WhatsApp message claims 14 'terrorists' entered **Mumbai** with explosives

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there received a bomb threat via email. Patna (Central) SP Diksha said a bomb disposal team and a dog squad were immediately deployed to conduct a thorough search of the court premises. "A bomb threat received via email said explosives were planted inside the civil court premises. Security was immediately tightened, and a bomb disposal team and a dog squad were engaged. After a thorough search, nothing was found," Diksha told reporters The operation was carried out without causing any inconvenience to the public, she added. "Prima facie, the mail appears to be a hoax. The mail also spoke about labourers," the SP said. Earlier, a high-security alert was sounded across Bihar on Thursday following inputs suggesting three terrorists from Pakistan entered the state through Nepal. Bihar Police headquarters issued an alert to all district police and also issued the names and photographs of the terrorists, belonging to the banned terror outfit

Rs 16.43 crore siphoned off from **Municipal Corpora**tion's account

Jaish-e-Mohammed.

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signature of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the civic body, DK Chakma, to withdraw the money while the original cheques are lying with the authority, he said. The police said the investigating officer has already collected CCTV footage from Kolkata headquartered public sector bank's Kaman Chowmuhani branch to check who had visited the bank to submit the forged cheques. "Once we find the persons who had submitted the forged cheques at the bank, we will be able to get vital clues in the investigation process", the official said.



Kolkata Hosts Fest5 International Film Festival 2025 with Grand Opening



ally complete the ownership

transfer at the Regional

Transport Office (RTO) with

all necessary documentation. For those purchasing old ve-

hicles from dealers, the

guidelines stress the impor-

tance of checking whether

the dealer holds a valid li-

cense. Unlicensed intermedi-

aries, officials warned, have

been at the center of numer-

ous fraudulent deals. Accord-

ing to Transport Department

sources, several cases have

been reported where vehicle

ownership was not legally

transferred after sale. In

some instances, fake dealers

duped unsuspecting buyers.

The consequences can be se-

vere: once a car is sold but

remains officially registered

under the original owner's

name, that individual could

be held responsible if the ve-

hicle is later used in thefts,

robberies, or other criminal

activities. "Many people as-

sume their responsibility

ends once they hand over the

car and receive payment," a

senior officer said.

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Fest5 International Film Festival (F5IFF'25) opened on Friday at the Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) Auditorium, Salt Lake, beginning a four-day

MI News Service, Kolkata:

With cases of fraud in the

sale and purchase of old ve-

hicles rising steadily across

West Bengal, the state Trans-

port Department has re-

leased a set of detailed

guidelines aimed at protect-

ing citizens from financial

losses and legal entangle-

ments. Transport Minister

Snehasis Chakraborty, an-

nouncing the move on Thursday, said that an exten-

sive awareness campaign

will also be launched across

the state. "Fraudsters are

taking advantage of people's

lack of awareness. If citizens

remain cautious and follow

due process, many of these

fraudulent practices can be

prevented," the minister em-

phasized. The guidelines ad-

vise vehicle owners to

thoroughly verify the creden-

tials of the buyer before

handing over their cars. Cru-

cially, ownership should only

be transferred to the person

in whose name the vehicle

will be registered. Owners

have been asked to person-

celebration of cinema, culture, and climate awareness. The festival, running from September 5–8, received over 550 submissions from 69 countries, with 30 films selected for screening. Following its successful debut last year, F5IFF has returned with wider participation and a sharper focus on environmental concerns and climate change. The festival was inaugurated by acclaimed actress and Padma Shri awardee Mamata Shankar, who said, "Cinema has always been a mirror to society. F5IFF, with its focus on environment,

climate change, and human dignity, is deeply relevant in today's times." Festival Director Sourav De high-lighted the addition of new categories such as the Satyajit Ray Student Film Awards, Bibliophilia, and Films on Anthropology, calling the festival "a cultural movement that gives space to independent voices alongside global cinema." Prof. B.V. Sharma, Director of AnSI, welcomed the collaboration, noting that the festival's themes align with understanding communities and ecology. F5IFF'25 will also engage youth through partnerships with universities, cementing Kolkata's place on the global cinematic map.

State Police Cancels Leave **Bengal Transport Dept Issues Guidelines to Curb** for Officers and Personnel Fraud in Old Car Transactions **During Festive Season**

MI News Service, Kolkata: After Kolkata Police, now the West Bengal Police Directorate has issued an advisory to all district police chiefs directing that no leave applications from officers and personnel be entertained during the upcoming festive season. The directive, issued by Additional Director General (Law and Order) Javed-Shamim, aims to ensure round-the-clock vigilance across the state during Durga Puja, Kali Puja, Diwali, and Chhath Puja celebrations. According to police headquarters, the instructions will remain in force from September 20 to October 29, 2025. During this period, all ranks of the state police—from senior officers to constables—are expected to remain on duty. Exceptions will only be made in cases of medical emergencies or other unavoidable circumstances, subject to approval by

higher authorities. Senior officials said the decision was taken keeping in mind the massive footfall, traffic congestion, and heightened security concerns during Bengal's festive season. "From Durga Puja to Chhath, crores of people will be on the move. Ensuring their safety and maintaining peace is our top priority," a senior officer at BhawaniBhavan explained. The advisory also stressed the need for intensified patrolling and surveillance across urban and rural areas alike. Officers have been instructed to remain alert to any signs of unrest, rumor-mongering, or potential law-and-order problems. In such situations, preventive action must be taken without delay. Durga Puja, the state's largest festival, is scheduled to begin in the third week of September, followed by Kali Puja and Diwali in October.

West Bengal Cabinet Approves Key Land Allocation Decisions for Industry and Housing set up a new factory. Officials said the

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal state cabinet has taken several important decisions on land use for industrial, housing, and commercial purposes, paving the way for fresh investments and infrastructure growth. At a cabinet meeting held on Thursday in the state assembly, multiple projects across different districts received approval. According to government sources, HIDCO has been allotted land in Digha, East Midnapore, through an e-auction process. The land will be used for hotels and other commercial activities to boost tourism and local business in the coastal town. In another major decision, Technomac Engineering has been granted land in Polba, Hooghly, to

project will generate local employment opportunities and strengthen the state's industrial base. The cabinet also approved the allocation of freehold land in Liluah, Howrah, for the development of an Industrial and Logistics Park. This project is expected to improve warehousing and supply-chain infrastructure, supporting both small and large businesses. Apart from industrial projects, Thursday's meeting cleared the conversion of several non-residential plots into residential use. These plots may now be developed into housing estates, providing a push to the state's real estate and housing sector. However, the conversion will not be free of cost. The

government has decided to impose a fixed fee for such land-use changes. While the exact percentage and calculation method for this fee have not yet been finalized, officials confirmed that a detailed policy framework will be announced soon. The fee is expected to ensure transparency in land-use conversion and generate additional revenue for the state exchequer. In South 24 Parganas and Daspur in West Midnapore, both leasehold and freehold land parcels have also been approved for allocation, signaling a broader strategy to distribute industrial and residential development opportunities across districts rather than concentrating them only in urban centers.

Three Owners of Gun Shop Arrested by **Bengal STF**

MI News Service, Kolkata: $\mathbf n$ a major breakthrough in the recent Rahara arms seizure case, the Bengal Special Task Force (STF) has arrested the three owners of a century-old gun shop in Kolkata's Bowbazar area. Acting on intelligence inputs, an STF team carried out a raid on Thursday night and arrested SubirDey, AbhirDey, and SubrataDey, proprietors of the licensed firearms store. Police also seized a large cache of weapons from the shop, including a total of 41 guns both single-barrel and double-barrel varieties. The shop has been sealed following the raid. The arrests come In con-

nection with the recovery of a massive stockpile of arms and ammunition from a flat in Rahara's Regent Park area last month. During that raid, Khardah police had seized huge quantities of cartridges and firearms from a ground-floor apartment of a five-storey buildtransferred to the Bengal STF for further investigation. Preliminary findings revealed that cartridges seized in Rahara had links to the Bowbazarbased gun shop, which prompted the recent crackdown. According to investigators, this is not the first time the shop's name has surfaced in connection with illegal arms trafficking. The century-old licensed store. once a reputed establishment in central Kolkata, had previously come under the scanner after weapons recovered in different incidents were traced back to it. Police are now probing how a legally licensed shop repeatedly figures in such cases. The Investigation has also widened beyond Rahara. In a separate incident, Jibantala police in South 24 Parganas had earlier recovered 199 rounds of two types of bullets along with a doublebarrel gun. Several employees of the same Bowbazar shop were arrested in that case as well. Although the shop was briefly shut down and later

reopened, it is once again at the centre of controversy after being linked to fresh instances of arms trafficking. An STF officer stated that the three owners will be produced in court, where police will seek custody for interrogation. "We are trying to uncover the entire network behind the illegal circulation of licensed weapons and ammunition. This arrest is a crucial step toward dismantling the racket," the officer said. With the shop now sealed again, investigators are working to determine whether the establishment had been systematically misusing its licence to supply

weapons to the black market.

KMC to Build New Garbage **Dump Yard Adjacent to Dhapa Amid Growing Waste Burden**



MI News Service, Kolkata: With an eye on the city's future waste management challenges, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has decided to construct a new dump yard adjacent to the existing Dhapa landfill. The project, initially planned with state government finan-cial assistance, will now be undertaken solely by the civic body after funds were not sanctioned in time, despite positive recommendations from the Urban Development and Finance Departments.

According to KMC sources, the proposal will be placed at the Mayor-in-Council meeting on September 8, followed by a formal tabling at the monthly civic session on September 10 for final approval. The plan involves developing the new landfill on nearly 73 hectares of land owned by the corporation. Farmers currently cultivating on the site—identified as 883 individualswill be compensated in line with government norms. DebabrataMajumder, Member, Mayor-in-Council Waste Management), confirmed that while financial approval from the state's Finance Department has not been forthcoming, the KMC is determined to go ahead independently. He acknowledged that besides Kolkata's own waste, garbage from Bidhannagar, Dum Dum, Panihati, and the NKDA is also dumped at Dhapa. To compound the problem, for the last six months, around 300 metric tonnes of solid waste from Howrah Municipal Corporation has also been offloaded daily at Dhapa. Altogether, nearly 5,200 metric tonnes of waste is dumped there every day, far exceeding its sustainable

capacity. Experts describe the move as one of the most significant waste management decisions in recent times. The National Green Tribunal and the state's Environment Department had recommended over a decade ago that the KMC identify an alternative dumping ground. After multiple surveys, the civic body zeroed in on its own land in Borough No. 7. A senior official explained, "Over the past year, several rounds of discussions were held with farmers, local councillors, and borough chairpersons.

Cess 'slitting throat of federalism' says TMC's Derek O'Brien

estimated to be about 20 per cent of the Union government's total tax revenues. A whopping Rs. 5.7 lakh crore of cess and surcharge has been lying unutilised since 2019," said O'Brien. He said even the BJP ruled states had protested against the shrinking divisible pool of revenue. "These states (22 in total) asked the 16th Finance Commission for a larger share of tax collections - currently 41 per cent to be raised to 50 per cent. As per Reserve Bank of India, the divisible pool has shrunk from 89 per cent of gross tax revenue in 2011 to 79 per cent in 2021. This, despite the 10 per cent increase in tax devolution to states as recommended by the 14th Finance Commission," O'Brien wrote. "Between 2015 and 2024, cess (in operation) has increased by 462 per cent (over Rs. Two lakh crore).", he added.

Death toll in flood-hit Punjab risen to 43 with huge crop loss

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on Friday. The yatra was suspended after a landslide on August 26 claimed 34 lives and left 20 others injured. Though the weather has improved significantly with the sun shining brightly after ten days of heavy rains, flash floods, and landslides, the authorities are yet to take a call on resuming the yatra. "Yatra is still suspended. This is due to the decision taken by authorities last week, keeping in view the safety of pilgrims," an official said. In view of this grim situation Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired a high-level meeting on flood relief meas-

ures at the Raj Bhawan here on Thursday after a whirlwind tour of some flood-hit areas in this winter capital of Jammu and Kashmir, officials said. The meeting was attended by among others J-K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Leader of Opposition in Assembly Sunil Sharma and senior civil, police, paramilitary and army officers, they said. Accompanied by Sinha, Abdullah and Sharma, the Home minister visited the Tawi Bridge near the Bikram Chowk and Manguchak near the Jammu airport and took a first-hand account of the damage caused by the recent flash floods following record rainfall in the Jammu region last week. Later he chaired the high-level meeting on relief measures at the Raj Bhawan here Earlier during his visit to the affected areas. Shah stopped on the Tawi Bridge near Vikram Chowk and inspected the damage along the riverbanks. He is also undertake a brief aerial survey of the flood-hit areas to get a first hand view of the damage caused to the border security grid by the flash floods. More than 130 people have been killed and 33 have gone missing in cloudbursts, landslides and flash floods in Kishtwar, Kathua, Reasi, and Ramban districts ibn Jammu and Kashmir since August 14. Record rainfall during August 26-31 caused flash floods in low-lying areas in Jammu and other plains, causing heavy damage to infrastructure.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) AMESUNNESA BIBI W/o- ASTAKIM MOMIN Residing at, Vill - Mominpara, Post- Nagar, Ps-Khargram, Dist-Murshidabad, Pin-742159, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from AMESUNNESA BIBI TO AMESUN BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) AMESUN BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn be fore the notary public at Berham-pore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025, AMESUN BIBI and AME-SUNNESA BIBI both are Same ar one identical person.

Name Change

I, (Old Name) CHHOTELAL RAM S/o- LATE KASHINATH RAM Residing at, Vill - Tulsihata, Post- Tulsihata, Ps- Harishchandrapur, Dist-Malda, Pin- 732140, West Bengal Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from CHHOTE-LAL RAM TO CHOTELAL RAM (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) CHOTE-LAL RAM in all purpose Vide an afidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025, CHOTELAL RAM and CHHOTELAL RAM both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

Kuldeep Verma, son of Sanjay Sarani, Barabazar, Kolkata-700007. do hereby solemnly affirm and de clare that my actual name is Kuldeep Verma and Kuldeep Verma and Kuldeen Varma is the same and one identical person via affidavit be-fore the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 3rd September 2025.

Name Change

, Soham Chowdhury (Old Name), S/o Sanjay Roy Chowdhury resident of Barabari Barisha,67 Diamond Har-bour Road,Sakher Bazar,Ps-Thakurpur, Kolkata-700008, West Bengal have changed my name and hence forth shall be known as Soham Ro Chowdhury (New Name) vide affidavit before The Notary Public at Kolkata on 05.09.2025. That Soham Chowdhury and Soham Roy Chowdhurv both are same and one identi cal person indicating myself only.

Name Change

I, Qamar Rizwana (Old Name), D/o Haroon Rashid & W/o Md Faiyaz resident of 116/A, Madan Mohan Burman Street, Kolkata-700007, West henceforth shall be known as Oumar Rizwana (New Name) vide affidavit before The Notary Public at Kolkata on 05.09.2025. That Qamar Rizwana and Oumar Rizwana both are same and one identical person indicating myself only.

Name Change

I, Rajesh Kumar Agarwal (Old Name) S/o Late Kishan Lal Agarwal residing at FE-421, Sector-III, Salt Lake City, Bidhannagar, North 24 Parganas-700106, W.B have changed and shall henceforth be known as Rajesh Agarwal (New Name) as declare before the Notary Public, Kolkata vide affidavit dated 05.09.2025. That Rajesh Kumar Agarwal and Rajesh Agarwal both are same and one identi cal person indicating myself only

NAME CHANGE

I, Jogendranath Khan S/o. Late Jatindra Khan (in my son's International Passport) residing at Vill & P.O.- Panchberia, P.S.-Gopalnagar, Dist.- 24 Pgs. (N)-743710, WB shall henceforth be known as Jogendra Khan, Vide Affidavit No. 10825 dated 03/08/25 before the Court of Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Bongaon, 24 Pgs. that Jogendranath Khan & Jogendra Khan (new name) both are the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

NAME CHANGE

I,Yash Keshari S/o Sri Binod Kumar Keshari residing at 172 Rabindra Sarani, PS Jorasakoo, Kolkata-700007 declared through Affidavit the LD Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Court Kolkata on dated: 01-09-2025 that my actual and correct name of my father and mother Binod Kumar Keshari and Guria Keshari which is my Aadhar Card and other documents. That due to mistake my father's and mother's name has been wrongly recorded Binod kesri and Guria kesri in my birth certificate, and my Educational Certificate West Bengal Board of Secondary Education and West Bengal Board of Secondary Education and West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education that my father's Binos Kumar Keshari and Binod kesri and that my mother's Guria Keshari and Guria kesri is the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Sri Sital Prasad Gupta, S/o Late Durga Prasad Shah, husband of Punam Gupta, residing at 33,Out Post Road, P.S Barracpore, District: 24-Pgs(N), have change my name and shall henceforth be known as Sital Prasad shah as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Alipore Court kolkata West Bengal vide No 14418 Dated 05/09/2025. Sital Prasad Gupta and Sital Prasad Shah both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, **KAVITA** Gupta, daughter of Sital Prasad Shah and Punam Gupta, wife of Om Prakash Gupta, residing at Ekta Floral, Block-2, Flat-3d, 27 Christopher Road, Near Panchkaur School, Seal Lane, Kolkata-700046 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kabita Gupta as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore Court of the Ld., 24-Pgs(S), West Bengal, vide Affidavit No. "06AC 765591" Dated: 21.04.2025, Kavita same and identical person.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. Monsur Habib Molla (old name) S/o, Lt. Abdur Rahim Molla, R/o, Vill & P.O. Udang, P.S. Amta, Dist. Howrah, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mansur Habib Molla (new name) as declare before the 1st class Ld. Judicial Magistrate Amta Court Howrah vide Affidavit No. 2480 dated 1/9/2025. Monsur Habib Molla (old Name) and Mansur Habib Molla (new name) both are same identical person.

ICC hails **GST** Reform as growth catalyst

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) has lauded the government's decision to introduce a two-tier Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime from September 22, describing it as a significant reform aimed at easing the indirect tax burden and strengthening the economy. According to ICC President Abhyuday Jindal, the revised structure could lift GDP growth by around 1% and help cushion the impact of higher U.S. tariffs on Indian exports. "This fiscal stimulus is expected to

Name Change

I, Sumitra Das (Old Name),Wife Of Srikrishna Das, Residing At Vill - Chak Gajipur,Po - Lakshya,Ps - Mahishadal, Purba Medinipur - 721654,West Ben-Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sumitra Maity Das(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/09/2025. Šumitra Das And Sumitra Maity Das Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

, Bindu (old name) wife of Surendra Kumar Baid, residing at 40 DOBSON ROAD Haora (M.Corp) Haora, West Bengal -711101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bindu Baid (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 03/09/2025. Bindu Baid (new name and Bindu (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

Surendra Kumar (old name) so of Babulal Baid, residing at 40 DOB-SON ROAD Haora (M.Corp) Haora, Howrah West Bengal -711101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Surendra Kumar Baid (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an af-fidavit dated 03/09/2025. Surendra Kumar Baid (new name) and Surendra Kumar (old name) both are same and one identical person

Name Change

Sajjad Ahmad(Old Name),Son Of ate Abdul Aziz, Residing At 6/2, Kustia Road, P.O & P.S- Tiliala, Kolkata-700039,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sajjad Ahmed(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 03/09/2025.Sajjad The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Sibaram Chakravarty S/o. Late Bhairab Chandra Chakravarty R/o. Moinadanga, Chinsurah R.S., Chinsurah, Hooghly-712102, declared that in my 'Pension Plan Jivan Surakshya' vide policy no. 414754413, my name has been recorded as Sibaram Chakraborty instead of my actual name Sibaram Chakravarty. Sibaram Chakravarty & Sibaram Chakraborty S/o. Late Bhairab Chandra Chakrav arty that is myself, is one and the same person.

Name Change

(Old Name) SHAMSUL HOQUE O- SAFEJUDDIN HOOUE Residing at, Vill - Balutungi, Post- Baupur Madhupur, Ps- Lalgola, Dist-Murshidabad, Pin- 742148, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from SHAMSUL HOQUE To DULAL New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) DULAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025, DULAL and SHAMSUL HOQUE both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

(Old Name) ABDUR RASHID S/o-ABDUL MAJID Residing at, Vill -Khasmahal, Post- Bilaimari, Ps-Ratua, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732205, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from ABDUR RASHID To ABDUR RASID New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ABDUR RASID in all purpose Vide an affi-davit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025, ABDUR RASID and ABDUR RASHID both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change

(Old Name) AMIRUL MALLICK S/o-BUL HOSSEN MALLICK Residing at, Vill - Kanibamani, Post- Duttaulia, Ps- Dhantala, Dist- Nadia, Pin-741504, West Bengal. Do hearby declare that I have Changed my name from AMIRUL MALLICK To AMIRUL HOQUE MALLICK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) AMIRUL HOQUE MALLICK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025, AMIRUL HOQUE MALLICK and AMIRUL MALLICK both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE

I, Subhra Mondal, daughter of Radheshyar Mondal, residing at B-8/31(CA), P.O. & P.S. Kalyani, District Nadia, PIN-741235, holder of Aadhaar No. 7917 1115 3486, do hereby declare that my name is correctly spelt as Subhra Mondal. However, in my Passport (No. KO506040, issued on 15.06.2012, expired on 14.06.2022), my name has been erroneously mentioned as Subra Mondal. By Affidavit at ACJM (2), Kalyani Court on September 03, 2025. I hereby declare that Subhra Mondal and Subra Mondal are the

boost domestic demand and reflects a shift in economic

priorities towards long-term growth and capacity building," Jindal said. ICC also noted that the move addresses both consumer welfare and revenue efficiency, marking what it described as one of the most comprehensive attempts at rationalising indirect taxes since independence. Dr. Rajeev Singh, Director General, ICC, pointed out that corrections in the inverted duty structure in certain sectors were a major step forward.

Name Change

l, Arfaa Hossain, Residing At Akra Paka Para More,Ward No 18,Akra agannathgarh, Maheshtala South24parganas - 700140.West engal, Do Hereby Notified That My Father Saibaj Kureshi(Old Name As Per Dl No Wb20 20250007547) Shall Henceforth Be Known A Ahmed Hossain(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 02/09/2025.Saibaj Kureshi And Ahmed Hossain Both Are The San And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I,Rashida Khatoon(Old Name), Wife Of Md Maquefur Ali, Daughter Of Sk Ali, Baugher of St. Asgar Ali, Residing At 55/A/H/8, Til-ala Road, Ps - Topsia, Kolkata -700046, West Bengal, Have Chan ged My Name And Shall Hence forth Be Known As Rashida Begum(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Be fore The Ld 1st Class Judicial Mag istrate At Alipore On 27/08/2025 Rashida Khatoon And Rashida Begum Both Are The Same And One dentical Person

Name Change

Rekha Mondal Das (Old Name) Wife Of Naresh Das, Residing At Har-ish Nagar Gate,03 No Chandigarh Madhyamgram, North 24parganas -700130,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rekha Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Be-fore The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/09/2025.Rekha Mondal Das And Rekha Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

Rakhal Pal (Old Name), Son Of Late Mahendra Pal, Residing At 2 No, Nutan Phulia, Ps - Shantipur, Nadia 741402,West Bengal, Have Chan red My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rakhal Chandra Pal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/09/2025 Rakhal Pal And Rakhal Chandra Pal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I,Manowara And Manwara Begum (Old Name),Wife Of Saidul Islam Bagani,Residing At T-474/A Panch Para Lane,Po-Bartala,Ps-Rajabagan,Kolkata-700018,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Manowara Bibi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit yorn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 29/08/2025. Manowara And Manwara Begum And Manowara Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person

Name Change

I, Magdilina Mcbrady (old name) wife of David Mcbrady, residing at 4/51,CONVENT LANE, TANGRA, KOLKATA-700015, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rupali Mcbrady (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 03/09/2025. Rupali Mcbrady (new name) and Magdilina Mcbrady (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change

I, Sk Jakir (Old Name), Son Of Sheikh Naimuddin, Residing At Dakshin Para Narayanpur,Vtc:Rajarhat Gopalpur (M),Po-Rajarhat Gopalpur, North 24 Parganas-700136,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Zakir Hussain (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Refore The Notar Public At Kolkata On 03/09/2025.Sk Jakir And Zakir Hussain Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

I,Nazrul Islam (Old Name) Son Of Asraf Ali Mondal,Residing At Baruihati,Prithiba,Habra,North24 parganas - 743704,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Najrul Islam Mondal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 28/08/2025.Nazrul Islam And Narul Islam Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

,Mohammad Quasim Hashmi(Old Name),Son Of Hatim Hashmi,Residing At 38/C Darga Road,Po - Circus Abenue, Kolkata - 700017,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Qua-sim Hashmi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notar Public At Kolkata On 28/08/2025 Mohammad Quasim Hashmi And Md Quasim Hashmi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change

,Sk Atif Arman (Old Name),Son O Abdul Aziz.Residing At Momin Monalla,Keranitola,West Medinipur 721101.West Bengal, Have Changed y Name And Shall Henceforth Be (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notarv Public At Kolkata On 04/09/2025.Sk Atif Arman And Atif Arman Both Are The Same And One

Khurda Road Division to Organize FIT INDIA Cycling Drive _ Special "Sundays On Cycle" Initiative



Bhubaneswar: In alignment

with the nationwide Fit India

Movement, Khurda Road Di-

vision of Indian Railways is

organizing a special Cy-

clothon-2025 under the ban-

ner of "Sundays On Cycle".

This initiative is aimed at

promoting physical fitness.

mental well-being, and envi-

among railway employees

for Sunday, 7th September

2025, and will begin at 07:30

hrs from Railway Stadium

(The Dugout), proceeding to

the Entrance Gate of IIT

Bhubaneswar, Argul, and

returning, covering a dis-

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slogan "Fitness Ki Dose,

Aadha Ghanta Roz", the

event highlights the impor-

tance of incorporating regu-

lar physical activity into our

routines, as advocated by

the Fit India Movement. Cy-

cling is a simple yet powerful

form of exercise, offering

The event is scheduled

and the wider community.

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multiple health benefits such as Increased cardiovascular fitness, Improved posture and coordination, Enhanced muscle strength and flexibility, Strengthened bones and joint mobility, Reduced body fat and stress levels and Prevention and management of lifestyle diseases. All Branch Officers, staff members, and sports personnel of the Khurda Road Division are encouraged to participate in large numbers. Special efforts are being made to motivate railway employees across all way-side stations, along with their families, to

join this health initiative and support the cause. The "Sundays On Cycle" event not only promotes a healthy and active lifestyle but also sends a strong message of environmental consciousness, aligning with Indian Railways broader goals of sustainability and community welfare. Join the movement. Pedal for fitness. Ride for the environment.

Two new AC EMU Services introduced in Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division



MI News Service, Kolkata: As a step further towards facilitating more comfortable journey of the suburban passenger, Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division successfully run inaugural service of two new AC EMU train today. These two new EMU service viz. Ranaghat- Sealdah via Bangaon and Krishnanagar – Sealdah AC EMU locals will act as a significant step toward modernizing suburban travel in the Sealdah Division. The new AC EMU trains have commenced operations on two major routes:

Ranaghat to Sealdah (via Bangaon) and Krishnanagar to Sealdah. Both services were met with an enthusiastic response from the public. Ranaghat to Sealdah train recorded an impressive occupancy with positive response, while also saw strong ridership and they are very happy amid vacation. This introduction of AC EMU services is a pivotal moment for the Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division, addressing a long-standing defor enhanced mand passenger comfort and improved travel conditions. The modern rakes are designed to provide a cooler, more comfortable journey, particularly during hot and humid months. The launch of these services represents Sealdah Division's commitment to upgrading infrastructure and improving the commuter experience. It is a part of Eastern Railway's on-going efforts to introduce new technologies and better facilities for the millions of daily commuters who rely on railwav network.

the Krishnanagar service

BPCL & OIL sign landmark JVA

MI News Service, Imphal/Mumbai: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Oil India Limited (OIL), both Maharatna Public Sector Enterprises, today formalized a Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) at the BPCL Corporate Office to establish a Joint Venture Company (JVC). The agreement was signed in the presence of Sanjay Khanna, Director (Refineries) with Additional Charge of Chairman & Managing Director, BPCL, and Dr. Ranjit Rath, Chairman & Managing Director, OIL.

The JVC will create a gas distribution network in Arunachal Pradesh, which includes the establishment of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations and the provision of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to domestic, commercial, and industrial consumers.

This initiative aims to enhance access to clean

energy and contribute to the socio-economic development of the state, in alignment with the Government's vision of fostering a gas-based economy.

Sanjay Khanna, CMD of BPCL, remarked: "This Joint Venture reaffirms BPCL's commitment to expanding clean energy access across India, with special focus on the North-East. Together with OIL, we will build a strong City Gas Distribution network to serve households, industries, and transport."

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ranjit Rath, CMD, OIL, stated, "OIL has a long-standing legacy of hydrocarbon production in the state and with the commissioning of Kumchai-Kusijan gas pipeline last year, we successfully reinforced our role as an anchor in advancing the Government of India's hydrocarbon vision for the

sol – Varanasi – Asansol Memu Express st Anugraha Narayan Bathing Ghat Station MI News Service, Kolkata: On the occasion of Pitripaksha Mela, Railway has de-

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cided to provide temporary stoppage of 13553/13554 Asansol – Varanasi -Asansol MEMU Express at Anugraha Narayan Bathing Ghat Station over East Central Railway for 02 minutes with effect from 06.09.2025 to

Timings of three (03) EMU locals to be Revised in Sealdah Division

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to operational reason, Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division has decided to modify the timings of following EMU services with effect from 06.09.2025 as under: • 30416 Sealdah – B. B. Bag local will leave Sealdah at 17:20 hrs. instead of 17:08 hrs. to reach B. B. Bag at 18:10 hrs. instead of 17:58 hrs. • 34432 Sealdah -Sonarpur local will leave Sealdah at 17:14 hrs. instead of 17:20 hrs. to reach Sonarpur at 17:42 hrs. instead of 17:48 hrs. • 34538 Sealdah – Canning local will leave Sealdah at 17:08 hrs. instead of 17:14 hrs. to reach Canning at 18:24 hrs. instead of 18:30 hrs.

Additional stoppage of two trains at Madanpur Station

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division has decided to provide additional stoppage of 63112 Ranaghat – Sealdah MEMU and 31835 Sealdah -Krishnanagar local at Madanpur Station (MPJ) with effect from 06.09 .2025.

Metro services running smoothly today

MI News Service, Kolkata: For the benefit of the aspirants of the 2nd State Level Selection Test to be conducted by West Bengal School Service Commission on 07.09.2025, Metro Railway will run usual services from 09.00 am on Blue Line and Green Line. With concerted efforts of Metro Railway as a Team and active co-operation of commuters, Metro services have been running smoothly today. Up to 18:00 hrs. on 05.09.2025, despite being a holiday, around 4.65 lakh commuters have travelled in all Railway. Out of which 3.39 lakh have travelled in Blue Line and 1.13 lakh have travelled in Green Line.

ICAI Hosts pan India convocation ceremony

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) organized a grand Convocation Ceremony simultaneously across 15 locations in India to confer certificates of membership to newly qualified Chartered Accountants and felicitate rank holders. The Convocation was held at New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ghaziabad, Ernakulam, Vijayawada, Ahmedabad, Pune, Indore, Jaipur, Chandigarh and Ludhiana. A total of 13,737 newly enrolled Accountants Chartered were awarded their membership certificates. The Convocation ceremonies commenced concurrently across all centers, with Ravneet Kaur, Chairperson, Competition Commission of India (CCI), inaugurated the event as the Chief Guest from New Delhi.

Telecom company goes for CSR projects

MI News Service, Kolkata: In recent days many companies or cooperates are going ahead with comprehensive CSR projects. Indus Towers Limited (ITL), one of the world's largest telecom infrastructure companies, has reiterated its commitment to inclusive development by positively impacting over 17.3 million lives in FY25 through its flagship CSR programmes, Saksham and Pragati.

Eastern Railway, through its Railway Protection Force (RPF), continues to intensify vigilance drives under "Operation Satark", aimed at curbing illegal activities and ensuring security at railway stations and on trains. On 03.09.2025, on duty RPF officials at Dankuni, under Howrah Division of Eastern Railway, apprehended a male passenger at Dankuni Railway Station and recovered Indian currency amounting to ₹12,74,032/- along with 3.051 kg of silver. The individual failed to produce any valid documents to substantiate possession of the cash and silver. Subsequently, on 04.09.2025, the arrested person, along with the seized currency and silver, was handed over to the Income Tax Department, Kolkata, for further legal action.

Howrah Division Conducts Inspection of Water Filling Points and Intensive Cleaning of Coaches under Swachhta Abhiyan

MI News Service, Kolkata: As a part of the ongoing Swachhta Abhiyan, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway undertook a dedicated cleanliness initiative on 5th September, 2025 at Howrah Station. The programme focused on ensuring safe and hygienic water supply for passengers through a detailed inspection of water filling points. In addition to the inspection, an intensive cleaning drive of coaches was carried out to provide a cleaner and more comfortable travel experience to passengers. The cleaning activities were undertaken with special emphasis on sanitation, removal of dirt and waste, and maintaining overall hygiene inside the coaches. This initiative reflects the commitment of Howrah Division towards



welfare passenger cleanliness. By strengthening both sanitation measures and water supply systems, the division continues to promote the vision of a clean and passenger-friendly railway environment

Eastern Railway to run Puja Special **Trains between Kolkata & Lucknow** and Malda Town & Anand Vihar

More than 40,700 berths to be generated.

MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear the expected rush of passengers during ensuing Puja, Diwali & Chhath, Eastern Railway has decided to run Puja special train between Kolkata & Lucknow and Malda Town & Anand Vihar. These special trains will offer additional capacity and flexibility to accommodate the extra rush of passengers during the Puja festival period. Additional 40,700 berths will be generated by running these Puja festival specials. 03107 Kolkata – Lucknow Puja Special will leave Kolkata at 23:55 hrs. on every Thursday between 02.10.2025 & 06.11.2025 (06 trips) to reach Lucknow at 00:10 hrs. on the 3rd day and 03108 Lucknow-Kolkata Puja Special will leave Lucknow at 01:40 hrs. on every Saturday between 04.10.2025 & 08.11.2025 (06 trips) to reach Kolkata at 00:40 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at 21 stations including Naihati, Bandel, Barddhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madhupur and Jasidih stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned accommodations, 03435 Malda Town- Anand Vihar (T) Puja Special will leave Malda Town at 09:30 hrs. on every Monday between 29.09.2025 & 24.11.2025 (09 trips) to reach Anad Vihar (T) at 13:40 hrs. on the next day and 03436 Anand Vihar (T) - Malda Town Puja Special will leave Anand Vihar (T) at 15:45 hrs. on every Tuesday between 30.09.2025 & 25.11.2025 (09 trips) to reach Malda Town at 21:05 hrs. on the next day. The special train will stop at 22 stations including New Farakka, Barharwa, Sahibganj, Pirpainti, Kahalgaon, Bhagalpur, Sultanganj, Jamalpur & Abhaipur stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class, Sleeper Class & Air-conditioned accommodations. The date of booking of above Puja specials will be notified shortly.

Next-Gen GST step towards a single tax slab GST

 ${\bf M\!I}$ News Service, New Delhi: The proposed 'Next Gen GST' with sweeping reforms, lower tax rates, and just two slabs, aims to boost the economy amid tariff threats and set the stage for a single tax rate regime by the time India becomes a developed nation, government sources said. They said the proposed new GST regime, which slashes tax rates and assigns just two slabs of 5 per cent and 18 per cent, will boost the economy and also serve to mitigate tariff threats. The proposed two-slab regime, if approved by the GST Council, will replace the current four slabs in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, doing away with the 12 per cent and 28 per cent slabs. Calling it the "next Gen GST', a government official said, "It is a game changer reform. In the pantheon of economic reforms seen in India, it's right up there". The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity. Government sources said the new structure would mean that almost all of the common-use items will move to the lower tax bracket, leading to price cuts, which in turn would boost consumption. Terming the overhaul as "reformed and refined GST", a source said the Centre did not want a short-term solution in the tax rate rationalisation and. with the Compensation Cess coming to an end, a Next Gen GST was necessary. "Lower taxes mean it will put more money in people's pockets. It will obviously lead to more consumption," the official said. The Centre's proposal for a 5 and 18 per cent tax rate on merit and standard goods and a 40 per cent tax for sin goods has been a "large canvas exercise" to ensure stability in tax rates, officials said, explaining the rationale behind the exercise. The changes that have come about after nearly six months of deliberations and dozens of meetings have been conceived in a way to ensure that demand for tax tweaks does not arise, and also that input tax credit (ITC) does not get accumulated in the system.

Eastern Railway's Sports Association (ERSA) organizes 90th All India **Railway Athletic Championship**



Kolkata: Eastern Railway's Sports Association (ERSA) organizing 90th All India Inter Railway Championship 2025-26 at SAI (Sports Authority of India) Ground, Salt Lake, Kolkata. This 3-day event starts from today (5.9.2025) and will continue till 7th September 2025. Shri Sheelendra Pratap Singh, Additional General Manager declared the beginning of this Athletic Championship Tournament at SAI Ground today (5.9.2025) in presence of Shri Satyaki Nath, President, ERŠA & CAO (Systems)/Eastern Railway.

Shri Sheelendra casion, Pratap Singh, Additional General Manager said that sports activities are very much required for maintaining overall fitness of every human being. He also advised all the sports personnel participating in the event to perform even better to set new records.

Eastern Railway has always been pioneer in boosting the sports activities and organizing various tournaments to nurture the young tal-ents, is organizing the All India Inter Railway Athletic Championship as a step further towards its commitment for achieving excellence in sports. Railperforming consistently well at National Champi-

In this 90th All India Inter Railway Athletic Championship organized by ERSA, a total of 23 teams from different Zonal Railways and Production Units are participating. A total of 586 participants including athletes, coaches & team managers participated. Renowned sports personnel including Arjuna Awardees – Soma Biswas, Saraswati Saha, G Pramila, Joseph Abraham and Olympians like Renjith Maheswary, Kiran, Prachi and Rajesh Ramesh participated in this championship.

The All India Inter Railway Athletic Championship which include different events like Pole Vault (Men & Women), Marathan (Men & Women), Mix Relay (Men & Women), 20,000 metre race walk (Men & Women), 35 KM Race Walk, Decathlon, Heptathlon etc.

The concluding day ceremony will be held on 7th September 2025 at SAI Ground, Salt Lake, Kolk-

Border dispute with China biggest security challenge: CDS General Anil Chauhan

Gorakhpur: Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan said on Friday that the border dispute with China is the biggest security challenge for India, and the second major challenge is Pakistan's proxy war.

Speaking at an event in Gorakhpur, the CDS referred to the security challenges being faced by India and those it will face in the future.

"One of the first challenges is regarding the boundary dispute...I consider the dispute with China as the biggest challenge. The second major challenge is Pakistan's proxy war with a strategy to 'bleed India by a thousand cuts'," he said.

"Another challenge is regarding the type of war to be fought. Everyone knows that war is changtro-magnetic domain nas been included too," he

The CDS said that people associate self-reliance only with defence production, but it should also be associated with defence research

"When we talk about national security, an important aspect of it is also Operation Sindoor, the po-and modalities thereof.

ple associate self-reliance only with defence production, but it should also be associated with defence research and we should be self-reliant in it," he said.

The CDS said India and Pakistan learned different lessons after the Balakot operation, which was carried out by India in response to the Pulwama terror attack. "India focused on long-

range precision strike weapons and post-strike damage assessment, and Pakistan might have focused on its air defence... During the surgical strikes after the 2016 Uri terror attack, the Indian Army entered Pakistan by land and destroyed the terrorist camps. We conducted airstrikes in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region after Pulwama attack. After the Pahalgam, terror attack ing. It is not just Navy, happened, we already had Army, and Air Force, but enhanced precision strike also space, cyber, elec- capabilities. When we discussed with the political leadership, it was decided that by only using drones and loitering munitions, we will not be able to achieve Bahawalpur and Muridke,

power," he added.

it was necessary to use air

self-reliance. Most peo- litical leadership provided a clear direction with a clear message to destroy the terrorist camps, and retaliate only if we are at-

"During Operation Sindoor, we were given full operational freedom, including planning and se-lection of targets," he said.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi had visited India last month ahead of the SCO Summit hosted by China in Tianjing.

During the visit, India and China decided on setting up a Working Group, under the WMCC, to advance effective border management to maintain peace and tranquillity in the India-China border

The two countries decided on the creation of General Level Mechanisms in Eastern, and Middle Sectors, in addition to the existing General Level Mechanism in Western Sector, and holding an early meeting of the General Level Mechanism in the Western Sector.

They agreed to use the border management the political objectives. To mechanisms at diplomatic destroy terrorist camps in and military levels to carry forward the process of border management, and discuss de-escalation, be-The CDS said that during ginning with the principles

"100% sure of winning this election": **Vice Presidential Candidate B Sudershan Reddy**

NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION

E-Auction Notice No. COM/PUB/HWH/25/31 Dated 02.09.2025 E-auction is invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern

Railway, Howrah, 4th floor, Yatri Niwas, near Howrah Station, Howrah 711101 for awarding contract of Commercial Publicity Rights at Station premises under Cluster-IV and for Supply, Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Dual Display Fare Repeater System (DDFRS) at Passenger Reservation System (PRS) counters & Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) counters with provision of Dynamic BHIM UPI QR Code at Stations under Cluster-2 and Cluster-3 over Howrah Division. The Auction Catalogue has been uploaded in www.ireps.gov.in Details of which are as under:- Catalogue No.: PUB-HWH-25-31; Auction Start Date & Time: 18.09.2025 at 12.00 hrs.; Seq. No.; Lot No. and Description respectively: AA/1; ADVT-HWH-BPAE-OSN-26-25-1(Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital); Awarding contract for Display of Commercial Publicity Rights within station premises of Begampur station of Howrah Division for a period of 03 years.: AA/2 ADVT-HWH-HWH-OSN- 129-25-1(Advertising - On Station Premise (Non-Digital); Awarding Contract for Commercial Publicity Right through LED Flange at Platforms (PF. 8 to 15)of Howrah Railway Station for a period of 03 years. AB/1; ADVT-HWH-HWH-OH- 54-25-1(Advertising - Out of Home); Awarding Contract for Display of Railway Information and Advertisement through Railway installed 01 (One) No of Video Wall on 50:50 Time Sharing Basis at Circulating Area of Howrah Station; AB/2; ADVT-HWH-HWH-OH- 55-25-1(Advertising - Out of Home) Awarding Contract for Display of Railway Information and Advertisement through Railway installed 01 (One) No of Video Wall on 50:50 Time Sharing Basis at Circulating Area of Howrah Station for a period of 03 Years: AB/3; ADVT-HWH-RPH-OH- 131-24-1(Advertising - Out of Home); Awarding Contract for Display of Commercial Publicity through installation of 04 (Four) Glow ball Towers at Circulating Area of Sainthia & Rampurhat Station for a period of 03 years. AB/4; ADVT-HWH-BHP OH- 132-24-1(Advertising - Out of Home); Display of Commercial Publicity through installation of 09 Glow ball Towers at Circulating Area of Guskara. Bolour & Prantik stations for a period of 03 years. AB/5 ADVT-HWH-KWAE-OH-133-24-1 (Advertising - Out of Home); Display of Commercial Publicity through installation of 06 Glow ball Towers a Circulating Area of Katwa, Khagraghat Road & Azimgani Jn Stations for a period of 03 years. AC/1; ADVT-Int-269353-1-25-1(Advertising - Train Interior): Display of Commercial Publicity through Vinyl Wrapping on specified area in the Interior of the Coaches of Train No. 22303 22304 (Howrah - Gaya - Howrah) Vande Bharat Express for a period of 03 Years. HWH-278/2025-2

Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at : X @EasternRailway ? @easternrailwayheadquarter

Guwahati: Ahead of the upcoming Vice Presidential elections slated to take place on September 9, the Opposition's Candidate B Sudershan Reddy stated that he is "100% sure" of winning the elections. Reddy attributed his optimism to the "tremendous response" he has been receiving.

Speaking to ANI in Guwahati, Reddy said, "I am 100% sure of winning this election. I have been receiving tremendous response wherever

He declined to comment on the National Democrat-Alliance's candidate C Radhakrishnan, saying, "It will be highly improper for me to make a comment about the other candidate, who is also a very respectable person."

The election for the Vice President of India will feature a direct contest between Justice Reddy, backed by the INDIA bloc, and the NDA's nominee, C P Radhakrishnan.

The Election Commission had earlier announced that polling for the Vice Presidential election would take place on September 9, with counting to take place the same day. The Vice Presidential post fell vacant after Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned on the first day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament on July 21, citing health rea-

No traffic block

traffic block between Shahid Khudiram and Mahanayak Uttam Kumar stations of Blue Line on 07.09.2025 (Sunday).

Accordingly, normal Sunday services will be available between Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar stations of Blue Line on 07.09.2025.

Why is BJP worried about use of ballot papers in local body elections?: Karnataka DCM DK Shivakumar

Bengaluru: Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Friday questioned the BJP for expressing reservations about the use of ballot papers in local body

Speaking to reporters at Sadashivanagar residence, he said, "To use ballot papers in local body elections is the decision of the government of Karnataka. Why is the BJP worried about it? The state government is empowered to conduct local body elections. Why is the BJP getting jittery

Reacting to the use of ballot papers in the BBMP elections by the government, he said that the government has taken this decision for the local body elections.

In the wake of farmers protesting against land acquisition for the Greater Bengaluru Integrated Township, he said that 82 per cent of farmers have given consent to land acquisition.

He said, "They are my

people. They are our farmers. I have the right to talk to them. I also know which party some of the farmers belonged to. As many as 82 percent of farmers have consented to land acquisition, and only 18 percent are opposing it. We have given very good compensation to our

"We have to keep the entire state in mind while deciding the compensation and hence we can't give more compensation. If the project was not needed, Yediyurappa or Kumaraswamy could have cancelled it. I did not notify this project and moreover we can't de-notify the project until the Supreme Court gives its final orders. They can get it done from the court," he added.

He further said that the cabinet had approved the withdrawal of several cases against those who were fighting for the language, farmers and the state.

"We have also closed cases against supporters of the BJP and the Congress. We have also closed glass cases filed against my followers. BJP had also filed cases against me and the CM during Covid. We have withdrawn cases filed against those who were fighting for the language, farmers and the state," he

"The ED case, which resulted in my arrest, has been quashed. Who will set right the trouble caused to me? Those who criticised the grand reception I received after release from the jail, didn't say a word when the case against me was quashed. There is nothing to discuss this, we have withdrawn cases against supporters of all parties," he

YSRCP celebrates **Teachers' Day**

MI News Service, Tadepalli : YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) marked Teachers' Day with fervent celebrations at its central office, honouring former President and Bharat Ratna Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on his birth anniversary. Party leaders paid heartfelt tributes to his national service and extended warm wishes to all teachers. They also offered respects to portraits of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and the late Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy, YSRCP State Office said in a release.

Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, YSRCP State Coordinator, asserted that Teachers' Day inspires societal progress, where teachers, after parents, shape individuals as true guides. He emphasised that society must honour them genuinely, as education moulds future generations. Reddy highlighted how late YS Rajasekhara Reddy advanced education, with YS Jagan Mohan Reddy elevating it further through transformative

"Inconsiderate, designed to hurt people's sentiments": CM Omar Abdullah slams J-K admin's refusal to shift Eid-e-Milad holiday



Service, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Friday criticised the administration for not rescheduling the Eid-e-Miladun-Nabi holiday despite the government calendar mentioning that holidays were "subject to the appearance of the moon.

CM Abdullah called the move by the General Administration Department "inconsiderate" & "designed to hurt sentiments.

"The calendar printed by the Government press is very clear - "Subject to the appearance of the moon". It means that the holiday is subject to change depending upon the moon being sighted. The deliberate decision by the unelected government to not shift the holiday is inconsiderate & designed to hurt the sentiments of the people," CM Abdullah wrote in a post on X.

Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi is being celebrated in J-K on Saturday, while the official holiday is being observed on Friday as per the January notification issued by the admin-

J-K Minister of School and Higher Education, Health & Medical Education, and Social

"Cong's mindset has always been against **Biharis": Chirag Paswan**

MI News Service, New Delhi: Union Minister Chirag Paswan attacked the Congress party on Friday, accusing them of "defaming" the people of Bihar by comparing them to 'bidis.' Paswan said that the comments by Kerala Congress are indicative of the whole party's "thinking", which is leaving no stone unturned to "defame" the people of the state. Demanding an answer from the

is not just the thinking of Kerala Congress, it is the thinking of the Congress party. They have never left any stone unturned in defaming Biharis." 'The Congress's mindset has

always been against Biharis. Congress needs to answer how low they will stoop in terms of language for political gains," he added.

The Union Minister's remarks are made in response to a now-deleted post by the Kerala unit of the Congress party. The post criticising the recently passed GST reforms highlighted the 40 per cent GST rate on 'sinful' products like cigars and cigarettes, while bidis have an 18 per cent rate.

Welfare, Sakina Itoo, termed

the move "totally unjust." This is totally unjust that Eid-e-Milad, a sacred occasion for Muslims worldwide, is not observed as a holiday on the correct date in J&K. What does "subject to appearance of the moon" mean if it is not followed? Despite repeated requests from the elected Govt to shift the holiday, no action has been taken. This is playing with the emotions of the people. Such decisions should be at the helm of the elected govern-

ment," Itoo said. Religious leader Mirwaiz Umar Farooq strongly condemned the authorities' "deliberate negligence" and "unacceptable" behaviour.

In a statement, Mirwaiz said, "Strongly condemn the utter disregard of authorities on the revered occasion of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi , who for the second consecutive year have failed to reschedule the holiday in accordance with the actual date, which is tomorrow, disregarding the sentiments of the Muslim community. This deliberate negligence is unacceptable to the Muslims of J&K who strongly protest

it."

NOTICE

Notice is given to all that Smt. Sampa Ghosh, is the present owner of Flat being No. 2C, on the Second Floor, measuring about 650 sq.ft. super built up area equivalent to 398 sq.ft. carpet area, more or less, together with undivided proportionate share of land measuring 2 Cottahs 5 Chittacks 22 sq.ft. comprised in Mouza — Ariadaha, R.S. Dag No. 3380, R.S. Khatian No. 976 and 2034, Holding No. 921 at (P-88), Ram Krishna Pally, Police Station — Belgharia, ward No. 11, within Kamarhati Municipality, District — North 24 Parganas. The copies of Deeds being No.05020 for the year 1969, and being No.03713 for the year 2008, and being No.03713 for the year 2008 and being No.03713 for the year 2008 and being No.03713 for the year 2014 are not available with the present owner. Any person daving any objection/claim in the above property please contact the undersigned within 7 days strictly as advised Biman Kumar Das & Associates Advocates 12/2, Old Post Office Street, Kolkata —700001. Ph.033-4003-8952 M.9830238836

Opposition party, he told ANI, "This মামার মকেল শ্রী জয়ন্ত ধাড়া, পিতা শ্রী সজ ধাড়া, সাং-সলপ, ডোমজুড়, হাওড়া। উত্তরঝাঁপড়দহ মৌজায় সুকুমার ঘোষ এর ওয়ারিশান গনের থেকে অর্ঘা চ্যাটার্জী জমি

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অনিন্দ্য ঘোষ এ্যাডভোকেট জাজেস কোর্ট, হাওড়া

Rescheduling of Three trains over Sealdah Division

Due to operational exigency, the timings of 30416 Sealdah-BBD Bag local, 34432 Sealdah-Sonarpur local and 34538 Sealdah Canning local trains will be rescheduled w.e.f. 06.09.2025. The changes are as follows:

Ctatia	Schedule		Reschedule			
Station	Departure	Arrival	Departure	Arrival		
30416 Down Sealdah (S)-BBD Bag						
Sealdah (S) ↓	17:08	-	17:20	_		
BBD Bag	-	17:58	-	18:10		
34432 Down Sealdah (S)-Sonarpur						
Sealdah (S) ↓	17:20	ı	17:14	-		
Sonarpur	ı	17:48	-	17:42		
34538 Down Sealdah (S)-Canning						
Sealdah (S) ↓ 17:14 - 17:08 -						
Canning	_	18:30	_	18:24		
Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah						

EASTERN RAILWAY **RESTORATION OF STOPPAGES**

OF SOME TRAINS For the convenience of commuters, the stoppages of following

Mail/Express trains at the stations mentioned against them will be restored as per timings mentioned below:

Train No. & Name	Station	Arr.	Dep.		
22301 Howrah-New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 07.09.2025]	Viahanani	12.15	12.17		
22302 New Jalpaiguri-Howrah Vande Bharat Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 07.09.2025]	Kishanganj	15.46	15.48		
13145 Kolkata-Radhikapur Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 06.09.2025]	Azamnagar	04.48	04.50		
13146 Radhikapur-Kolkata Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 06.09.2025]	Road	22.13	22.15		
13053 Howrah-Radhikapur Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 06.09.2025]	Azamnagar	16.48	16.50		
13054 Radhikapur-Howrah Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 06.09.2025]	Road	06.53	06.55		
13141 Sealdah-New Alipurduar Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 05.09.2025]	Kanki	00.20	00.22		
13142 New Alipurduar-Sealdah Express [w.e.f. (JCO) 05.09.2025]	Naliki	16.38	16.40		
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17th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF

the elected government, mon at Srinagar's Jama

SHAREHOLDERS OF ENCASH ENTERTAINMENT LIMITED The 17th Annual General Meeting of shareholders of Encash Entertainment Limited will be held on Friday 26th September, 2025 at 01:30 P.M. at its registered office at 12,

Free School Street, Kolkata - 700016. The Annual Report for the financial year 2024-2025 including the Notice convening the Meeting has been sent to the members to their registered address by courier and electronically to those members who have registered their e-mail address with the

Depositories/Company. The Annual Report for the financial year 2024-2025 including the Notice is available o he website of the Company (www.encashentertainment.com) and also available for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company on all working days except saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays, during business hours up to the date of the

Meeting. The Company is providing to its members facility to exercise their voting right to vote on the resolutions proposed to be passed at the Meeting by electronic means ("e-voting"). The company has engaged the services of National Securities Depository mited (NSDL) as the Agency to provide e-voting facility.

he communication relating to remote e-voting inter alia contains the User ID and password, along with a copy of Notice convening the Meeting, has been dispatched to the members. The format of communication for e-voting is available of the website of the Company <u>www.encashentertainment.com</u> and on the website of NSDL www.eservices.nsdl.com.

The remote e-voting facility will commence on Tuesday, 23rd September, 2025, 2025 at 09:00 a.m. and end on Thursday, 25th September, 2025 at 05:00 p.m. The remot -voting shall not be allowed beyond the aforesaid date and time.

A person whose name appears in the Register of Members/Beneficial Owners as on he cut-off date i.e. Friday, 19th September, 2025, only shall be entitled to avail the

facility of remote e-voting/voting at the Meeting. Any person who becomes a Member after the despatch of the Notice of the Annua General Meeting and holds shares on the cut-off date may obtain User ID and password by sending a request to the National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) at evoting@nsdl.co.in. The detailed procedure for obtaining the User ID and password i also provided in the Notice of the Meeting available on Company's website and NSDL vebsite. If the member is already registered with NSDL for e-voting, he can use hi existing User ID and password for casting the vote through remote e-voting.

Members who have cast their votes through remote e-voting prior to Annual Genera Meeting may also attend the Annual General Meeting but shall not be entitled to vote

For Encash Entertainment Limited Date: 05.09.2025 Place : Kolkata

F.No.A-50013/294/2021-E-IV Government of India.

Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation Polvaram Project has been declared a National Project under section 90 (1) of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014. For regulation and development of Polavaram Project, a special project vehicle (SPV) i.e. Polavaram Project Authority and its Governing Body was established vide Gazette Notification dated 28.05.2014. The Polvaram Project Authority (PPA) is a statutory body under the Chairmanship of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to be appointed by the Central Government from amongst officers at Level-15 in the pay matrix (Rs. 1,82,200-2,24,100/-) of the Government of India, with a fixed tenure of at least 3 years.

Ministry of Jal Shakti

2. The Ministry of Jal Shakti (Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation) had invited applications for the one post of Chief Executive Officer in Polavaram Project Authority on deputation basis (including short term contract) in the Pay Level-15 (Rs.1,82,200-2,24,100/-). The vacancy was initially published in the Employment News edition dated 01-07 March, 2025 and the last date of receiving applications was subsequently extended for 30 days from the date of issue/publishing of the advertisement in the Employment News edition dated 24-30 May, 2025. The post is now being re-advertised. However, applicants, who have already applied earlier, need not re-apply.

3. Details of the post, eligibility conditions etc. are available at jalshakti -dowr. gov.in; dopt.gov.in and ppa.gov.in. Applications complete in all respects of suitable and eligible officers and who can be spared immediately in the event of selection may be sent through proper channel to:- "The Under Secretary (Estt.IV), Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Room No.435, Shram Shakti Bhavan, Raf Marg, New Delhi-110001" and by email at use4-mowr@nic.in and soe4-mowr@ gov.in, within a period of 45 days from the date of issue/ publishing of this Advertisement in the Employment News.

4. Advance copies of application or application received after the prescribed period or not accompanied with the requisite information/ documents are liable to be rejected

(Narayanan Bhattadiri K.P.

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India cbc45101/11/0002/2526

PUJA SPECIAL TRAINS between Kolkata & Lucknow and Malda Town & Anand Vihar (T)

To clear extra rush of passenger during ensuing Puja, Diwali 8 Chhath, 03107/03108 Kolkata-Lucknow-Kolkata Special & 03435/03436 Malda Town-Anand Vihar Terminal-Malda Town Special trains will run as per following abstract timings, stoppages dates of run and composition:

USTUT/USTUO KUIKAIA-LUCKIIUW-KUIKAIA SPECIAI (WEEKIY)						
Kolkata-Lucknow			(03107) (03108)	Lucknow-Kolkata		
Day	Arr.	Dep.	STATIONS	Arr.	Dep.	Day
Thur	_	23.55	Kolkata	00.40	_	Sun
	01.12	01.14	♥ Bandel	22.48	22.50	
	03.33	03.38	Asansol	20.15	20.20	
Fri	05.07	05.09	Jasidih	18.27	18.29	Sat
	11.40	11.45	Gaya Jn. ▲	11.50	11.55	
Sat	00.10	-	Lucknow	_	01.40	

The above special train will also stop at Naihati, Barddhaman Durgapur, Chittaranjan, Madhupur, Jhajha, Kiul Jn., Sheikhpura Nawadah, Tilaiya, Anugraha Narayan Road, Dehri On Sone, Sasaram Bhabua Road, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Varanasi & Sultanpur stations enroute in both directions. Dates of run: From Kolkata -03107 on 02/10, 09/10, 16/10, 23/10, 30/10 & 06/11/2025 (Thursday) = 06 Trips and From Lucknow – 03108 on 04/10, 11/10, 18/10. 25/10, 01/11 & 08/11/2025 (Saturday) = 06 Trips. Composition: AC 3-Tier-04, Sleeper Class-10, General 2nd Class (GS)-06 & SLRD-02=22 coaches. Category: Mail/Express.

ı	03435/03436 Malda Town-Anand Vihar (T)-Malda Town Special (Weekly)						
ı	Malda To	wn-Anand	Vihar (T)	(03435) (03436)	Anand Viha	ar (T)-Mal	da Town
	Day	Arr.	Dep.	STATIONS	Arr.	Dep.	Day
ı		_	09.30	Malda Town	21.05	_	
ı		12.42	12.52	♥ Bhagalpur	16.50	17.00	
	Mon	13.50	13.55	Jamalpur Jn.	15.47	15.52	Wed
ı		15.15	15.20	Kiul Jn.	15.00	15.05	
ı		18.15	18.20	Gaya Jn.	11.40	11.45	
ı	Tue	13.40	_	Anand Vihar (T)	-	15.45	Tue

The above special train will also stop at New Farakka, Barharwa Jn. Sahibganj Jn., Pirpainti, Kahalgaon, Sultanganj, Abhaipur, Sheikhpura Nawadah, Tilaiya, Anugraha Narayan Road, Dehri On Sone, Sasaram Bhabua Road, Pt.Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Prayagraj, Govindpuri & Tundla Jn. stations enroute in both directions. Dates of run: From Malda Town – 03435 on 29/09, 06/10, 13/10, 20/10, 27/10, 03/11 10/11, 17/11 & 24/11/2025 (Monday) = 09 Trips and From Anand Vihar (T) - 03436 on 30/09, 07/10, 14/10, 21/10, 28/10, 04/11, 11/11 18/11 & 25/11/2025 (Tuesday) = 09 Trips. Composition: AC 2-Tier-02, AC 3-Tier-06, Sleeper Class-08, General 2nd Class (LS)-04 Power Car-01 & LSLRD-01=22 coaches. Category: Mail/Express

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US employers added just 22 000 jobs last month amid uncertainty over President Trump's policies

Washington: US employers added just 22,000 jobs last month as the labour market continued to cool under uncertainty over President Donald Trump's economic

The Labour Department said Friday that hiring decelerated from 79,000 in July. The unemployment rate ticked up to 4.3 per cent, also worse than expected and the highest level since 2021, the Labour Department said.

When the department put out a disappointing jobs report a month ago, an enraged President Donald Trump responded by firing the economist in charge of compiling the numbers and nominating a loyalist to replace her.

Talking to reporters Thursday night at a dinner with wealthy tech executives, Trump had seemed to shrug off whatever hiring numbers would come out Friday. "The real numbers that I'm talking about are going to be whatever it is, but will be in a year from now," the president said.

The US job market has lost momentum this year, partly because of the lingering effects of 11 interest rate hikes by the inflation fighters at the Federal Reserve in 2022 and 2023 and partly because President Donald Trump's policies, including his trade wars, have created uncertainty that leaves managers reluctant to make hiring decisions.

So far in 2025, the economy has generated 85,000 new jobs a month, down from 1,68,000 last year and an average 4,00,000 a month during the hiring boom of 2021-2023 as the United States roared back from COVID-19 lockdowns. "The labour market is showing signs of cracking," said Heather Long, chief economist at Navy



Federal Credit Union. "It's not a red siren alarm yet, but the signs keep growing that

businesses are starting to cut workers."

The Labour Department reported Thursday that the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits - a proxy for layoffs - rose last week to the highest level since June, though the number of claims remained within a healthy range. The outplacement firm Challenger.

Grav & Christmas said Wednesday that USbased employers have announced more than 8,92,000 jobs cuts this year through August, more than the 7,61,000 reported for all 12 months of 2024.

In a sign that US hiring gains are limited and fragile, nearly 80 per cent of new private sectors jobs this year have been created in just one industry: healthcare and social assistance, a Labour Department category that spans hospitals to daycare cen-

After seeing the weak July jobs numbers, Trump fired Erika McEntarfer, head of the Bureau of Labour Statistics, baselessly claiming the hiring report had been rigged to hurt him politically.

He has nominated a partisan idealogue, E J Antoni, to replace her. But for now, pending Antoni's confirmation by the Senate, the jobs report is in the hands of the acting BLS commissioner, William Wiatrowski, a career Labour Department

Economists and others familiar with how the jobs numbers are collected have expressed confidence that Labour Department procedures will keep the data safe from political interference.

What set Trump off a month ago wasn't the July hiring or unemployment figures. It was BLS revisions, which shaved a stunning 2,58,000 jobs off May and June payrolls and slashed average monthly hiring from May through July to a mere

The revisions are standard practice, and necessary because many companies surveyed by the government submit their responses late or correct what they've already sent in.

Government economists are also contending with a big drop in the share of companies that respond to the surveys. A decade ago, about 60 per cent of companies surveyed responded. Now only about 40 per

And it's an international problem for data collectors, especially since COVID-19. The United Kingdom even suspended publi-

you can't compel completion in Russia, you can't compel it anywhere.

cation of an official unemployment rate MP 5.2-kg baby born because of inadequate responses "I remember being at an internationat govt-run hospital in al conference where the chief statistician of the Russian Republic was complaining Jabalpur doctor says about how the Russians don't want to complete their surveys," William Beach, BLS commissioner from 2019 to 2023, said in an such weight is 'rare' interview last month. "What could he do? If

Jabalpur : A woman delivered a baby boy weighing 5.2 kg at the government-run Rani Durgawati Hospital in Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur district, a doctor has said, describing the

Avaada Electro to

Showcase PV

Modules at RE+ 2025

Kolkata: Avaada Electro, the solar PV manufacturing entity of the Avaada Group, will present its solar modules and cells at RE+ 2025, to be held in Las Vegas from September 8-11, 2025.

Visitors can explore Avaada Electro's product portfolio at Booth V13804.

Specializing in N-Type TOPCon solar cells and modules, Avaada Electro is driving efficiency gains while scaling power

Currently operating with 8.5 GW of PV module the compa-

ny expects to expand further in future. It currently has two

manufacturing facilities in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra

and are designed for scalability.

The flagship Nagpur facility features production lines and a smart energy management system with a Takt time of just

Avaada Electro's modules are certified to international standards including IEC, UL, and ISO, seeking to ensure con-

sistent performance in different geographies-from utility-scale

Commenting on the company's participation, Vineet Mittal, Chairman of Avaada Group, said: "Our presence at RE+ 2025 marks a pivotal step in establishing Avaada Electro as a trusted global partner in the alean apparent transition Virile."

ed global partner in the clean energy transition. With our solar

cells and modules, we are not only showcasing India's technol-

ogy leadership but also aim to introduce U.S. customers to reli-

able and cost-efficient solutions tailored for large-scale utili-

ties, EPCs, and C&I users. We remain committed to empower-

ing businesses, communities, and nations to accelerate renewable energy adoption and advance their net-zero ambitions."

solar parks to C&I and rooftop installations.

output to deliver greater performance and longevity.

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birth of such "heavy infants" as "rare".

The child was born through caesarean section on Wednesday to Shubhangi, wife of Anand Chouksey, a resident of Ranjhi area, unit head gynaecologist Dr Bhavana Mishra

"I have not seen such a heavy child in many years," she said on Thursday, adding that such babies are generally kept under observation for 24 hours as their sugar levels fluctuate.

"The baby is in SNCU because such babies face the threat of congenital anomalies. The paediatrician has said she was watching the blood sugar level. Overall, she said the infant was fine," Mishra informed.

The average weight of a full-term male newborn is between 2.8 and 3.2 kg, while for female newborns it ranges from 2.7 to 3.1 kg, Mishra said.

But the weights of babies have been improving gradually due to good lifestyle, nutrition and better medical care, the doctor added.

Restaurateur Camellia Panjabi celebrates 'Vegetables The Indian Way' in London

London: A new cookbook launched in London this week celebrates India's immense variety and range of vegetable dishes, infused with nutritional and health benefits through the ingredients used and methods of cooking.

Vegetables: The Indian Way' by Mumbai-born restaurateur and author Camellia Panjabi brings together 120 recipes incorporating a broad range of vegetables and lentils from across all parts of India.

Following years of research, Panjabi has incorporated nutritional notes, Ayurvedic influences and insights into traditional cooking techniques that naturally enhance digestion

I felt it was time to look at vegetables differently, instead of it being tucked away at the end of a restaurant menu, often as sides," Panjabi shared during a launch event at Masala Zone in Piccadilly Circus - one of the flagship restaurants within her family's MW Eat Indian dining group in the UK.

"I decided, why not group the vegetables, one by one, get their entire story, give all the recipes defined by how they grow - under the ground, on the ground, on a shrub, under the water or on a tree. And, if a recipe did not have oomph and taste fantastic, it would not go into the book. That was the easy part, as I had been collecting recipes all my life," she reminisced. As a book that has been in her mind's eye ever since the release of her bestselling cookbook '50 Great Curries of India' 30 years ago, it took the enforced lockdown of the COVID pandemic to finally bring things together in chapters. Panjabi credits her fellow restaurateur sister Namita and brother-in-law Ranjit Mathrani for encouraging her to "put pencil to paper" while locked down in London, even though much of her research notes were left behind in Mumbai.

The book's tagline of 'A definitive collection of recipes from the simple to the special' references her efforts to dig deeper into each known and lesser-known household dish, from bitter gourd's link to blood sugar regulation to lentils taking on a complete healthy package when paired with rice, rich in amino acids. "For Western vegetables, there are lots of books and coverage. So, off I went to the National Institute of Nutrition, which I didn't know much about until then, and the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in the Pusa complex in New Delhi, as well as consulting herbalists and Ayurveda experts. They were not amused by my multiple questions, but it made my research process thoroughly enjoyable," she recalled. The recipes, accompanied by Jonathan Gregson's photography, offer a savoury and sweet mix of dishes associated with vegetables such as broccoli and pumpkin grown on the ground, beetroot and carrot found under the ground, beans and okra found on shrubs and vines, apple and mango found on trees, and lotus stem and water chestnut found under water. From the gut-friendly benefits of soaking lentils and fermenting batters to the anti-inflammatory power of spices like turmeric and fenugreek, the cookbook is designed to blend ancient Indian food wisdom with modern nutritional science. Panjabi has been a champion of plant-based recipes through the course of her long career in the hospitality industry, including with the Taj Group of hotels. With her new book, she hopes to shine a light on how vegetables are essential not just for flavour and sustainability, but for metabolic health, gut function and longevity. 'Vegetables: The Indian Way', available in bookshops and online from this month, is her way of celebrating Indian techniques like tempering (tadka), sprouting and spice layering that transform simple vegetables into powerhouse meals.

Central govt's revenue loss due to GST rate reduction will be Rs 3700 crore for FY26: SBI

New Delhi : The revenue loss of the central government due to the recent GST rate reduction will be around Rs 3,700 crore in FY26, as higher growth and a boost in consumption have reduced the impact on revenues, according to a report by the State Bank of India (SBI). The report highlighted the data that by taking the baseline of FY24, the government had estimated a gross loss of Rs 93,000 crore due to GST rate cuts. However, after adjusting for extra revenue collection, the net loss stood at Rs 48,000 crore.

For FY26, SBI estimates the gross revenue loss to be higher at Rs 1.11 lakh crore. But with strong consumption trends and higher tax revenue, the net loss is projected to decline sharply to Rs 25,794 crore for the full FY26 including centre and states share.

For a six-month period, the Centre's share of loss is significantly smaller. As per FY24 baseline, it stood at Rs 6,960 crore, while in FY26 it is expected to reduce further to Rs 3,740 crore. It stated "based on the trend growth and consumption boost, we expect Rs 3,700 crore revenue

On an annualized basis, the government estimates the net fiscal impact of GST rationalisation at around Rs 48,000 crore. However, SBI's calculations, based on trend growth and consumption boost, point to a much smaller revenue loss of Rs 3,700 crore, which is just about 1 basis point impact on the fiscal deficit.

The report also pointed out that in the past, GST rate cuts have led to additional revenues of nearly Rs 1 trillion

It emphasized that rationalisation of tax rates should not be seen as a temporary stimulus to demand but rather as a structural reform. The simplified framework is expected to reduce compliance burdens, encourage voluntary compliance, and widen the tax base in the long run.

On the inflation front, the report mentioned that the reduction in GST rates on essential items, around 295 in total, has brought down rates from 12 per cent to 5 per cent or NIL. This is expected to reduce CPI inflation in this category by 25-30 basis points in FY26, considering a 60 per cent pass-through effect on food items

Additionally, the rationalisation of GST rates on services is estimated to lower CPI inflation by another 40-45 basis points, with a 50 per cent pass-through effect on other goods and servic-

Overall, SBI expects CPI inflation to moderate by 65-75 basis points over FY26-27, providing further relief to consumers while ensuring minimal impact on gov-

Assam's Tezpur University signs MoU with Far Eastern Federal University of Russia

Guwahati : Assam's Tezpur University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Far Eastern Federal University (FEFU) of Russia to explore research work and other related areas of mutual interest.

The agreement, effective for a period of five years, was inked on Wednesday on the sidelines of the Eastern Economic Forum in Russia's Vladivostok, an official release said. FEFU, a prestigious public university located in Vladivostok was established in 1899 and is one of Russia's leading educational institutions, offering a wide range of programmes - medicine, engineering, humanities and natural sciences - it said.

The MoU calls for various areas of activities that include

establishing joint dual degree educational programs in the field of construction and civil engineering, intention to implement research work on construction, civil engineering, machine learning and artificial

intelligence. The partnership will also open other activities like field trips, exchange of students and faculty members, joint research projects, conferences and cultural programmes, the release Such a collaboration would broaden the horizons of students of Tezpur University, its Vice Chancellor Prof Shambhu Nath Singh said. He hoped that the exposure to

two distinct educational ecosystems, research cultures, and societal needs would make students more agile in responding to complex global problems

Politics or relief on GST

The reduction in GST rates is a sign of relief for the public, but the frequently changing arguments raise questions on the policies of the government.

After the implementation of GST, the government for nine years called high rates necessary and enumerated their benefits. Now the same argument is being given in reverse form for reducing the rates. The $\ensuremath{\mathsf{tax}}$ relief to be implemented from Navratri is definitely a positive message for consumers and the business world, but this contradiction in policies weakens the public's trust. Instead of linking the tax policy to politics or festivals, it is important to make it stable and fair in the long term, so that the real spirit of "one country, one tax" can be meaningful.

GST or "Goods and Services Tax", which was implemented in the Indian tax system in the year 2017, was considered a historic reform at that time. It was presented as the concept of "one country, one tax" and the public was assured that this would simplify the tax system, curb corruption and provide convenience to businessmen. At the very beginning, the government and its economic advisors justified the high tax rates and said that it is in the national interest and in the long run, it will increase revenue, accelerate the growth rate and also strengthen the states

But in the last nine years, the public saw that the burden of GST only increased on the common consumers. Tax rates remained high on essential goods as well as everyday items. Inflation kept increasing and the budget of every household kept deteriorating. The business community also complained many times that the complex system of GST and high tax slabs affected their business. Small and medium industries had to fight for their existence many

Now suddenly the same government is saying that GST rates will be reduced and this will provide direct relief to the public. On the occasion of Navratri, this announce



ment is being called "Diwali of tax relief". Certainly, this step is a message of relief for the common consumer. Reducing tax on items like shoes, clothes, TV, DTH will directly affect every family. People will be able to shop during festivals and there will be more activity in the market. But the question arises that why the same arguments that were given earlier in support of higher tax are being given today in support of reducing it?

This contradiction is not limited to tax rates only. It also raises questions on the thinking of the government's economic policies. If high taxes were the basis of development, then how did reducing them after nine years suddenly become necessary for development? And if lower taxes can actually provide relief to the market and the public, then why did the public have to bear the burden of high taxes for so many years?

The common citizen wants answers to these questions. He is seeing that tax policies are changed many times due to politics and electoral strategies. The announcement of tax cuts on the occasion of festivals certainly attracts people, but is it a long-term solution? Changing the tax policy from time to time and each time saying it is in the public interest raises questions on transparency and credibility. Today when the government says that reducing taxes will strengthen the economy, it is true. When the tax burden is reduced, people's purchasing power increases, consumption increases and the market becomes vibrant. This increases production and also creates employment. But then the same question arises-what purpose was achieved by keeping taxes high for so many years? During that time, did the public become only a machine for revenue collection?

The truth is that in a developing country like India, tax policy should not be just a means of raising revenue, but it should also be the basis of socio-economic balance. The tax burden on essential goods and everyday items should be kept to a minimum so that

the poor and the middle class get relief. Whereas relatively high taxes can be imposed on luxury items. But in the past years we have seen that many times this balance got disturbed and the pocket of the common citizen was directly affected.

It is also worth noting that tax relief also affects the government's revenue. When revenue decreases, the government either increases the deficit or recovers from somewhere else. In such a situation, how much relief the public actually gets is also a big question. If the burden of tax directly or indirectly remains on electricity, fuel, education and health services, then the effect of reducing tax on other goods will be limited.

The dream of "one country, one tax" that was shown in the name of GST is still incomplete. Different slabs on different items, complaints from states, complicated return filing and frequent changes in rules, all these have been making it complicated. Now that the decision to reduce tax rates has been taken, there is a need to not make it a relief limited only to festivals, but to make the entire system stable and balanced.

The government should decide tax policies above politics and with a long-term economic perspective. People should feel that tax is actually their contribution to nation building and not just a burden. For this, it is necessary that the revenue obtained from tax is used properly and transparently. If the public sees that the tax paid by them is being used on education, health, employment and infrastructure, then they will not hesitate in paying tax.

Today's tax relief should be welcomed, but at the same time it is important to raise the question whether this is just an immediate attraction or the beginning of a longterm reform. Instead of linking a major reform like GST with politics and electoral gains, it should be taken forward in the real interest of the public and the economy. Only then will the "Diwali of tax relief" really bring light to the life of every citizen.

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Death toll from powerful Afghan quake tops 2,200, search for survivors continues

News Service, Search and rescue operations from Sunday's powerful earthquake in eastern Afghanistan are continuing, with the death toll surpassing 2,200, according to officials.

Hamdullah Fitrat, deputy spokesman of the interim administration, said on the US social media company X that the death toll rose to 2,205, while the number of injured hit 3,640, in just the Kunar province.

"With many people still trapped under the rubble, the death toll could rise further as search operations for survivors continue," Rahimullah Hamzala, spokesman for local security forces in the Kunar province, ear-

Authorities in Kabul also fear that the death toll may climb as they share data from the provinces of Nangarhar, Laghman, and Panjshir, which were also hit.

At least 12 deaths have already been reported in Nangarhar.

Humanitarian agencies warn that the scale of devastation requires urgent international support to prevent a worsening crisis.

Türkiye this week dispatched 25 tons of aid to the country, including shelter materials, hygiene kits, and food boxes.

Neighboring Pakistan has also sent 105 tons of aid, while Iran, China, and India, as well as Western nations, have pledged to dispatch

The US Geological Survey recorded the quake at 11.47 pm local time (1917GMT), 27 kilometers (16.7 miles) east-northeast of Jalalabad at a depth of 8 km (5 mi) on Sunday night, when most

residents were asleep. It is the third major earthquake to have hit the wartorn nation since the Afghan Taliban returned to power in

Hindutva groups humiliate, force **Muslim teacher** to do sit-ups over remark on religious symbols in Madhya **Pradesh**



News Khargone: A Muslim teacher in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone district was publicly humiliated for asking his students to stop wearing religious symbols in class. The hindutva groups also forced him to do sit-ups as they raised religious slo-

The teacher, Sharukh Pathan who teaches Class 2 students had advised his students to avoid wearing tilak and kalawa threads on their hands. The school staff came in support of his advice and said that his intention was to ensure equality in class.

However, local Hindutva organisations learned about the matter from a few parents who were angry, barged into the school and demanded an immediate apology from Pathan.

The video that has gone viral online shows Pathan apologizing to the members of Sakal Hindu Samaj under pressure and doing sit-ups.

Reportedly, Pathan also submitted a written apology. Despite apologising to the mob, the members then de-

manded action against the teacher from the Principal, Balram Bhanwar. Activists on social media

criticized the incident and maintained that Pathan was promoting fraternity and equality and his actions cannot be considered as an assault on religion.

Several users pointed out, "Forcing an apology and humiliating the teacher sends a wrong message to the children whom he teaches."

Zohran Mamdani likely New York Mayor unless 2 rivals drop out, says Trump

York: US President Donald Trump has said he thinks Democrat Zohran Mamdani is likely to become New York City's next mayor unless two of the three major candidates running against him drop out of the race.

But the Republican didn't say which two candidates he'd like to see

Trump said "No" when he was asked by a reporter on Thursday night if he'd urged or encouraged any of the candidates in the race to drop out, but went on to say he would like to see that happen.

"I don't think you can win unless you have oneon-one, and somehow he's gotten a little bit of a lead," Trump said of

"I have no idea how that happened."

The president, who spoke as he hosted a dinner at the White House with tech executives, went on, "I would like to see two people drop out and have it be one-on-one, and I think that's a race that

could be won."

Mamdani, a 33-yearold democratic socialist, has been the presumptive favourite in the election since soundly beating former governor Andrew Cuomo in the Democratic primary in June.



Florida trip, which he said

was to "deal with some

personal issues." But he

has repeatedly insisted he

Adams reiterated his

intention of staying in the race Thursday, adding that he wasn't bothered

by growing calls for him

porters at an event tout-

ing an endorsement from

"Just because people yell at you and call your

names, and just because a

number of people ask you

to step down or don't do

what you believe, you're

supposed to succumb to

that? That's not what I

Adams' campaign was deeply wounded when

he was indicted on cor-

ruption charges last year,

then developed a warm relationship with Trump

that bothered many Dem-

ocrats in one of the coun-

to end his campaign. "No pressure, no diamonds," Adams told re-

some Muslim leaders.

won't quit.

as is incumbent Mayor Eric Adams. Joining those three Democrats in the field is Republican Curtis Sliwa, the founder of the Guardian Angels crime

patrol group.
Recently, intermediaries for Trump reached out to people close to Adams to talk about whether he would consider abandoning his reelection campaign to take a federal ob, according to people familiar with those conversations who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the private na-

On a recent trip to Miami, Adams met with Steve Witkoff, a former real estate developer in New York who is now one of Trump's main diplomatic envoys in Washington, according to one of the people briefed on the discussions.

ture of the talks.

Adams acknowledged But Cuomo is still on the meeting with "several ballot as an independent, political figures" on his

the Justice Department said it was dropping the case so that Adams could assist with Trump's immigration crackdown. At a news conference on

Thursday, Cuomo called on Adams to drop out.

"If Mamdani is the existential threat, if you believe that, then at a point you should defer to the strongest candidates,' Cuomo said.

Sliwa, meanwhile, has cast himself as the best candidate to take on

"The assumption here is that Eric Adams' voters, if he does drop out, are all going to jump to Cuomo. That ain't happening," Sliwa said in an interview.

"There's a lot of anger toward Cuomo. They've been going back and forth like two scorpions in a brandy glass.

Sliwa added that he also isn't quitting, and said no one from the Trump administration had reached out yet to urge him to do

"I can assure you for 9,852th time in this campaign I've had to answer this: I'm not dropping out. I'm in it until November 4," he said.

"I don't care if people drop out. I'd encourage them to stay in. Let the people decide. That's what democracy is about,



Teachers' Day celebrated at Frontpage Academy in De Ganga, North 24 Parganas. On this special day, initiated by All India Muslim Personal Law Board member Mohammad Kamruzzaman, Professor Dr. Sirajul Islam, Head of Department at

Eid Milad-un-Nabi celebrated with utmost dignity

Nurul Islam Khan: Sacred Friday was Eid Milad-un-Nabi Day. This day has become two Eid festivals for the Muslim world. It is the day of the birth and death of Hazrat Muhammad (peace be upon him), a symbol of world peace and a guide and guide to the liberation of humanity. Eid Milad-e-Nabi or Fatiha Yaz Daham Day is being celebrated all over the world, focusing on the advent of that great sage. This special day is being celebrated by paying due respect and hon-or to the beloved Prophet. To be honest, Eid is being celebrated in every Muslim's home. There are huge processions, prayer gatherings, and general non-Muslims being given roses as a gift, sending a message of harmony and brotherhood. Camps are being set up along the roadside and drinks, sharbat and dates are being distributed to everyone. Slogans are being chanted, hailing the victory of India. Prayers are being offered for the welfare of the people. Prayers are being offered for the peace and

harmony of the state. In addition, prayers have been offered for the innocent people of Palestine and Gaza in the wake of the fall of the barbaric, inhumane Israel. Thousands of innocent children



war-mongering Netanyahu's Hitlerite attitude or in the unjust war.

World Prophet's Day has been celebrated in a grand manner across the state since last night. It was observed in a very simple manner at various places including the Fati-hiya Kharizia Madrasa in Furfura Sharif, Hooghly. Pirzada Imran Siddiqui, Pirzada Mujahid Siddiqui, Pirzada Sawban Siddiqui, Pirzada Sanaullah Siddiqui, Pirzada Minhaj Siddiqui, Pirzada Mosfekin Siddiqui, Pirzada Hozaifa Siddiqui and Pirzada Uzayer Siddiqui, Several Pirsaheb, including Pir Hazrat Dada Huzur, have said that Pir Hazrat Dada Huzur himself observed this day in the light of the Quran and Hadith. There, rare holy day was a witthey did not create chaos ness to history.

sion. The Pirsahebs have expressed their anger that some people are doing this anti-Sharia act in the name of Furfura Sharif, saying that this is not permissible in Islam. On this day, Prophet's Day was celebrated in many places including Ban Harishpur in Panchla, Howrah, Bangaon in North 24 Parganas. Eid Milad-un-Nabi (peace be upon him) was celebrated with great reverence throughout the state. Several huge processions were attended by a large number of people. The crowd of children participating in the procession was also impressive. The procession of motorcycles and four-wheelers was a sight to behold. Friday's

Dalit family accepts Islam in Haryana's Nuh; Hindu groups protest, police case registered

MI News Service, Nuh: A Dalit family converted to Islam which triggered strong opposition from extremist Hindutva organisations and a police complaint in Haryana's Nuh.

The family of five -Chetram, aged 45 now Mohammad, his wife Rekha now Rukhsar and their three children have also changed their names after accepting Islam. They stated that they willfully accepted Islam.

The news of conversion came to be known after Satbir, Chetram's brother, registered a complaint at Nagina police station. Satbir claimed that the family accepted Islam under pressure and named two

Earlier Chetram had revealed in an affidavit now." that he was influenced



by Islam and accepted it. He stated, "Influenced by the goodness of Islam, I have accepted Islam along with my family without — Shahid and any fear or greed. We do not associate ourselves forced us to do it. We will with the previous religion

Videos of the couple

asserting that they have accepted the religion willfully in a Nuh court have gone viral online. Dismissing allegations, they told

continue to practice this religion (Islam)." Despite their

the Magistrate.

dutva organisations have protested outside Nagina police station following the registration of the FIR. They gathered in large numbers and accused the Muslim groups of organis-ing "planned and system-atic conversions" of Hindus in the area.

A panchayat meeting was also held where local leaders warned the authorities of widespread agitation if they failed to act. Despite the family's clear assertion, the leaders said, "People from the weaker sections are being targeted."

The panchayat meeting concluded by resolving to submit a memorandum to the state government.

After their court appearance, fearing for their lives, the family has gone

Israel levels high-rise Gaza City tower, says 'gates of hell' opening

MI News Service, Gaza: Israel's defence minister has said the "gates of hell" are opening in Gaza, as the military destroys a highrise tower in a densely populated part of Gaza City and says it will target more multistorey buildings, intensifying its campaign to seize control of the capital.

Israeli forces have killed at least 44 people across Gaza on Friday, with at least seven children killed in attacks on Gaza City.

Israel's army claimed it now controls 40 sault on residential homes and displacement 200 were taken captive.

camps, with the UN children's fund (UNICEF) describing the current situation as "unthinkable". Gaza's Health Ministry said at least 30 percent of Palestinians killed in Israel's attacks on Gaza have been children, amounting to 28 children killed every day since October 2023. Since the start of the war in October 2023, at least 64,300 people have been killed and 161,583 wounded across Gaza. Thousands more are believed to be under the rubble. A total of 1,139 people were killed in Ispercent of Gaza City and has expanded its as-rael during the October 7 attacks, and about

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4	Assistant Professor (Community Health Administration) [Medical]	Academic Pay Level 10 + NPA	01	UR	Direct	Annexure-I
5	Medical Assistant Professor (Statistics & Demography)	Academic Pay Level 10	01	OBC	Direct	Annexure-I
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The Legal and Social Marginalization of 'Dalit Muslims' in Indian Diaspora

MI News Service, New Del- of religion, caste, and state polhi: India is characterized by an intricate web of identities, encompassing religion, language, caste, ethnicity, race, gender, ideology, and socio-economic positioning, which collectively contribute to its plural social fabric. While certain identities possess universal significance, others are deeply embedded in local historical and cultural contexts. Among these, caste occupies a central role. Commonly perceived as an exclusive feature of Hindu social order, caste in reality extends beyond religious boundaries and operates as a broader South Asian phenomenon. Its enduring geographical and cultural influence has rendered caste an inseparable element of the Indian Muslim community as well. Despite Islam's egalitarian doctrines, castebased stratification persists, manifesting in entrenched hierarchies, unequal access to resources, and pervasive social discrimination.

takes a critical examination of the structural and behavioral forms of exclusion encountered by Pasmanda Muslims, who constitute the socially and economically disadvantaged sections of Indian Islam. Particular attention is given to the persistent denial of Scheduled Caste (SC) recognition to Dalit Muslims, a policy stance that perpetuates their marginalization and restricts access to affirmative action measures available to their counterparts in other faiths. By drawing upon legal, sociological, and historical perspectives, the study interrogates the contradictions between constitutional promises of equality and the lived realities of marginalized

Muslim groups. It also high-

lights the complex intersections

icy in shaping experiences of discrimination. Ultimately, the paper seeks to contribute to the discourse on social justice, minority rights, and the urgent need for inclusive frameworks that recognize caste oppression beyond the boundaries of reli-

With a Muslim population exceeding 170 million, India ranks as the third-largest Muslim-majority nation globally, following Indonesia and Pakistan. The presence of Islam in India dates back to the time of the Prophet Muhammad, and Muslims have played a significant historical role in the subcontinent.[1] Between the tenth and nineteenth centuries, various Muslim dynasties ruled over different regions of India.[2] While many Muslims arrived as conquerors or traders, they eventually settled and integrated into Indian society. Today, a substantial portion of India's Muslim population consists of converts from other This exclusive report under- religious traditions.[3] These converts brought with them pre-existing cultural norms, notably the caste-based hierarchical social order, including features such as occupational specialization, endogamy, and social stratification, which became embedded in Muslim social and cultural practices in

the subcontinent. Although Islam promotes a fundamentally egalitarian ethos, emphasizing social justice and economic redistribution, the realization of such ideals has remained largely aspirational. The religion's doctrinal emphasis on equality was challenged upon its interaction with Indian society, where caste-based stratification was deeply entrenched. The caste system, pervasive in pre-Islamic Indian life, exerted a significant influence even on Islam and Christianity upon their arrival. As a result, numerous individuals from oppressed Hindu castes who embraced Islam in pursuit of social liberation and economic justice often continued to experience marginalization.[5] The expectation that conversion would offer a meaningful escape from castebased discrimination proved largely illusory. Thus, despite Islam's egalitarian ideals, the socio-religious realities of the Indian context hindered their full realization, perpetuating

stratification even within the Muslim community. Caste-based stratification among Indian Muslims is a persistent social reality, though it is often denied or downplayed within the community. Despite a general reluctance to openly acknowledge its existence, caste continues to exert significant influence over social roles, relationships, and status within Muslim society in India. [6] Although the phenomenon has long been observed, systematic academic efforts to explore and analyze caste among Muslims have been relatively

While conversion to Islam was initially perceived as a means of escaping the oppressive Hindu caste system, for many lower-caste converts the material and social realities remained largely unchanged.[8] Their new religious identity did little to alter their caste-based occupations, educational backwardness, or socio-economic status. Post-Independence affirmative action policies provided Scheduled Caste Hindus with state support and reservations in education and employment, but Pasmanda Muslims were excluded from these provisions.[9] This exclusion placed them in a doubly disadvantaged position-first, due to their marginalized status within the Muslim community, and second, because of their religious identity that denied them access to constitutional safeguards granted to Dalit The term Pasmanda, de-

rived from Persian, meaning 'those who have left behind (, was popularized by Ali Anwar in 1998, founder of the All India Pasmanda Muslim Mahaz.[10] He frames Pasmanda Muslims in class rather than caste terms, though he uses "Pasmanda" and "Dalit Muslims" interchangeably.[11] He believes that while Pasmanda includes Dalit Muslims, but all Pasmandas are Dalit Muslims. [12] Pasmanda is primarily composed of Ajlaf and Arzal Muslims.It refers specifically to persons with lower social, economic, and political status. Constitutionally, we fall within one category: OBC.

A pioneering contribution in this area was made by Ghaus Ansari (1960), who conducted one of the earliest in-depth studies on caste and social stratification among North Indian Muslims.[14] He categorized Muslim castes into three broad groups: (i) Ashraf, (ii) Ajlaf, and (iii) Arzal.[15] The Ashraf group consists of Muslims of noble lineage and those claiming descent from Muslim immigrants, early such as the Sayyads, Sheikhs, Mughals, and Pathans. The Ajlaf includes converts from middle-ranking Hindu castes, such as Muslim Jats, Rajputs, and Gujjars. The Arzal comprises the most marginalized groups—occupational castes traditionally associated with impure' or polluting tasks". Collectively, Ajlaf and Arzal are often referred to as Pasmanda or Dalit Muslims.



India hockey team begins Women's Asia Cup 2025 campaign with resounding 11-0 win over Thailand

HANGZHOU: The Indian hockey team kicked off their Women's Asia Cup 2025 journey on a stellar note by defeating Thailand with a commanding scoreline of 11-0 in their Pool B fixture.

Mumtaz Khan (7', 49'), Udita (30', 52') and Beauty Dung Dung (45', 54') scored two goals apiece for India while Sangita Kumari (10'), Navneet Kaur (16'), Lalremsiami (18'), Sharmila Devi (57') and Rutuja Dadaso Pisal (60') also featured on the scoresheet.

India asserted their dominance early on with two field goals from Mumtaz Khan (7') and Sangita Kumari (10') in the first quarter. The second quarter saw India further increase their attacking intensity with three more goals to expand their advantage.

Experienced forward Navneet Kaur (16') and midfielder Lalremsiami (18') scored two back-to-back field goals, followed by a penalty corner conversion from Udita (30') to end the first

half on a strong note. The second half followed a similar trend with India's constant attacks inside Thailand's circle as they won four penalty corners in the third quarter, through which Beauty Dung Dung (45') scored her first goal in the 45th minute. The final quarter of the match saw India score five goals on the trot to seal a big win in their opening encounter. Mumtaz Khan (49'), Udita (52') and Sharmila Devi (57') scored through penalty corners while

Beauty Dung Dung (54') and Rutuja Dadaso Pisal (60') scored field goals for their side.

India will be looking to lift the title for the third time after winning the Women's Asia Cup twice, first in 2004 and again in 2017. In the last edition of the event, India finished third in the tournament. The 20member team is being led by captain Salima Tete, who aims to win the tournament to secure India's spot in the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup 2026 next year.

Haryana leads Indian contingent with 31 athletes for World Para Athletics Championships 2025

NEW DELHI: India proudly announces a strong and diverse contingent of para-athletes from across the country who have qualified for the World Para Athletics Championships 2025, set to take place at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi, from September 27 to October 5, 2025.

Led by star javelin thrower and two-time Paralympic gold medalist Sumit Antil, the team features a powerful blend of experienced medalists and emerging talent.

The squad boasts illustrious

names such as Praveen Kumar. Nishad Kumar, Hokato, Simran Sharma, Preeti Pal, Navdeep, Dharambir Nain, Pranav Soorma, and many more.

Paralympic gold medalist Dharambir Nain and double bronze medalist sprinter Preeti Pal have been honoured with the prestigious role of flag bearers for the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony, as per a release from the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI). The qualifiers represent a wide geographic spread, highlighting the growth of para athletics infrastructure and sup-port nationwide. Haryana leads with 31 players, followed by Uttar Pradesh with 12 players, Gujarat with 5 players, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttarakhand with 4 each, Tamil Nadu 3 players, Telangana 2 players, and several other states--including Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Nagaland, Delhi, Punjab, Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala--each contributing one athlete.

The New Delhi 2025 World



Para Athletics Championships is set to be India's biggest-ever para sporting event with over 2200 athletes and support staff from more than 104 countries competing in

"Aiming to play some games before": Sophie Molineux ahead of World Cup 2025 games before that World Cup, but



NEW DELHI: Defending champions Australia have locked in Sophie Molineux for their ICC Cricket World Cup 2025 squad, as per the ICC website.

The seven-time winners, who have ten members of the squad that featured in the previous edition back in 2022, have added the returning left-arm spinner to bolster the spin attack in sub-continent conditions.

The Australian spin attack will

now feature Ashleigh Gardner, leg-spinner Alana King, and Georgia Wareham, alongwith Molineux.

Molineux expressed her hope on getting some game time before the Cricket World Cup. But ongoing rehabilitation for a knee injury she sustained last year could keep her away from action, with direct participation in the tournament

"We were aiming to play some

the way it's panned out is I'll probably get into it at the World Cup no (better) way to rip a Band-Aid off than that. Traditionally, I'd bowl and bowl and bowl, and feel really confident and comfortable through bowling a heap of overs each week and playing games at cricket, but it's not the case now," Molineux said

"So I think I've been able to tap into some different things to pre-pare for a World Cup and to perform, hopefully, straight away," she added.

Since her debut in 2018, Molineux has played 13 ODIs, taking 23 wickets at an impressive average of 14.39 and an economy rate of 3.29. Though the journey to recovery has been challenging, the spinner is looking forward to her participation in what will be her maiden Cricket World Cup.

"The cherry of a World Cup is definitely something big. I've never been to a one-day World Cup, so the sound of that was always chiming in the back of my head throughout the winter. But I think it's (also) just about getting back and feeling good out on the cricket field again, no matter what colours I am in," Molineux concluded

Molineux is unlikely to feature in the three-match ODI series against India before the marquee event begins as a precautionary measure, with the defending Cricket World Cup champions hoping for her full recovery ahead of the tournament starting September 30.

Australia will take on New Zealand in the first game of the ICC Cricket World Cup 2025 on October 1 in Indore.

Formula 1 to race on streets of Monaco through 2035

NEW DELHI: Formula 1 has today announced an extension of the Monaco Grand Prix until 2035, inclusive, building on the existing agreement with the Automobile Club of Monaco that runs through the 2031 season, as per a release

The Monaco Grand Prix, which is one of the sport's most enduring races, having featured on the World Championship calendar in Formula 1's inaugural year in 1950, has given the sport iconic memories and incredible triumphs and heartbreak.

Since those early days, the Circuit de Monaco has demanded the ultimate skill and concentration from the drivers. Combined with its glamour and unique setting, the race in Monte Carlo is recognised as one of the most famous sporting events in the

In 2024, hometown hero Charles Leclerc created history when he became the first Monegasque in Formula 1 history to win the Grand Prix, and this year, Lando Norris secured his first-ever win in the Principality. From the rest of the current lineup of drivers, Fernando Alonso, Lewis Hamilton, and Max Verstappen have all won multiple times on the streets of Monaco,

They join legends including Ayrton Senna, Alain Prost, Michael Schumacher, Niki Lauda, Sir Jackie Stewart and Graham Hill, who have all triumphed around the 3.3km circuit.

The Paddock and F1 Paddock Club have both seen significant investment to provide an exten-

sive range of packages for fans to enjoy the glamour of the race in comfort and in a first this year, Formula 1's Global Partner, MSC Cruises' EXPLORA II ship, was docked in the heart of Port Hercule, offering guests a prime spot by the Paddock throughout

around the race. Stefano Domenicali, President and CEO at Formula 1, said, "The streets of Monaco have been echoing with the sound of Formula 1 since the earliest days of the sport, so I'm delighted to announce the extension of this fantastic event to 2035. It is an iconic race that is loved by all drivers and fans, with a unique vibe thanks to its location on the world's most glamorous Principality. I would like to

race week and a series of events

say a special thank you to His Serene Highness, Prince Albert II Michel of Monaco. President of the Automobile Club of Monaco and everyone involved in securing the long-term future of this historic partnership.

His Serene Highness, Prince Albert II of Monaco, said, "The renewal of the Monaco Grand Prix until 2035 is in keeping with a sporting and historical tradition to which the Principality remains deeply attached. I can only welcome this renewed commitment. which is a testament to our collective success, the excellence of our collaboration with Formula 1, and the unique place that Monaco occupies in the international motorsport landscape.

Michel Boeri. President of the

Automobile Club of Monaco, said, "I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco for his unwavering support, as well as to Stefano Domenicali for his continued trust. The Automobile Club de Monaco is delighted with this fourvear extension, which reflects the strong and enduring relationship between Formula 1 and the Principality of Monaco. This agreement reaffirms, more than ever, our commitment to delivering an exceptional, unmatched, and world-renowned race weekend to the passionate fans who travel from all over the globe to attend the Monaco Grand Prix. first held in 1929. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding work of the F1 community.

Mansukh Mandaviya launches mascot Jalveer and logo for 11th Asian Aquatics Championship 2025

Mandaviya, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), along with officials from the Swimming Federation of India (SFI), on Friday launched mascot Jalveer and logo in New Delhi for the forthcoming 11th Asian Aquatics Championship, Ahmedabad 2025, a release said.

According to the release, the event was held at the Hon'ble Minister's residence in New Delhi with Monal Chokshi, Secretary General of SFI, Virendra Nanavati, Senior Vice President of SFI, and VPs Anil Vyas, Rajkumar Gupta, and Anil Khatri in attendance, according to a press release from

The 11th edition of the prestigious event will be held from September 28 to October 11, 2025, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, marking the first time the event will be held in India. The event



will take place at the newly constructed Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, built to Olympic specifications, and will host over 30 participating nations across multiple

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs, said, "It was a pleasure to launch the logo and mascot Jalveer for the 11th Asian Aquatics Championships.

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This championship marks a historic milestone for Indian aquatics, offering our athletes the opportunity to showcase their talent against the finest in Asia. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Swimming Federation of India and the Government of Gujarat for their joint efforts in bringing this prestigious event to our nation." With over 1000 participants expected to arrive in

Gujarat for the Championships later this month, the showcase event will provide Indian swimmers a huge opportunity to shine in front of the home crowd.

Expressing his gratitude to the Sports Authority of Gujarat (SAG) and MYAS, RN Jayaprakash, President of SFI, said, "We are grateful for the unparalleled support provided by the SAG and MYAS in hosting this mega event. The infrastructure is world-class and, alongside providing Indian swimmers with home-ground advantage and exposure to elite competition, the championship also carries significance as a recognised qualifying event for the 2026 Asian Games, offering athletes a chance to secure their berth/qualification standards.'

"The significance of this edition lies not only in the competitive opportunities it offers but also in the legacy it will create. We are

grateful to Asia Aquatics for their vote of confidence in the Swimming Federation of India and allotting this event to SFI," expressed Monal Chokshi, Chokshi. Secretary General of SFI as quot-

ed by the MYAS press release. He further added, "The event will help popularise aquatic sports in India, strengthen the nation's athlete development pipeline, and cement Ahmedabad's image as an emerging global sports destination. For the Government of Gujarat, this championship aligns perfectly with its long-term vision of hosting the 2036 Olympics, showcasing organisational excellence, infrastructure readiness, and the ability to host high-calibre, multi-nation sporting events."

For Gujarat and India, hosting the championship is more than a sporting milestone--it is a statement of capability and ambition. Ahmedabad has positioned.

Saina Nehwal joins Hyderabad Pickleball League as co-owner of Keerthi Warriors

HYDERABAD: Olympic medallist and badminton legend Saina Nehwal has officially come on board as the co-owner of the franchise Keerthi Warriors in the Hyderabad Pickleball League (HPL).

This marks her first venture into team ownership, opening a new chapter in her journey as an athlete and mentor Nehwal, whose achievements have inspired generations of Indians, said her association with the Keerthi Warriors is driven by a desire to nurture and grow pickleball at the grassroots level, HPL said in a release.

"For me, sport has always been about inspiring people and creating pathways for young talent. Pickleball is at a stage today where badminton was many years ago; it has enormous potential to grow across India. Through the Hyderabad Pickleball League and Keerthi Warriors. I want to contribute to building the grassroots, create opportunities for children and youth, and help this sport reach every corner of the country. I am excited to help build a sporting culture in the city," said Saina Nehwal as quoted in the HPL release. Keerthi Reddy from Keerthi Warriors, owned by Keerthi Estates, added, "Having a champion like Saina Nehwal join our team, Keerthi Warriors, is a landmark moment for the Hyderabad Pickleball League. Her journey in badminton perfectly reflects what we are trying to achieve in pickleball: nurturing the sport from the grassroots, providing platforms for young athletes, and making India a powerhouse. Saina's involvement will give the team and the league credibility and inspire thousands to pick up pickleball."Launching in October 2025, the Hyderabad Pickleball League is India's first city-based pickleball league, designed to make the sport accessible to players of all levels. The league focuses on local participation, inclusivity, and community engagement, with each team blending experienced and emerging players.