

Model Villages for Rainwater Harvesting to Ensure Safe Drinking Water in West Bengal

In a bid to provide safe drinking water to people living in arsenic- and fluoride-prone areas and to curb wastage of potable water, the West Bengal government is developing model villages for rainwater harvesting across the state. These initiatives not only aim to supply clean drinking water to rural households but also to promote awareness about water conservation, sanitation, and hygiene practices. 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, North and South 24 Parganas, Howrah, and Jhargram. **PG 3**



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‘India needs better opposition for their criticism of GST’ : Nirmala Sitharaman

MI News Service, New Delhi

India deserves a better opposition and better opposition leaders, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday, as she slammed their criticism of the Modi government on the GST reforms as “ill-informed” and untouched by facts leading up to the implementation of the unified indirect tax regime in 2017.

She was unsparing in her takedown of the Congress for blaming the BJP-led NDA government for keeping four tax slabs when the GST was introduced and claiming vindication over the latest move to rationalise the structure by keeping only two slabs. It was not the BJP’s decision nor the case that then-Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was deciding upon different tax slabs or what should be the GST rate for a particular item, Sitharaman said, adding Congress ministers, too, were part of it. “Are they (opposition) not aware of it?”

Explaining the evolution of four GST rates in which opposition-ruled states played a crucial role as well in the run-up to its implementation in July 2017, Sitharaman said the country needs a campaign for a better Opposition and better opposition leaders on the lines of public movement against issues like tree-cutting. In a feisty response, she said she will have no qualm in tendering an apology if opposition leaders deal in facts and prove her wrong. “I have no ego. I will even apologise to people. But what they (opposition) are saying is nonsense.” “The Congress has now stirred into action. If you do not understand the issue, then the least you can do is keep quiet,” she said, reminding the principal opposition party that it was an Empowered Committee of finance ministers from states that decided on keeping four slabs in the Goods and Services Tax before it was rolled out. It was this Committee that formulated what was to be implemented in the GST from 2017, she said. In deliberations stretching for years, including under the Congress-led UPA government, Left leader and then-West Bengal Finance Minister Asim Dasgupta was influ-



ential in driving consultations as head of the Empowered Committee besides Finance ministers from other opposition-ruled states at different points of time, she noted. She said the Empowered Group had evaluated different levels of taxes on an item in different states, thrashed out an average and then agreed to keep that product in one of the four GST slabs nearest to the average.

In her seventh year as Finance Minister, spearheading some of the government’s major reforms aimed at giving relief to consumers, including the increase in income tax exemption to Rs 12 lakh in her last budget, and helping the industry, Sitharaman has often been at the receiving end of the Opposition’s flak over economic issues. She launched a vigorous counterattack over its criticism of the government on the GST. “India deserves a better opposition. I strongly believe in it. India needs better opposition leaders. Such ill-informed commentary will do no good. These leaders are misleading the public and not serving the country. In fact, they are harming it,” she said. Sitharaman was dismissive of Congress leader Jairam Ramesh’s contention that Prime Minister Narendra Modi undermined the GST Council, a constitutional body that takes all decisions related to the indirect tax regime, with his announcement in his Independence Day speech of the upcoming rationalisation. PM Modi gave a message to the country about reforms as the country’s Prime minister, she said and asked, “What is

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'Dhol-tasha' rent the air as Ganpati immersion processions held amid rain in Mumbai

MI News Service, Mumbai : Beats of ‘dhol-tasha’ and clouds of ‘gulal’ filled the air as thousands of faithful devotees thronged the streets of Mumbai on Saturday, braving incessant rains, for immersion processions of Ganpati idols on Anant Chaturdashi, the last and final day of the 10-day festival. Both sides of roads were packed with people participating in the ‘visarjan’ (immersion) processions as beautifully decked idols of Lord Ganesh began their final journey.

Colourful ‘rangolis’ were drawn on roads where the processions are expected to pass, even as parts of the city witnessed light to moderate showers since morning. At Lalbaug in central Mumbai, famous for its iconic Ganpati mandals, the processions began with the immersion journeys of idols of Tejukaya, Ganesh Gully, and several other mandals. Majestic idols emerged

from their pandals amid loud chants of “Ganpati Bappa Morya, Pudhchya Varshi Lavkar Ya”. The procession of the famous Lalbaugcha Raja, which attracts huge crowds during the 10-day festival, had started late in the evening as final preparations were being made for the massive idol to make its final journey through Girgaon Chowpatty. Thousands gathered along the streets of Lalbaug and other major procession routes to bid farewell to the beloved deity, with prayers on their lips and to witness the vibrant spectacle filled with music, dance, and clouds of celebratory gulal. Huge crowds also gathered at Shroff Building in Lalaug, where the traditional “Push-pyrishti” (flower shower) is performed on Ganpati idols. Many had already lined both sides of the roads since morning, waiting patiently

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‘Fully reciprocate Trump's positive assessment of Indo-US ties’: Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi/Washington (DC)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that he deeply appreciates President Donald Trump’s positive assessment of India-US relations. Modi’s comments in a social media post came hours after Trump, amid current tensions between Washington and Delhi over tariffs and purchases of Russian oil, said the US and India have a special relationship and that he will always be friends with Prime minister Modi. “Deeply appreciate and fully reciprocate President Trump’s sentiments and

positive assessment of our ties,” PM Modi said adding that “India and the US have a very positive and forward-looking Comprehensive and Global Strategic Partnership”. In Washington, Trump on Friday said, “I’ll always be friends with (Narendra) Modi, he’s a great Prime minister. He’s great. I’ll always be friends, but I just don’t like what he’s doing at this particular moment.” “But India and the United States have a special relationship. There’s nothing to worry about. We just have moments on occasion,” he said in the Oval Office. Hours after

US President Donald Trump said that India and the US have a special relationship and “there is nothing to worry about”, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday expressed appreciation and said that he “fully reciprocated” his sentiments and positive assessment of bilateral ties. This is Modi’s first direct statement to the US President since Trump announced the imposition of 25 per cent tariff on Indian goods, and followed it a week later by announcing an additional 25 per cent tariff, totalling 50 per cent, over India purchasing Russian oil.

“I’ll always be friends with (Narendra) Modi, he’s a great Prime minister. He’s great. But India and the United States have a special relationship. There’s nothing to worry about. We just have moments on occasion,” Trump added with a smile.

The US president was responding to a question on whether he is ready to reset relations with India, as ties between the two countries continue to reel under possibly the worst diplomatic phase in over two decades. Hours later, on Saturday morning, PM Modi posted on X,

“Deeply appreciate and fully reciprocate President Trump’s sentiments and positive assessment of our ties. India and the US have a very positive and forward-looking Comprehensive and Global Strategic Partnership.”

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also said on Saturday that PM Modi attaches “enormous importance to our partnership with the US”. “Where President Trump is concerned, he (PM Modi) has always had a very good personal

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Prime Minister

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CBI Launches Fresh Investigation into Sk Shahjahan’s Alleged Attack on ED Officials in Sandeshkhali

MI News Service, Kolkata: A four-member CBI team on Saturday visited Sarberia in Sandeshkhali to question and record statements from local residents of arrested TMC leader Sheikh Shahjahan regarding the alleged attack by his supporters on Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials and CRPF personnel on January 5, 2024. The ED officials were reportedly attacked when they visited Shahjahan’s house in connection with his alleged involvement in a ration distribution scam, in which state Food Minister Jyotipriya Mallick had been arrested. Sources said the CBI officials also ques-

tioned Shahjahan’s daughter, Azmira, as part of the probe into the alleged ED assault. The investigation has intensified following new leads in the case. The probe forms part of the ongoing inquiry into the January 5, 2024, incident in Sandeshkhali’s Agarhati area, where a mob of Shahjahan’s supporters allegedly assaulted ED officers raiding his home in connection with the multi-crore ration distribution scam. Following a Calcutta High Court order, the CBI has taken over the case, focusing on Shahjahan’s inner circle, including his family members and local residents.

Tragic building collapse: Migrant worker and young daughter died

MI News Service, East Burdwan: In a devastating incident in Jaipur’s Subhash Chowk, a building collapse claimed the lives of a father and his 5-year-old daughter, leaving the mother critically injured. The deceased have been identified as Prabhat Bagdi (31) and his daughter, whose name has been withheld. The family, originally from Purbasthali in Purba Bardhaman, had been working as gold and silver craftsmen in Rajasthan for the past decade. The tragedy came to light on Saturday morning, prompting Purbasthali North MLA Tapan Chatterjee to visit the site and console the grieving family.

According to relatives, the Bagdis had migrated

for work due to the lack of sufficient employment opportunities in their home district.

“Had there been work locally, my son would not have had to go out,” said the mother, Sumitra Bagdi, who sustained serious injuries in the collapse. The family’s plight reflects a broader trend of migrant laborers from Bengal seeking livelihoods in other states due to inadequate local employment. Purbasthali North MLA Tapan Chatterjee stated, “The lack of work opportunities under schemes like the 100-day employment program forces families to migrate. Today, hundreds of families from our village are working outside Bengal in search of income.”

SBI, Dignagar branch organized a camp for banking services at our doorstep



MI News Service, Ausgram: The State Bank of India, Dignagar branch organized a camp by leaving the office and going to the village Atchala to carry out various banking activities such as updating customer information (KYC) Reopening closed accounts, opening new accounts of various schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana etc. Residents of villages like Sor, Telota, Samanta para, Jadabganj and Banpara attended the camp organized at Dignagar Rathala in Ausgram on Saturday. Representatives of the local Dignagar-1 Panchayat were also

present at the camp. Samit Kumar Jha, Branch Manager of the bank, said that there has been a good response from the customers. Many closed accounts have been opened today. The panchayat authorities have extended their support. Some of the beneficiaries, including Puja Das and Putul Das from Dignagar, Lakshmi Garai and Pampa Roy from Sor, and Sumita Hembram from Jadabganj, were unable to withdraw their allowances because their accounts were closed, some were not linked to the Adhar with account, and some needed to open new accounts. They said, “It feels good to have banking services at our doorstep.”

Fresh Corruption Allegations Rock Gayeshpur Municipality

Dipankar Edbar, Kalyani (Nadia) : Fresh allegations of corruption have surfaced against Gayeshpur Municipality chairman Sukanta Chatterjee, this time from within his own party. At least 10 Trinamool Congress councillors have accused him of bypassing due process and awarding roadwork contracts worth over ₹2.28 crore without tenders or board approval. The councillors alleged that the chairman neither convenes municipal meetings nor follows proper procedures. “Work orders are being ignored. Projects worth crores are being executed without tenders,” a councillor said. This is not the first time Chatter-

jee has faced such charges. Earlier, he was accused of irregularities in projects worth over ₹4 crore. A no-confidence motion had also been brought against him by 11 Trinamool councillors a few months ago. Confronted with the fresh allegations, Chatterjee admitted to starting the roadwork but defended his decision. “The road was in a dilapidated condition and causing hardship to residents. Urgent repairs were necessary, so we engaged local contractors to start work immediately,” he said. With the party yet to initiate action, the controversy has once again deepened the rift within the ruling board of Gayeshpur Municipality.



State Minister Aroop Biswas inaugurated the state-of-the-art, air-conditioned multi-gym at the Student Corner Club in Ward 95 of the Tollygunge Assembly. Local municipal representative Tapan Dasgupta was also present.

Class VII boy dies trying mobile magic trick

MI News Service, North 24 Parganas: A chilling incident has thrown the town of Bangaon into mourning after a Class VII student, reportedly influenced by videos of magic tricks on his mobile phone, died in a tragic mishap at home. The deceased, identified as Ripam Mandal (13), a resident of Kalupur area, was found hanging inside the bathroom of his house on Saturday morning. According to family sources, Ripam, described as a bright student with no history of depression or suicidal tendencies, had spent the morning fishing with his father before returning home. Moments later, he went into the bathroom to bathe but failed to come out. When his father, Debabrata Mandal, forced open the door, he discovered his son hanging. Ripam was rushed to Bangaon Hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. He was good in studies. The thought of suicide never crossed his mind. He had been watching magic shows on his mobile and often tried to replicate small tricks at home. I believe he was attempting some towel trick when he accidentally got caught in the noose,” his father said, struggling to hold back tears. The tragedy occurred barely a day after Teachers’ Day, amplifying the grief among classmates, teachers, and

neighbors, who remember Ripam as cheerful and disciplined. Local residents gathered outside the Mandal household in disbelief. “He was a bright boy, full of life. None of us could imagine something like this,” said one of Ripam’s teachers. Police from Bangaon station have initiated an inquest and sent the body for post-mortem examination. Preliminary observations suggest accidental death, though investigators are not ruling out the influence of unsafe online content. The incident has sparked a wider debate on the dangers of unsupervised mobile usage among children. With increasing exposure to online content, experts warn that children often imitate risky stunts or so-called “magic tricks” without understanding the potential consequences. Community leaders and educationists have urged parents to be more vigilant about children’s screen time and the type of content they consume. “This is not an isolated case. Across the country, we are seeing children harmed while trying to replicate what they see on mobile screens. Awareness is urgently needed,” a local child psychologist commented. As the Mandal family struggles with an irreparable loss, Bangaon finds itself asking an unsettling question — was the mobile phone the silent killer?

Sneha Mondal awarded the 'Maitrak Memorial Scholarship 2025'



MI News Service, Ausgram: Sneha Mondal, a student of the school, was awarded the ‘Maitrak Memorial Scholarship 2025’ at a ceremony organized on Saturday at Bananabagram High School in Ausgram for scoring the highest marks among the school in the secondary examination. According to school sources, Sneha scored 625 out of 700 marks in the secondary examination last year. The merit scholarship money was handed over to her by general school teacher Jibon Chowdhury. Jibon Chowdhury, a resident of Guskara, was an assistant teacher at that school. During his retirement, he donated fifty thousand rupees to the school. From the interest of that money, the ‘Maitrak Memorial Scholarship’ is given to the highest achiever of the school in secondary every year. This year, Sneha was given Rs. 3,330. Sneha said, the scholarship money will be used for her further studies.

Kolkata Man Arrested for Cheating Using TMC MP’s Name

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata police arrested Sheikh Najmul Hoda on Friday night for allegedly cheating people by falsely claiming he could secure Assembly election tickets with the help of Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Abhishek Banerjee, sources said on Saturday. Hoda was apprehended from a hotel in Park Street after a series of complaints from individuals who alleged that he posed as a close aide of the MP to extort money. According to police sources, Hoda contacted potential victims both over the phone and in person, assuring them that he could arrange party tickets for the upcoming elections in exchange for large sums of money. A case of cheating and fraud has been lodged against him at the Shakespeare Sarani police station. A senior police officer stated that preliminary investigations indicate Hoda may have swindled or attempted to swindle lakhs of rupees. Authorities are scrutinizing his call records, financial transactions, and checking for any prior criminal history. Hoda will be questioned to determine if others were involved in the racket. TMC sources clarified that Hoda has no connection with the party and urged strict action against him to prevent misuse of party’s name and ensure public trust is not compromised.

One lakh electric vehicles planned prototype after diwali

MI News Service, Hooghly: More than a decade after the Singur episode left Bengal’s automobile dreams unfilled, a fresh attempt at reviving the state’s industrial image is underway. In Sugandha, Polba, a car manufacturing project has been announced with a target of producing one lakh electric four-wheelers annually. The initiative is being spearheaded by Cynosor’s Tifoz unit, which has been operating on a 12-acre campus for the past two years, manufacturing BLDC fans. On Saturday, the company launched a new line of battery-powered totos. It was at this event that Trinamool Congress state general secretary Kunal Ghosh revealed plans for a full-scale electric car factory at the site. Production is expected to begin in January 2026, with the prototype vehicle scheduled for unveiling after Diwali this year.

Odisha’s Sporting Rise: From Temples to Table Tennis

MI News Service, Kolkata: Long celebrated as the land of art, culture, and temples, Odisha has now emerged as a sporting hub of India. Over the past decade, the state has invested heavily in infrastructure, pioneered a unique public-private model for athlete development, and consistently hosted international sporting events. This transformation—driven by the Odisha government’s sustained commitment—has reshaped the narrative of Indian sport and placed Bhubaneswar and Rourkela firmly on the global sporting map. The latest milestone comes this October, when Bhubaneswar will host the 28th ITTF-AITU Asian Table Tennis (Teams) Championships (ATTC) 2025 at the Kalinga Stadium from October 11 to 15. It will be the first time Odisha stages an Asian-level table tennis event, reaffirming its role as a host for diverse disciplines beyond its established successes in hockey and athletics. The honour follows the successful organisation of the 2019 Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships in Cuttack. Odisha’s journey as a sporting powerhouse began in 2017, when the state stepped in to host the Asian Athletics Championships within just 90 days after Ranchi pulled out. The seamless execution of that event at Kalinga Stadium earned nationwide acclaim and laid the foundation for what is now widely known as the “Odisha Model.” At its core, this model rests on two pillars: world-class infrastructure and sustainable partnerships. The state has transformed the Kalinga Sports Complex and built the Birs Munda International Hockey Stadium in Rourkela—the world’s largest fully seated hockey venue. Complementing these is the Indoor Athletics Centre at Kalinga Stadium, South Asia’s largest indoor facility of its kind. With a 200-meter synthetic track, an 80m+20m running track, specialised zones for long jump, triple jump, pole vault, and shot put, and a seating capacity of 1,700, the centre meets rigorous international standards and carries a coveted Category 1 certification from World Athletics. Such facilities ensure that Odisha not only hosts major events but also nurtures athletes in an environment aligned with global benchmarks. Alongside infrastructure, Odisha has established High-Performance Centres (HPCs) in collaboration with leading corporates and sporting icons, including the Reliance Foundation for athletics, the Naval Tata Hockey Academy, Abhinav Bindra’s sports science centre, and Pullula Gopichand’s badminton academy, along with similar facilities for shooting, swimming, and football.



On the auspicious occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH), a gathering was held at the premises of Jama Masjid Chouri Para after the Isha prayer, followed by a flag-hoisting ceremony after the Fajr prayer. During the gathering, preacher and Imam Hafiz Iqbal Bar-Alavi delivered a heartfelt speech in honor of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), enlightening the hearts of all those present. Mohammad Izhar Ali and Hafiz Afroz Alam Sahib were also present. In addition, members of the Youth Mohalla Committee of Chouri Para Basti—including Aamir Ahmed alias Bunti, Sohail Ahmed, Aamir Hussain, Shabbir Ahmed, Rashid Chote, and Tufail—along with other local residents, were seen distributing blessings while engaging in worship on this auspicious night.

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West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society (WBSAP&CS) under Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of West Bengal organised its 3rd State Level RED RUN 10KM Marathon and 5KM Walkathon on 5th September 2025 at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati stadium at Saltlake, Kolkata at 5.30AM. The event was flagged off by The Commissioner of Police, Bidhannagar, Mukesh (IPS), Special Secretary, Unicef Rashid Ismail (IAS), Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of WB and Director of Health Services, Dr. Swapan Soren.

Hooghly Set to roll India’s Next Budget Car at Rs1 Lakh, 17 Years After Nano’s Exit



Suman Ganguly, Hooghly: Nearly 17 years after Tata Motors pulled the plug on its ambitious Nano project in Singur, a Bengal-based automobile company has announced plans to launch a one-lakh rupee (\$1,200) car from Hooghly district. On Saturday, Sinasure Industries said it will roll out the new low-cost car in January 2026 from its plant in Sugandha, Hooghly. The announcement was made by company chairman Shantanu Ghosh during the launch of its Toto Tifoz Tiger

passenger e-rickshaw. The project has drawn inevitable comparisons with Tata’s Nano, once billed as the “people’s car.” In 2006, the then-Left Front government acquired nearly 997 acres in Singur under the colonial-era Land Acquisition Act of 1894 to set up Tata’s factory. But after intense protests led by Mamata Banerjee, then the opposition leader, the company quit Bengal in October 2008 and relocated the Nano project to Gujarat. “This was never an anti-industry move

Sharad Srijoni Samman and Khushee Initiative Celebrate Creativity and Compassion This Durga Puja



Bhaskar Ganguly, Subarna Dutta, Amitava Samanta, Samar Paul, Pradip Dutta, Jamshed Nasiri, Bikash Panji

MI News Service, Kolkata: This Durga Puja, Bengal is celebrating not just its vibrant festivities but also the spirit of creativity and social responsibility through the Sharad Srijoni Samman and the Khushee Initiative. The Sharad Srijoni Samman honours outstanding contributions in Puja artistry, from intricately designed pandals and idols to innovative social messaging, while Khushee – A Helping Hand works to nurture youth and uplift underprivileged communities across India.

Since its inception in 2013, the Sharad Srijoni Samman has recognised five main categories—Artwork, Message, Concept, Social Message, and Overall Excellence—and has now added two new awards: Sharad Srijoni Chitrakalan Shilpi for excellence in Puja publicity design and the Special Jury Award for timeless devotion and artistry. For the first time, residential complexes can also participate, allowing housing society Pujas to showcase their creativity on a larger platform.

Khushee, initiated by India Greens Reality Pvt. Ltd., has been active in disaster relief, COVID-19 support, and ecological restoration, including the post-Amphan tree-planting drive of nearly 50,000 saplings. This year, Khushee has launched Unmesh, a program aimed at identifying young talent in education, sports, and cultural vocations, providing them with holistic support until they achieve self-sufficiency.

Woman’s decomposed body found in locked flat

MI News Service, Hooghly: Panic gripped Baidyabati Municipality in Hooghly district after the decomposed body of a 29-year-old woman was recovered from her locked apartment on Friday evening. The deceased has been identified as Deepshikha Goswami, an employee of a private firm who lived alone in Ward 19 of Baidyabati Municipality. According to police and local sources, Deepshikha had not been seen for the past several days. Suspicion arose after neighbors noticed a foul stench emanating from her flat. When repeated knocks on her door went unanswered, residents alerted Serampore

police. Officers broke open the door in the presence of her sister and discovered her body lying in the bathroom in a highly decomposed state. Police confirmed that the body has been sent to Serampore Walsh Hospital for post-mortem examination to ascertain the exact cause of death. Preliminary estimates suggest she had died several days earlier. Ward councillor Pausali Bhattacharya, who rushed to the spot after being informed, said, “Deepshikha lived alone. Municipal health workers had visited her apartment earlier this week during a dengue survey, but there was no response at the time.

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to catch a glimpse and seek darshan of the revered idols. People also lined up along the main road leading to Girgaon Chowpatty, where most of the prominent idols from Fort, Girgaon, Mazgaon, Byculla, Dadar, Matunga, Sion, Chembur, and other areas passed during their immersion processions. Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations concluded today with Ganesh Visarjan, the final day of the 10-day Ganeshotsav celebrations which began on August 27. Immersion processions of Ganesh idols also began in Pune with the first 'Manacha' (eminent and revered) idol of Kasba Ganesh mandal on Anant Chaturdashi. The festival marks the worship of Lord Ganesha as the god of new beginnings and remover of obstacles. It culminates on Anantha Chaturdashi and is celebrated with decorated homes, pandals, and vibrant processions. A number of Ganesh idols were immersed in Hyderabad's Hussain Sagar lake and at other water bodies, with police and government officials making arrangements for the smooth conduct of processions on the final day of immersion.

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equation with President Trump. But the point is that we remain engaged with the US, and at this time, I can't say more than that. But that's really what I would say," he said in Delhi. PM Modi's post came a day after Trump—in his first remarks on the hurdle between PM Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping at the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation leaders in Tianjin last weekend—said on Friday that it "looks like we have lost India and Russia to deepest, darkest China". Trump's remark comes amid the strain in India-US ties over his imposition of 50 per cent tariff on India, and his own efforts to persuade Putin to end the war in Ukraine. Posting a photograph of Modi, Putin and Xi walking together, Trump took to Truth Social and had said, "Looks like we have lost India and Russia to deepest, darkest China. May they have a long and prosperous future together!"
Meanwhile, Prime Minister Modi has decided not to address the general debate at the annual high-level session of the United Nations General Assembly later this month, according to a revised provisional list of speakers issued in New York. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar's name has been included in the list; he will address the session on September 27. In the White House, Trump also said that he is "very disappointed" that India would be buying "so much" oil from Russia.



The TMC Minority Cell organized a protest program to raise their voice against the atrocities on Bengali migrant workers in other states and the deprivation of the Bengali language. The event was held under the leadership of state leaders Musaraf Hosen, Nadimul Haque, Debasish Kumar, and other dignitaries, in Kolkata on Saturday.

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MI News Service, Kolkata: In a bid to provide safe drinking water to people living in arsenic- and fluoride-prone areas and to curb wastage of potable water, the West Bengal government is developing model villages for rainwater harvesting across the state. These initiatives not only aim to supply clean drinking water to rural households but also to promote awareness about water conservation, sanitation, and hygiene practices. 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, North and South 24 Parganas, Howrah, and Jhargram. Speaking at a media workshop at Kolkata Press Club, Sujata Tripathi, State Head of Water for People India, said, "We have been working on this initiative for the past 15 years. So far, 17 rainwater harvesting projects have been established in Birbhum and nine in South 24 Par-

gan. Similar projects are also underway in Howrah and other districts." She further emphasized that rainwater harvesting will not only protect communities from arsenic and fluoride-contaminated water but will also reduce wastage of drinking water at the grassroots level.
Alongside water projects, efforts are being made to bring behavioral change in rural areas where, despite having toilets, many people refrain from proper use. Campaigns are also addressing menstrual hygiene management and personal health practices. To strengthen these efforts, the initiative is being integrated with central and state programs such as Jal Jeevan Mission, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Nirmal Bangla, and Anandadhara. Self-help groups are also being engaged to expand the scope and sustainability of the program.
Experts believe such initiatives will play a crucial role not only in combating arsenic and fluoride contamination but also in addressing the looming water scarcity challenges in West Bengal in the years ahead.



Bengali television actress Payel Mithai Sarkar celebrated her birthday through acts of social service. At midnight on Friday, she cut a cake with 150 differently-abled children in Dum Dum, distributing fruits, chocolates, and gifts. She then offered prayers at Shyam Mandir before visiting Thakurpukur Cancer Hospital, spending time with 140 young patients and sharing dry fruits. Later, she joined 20 elderly residents at "Nivalay" old age home. Celebrations also extended to Sagar Dighi, where the Winner Welfare Trust and Kalyaner Pothe organized tree plantations, educational material distribution, and food drives. Organizer Sanjib Das said Sarkar is "an inspiration for social service." Altogether, her birthday turned into a festival of compassion and community service.

MCCI Conclave on Capital Market Explores Global Uncertainties and India's Growth Prospects

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) on Saturday organised a Conclave on Capital Market at The Lalit Great Eastern, themed "Navigating Global Uncertainties in Indian Markets." The event featured Lakshmi Iyer, Group President Investments & CEO – Bajaj Alts, Maran Govindasamy, Executive Director – UNIFI Capital, and Nooresh Merani, Founder – Nooreshtech. Iyer delivered a keynote on "The world in transition – a blockbuster unfolding," highlighting uncertainties in the global macroeconomic situation. She noted the shifting world order with India and China's rise, increasing transactional trade relations, and gold's performance as a winning asset class. She pointed out that while global equity markets surged, geopolitical risks and tariff impositions could hurt India's prospects. She added that the de-dollarization trend has gained momentum, with



Lighting of Lamp : (L-R) Vinay Bagri , Co-Chairman, Council on Capital Market, MCCI, Lakshmi Iyer , Group President Investments & CEO Bajaj Alts, Maran Govindasamy , Executive Director, UNIFI Capital, Nooresh Merani , Founder, Nooreshtech and Abhishek Basu Mallick , Chairman, Council on Capital Market, MCCI at MCCI Capital Market Conclave in Kolkata on Saturday.

the US dollar's share in global FX reserves falling to 57.3% from 71% in 2000, while Russia boosted its gold reserves to 36% of total FX reserves. Govindasamy, speaking on "Crystal gazing India 2025: A Reality Check," shared data-driven insights on India's ongoing transformation, outlining challenges and opportunities shaping the next decade. Merani, in his talk "Nobody knows beyond a point," underlined that markets remain unpredictable and stressed disciplined investing without extreme positions or high leverage. Earlier, Abhishek Basumallick, Chairman, MCCI Council on Capital Market, said that despite global disruptions from conflicts in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, India remains resilient. The IMF has projected India's GDP growth at 6.4% in 2025, the fastest among major economies. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Vinay Bagri, Co-Chairman, Council on Capital Market, MCCI.

Chandranath Sinha Surrenders Before ED Court, Gets Interim Bail

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal MSME and Textile Minister Chandranath Sinha on Saturday surrendered before a special Enforcement Directorate (ED) court in connection with alleged irregularities in the state's teachers' recruitment. The court granted him interim conditional bail on a personal bond of ₹10,000, restricting his movement to Kolkata and his constituency. The court also directed him to cooperate with ED whenever required. Sinha had earlier ignored two ED summons.

117th Birth Anniversary of Dr. J. N. Kanjilal Celebrated

MI News Service, Kolkata: The 117th birth anniversary of renowned homeopathic physician Dr. J. N. Kanjilal was observed with dignity and enthusiasm at Baruipur Rabindra Bhavan. The event was jointly organized by the Homoeopathic Medical Association of India's Baruipur and Diamond Harbour units. The program featured felicitations of eminent homeopathic doctors, followed by a scientific session where distinguished physicians spoke on the progress and modern advancements in homeopathic treatment.

'India needs better opposition for their criticism of GST': Nirmala Sitharaman

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wrong in this?" Asked if the reforming drive aimed at giving relief to people will continue as the government has already come out with measures like raising Income Tax exemption and GST rate rationalisation in over a year of its third term, she said PM Modi has always been focussed on pro-people reforms. Even during the Covid period, the government carried on with the exercise and it will continue to do so, she asserted. The GST Council had on September 2 approved limiting tax slabs to 5 per cent and 18 per cent and removing two other slabs of 12 per cent and 28 per cent, effective from September 22, the first day of Navaratri. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge had said his party had been demanding simplification of the GST for several years and blamed the Modi government for burdening people with high tax rates for long.

SSC Recruitment Exams: SC Bars 'Tainted Candidates', Comm Announces Tight Security Measures

MI News Service, Kolkata: The School Service Commission (SSC) recruitment examinations are set to be held in West Bengal after nearly nine years, but the shadow of past irregularities continues to loom large. The Supreme Court has issued a clear directive that no "tainted or ineligible" candidates should be allowed to appear for the tests. The commission has already identified 1,806 such candidates, though questions remain about whether Sunday's examination will be completely free of malpractice. At a press briefing on Saturday, SSC Chairman Siddhartha Majumdar defended the commission's preparations and stressed that every possible safeguard has been put in place. He argued that all competitive examinations are provisional by nature, pointing out that even in universities, results are sometimes withheld when discrepancies are detected. Such instances, he said, should not be seen as undermining the overall process. The upcoming exams will be held in two phases, with the recruitment test for Classes IX and X scheduled for September 7 and for Classes XI and XII on September 14. Close to 5.65 lakh candidates are expected to appear across 636

centres in the first phase and 478 centres in the second. To ensure order, candidates have been instructed to report to their centres by 10 a.m., well before the noon start time, to allow sufficient time for document verification. The last entry has been fixed at 11:45 a.m. Question papers will arrive at centres between 10 and 10:30 a.m., distributed shortly before noon, and opened only once the examination begins.
The commission has introduced bar-coded admit cards to check authenticity and has warned against any attempt to tamper with question papers. Candidates will be permitted to carry only transparent pens, clear water bottles, wristwatches, and valid photo identification. Mobile phones and smartwatches are barred for both candidates and staff, while observers will monitor proceedings at every centre. Provisions have also been made for differently-abled candidates, including scribes with minimum educational qualifications. With more than 26,000 teaching jobs already annulled by Supreme Court orders in connection with previous scams, the SSC faces tremendous pressure to restore public confidence.

Bengal gets its first "model" court building in Durgapur

MI News Service, Kolkata: Calcutta High Court Chief Justice T.S. Sivagnanam on Saturday inaugurated West Bengal's first "model" court building in Durgapur, West Bardhaman district. The multi-storied building of the Durgapur Sub-Divisional Court has been designed and equipped to meet the modern requirements of the judiciary. The facility is equipped with digital technology, advanced security systems, and upgraded communication infrastructure aimed at providing convenience to litigants and lawyers. Officials said the focus is on faster service delivery and improving the efficiency of case disposal. Speaking at the inauguration, Chief Justice Sivagnanam said the introduction of the model court concept will significantly reduce pressure on the judicial system and benefit the common people. "This is a new beginning for the

state judiciary," he observed. The inauguration ceremony was attended by several judges of the Calcutta High Court and district courts, along with lawyers, administrative officials, and local representatives. Although this is the first such model court in the state, sources indicated that similar modern court complexes are planned for other districts in a phased manner. Durgapur Bar Association president Debabrata Sai expressed satisfaction at the development, noting, "After a long wait, the court finally has its own building, which will immensely help both litigants and lawyers." Until now, the Durgapur Mahakuma Court functioned from three floors of the Subdivision Administrative Building. The Asansol-Durgapur Development Authority (ADDA) was entrusted with the construction of the new court facility. Durgapur.



On behalf of the West Bengal Trinamool Primary Teachers' Association, Baranagar Chakra, teachers were felicitated with respect and gratitude at Hindi UP School in Baranagar Tanti para today. The program was inaugurated by Debabrata Sarkar, Chairman of the Primary School Council of North 24 Parganas district. Also present were the Mayor of Baranagar Municipality, Aparna Mallick, CIC member Anjan Pal, and other municipal councillors. Around 100 teachers were felicitated during the event. They were appreciated for their contributions to education and encouraged to continue making progress in various fields in the future. The program was convened by Sharmistha Jana and Aindrila Mandal Nandi.

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The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: September 06, 2025
Place: Rampurhat

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

NAME CHANGE
I, Rajdeep Paul, S/o- Pradiip Kumar Paul, R/o:- Flat no.- H-1, 1st Floor, Pallyshree Apartment, 61B Bidhanpally Road, P.O:- Madhyamgram, Dist: North 24 Parganas, Pin-700129, West Bengal shall be known as Smritikona Paul vide Notary, Hooghly Court, Affidavit no.1408 Dated 24.03.2025. Rajdeep Paul and Smritikona Paul is same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Mansur Mallik, S/o- Akram Mallik, residing at Vill.- Nabagram, PO- Paligram, PS- Mongalkote, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman, PIN- 713128, W.B. do hereby declare that my son's name has been wrongly recorded as Sahajamal Mollick, S/o- Monsur Mollick in his WBBSE Certificate instead of Sahajamal Mallik S/o- Mansur Mallik. On 04.09.2025 vide affidavit no. 33639 before the Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman I affirm that Sahajamal Mallik S/o- Mansur Mallik & Sahajamal Mollick, S/o- Monsur Mollick both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Manjura Seikh, W/o Kalu Seikh, residing at Vill- Patpukur, P.O- Digha, PS- Nakashipara, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741154, WB, declare that my name has been wrongly recorded in my Aadhaar Card – 427153875830 as Manjur Sk instead of my actual name Manjura Seikh . Manjur Sk and Manjura Seikh both are same and one identical person i.e., myself vide affidavit dated 02.09.2025 before Ld Judicial Magistrate (1st Class), Krishnagar, Nadia.

Change of Name
I, Moajmel Haque Molla (Old Name) S/o Nurul Haque Molla Residing at Chatta Kalikapur, Chata Kalikapur, Po Chatakalikapur Thakurpukur Mahestola, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700140, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Hazi Mozammel Haque Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-09-2025. Moajmel Haque Molla (Old Name) and Hazi Mozammel Haque Molla (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Barnali Mitra (Old Name) W/o Shibaji Mita Residing at 31A, Ramananda Chatterjee Street, P.s - Amherst Street, District - Kolkata Pin - 700009, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Barnali Sarkar Mitra (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-09-2025. Barnali Mitra (Old Name) and Barnali Sarkar Mitra (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Ali Akbar Hussain (Old Name) S/o Anowor Hussain Residing at Guma Satyajit Park, P.o - Guma, P.s - Ashok Nagar, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743704, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Ali Akbar Hussain (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 22-08-2025. Ali Akbar Hussain (Old Name) and Md Ali Akbar Hussain (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Satish Kumar Pandey, son of Late Pashupati Nath Pandey, residing at 20/D, Shib Krishna Daw Lane, Kankurgachi, Kolkata-700054, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my actual name is Satish Kumar Pandey and Satish Kumar Pandey is same and one identical person vide affidavit in the Court of Ld Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Alipore dated 21st August 2025.

NAME CHANGE
I REBA KHATUN D/O MD. ANISUR RAHMAN, residing at village AGA MILKI BANSNOTOLA, P.O SHERSHAHI, P.S; KALIACHALK, Dist: MALDA, so hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the original name of my father "MD ANISUR RAHMAN" is recorded my Admit Card of W.B.B.S. Education. But inadvertently my father name as "ANISUR RAHAMAN" my PAN Card (No. FTUPK6172F) instead of MD. ANISUR RAHMAN. Before a Notary Public of Malda, on 04.09.2025 that MD ANISUR RAHMAN, and ANISUR RAHAMAN" is the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Munmun Nahar Bibi (old name) W/o. Sk. Amamul Haque, R/O. Taragun, Hoera, Mogra, Hooghly-712147, W.B., have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Munmun Nahar (new name) vide an affidavit no. 772 sworn before Notary Public, Chinsurah, Hooghly Court on 18/08/2025. Munmun Nahar Bibi & Munmun Nahar W/o. Sk. Amamul Haque both are the same & one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Krishna Pada Shel (old name) son of Late Gurudas Shil, residing at 3/31, Jatin Das Nagar, Belghoria, Dist: North 24 Parganas, Kolkata – 700056, West Bengal, have changed my surname and shall henceforth be known as Krishna Pada Shil (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 06/09/2025. Krishna Pada Shel and Krishna Pada Shil both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Krishna Pada Shil (old name) son of Late Gurudas Shil, residing at 3/31, Jatin Das Nagar, Belghoria, Dist: North 24 Parganas, Kolkata – 700056, West Bengal, have changed my surname and shall henceforth be known as Krishna Pada Shil (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 06/09/2025. Krishna Pada Shil and Krishna Pada Shil both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Swapna Rani Shel (old name) wife of Krishna Pada Shil, residing at 3/31, Jatin Das Nagar, Belghoria, Dist: North 24 Parganas, Kolkata – 700056, West Bengal, have changed my surname and shall henceforth be known as Swapna Rani Shil (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 06/09/2025. Swapna Rani Shel and Swapna Rani Shil both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Swapna Rani Sil (old name) wife of Krishna Pada Shil, residing at 3/31, Jatin Das Nagar, Belghoria, Dist: North 24 Parganas, Kolkata – 700056, West Bengal, have changed my surname and shall henceforth be known as Swapna Rani Shil (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 06/09/2025. Swapna Rani Sil and Swapna Rani Shil both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Samsoduha Halder, S/O-Abdul Gafur Halder, residing at Vill-Dakshin Durgapur,P/S-Pathar Pratima, Dist-24 pgs(s).That in my passport my name has been recorded as Mohammad Samsoduha which is incorrect.So vide Affidavit before the Notary Public at Baruiipur dt-15/05/2025 that Samsoduha Halder & Mohammad Samsoduha is same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Ramjan Ali S/O Taleb Ali R/O Dakshin Para, Tengra, Ashokenagar, 24 Pgs North, Pin 743234, Wb Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Ramjan Ali Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public Kolkata On 30Th August 2025 At Bankshall Court Kolkata. That Ramjan Ali And Md Ramjan Ali Both Are Same And One Identical Person Not Two Different Person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sankar Kumar Dam (old name) son of Mahendra Nath Dam, residing at REE-15, SHYAM VIHAR, PH-II, FLAT-6/6D, RAGHUNATHPUR, P.S.- BAGUIATI, P.O.- DESH BANDHUNAGAR, DIST- NORTH 24 PARGANAS, PIN- 700059, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shankar Kumar Dam (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/09/2025. Shankar Kumar Dam (new name) and Sankar Kumar Dam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Md Siddique (old name) S/o Md Reyazul @ Mohammad Reyazul, residing at Premises No. 61B/3B, Tiljala Masjid Bari Lane, PO-Tiljala, PS-Tiljala, KOLKATA - 700039, West Bengal, INDIA have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Siddique Azad (new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated on 03/09/2025. Md Siddique Azad (new name) and Md Siddique (old name) both are same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Mohammad Abid Hossain (old name) son of Md Mosaref Hossain Mallick, residing at P.O.- Pitthapukur, Purba Satulia, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700135, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Abid Hossain Mallick (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/09/2025. Md Abid Hossain Mallick (new name) and Mohammad Abid Hossain (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Mohammad Mosaref Hossain (old name) son of Jonab Mallick, residing at P.o-pitha Pukur. Purba Satulia. Dist.-South 24 Parganas. Pin-700135. West Bengal. India. Have changed my Name and Shall henceforth be Known as Md Mosaref Hossain Mallick (new name). As declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata. Video an affidavit dated 04/09/2025. Md Mosaref Hossain Mallick (New Name) and Mohammad Mosaref Hossain (old name) both are same and one identical Person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Amirul Hassan (old name) son of Sekh Abdul Rahaman, residing at Village and Post - Mayapur, Madartala, Hooghly, Pin-712413, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Amirul Hasan (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/09/2025. Sekh Amirul Hasan (new name) and Amirul Hassan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Arsina Begum (old name) wife of Sekh Amirul Hasan, residing at Village And Post - Mayapur, Mayapur, Mayapur, Hooghly, Pin-712413, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mst Arsina Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/09/2025. Mst Arsina Begum (new name) and Arsina Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Rajia Begum (old name) wife of Sk MustakAhamed, residing at Masjid Bari Road, South Kumrakhali, Rajpur Sonarpur, Pin- 700103, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajia Begam (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/09/2025. Rajia Begum (new name) and Rajia Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Special campaign to popularise Metro Smart Card and 'Aamar Kolkata Metro' App

MI News Service, Kolkata: After the opening of the entire section of Green Line Corridor, huge passenger footfall has been noticed at various stations. In order to sell Metro Smart Cards and to popularize “AAMAR KOLKATA METRO” app for smart booking of mobile QR tickets Metro Railway, Kolkata has launched a special campaign from today for seven days, wherein staff of Metro Railway and Eastern Railway have been helping and demonstrating the commuters about how to download the app through Google play store/ app store and how to book mobile



QR tickets with the help of the app. For such purpose special counters have been opened at various major stations outside the booking offices. A five percent bonus on the issue or recharge amount of the Metro Smart

Card is being offered. Commuters are requested to buy Smart Cards or buy tickets through mobile app. Metro Railway is also arranging additional booking counters at the major stations so that commuters can book tickets comfortably.

Overwhelming responses of the commuters at various Metro stations, viz; Howrah, Sealdah, Salt Lake Sector V, Dum Dum and Esplanade have been noticed in this regard.

AAMAR KOLKATA METRO app and Metro Smart cards are very helpful to avoid long queues at the booking counters and to save valuable time and money. Passengers are also requested to purchase tickets through mobile app before reaching the stations and avail 5% discount on the fare of each ticket.

Discussion Meeting on Women's Self-Reliance Project



MI News Service, Purulia: In the Anandnagar area, women lack year-round work opportunities to become self-reliant. To address this, Ananda Marga Pracaraka Sangha provides free training in sewing-related work. On September 5, 2025, a special discussion meeting was organized for the sisters and mothers who have taken this training or already know how to sew, with the aim of creating opportunities for them to earn a livelihood throughout the year.

The meeting was attended by experienced masters and sewing masters, Shri Prabir Kumar and Shri Yudhishtir Mahato. Decisions were made on the following matters:

1. Those who are skilled and proficient in specific types of sewing

work will soon be given regular work.

2. Those who have not yet become fully skilled will receive special training to become proficient.

3. Special training will be arranged for those who are interested in making shirts and pants for boys.

4. Interested and willing candidates will be given special training three days a week—Monday, Wednesday, and Friday—from 11 AM to 4 PM.

5. All present expressed their desire to receive training in making boys' shirts and pants. A special training program will begin on September 8, 2025. All are requested to be present at the training camp at 11:30 AM. Each person is required to pay a monthly fee of ₹100 for the training. The training will be completed within two months.

Three booked for raising objectionable slogans during Eid Milad-un-Nabi procession in MP's Sagar

MI News Service, Sagar (Madhya Pradesh): Three persons were booked for allegedly raising objectionable slogans during an Eid Milad-un-Nabi procession in Madhya Pradesh's Sagar district, police said on Saturday.

According to the First Information Report (FIR), the incident occurred on Thursday afternoon under the jurisdiction of City Kotwali police station. The slogans were allegedly raised during the procession in the Teen Batti area.

Following the incident, a member of a Hindu outfit lodged a complaint claiming religious sentiments had been hurt and demanded strict action against those involved.

Based on the complaint, police registered a case against three identified persons and other unidentified persons under sections 196 (Promoting enmity between different

groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc), 299 (Deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings of any class, by insulting its religion or religious beliefs), 351 (2) (Criminal intimidation punishment) and 353 (Statements conducing to public mischief) of the Bharatiya Nyay Sahita (BNS).

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Lokesh Sinha said, "A video went viral on social media and, prima facie, contained some objectionable elements. We are investigating the matter based on the facts found. Further action will be taken."

"The video surfaced on social media, so the police have taken cognisance of the matter and initiated necessary legal proceedings. Appropriate action will follow as the investigation progresses," he added.

"Sending relief material to all affected places": Cong MP Gurjeet Singh Aujla amid Punjab floods

MI News Service, Amritsar: As the floods wreak havoc in Punjab, Congress on Saturday arranged for relief material for the flood-affected victims in many districts of the state.

Speaking to ANI, Congress MP Gurjeet Singh Aujla said that trucks carrying essential supplies of food were dispatched to Firozpur and informed that the party was sending relief material to all the affected places.

"Punjab Congress Committee president Amarinder Singh Raja Warring sent the relief material. Punjab incharge Bhupesh Baghel will flag off this. Four trucks of relief supplies have been dispatched to Firozpur. Congress is sending this material to all the affected places. It has packets of food for people and 'chaara' for livestock. We have plenty of rations

now. People have also managed to send relief material," the Amritsar MP said.

"The food grains in 40 -50 villages have been destroyed completely. We have to help people till November," Aujla added.

Earlier in the day, Punjab Rural Development Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sond said that about 24,930 people have been affected by floods in the state, with 40 villages inundated.

Fazilka district is among the worst hit, with 22,652 people impacted, particularly in the Jalalabad and Fazilka constituencies are most affected. Approximately 24,930 people have been affected, with 40 villages impacted by floods," said Sond.

Eastern Railway to run passenger special train between Deoghar & Sultanganj

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to Bhadra Purnima Kanwar Yatra & Bolbam Mela, Eastern Railway has decided to run a passenger special train between Deoghar & Sultanganj to clear the extra rush of passengers.

03445 Deoghar - Sultanganj passenger special will leave Deoghar at 17:00 hrs. on 06.09.2025 to reach Sultanganj at 22:00 hrs. and 03446 Sultanganj - Deoghar passenger special will leave Sultanganj at 05:45 hrs on 07.09.2025 to reach Deoghar at 09:40 hrs.

The passenger special will stop at all stations enroute.

RPF Rescues Five Children under “Operation Nanhe Faristey” in Howrah & Asansol Divisions



MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway continues its dedicated efforts to ensure passenger safety and child protection through “Operation Nanhe Faristey”, a special initiative aimed at safeguarding vulnerable children at railway premises and onboard trains.

On 05.09.2025, RPF officials of Howrah and Asansol Divisions rescued five minor boys from Howrah, Madhupur, and Dumka railway stations. Of them, two boys had mistakenly boarded the wrong train, while three others had fled from home after being scolded by their father.

The rescued children were immediately provided protection and care. Following due legal formalities, they were handed over to the concerned Childline representatives for further action and rehabilitation.

More than 5.65 lakh commuters travelled in Metro till 19:00 hrs on Saturday

MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro services on Blue Line and Green Line have been running smoothly on Saturday. Services are running with 100% punctuality on both these corridors. Puja shoppers have been preferring Metro Railway over other modes of transport in the city. Till 19:00 hrs. today, more than 5.65 lakh commuters have travelled in Blue Line and Green Line of Metro Railway, Kolkata. Out of these, more than 4.25 lakh commuters have travelled in Blue Line and more than 1.39 lakh commuters have travelled in Green Line till 19:00 hrs. on Saturday.

Lorry driver beaten up for not giving bribe

MI News Service, Asansol: Allegedly, a special team stopped a lorry on behalf of the Santarkia police and extorted money. They are locals. They are involved in this incident. Members of the lorry drivers' organization have already rushed from Purulia and Asansol to protest against this incident of demanding money. The lorry driver was allegedly beaten and his head was smashed. The incident took place near the Disergarh bridge in Kult, West Burdwan. A video of the beating has already gone viral on social media. Members of the lorry drivers' organization have already rushed from Purulia and Asansol to protest against this money-demanding incident. They blocked the road in protest.

Awareness Camp on Mental Health & Stress Management Organized by Howrah Division



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of its ongoing welfare initiatives, the Personnel Department of Eastern Railway, Howrah Division, organized an Awareness Camp on 5th September 2025 at the Conference Hall, New DRM Building, Howrah.

The camp focused on the theme "Mental Health & Stress Management". The session was conducted by renowned psychologist Ms. Sananda Paul, who provided insightful guidance on identifying stress triggers, managing emotional well-being, and maintaining a balanced professional and personal life.

The event witnessed ac-

tive participation from officers and more than 150 employees across various departments of the division. The session was highly interactive, with participants engaging in discussions and sharing their experiences while learning practical techniques for stress management.

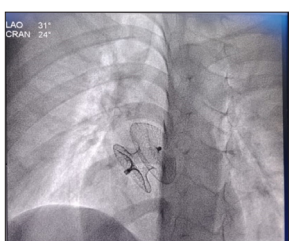
The initiative was well-received and appreciated by all attendees. It reinforced the importance of mental health awareness in the workplace and highlighted Eastern Railway, Howrah Division's commitment to employee welfare and creating a supportive work environment.

Successful Cardiac Intervention on a 9-Year-Old Boy at B. R. Singh Hospital

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway's B. R. Singh Hospital (BRSH), a premier multi-specialty healthcare facility, has added another success story to its record of advanced medical care by performing a critical cardiac procedure on a 9-year-old boy.

The young patient was admitted with complaints of shortness of breath and palpitations. After a detailed evaluation, he was diagnosed with Acanotic Congenital Heart Disease (ASD with Left-to-Right Shunt). Considering his young age, the medical team decided to proceed with a device closure. On 28.08.2025, a successful ASD device closure was carried out using a 20 mm device.

The procedure was performed with excellent support from Dr. Ashok Saha, IC/Anesthesia, and his team, while the valuable



presence of Dr. A. K. Roy, Additional Chief Health Director (ACHD)/Anesthesia, and his team was highly praiseworthy. The patient responded well to the treatment and was discharged in stable condition. The family expressed immense gratitude and happiness for the high-quality medical care and successful treatment provided at BRSH.

Eastern Railway remains committed to ensuring world-class healthcare facilities for railway beneficiaries and the community at large through its dedicated team of doctors and healthcare professionals.

Howrah Division Organises Counselling Session for OBHS Staff and Undertakes Cleanliness Initiatives under Swachhta Abhiyan



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing Swachhta Abhiyan, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organised a series of cleanliness and awareness activities at Howrah on 6th September, 2025.

A counselling session for On Board Housekeeping Service (OBHS) staff was conducted to sensitise them on the importance of courteous be-

haviour and effective passenger interaction. The session, which was also organised on 5th September, 2025, aimed at improving service quality and enhancing passenger satisfaction through better communication and proactive assistance.

In addition to this, a detailed inspection of water filling points was undertaken to ensure hygienic and safe water supply for passengers. Alongside, an intensive cleaning drive of coaches was carried out at Howrah Station with focus on sanitation, removal of waste, and overall upkeep of coaches for a more comfortable travel experience.

Through these initiatives, Howrah Division reaffirms its commitment to maintaining cleanliness, hygiene, and quality passenger service, in line with the vision of a Swachh Bharat and a passenger-friendly railway environment.

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The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.				
Date: September 06, 2025 Place: North 24 Parganas				
Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.				

GST Reforms Bring Big Relief to Middle Class, Will Infuse New Energy into the Economy: Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw

MI News Service, New Delhi: In a major step on the financial front, the Central Government has introduced comprehensive reforms in the Goods and Services Tax (GST), providing significant relief to citizens, particularly middle-class families. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, in a press conference, said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this decision will not only reduce day-to-day expenses but also accelerate the country's economy.

Vaishnaw explained that earlier, reforms in income tax had provided exemption on income up to 12 lakh. Now, by reducing and simplifying GST rates, middle-class households will gain substantial benefits. He said that from basic essentials such as food, clothing, and housing to electronic products like televisions, refrigerators, mobile phones, power banks, and solar panels, the tax burden on almost every household item has been reduced.

Highlighting the broader impact, he stated that India's GDP is around 330 lakh crore, of which consumption accounts for 202 lakh crore. If GST relief leads to even a 10% rise in consumption, it could generate an additional 20 lakh crore in GDP. Increased production will drive employment growth and strengthen investment.

The Union Minister emphasized that savings in the hands of middle-class families will increase. These savings will either go into deposits, high-



er purchases, or investments. All three activities, he noted, will boost the economy and initiate a "positive cycle."

To ensure the message reaches rural and common consumers, the party and government will run a large-scale campaign through village gatherings, public meetings, and media outreach.

Speaking specifically on electronics manufacturing, Vaishnaw highlighted that in the past 11 years, production in this sector has grown sixfold and exports eightfold. Today, around 25 lakh people are employed in the industry, and India now manufactures everything from mobile phones to batteries and chips. Semiconductor and API (pharma) manufacturing has also begun in the country.

He assured that all industry associations have committed to passing on GST benefits directly to consumers. The Finance Minister has also made it clear that strict action will be taken against companies that fail to transfer these benefits.

Vaishnaw concluded by saying that this reform is not merely about simplifying the tax structure but marks a new chapter in the journey toward Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) and economic growth.

District Hooghly In the Court of the Learned District Delegate, Chandannagar		
Act XXXIX (Succession Certificate) Case No. 49 of 2022		
In the goods of: Sukumar Basu Mallick son of Late Gopal Basu Mallick residing at Village Baragachhia, P.O. Nalikul, P.S. Haripal, District Hooghly, Pin-712407		
..... Deceased		
And		
Smt. Aloka Basu Mallick, widow of Late Sukumar Basu Mallick, residing at Village Baragachhia, P.O. Nalikul, P.S. Haripal, District-Hooghly, Pin-712407.		
..... Petitioner		
WHEREAS the above mentioned petitioner has filed the amended application on 17 th May, 2025 Certificate of Rs.18,79,558.69 as on 28.10.2024		
ISIN	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
INE067H01016	ABG SHIPYARD LIMITED EQ	130.00
INE012A01025	ACC LIMITED EQ F.V. RS.10/-	25,175.70
INE061B01020	ALKA INDIA LIMITED EQ FV RE1/-	5,400.00
INE432A01017	AMBALAL SARABHAI ENTERPRISES LIMITED EQ	4,930.86
INE419V01010	AMNS PORTS INDIA LIMITED EQ	110.00
INE439A01020	ASahi INDIA GLASS LIMITED EQ FV RE 1/-	50,456.90
INE135A01024	BALASORE ALLOYS LIMITED EQ NEW FV RS.5/-	1,258.00
INE028A01039	BANK OF BARODAEQ NEW FV RS.2/-	5,498.24
INE476A01022	CANARA BANKEQ NEW FV RS.2/-	15,606.95
INE229B01019	COASTAL ROADWAYS LTDEQ	3,612.00
INE282A01032	ESSAR PORTS LIMITED EQ NEW RS.10/-	30.00
INE523A01013	G R MAGNETS LIMITED EQ	10,000.00
INE622E01023	GAYATRI SUGARS LIMITED EQ NEW RS.10/-	1,226.53
INE92H01017	GOL OFFSHORE LIMITED EQ	320.00
IN9110D01011	GUJRAT NRE COKE LIMITED CLASS B EQ NEW NPP RS.10/-	560.00
INE110D01013	GUJRAT NRE COKE LIMITED EQ	504.00
INE253A01025	HINDUSTAN MOTORS LIMITED EQ NEW F.V. RS.5/-	4,486.00
INE309B01023	HIT KIT GLOBAL SOLUTIONS LIMITED EQ FV RS.2/-	1,350.00
INE039A01010	ISIR INDUSTRIES LIMITED EQ	5,289.00
INE187A01017	JSR INDUSTRIES LIMITED EQ	860.00
INE252C01015	KANAK INDUSTRIES LIMITED EQ	784.00
INE173B01023	KANEL INFRASTRUCTURE & POWR LTDEQ NEW FV RS.2/-	190.00
INE131C01033	KESAR PETROPRODUCTS LIMITED EQ NEW FV RE.1/-	478.60
INE394C01023	LANDMARK LEISURE CORPORATION LIMITED EQ NEW FV RE.1/-	3,540.00
INE174A01015	LYODS FINANCE LIMITED EQ	112.50
INE138A01018	MAHINDRA LIFESPACE DEVELOPERS LIMITED EQ	26,622.00
INE341C01016	MAIKAAL FIBRES LIMITED EQ	5,000.00
INE454M01024	NAGARJUNA FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS LIMITED NEW FV RE.1/-	2,208.80
INE453M01018	NAGARJUNA OIL REFINERY LIMITED EQ	200.00
INE011A07107	NAYARA ENERGY LIMITEDS NCD 15DC25 FVRS.350	19,950.00
INE163A01018	NOCIL LIMITED EQ	13,570.00
INE701B01021	PUNJ LLOYD LIMITED EQ NEWFV RS.2/-	223.00
INE252B01014	RANA SUGARS LIMITED EQ	3,902.00
INE97601028	REL BANK LIMITED EQ	4,16,373.00
INE013A01015	RELANCE CAPITAL LIMITED EQ	148.20
INE217K01011	RELANCE HME FINANCE LIMITED EQ	51.36
INE036A01016	RELANCE INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED EQ	4,940.10
INE614G01033	RELANCE POWER LIMITED EQ NEW RS.10/-	6,723.00
INE369V01017	SALAYA BULK TERMINALS LIMITED EQ	30.00
INE377C01010	SRECHEM RESINS LIMITED EQ	6,700.00
INE503B01021	STEEL EXCHANGE INDIA LIMITED NEW FV RE.1/-	220.80
INE629B01024	STELCO GUJRAT LIMITED NEW	17.60
INE663A01033	SUPREME PETROCHEM LIMITED EQ NEW FV RS.2/-	1,49,370.00
INE198D01018	SYNERGY COSMETICS (EXIM) LIMITED EQ	96.00
INE092A01011	TATA CHEMICALS LIMITED EQ	1,74,664.00
INE192A01025	TATA CONSUMER PRODUCTS LIMITED EQ NEW F.V. RE.1/-	2,46,902.70
INE081A01020	TATA STEEL LIMITED NEW FV RE1/-	2,94,278.60
INE517B01013	TATA TELESERVICES (MAHARASHTRA) LTDEQ	48,266.40
INE017A01032	THE GREAT EASTERN SHIPPING COMPANY LIMITED EQ NEW FV RS.10/-	1,61,947.50
INE053A01029	THE INDIAN HOTELS COMPANY LIMITED EQ NEW FV RE.1/-	82,563.75
INE064A01026	TIMEX GROUP INDIA LIMITED EQ FB RE.1/-	15,445.00
INE692A01016	UNION BANK OF INDIAEQ	22,574.00
INE491B01011	UNIPORT COMPUTERS LIMITED EQ	128.00
INE014C01019	VISHWAS STEELS LIMITED EQ	2,000.00
INE528G01035	YES BANK LIMITED EQ NEW FV RS.2/-	31,631.60
Total Value		18,79,558.69
That the said Sukumar Basu Mallick died on 10 th August, 2021 at Village Baragachhia, P.O. Nalikul, P.S. Haripal, District Hooghly, Pin-712407.		
Notice is hereby given that any person having any interest in the Estate of the deceased above named may appear in the Court of the Learned District Delegate at Chandannagar, District Hooghly within 30 days after publication either in person or through agent and may file objection if any there against in default the application will be held and determined ex parte in accordance with law.		
By Order Sherstadter Chandannagar, Hooghly.		

Tourism Diplomacy in Action

IRCTC Leads Global Outreach in International Tourism Expo Vietnam 2025

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister of India has announced the year 2025 to be the ASEAN-India Year of tourism and has renewed the commitment of India to enhance its cultural, economic and tourism relations with the ASEAN countries. This bold proclamation outlines the role of tourism in improving people-to-people connectivity, mutual prosperity and strengthen bonds of friendship between India and the ASEAN countries.

Under this new initiative of enhancing relations, the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), Government of India, has been given the mandate to organize the Indian participation in the highly regarded International Tourism Expo (ITE) Vietnam 2025, to be held between 4th and 6th September 2025 in the Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center (SECC), Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. IRCTC is establishing an exclusive

ASEAN-India pavilion that will showcase a wide range of tourism products that India has to offer to the world including the rich cultural heritage of the country, spiritual and wellness packages, natural scenery, adventure activities and luxury travel products in the form of IRCTC luxury trains that are the best in the world namely the Maharajas express, the Golden Chariot and the Buddhist circuit luxury AC train besides the tourism scenery and attractions of the ASEAN nations. Sh. Vipra Pandey, Consul General of India, opened the ASEAN India pavilion at Ho Chi Minh city. Depending on the importance of the event, Vipra Pandey, Consul General of India, Ho Chi Minh City.

As the prelude to this new collaboration and the celebration of 2025 as the ASEAN-India Year of Tourism, IRCTC in coordination with the Ministry of External Affairs spearheaded a sol-



id group of tourism sector players in India and ASEAN states at PATA Travel Mart 2025 in Bangkok, a new dawn in cross-cultural and tourism cooperation between India and ASEAN nations. The ASEAN-India pavilion located in Bangkok was opened by the Indian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, Sh. Nagesh Singh, which gave an added momentum to the effort of MEA and IRCTC in fostering

Indo-ASEAN cross-cultural and tourism relationships. To continue with this mission a Road Show was also held in Thailand on 28th August 2025 during which the representatives of the travel and tourism industry were also present, and it was also such a big success.

The Indian delegation to ITE Vietnam is led by IRCTC, and includes leading tourism GSAs, state tourism board officers, and representatives

of the ASEAN countries, both as tourism trade and tourism policy making bodies. This collective involvement of India and ASEAN nations represents the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to grow together and to tourism cooperate. In addition to the set-up of the ASEAN-India Pavilion, IRCTC has also been charged with the responsibility of handling the full logistics of the Indian delegation. In addition, IRCTC is hosting ASEAN-India Tourism Road Show in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam where, a wide range of Indo-ASEAN tourism products are going to be exhibited in front of an audience that will include various travel trade bodies, tour operators and industry stakeholders. This road show will be timely meeting to assist the delegation to be able to interact directly with the top local travel agents and tour operators in collaboration with the trade and establishment of new business partnerships.

The announcement of the ASEAN-India Year of Tourism by the Hon Prime Minister of India is a breakthrough event to endorse India as a global tourism destination among various customer segments. The recent establishment of the ASEAN-India Pavilion in ITE Ho Chi Minh City has created new channels of promoting culture and tourism between India and the ASEAN countries and has acted as a catalyst to opening the gates of future growth and prosperity. Not only has this initiative enhanced regional connectivity, but it has also established relationships of mutual trust, friendship and cooperation, thus providing a platform on which tourism-based development and sustainable development can be achieved by both India and ASEAN in the future.

Kolkata Man Arrested for Cheating Using TMC MP's Name

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata police arrested Sheikh Najmul Hoda on Friday night for allegedly cheating people by falsely claiming he could secure Assembly election tickets with the help of Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Abhishek Banerjee, sources said on Saturday. Hoda was apprehended from a hotel in Park Street after a series of complaints from individuals who alleged that he posed as a close aide of the MP to extort money.

According to police sources, Hoda contacted potential victims both over the phone and in person, assuring them that he could arrange party tickets for the upcoming elections in exchange for

large sums of money. A case of cheating and fraud has been lodged against him at the Shakespeare Sarani police station.

A senior police officer stated that preliminary investigations indicate Hoda may have swindled or attempted to swindle lakhs of rupees. Authorities are scrutinizing his call records, financial transactions, and checking for any prior criminal history. Hoda will be questioned to determine if others were involved in the racket.

TMC sources clarified that Hoda has no connection with the party and urged strict action against him to prevent misuse of party's name and ensure public trust is not compromised.

Irate mob lynches couple after body of boy recovered from pond in Nadia

MI News Service, Nischintapur: A middle-aged couple was lynched by an irate mob on Saturday after the body of a nine-year-old boy, missing since Friday noon, was found floating in a pond in Nadia district, official sources said.

The incident occurred early Saturday morning at Nischintapur village when the body of Class III student Swarnav Biswas, missing since noon yesterday, was discovered in a pond. The boy's body, wrapped in plastic, was found floating in the water.

Enraged by the mysterious death, local residents gathered near the pond and attacked the house of a neighbouring couple. The mob caught Utpal Mondal (45), his wife Soma Mondal (38), and another man, beating them mercilessly. The assault continued until the couple fell unconscious and lay motionless.

Police were informed and rushed the injured to a local hospital, where doctors declared the couple dead.

The mob also set fire to a shop belonging to a rel-

ative of the couple. Local residents alleged that the duo was involved in human trafficking.

The situation in the village turned tense following the lynching and the recovery of the boy's body. Senior police officials rushed to Nischintapur and a police camp was set up to restore normalcy.

The bodies were sent for post-mortem and an investigation has begun. No arrests had been made in connection with the lynching at the time of filing this report.

99 per cent of stranded Manimahesh pilgrims rescued, 17 dead this year: Himachal Minister

MI News Service, Shimla: Himachal Pradesh Revenue, Tribal Development, and Horticulture Minister Jagat Singh Negi on Saturday said that 99 per cent of pilgrims stranded during the Manimahesh Yatra in Chamba district have been rescued after torrential rains and floods forced suspension of the pilgrimage.

Negi said 17 people died in the Manimahesh Yatra this year. Speaking to ANI after returning from the conclusion of the Manimahesh rescue operations, Negi said most of the rescued pilgrims have been sent to safety either by road or by air. "Out of the pilgrims stranded in Bharmour, 99% have been evacuated. Only a few local residents, mainly small traders, have stayed back as they prefer to bring their goods by road," the minister said.

According to Negi, about 15,000 people were on the route to Manimahesh, including some who trekked on foot.

"Nearly 10,000 people have been rescued, some by helicopter and some via road transport, wherever road connectivity was available. In many places, people were brought to safety by buses from points where the roads were accessible," he said.

The minister added that the state had deployed over 160 buses to drop pilgrims at Pathankot and parts of Kangra district.

"Around 7,000 people were sent free of cost in buses so they could reach their home regions. Those airlifted from Chamba and shifted to other areas are in addition to this number," he

said.

Negi confirmed that 17 people died this year during the rain and floods in the Manimahesh Yatra. He also said that misinformation spread during the Manimahesh stranded people rescue operation

"This is confirmed data available to us that 17 people died during the Manimahesh Yatra. A lot of rumours were circulated during this time. Some claimed the death toll was in the thousands, but the confirmed figure for the entire Manimahesh Yatra period is seventeen," he clarified.

Negi said that the restoration work is in full swing. He said restoration work was continuing on a war footing. "As of this morning, 1,001 roads are still blocked, including three national highways. The remaining are state highways and other roads. Around 1,992 electricity DTRs are affected, and 472 water supply schemes have been disrupted," he said.

He added that the Neugal-Sari stretch in Kinnaur has been shut due to rockfalls, but work continued through the night to clear the routes.

"In some stretches, rockfall activity resumed, slowing down the process, but we expect restoration to be completed soon," he noted.

Providing an update on monsoon-related casualties and damage, Negi said that there has been a loss of over 4,000 crores of rupees, resulting in the death of 360 people, which includes 197 due

to rain-related incidents like floods and landslides, and 163 in road accidents.

"Since June 20, the death toll this monsoon has reached 360, 197 due to rain-related incidents like floods and landslides, and 163 in road accidents. The losses have been assessed at over ₹4,000 crore so far."

He stressed that the government was making every possible effort to restore essential services and ensure safe passage for stranded people.

আমমোজোরনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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ইতি-শ্রী সুব্রজিৎ আদক (আমমোজোর)

GUSHKARA MAHAVIDYALAYA
GUSHKARA, PURBA BARDHAMAN, WEST BENGAL

Bids are invited from eligible bonafide persons/organizations with requisite credentials for construction of connector between T-Block and Academic Block. Tender Reference No. GM/CONS /NIT-5/2025, Tender ID- 2025-DHE, 898675-1. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from www.wbtenders.gov.in For details see college website: www.gushkaramahavidyalaya.ac.in

Principal
Gushkara Mahavidyalaya

NOTICE

My client, Sourav Sarkar S/o. Lt Tapan Sarkar, seized and possessed one Bhatia Land measuring about 2 Cottahs 03 Chittaks 6 Sq.ft more or less lying and situated at E.P. NO. 467A, S.P. NO. 557/1, C.S. Plot no. 402(P), J.L. no.32, Mouza Naktala, being postal address D/12/1A, Ramgarh Colony, P.S. Naktala, Premises no. 87/12/27D, Raja S.C. Mallick Road, Kolkata- 700047 agreed to sign and execute an agreement for construction/development through a developer. My client does not involve any kind of monetary transaction relating to his said land. There are no such liens or charge against the said land. If anyone have objection against the same contact with the following person within 7 days of from the publication of this Notice, no such objection will be entertained after that.

Sibaji Sarkar Dhar Advocate
Citadel Law Solutions
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Breathing in sleep affects memory processes: Study

How are memories formed when sleeping? Research led by Dr Thomas Schreiner, head of the Emmy Noether junior research group at LMU's Department of Psychology, demonstrated a direct relationship between the emergence of certain sleep-related brain activity patterns and the reactivation of memory contents during sleep in 2021.

However, it was still unclear whether these rhythms were orchestrated by a central pacemaker. So the researchers joined up with scientists from the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin and the University of Oxford to re-analyze the data. Their results have identified respiration as a potential pacemaker. "That is to say, our breathing influences how memories are consolidated during sleep," says Schreiner. Learning processes investigated in the sleep laboratory for their original study, the researchers showed 20



study participants 120 images over the course of two sessions. All the pictures were associated with certain words. Then the participants slept for around two hours in the sleep laboratory. When they awoke, they were questioned about the associations they had learned. During the entire learning and sleep period, their brain activity was recorded by means of EEG, along with their breathing. The researchers discovered

that previously learned contents were spontaneously reactivated by the sleeping brain during the presence of so-called slow oscillations and sleep spindles (short phases of increased brain activity). "The precision of the coupling of these sleep-related brain rhythms increases from childhood to adolescence and then declines again during ageing," says Schreiner.

Breathing and brain activity are linked

Because respiration frequency also changes with age, the researchers then analyzed the data in relation to the recorded breathing and were able to establish a connection between them: "Our results show that our breathing and the emergence of characteristic slow oscillation and spindle patterns are linked," says Schreiner. "Although other studies had already established a connection between breathing and cognition during wake, our work makes clear that respiration is also important for memory processing during sleep."

Older people often suffer from sleep disorders, respiratory disorders, and declining memory function. Schreiner plans to further investigate whether there are connections between these phenomena and whether interventions - such as the use of CPAP masks, which are already used to treat sleep apnea - make sense from a cognitive perspective.

Study finds how body reacts to high or low oxygen levels

It only takes a few seconds of holding your breath to know that not obtaining adequate oxygen is detrimental to your health. Is it possible, however, to have too much? Indeed, breathing air that contains more oxygen than your body requires can lead to health problems or even death.

But with scant research on the topic, scientists have known little about how the body senses too much oxygen. Now, a new study from Gladstone Institutes has greatly expanded the scientific body of knowledge about the mechanisms at play, and why it matters for health.



Jain's team is now examining the precise molecular role of MYBBP1A during hyperoxia, including whether its response is protective or harmful. This work could set the stage for novel treatments that target the MYBBP1A protein or associated molecules in ways that counter the bad effects of hyperoxia-similar to widespread research efforts targeting HIF proteins in low-oxygen conditions.

on or off.

"Our study enters uncharted territory by using mice and looking downstream of gene expression at which proteins abnormally accumulate or degrade in response to different oxygen concentrations," says Kirsten Xuewen Chen, first author of the new paper and a graduate student at UC San Francisco.

The research builds on the team's prior work, which revealed that in response to too much oxygen, certain proteins containing iron and sulfur clusters become degraded, leading cells to malfunction.

"Now, we wanted to get a more dynamic picture of how proteins are regulated when oxygen levels are too high or too low," Chen says.

To do so, the team exposed mice for several weeks to air with oxygen levels of 8 percent, 21 percent (the usual level we

breathe in Earth's atmosphere), or 60 percent. Meanwhile, they gave the mice food containing a distinct form of nitrogen that the animals' bodies incorporated into new proteins. This nitrogen isotope acted as a "label" that enabled the researchers to calculate protein turnover rates--the balance between protein synthesis and degradation--for thousands of different proteins in the lungs, heart, and brain.

"We're grateful to our collaborators who are the experts in this technique, known as stable isotope labeling of amino acids in mice," Jain says. "Without it, we could not have done this study."

A Key Protein Builds Up

The researchers found that oxygen levels more dramatically affected proteins in the lungs of mice than the heart or brain. They identified certain proteins with abnormal

turnover rates under high- or low-oxygen conditions.

One particular protein that accumulated in high-oxygen conditions, MYBBP1A, piqued their attention. MYBBP1A is a transcription regulator, meaning it directly affects gene expression.

"This caught our eye because prior research has shown that other transcription factors called hypoxia-inducible factors, or HIFs, play a big role in cells' response to low oxygen," Chen says. "Our work nominates MYBBP1A for a related role in hyperoxia signaling."

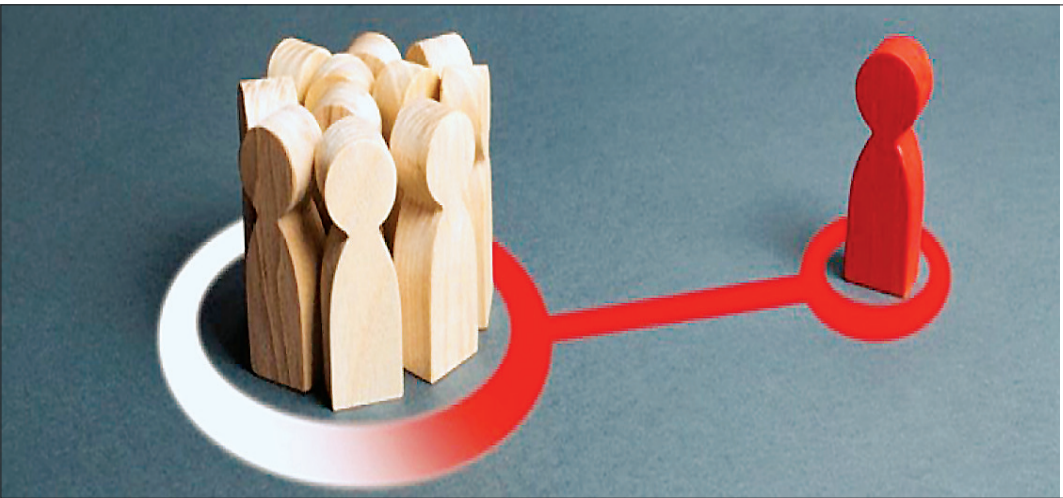
MYBBP1A is involved in the production of ribosomes--cellular "machines" that build proteins. Further experiments surfaced clues that, in response to high oxygen levels, accumulation of this protein in the lungs may affect production of ribosomal RNA, a key component of ribosomes.

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First-of-its-Kind Dataset

The new study presents a first-of-its-kind dataset of protein turnover rates in different tissues of mice exposed to different oxygen levels. The team hopes its results will inspire other researchers to further investigate the effects of too much or too little oxygen on the body, which could transform the way we treat disease.

Unsubstantiated conspiracy theories continue to attract people



Many people believe at least one conspiracy theory. And that isn't necessarily a bad thing conspiracies do happen.

To take just one example, the CIA really did engage in illegal experiments in the 1950s to identify drugs and procedures that might produce confessions from captured spies.

However, many conspiracy theories are not supported by evidence, yet still attract believers.

For example, in a previous study, we found about seven per cent of New Zealanders and Australians agreed with the theory that visible trails behind aircraft are chemtrails of chemical agents sprayed as part of a secret government program. That's despite the theory being roundly rejected by the scientific community.

The fact that conspiracy theories attract believers despite a lack of credible evidence remains a puzzle for researchers in psychology and other academic disciplines.

Indeed, there has been a great deal of research on conspiracy theories published in the past few years. We now know more about how many people believe them, as well as the psychological and political factors that correlate with that belief. But we know much less about how often people change their minds. Do they do so frequently, or do they stick tenaciously to their beliefs, regardless of what evidence they come across?

From 9/11 to COVID

We set out to answer this question using a longitudinal survey. We recruited 498 Australians and New Zealanders (using the Prolific website, which recruits people to take part in paid research).

Each month from March to September 2021, we presented our sample group with a survey, including ten conspiracy theories, and asked them how much they agreed with each one.

All of these theories related to claims about events that are either ongoing, or occurred this millennium: the September 11 attacks, the rollout of 5G telecommunications technology, and COVID-19, among others.

While there were definitely some believers in our sample, most participants disagreed with each of the theories.

The most popular theory was that pharmaceutical

companies (Big Pharma') have suppressed a cure for cancer to protect their profits. Some 18 per cent of the sample group agreed when first asked.

The least popular was the theory that COVID-19 vaccines' contain microchips to monitor and control people. Only two per cent agreed.

Conspiracy beliefs probably aren't increasing

Despite contemporary concerns about a pandemic of misinformation or infodemic, we found no evidence that individual beliefs in conspiracy theories increased on average over time.

This was despite our data collection happening during the tumultuous second year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Lockdowns were still happening occasionally in both Australia and New Zealand, and anti-government sentiment was building.

While we only tracked participants for six months, other studies over much longer time frames have also found little evidence that beliefs in conspiracy theories are increasing over time.

Finally, we found that beliefs (or non-beliefs) in conspiracy theories were stable but not completely fixed. For any given theory, the vast majority of participants were consistent sceptics not agreeing with the theory at any point. There were also some consistent believers who agreed at every point in the survey they responded to. For most theories, this was the second-largest group. Yet for every conspiracy theory, there was also a small proportion of converts. They disagreed with the theory at the start of the study, but agreed with it by the end. There was also a small proportion of apostates who agreed with the theory at the start, but disagreed by the end.

Nevertheless, the percentages of converts and apostates tended to balance each other pretty closely, leaving the percentage of believers fairly stable over time.

Inside the rabbit hole'

This relative stability is interesting, because one criticism of conspiracy theories is that they may not be falsifiable: what seems like evidence against a conspiracy theory can just be written off by believers as part of the cover up.

Yet people clearly do sometimes decide to reject conspiracy theories they previously believed.

AI creates proteins with high binding strengths

A recent study published in Nature describes an AI-driven advancement in biotechnology with implications for medication discovery, disease diagnosis, and environmental monitoring.

Scientists at the Institute for Protein Design at the University of Washington School of Medicine employed software to design protein molecules with unusually high affinity and specificity to a number of complex indicators, including human hormones. Notably, the scientists obtained the strongest ever documented contact strength between a computer-generated biomolecule and its target.

Senior author David Baker, professor of biochemistry at UW Medicine, Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator, and recipient of the 2023 Frontiers of Knowledge Award in Biology and Biomedicine, emphasized the potential impact: "The ability to generate novel proteins with such high binding affinity and specificity opens up a world of possibilities, from new disease treatments to advanced diagnostics." The team, led by Baker Lab members Susana Vazquez-Torres, Preetham

Venkatesh, and Phil Leung, set out to create proteins that could bind to glucagon, neuropeptide Y, parathyroid hormone, and other helical peptide targets. Such molecules, crucial in biological systems, are especially difficult for drugs and diagnostic tools to recognize because they often lack stable molecular structures. Antibodies can be used to detect some of these medically relevant targets but are often costly to produce and have limited shelf lives.

"There are many diseases that are difficult to treat today simply because it is so challenging to detect certain molecules in the body. As tools for diagnosis, designed proteins may offer a more cost-effective alternative to antibodies," explained Venkatesh. The study introduces a novel protein design approach that uses advanced deep-learning methods. The researchers present a new way of using RFdiffusion, a generative model for creating new protein shapes, in conjunction with the sequence-design tool ProteinMPNN. Developed in the Baker Lab, these programs allow scientists to create functional proteins more efficiently.

Simple blood test to quickly recognize sarcoidosis developed

LOS ANGELES: Researchers have developed a technique for quickly and cheaply identifying sarcoidosis, a chronic inflammatory illness characterized by the growth of microscopic lumps called granulomas in the lungs and other organs.

The technique, which uses a simple blood test, may allow for the selective use of more intrusive diagnostic tests that are commonly employed to identify the disease. The results were reported in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine.

"Currently, diagnosing sarcoidosis isn't a straightforward process and requires tissue removal and testing with additional screenings to rule out other diseases, such as tuberculosis or lung cancer," said James Kiley, Ph.D., director of the NIH's Division of Lung Diseases at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI).



"Using a blood test will help diagnose faster, particularly in those organs that are more challenging to biopsy and with less harm to the patient."

Though the exact cause of sarcoidosis is unknown, researchers suspect it is an immune disorder triggered by a group of specific antigens, which are generally foreign substances that incite an immune response in the body. In the United States, an estimated 8-11 people per 100,000 are affected by sarcoidosis each year, according to previous research.

To identify antigens and determine which might be linked to sarcoidosis, scientists collected lung fluid samples and blood cells from patients with pulmonary sarcoidosis and then extracted the genetic material.

Using a combination of molecular techniques, the researchers homed in on two newly described disease-specific antigen biomarkers that only

bind to the antibodies of sarcoidosis-positive patients.

They next designed a highly specific blood test, which only requires a small amount of blood, to determine if they could accurately detect sarcoidosis. To verify the test, researchers compared blood samples from 386 people, which included patients with sarcoidosis, patients with tuberculosis, patients with lung cancer and healthy individuals.

The researchers confirmed that their test was able to differentiate patients who had sarcoidosis from those with other respiratory diseases.

"More testing needs to be completed before this screening method is ready for clinical use, but it's possible that could be a reality within a few years," said Samavati.

"Dr. Samavati's important work is an excellent example of how scientific research can have promising results that may lead to addressing major health challenges," said Ezemenari M. Obasi, Ph.D., vice president for research at Wayne State University.

"I look forward to the potential impact this research will have on the lives of those afflict-

THE TECHNIQUE, WHICH USES A SIMPLE BLOOD TEST, MAY ALLOW FOR THE SELECTIVE USE OF MORE INTRUSIVE DIAGNOSTIC TESTS THAT ARE COMMONLY EMPLOYED TO IDENTIFY THE DISEASE. THE RESULTS WERE REPORTED IN THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF RESPIRATORY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE.



On the occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi, a general langar was organized by KGN Group in Bibi Bagan. Muhammad Hasmain Qureshi and his colleagues are seen in the picture.

Mumbai Police arrest Ashwini Kumar for hoax terror threat during Ganesh festival

MI News Service, Mumbai: Mumbai police arrested 50-year-old Ashwini Kumar Supra from Noida, Uttar Pradesh, for allegedly sending a threatening message claiming 14 terrorists had infiltrated the city with 400 kilograms of RDX to execute bombings.

The arrest was made within 24 hours of the message being received on Thursday, as confirmed by a police official on Saturday. The threat, sent to the traffic police's WhatsApp helpline, alleged that the terrorists had planted explosives in 34 vehicles and carried human bombs to "blow up" Mumbai.

The alarming message came amid heightened security preparations for Anant Chaturdashi, the



10th day of the Ganesh festival, putting the city's police on high alert.

The Worli police station registered a case, and the crime branch swiftly took over the investigation. By tracing the sender's mobile number to Gautam Buddha Nagar, a Mumbai police team traveled to Noida and apprehended Supra at his residence in Sector 79.

The accused is being brought to Mumbai and is scheduled to be produced before a court later today. Authorities are still investigating the motive behind the hoax threat,

which disrupted police operations during a major festival.

The rapid response underscores the Mumbai police's vigilance in handling potential threats, especially during significant public events like the Ganesh festival, which draws large crowds. While the message was determined to be a hoax, it highlights the challenges law enforcement faces in distinguishing credible threats from false alarms in a bustling metropolis.

The incident also raises questions about the intent behind such disruptive acts, with police yet to disclose whether Supra had any specific grievances or affiliations prompting the false alarm. The investigation continues to uncover the full context of this unsettling episode.

Pro-Palestine activists face FIR in Kerala for unauthorized demonstration



MI News Service, Pazhayangadi: In a continuing crackdown on pro-Palestine activism, Kerala's Pazhayangadi Police filed an FIR against the Girls Islamic Organisation (GIO) in Kannur district for raising pro-Palestine slogans, flags, and banners during an unauthorized demonstration.

The FIR targets GIO Kerala General Secretary Afra Shihab and 30 other members, charging them under Sections 189(2), 191(2), and 192 read with 190 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for unlawful assembly, rioting, and liability for offenses by group members.

The suo-motu FIR alleges that on Friday, the group gathered at the ecologically sensitive Madayippara area with the intent to "commit an offense and disturb society"

by chanting slogans like "Free, free Palestine," "Down with occupation," and "Israel is a terrorist state" without permission. The police noted opposition from unspecified organizations but provided no details. The protest coincides with global outrage over Israel's actions in Gaza, where, since October 7, 2023, approximately 64,300 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have been killed, and 162,005 wounded amid a prolonged blockade and famine. Critics have slammed the Pinarayi Vijayan-led government for hypocrisy, given its public support for Palestine.

Former GIO president Afeeda Ahammed criticized the government on social media, questioning the FIR's basis and highlighting the contradiction

of police wearing Palestinian scarves at prior events while now targeting activists. She called it "political hypocrisy," vowing resilience.

SIO Kannur district president Nidhal Siraj labeled the FIR a "double standard," asserting that attempts to suppress pro-Palestine voices would fail. "The voices for justice will continue to burn on streets and campuses," he said. GIO plans a solidarity meet at Payyambalam Beach in Kannur on Sunday, signaling defiance.

This incident follows a pattern of legal actions against pro-Palestine activists in India, including a case in August where Talha Mannan and 8-10 unidentified students from Aligarh Muslim University were booked for raising pro-Palestine slogans during protests against a fee hike and for restoring the Students' Union.

The recurring targeting of activists for rallies, displaying Palestinian flags, or sharing supportive content online raises concerns about freedom of expression and the politicization of solidarity movements in India, particularly under the guise of maintaining public order.

Dalit man brutally lynched in Odisha's Deogarh over cow slaughter allegations

MI News Service, Deogarh: In a horrific incident, 35-year-old Dalit man Kishore Chamar was lynched by a mob in Odisha's Deogarh district on Wednesday over allegations of cow killing. The attack occurred in Kundeijuri village, under Rimalal police station, where Chamar and his associate Goutam Nayak, both cattle skimmers from Kaunsidhipa village, were found chopping cow meat in a forest.

Chamar reportedly claimed the cow had died naturally, but the mob, spotting a severed cow's head, accused him of killing it. The group brutally beat both men, resulting in Chamar's death on the spot, while Nayak, though injured, escaped. Deogarh SP Anil Kumar Mishra confirmed six arrests in connection with the case.

Senior Odisha Congress leader Niranjan Patnaik condemned the lynching, stating, "Atrocities against

Dalits are rising under the BJP government, which has failed to protect marginalized communities." Dalit writer Lokesh Bag called it "caste violence, not a dispute over cows."

This incident follows a similar attack in Ganjam district two months ago, where two Dalit men were tortured by cow vigilantes. The recurring violence highlights growing concerns over caste-based atrocities and mob justice in the region.

41 killed as Israel targets more aid seekers and 'safe zones'

MI News Service, Gaza: The Israeli army targets residential building housing dozens of displaced Palestinian families in Gaza City after issuing new forced evacuation threats.

Israel's assault on the northern urban centre continued into the early hours of Saturday, with deadly strikes re-



ported on Palestinian homes.

On Saturday, at least 41 people, including more aid seekers, have been killed by

Israeli attacks.

Since the start of the war in October 2023, at least 64,368 people have been killed and 162,367 wounded across Gaza. Thousands more are believed to be under the rubble. A total of 1,139 people were killed in Israel during the October 7 attacks, and about 200 were taken captive.

Donald Trump renames Defense Department to "Department of War" in bold policy shift

MI News Service, Washington: In a symbolic move, President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Friday directing the Department of Defense to be called the "Department of War" in all executive branch communications. Speaking at an Oval Office ceremony, Trump framed the change as a rejection of "woke" ideology, claiming it would restore a focus on military victory. "We won the First World War, the Second World War, everything before and in between," he said, criticizing the shift to "politically correct" policies that renamed the department.

While the change ap-



plies to presidential statements and public communications, a permanent renaming requires congressional approval, which Trump intends to pursue.

The move signals a more aggressive foreign policy in Trump's second term, contrasting with his

inaugural pledge to be a "peacemaker and unifier." Since January, his administration has authorized bombing campaigns in Yemen, Iran, and the southern Caribbean, including a recent deadly strike on a suspected drug-running boat. Secretary of State Mar-

co Rubio has warned of further such actions, raising concerns about escalating military engagements.

Critics, including former Human Rights Watch director Kenneth Roth, condemned the approach, with Roth posting on social media that Trump's use of force against unproven drug traffickers risks turning the military into a "Department of Summary Executions."

The renaming and recent actions underscore growing tensions over Trump's foreign policy, which some view as undermining his stated pursuit of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Egypt, Qatar condemn Netanyahu remarks on displacing Palestinians in Gaza

MI News Service, Egypt: Egypt and Qatar have expressed strong condemnation over remarks by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu regarding the displacement of Palestinians, including through the Rafah crossing.

In a statement on Friday, the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs described the comments as part of "ongoing attempts to prolong escalation in the region and perpetuate instability while avoiding accountability for Israeli violations in Gaza."

In an interview with the Israeli Telegram channel Abu Ali Express, Netanyahu claimed there were "different plans for how to rebuild Gaza" and alleged that "half of the population wants to leave Gaza," claiming it was "not a mass expulsion."

"I can open Rafah for them, but it will be closed immediately by Egypt," he said.

Egypt's Foreign Ministry reiterated its "categorical rejection of forcibly or coercively displacing Palestinians from their land."

"[Egypt] stresses that these practices represent



a blatant violation of international humanitarian law and amount to war crimes that cannot be tolerated," the ministry added.

The statement affirmed that Egypt will never be complicit in such practices nor act as a conduit for Palestinian displacement, describing this as a "red line" that cannot be crossed.

'Collective punishment will not succeed'

Qatar's Foreign Ministry also fiercely criticised Netanyahu's remarks, calling them an "extension of the

occupation's approach to violating the rights of the brotherly Palestinian people."

"The policy of collective punishment practised by the occupation against the Palestinians ... will not succeed in forcing the Palestinian people to leave their land or in confiscating their legitimate rights," it said in a statement.

It stressed the need for the international community to "unite with determination to confront the extremist and provocative policies of the Israeli occu-

pation, in order to prevent the continuation of the cycle of violence in the region and its spread to the world."

The war of words comes as Egypt and Qatar continue to lead mediation efforts between Hamas and Israel, seeking to secure a ceasefire in Gaza and facilitate the entry of humanitarian aid into the coastal enclave.

Al Jazeera's Hamdah Salhut, reporting from Amman, said Netanyahu's comments were "incredibly controversial" since it's the Israeli government which has outlined that "it wants the Palestinians out of Gaza".

"The condemnation from both Qatar and Egypt is essentially telling Israel this is all a part of its larger plan, that Israel is the one that waged war on the Gaza Strip, that the continuation of crimes against the Palestinian people and the total closure of the Rafah border crossing is the reason why they're imprisoned in Gaza, not because of anything else," she said.

"It is Israel that single-handedly created this policy."

One year on, family of US citizen killed by Israel still seeking justice



Ayse Nur Ezgi is one of at least 10 US citizens killed by Israel since 2022 [File: Courtesy of the Ezgi family]

knew her said she was joyous and empathetic.

She had been engaged in activism from a young age and was deeply moved by injustices in the US and abroad. Both Ali and Bennett described her as almost "childlike" in her compassion and playfulness.

"She always had that kind of childlike essence to her, that curiosity, that silliness," Bennett said. "She was such a special, sweet - sometimes annoying - sister that I just miss so much."

Ali believes it was that authenticity that drove her to activism.

"She was someone who had to live by her values and her beliefs, and she had to say how she felt," he told Al Jazeera.

"So that's the kind of person she was, and that's exactly why she felt like doing the activism that she did in the [United] States wasn't enough. She felt like going to the West Bank was the next thing that she was able to do."

At least two more US citizens have been killed in the West Bank since Ezgi was shot.

In July, settlers beat Florida-born 20-year-old Sayfollah Musallat to death. Less than three weeks later, Khamis Ayyad, 40, a father of five and former Chicago resident, was also killed in another settler attack.

In both cases, the families are calling for a US investigation into the killings, citing statutes that would enable such an investigation, including the US-Israel Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty.

But the Trump administration has only called on Israel to investigate its own abuses. Israel rarely finds wrongdoing in the conduct of its forces against Palestinians and their supporters.

Similarly, when Ezgi was killed last year, the administration of then-President Biden called on Israel to investigate the incident, but it failed to launch its own inquiry.

That lack of accountability is a recurring pattern. In all 10 cases of Americans being killed by Israeli settlers and soldiers since 2022, no criminal charges have been brought against the perpetrators.

The victims include veteran Al Jazeera reporter Shireen Abu Akleh, who was shot in the head while wearing a bright blue jacket labelled "press".

Rights advocates have called the inaction a form of impunity for those who kill Americans overseas. They trace the trend back decades, as far back as 2003, when an Israeli bulldozer ran over activist Rachel Corrie in Gaza.

She had been trying to protect a Palestinian home from

demolition at the time of her death.

Corrie, who was also from Washington state, is now one of the icons of the Palestinian cause in the West. Still, no one has been held accountable for her killing.

Ali drew a parallel between his wife's death and Corrie's killing.

"It was the same with Rachel Corrie, and that was 20-plus years ago, so this isn't anything new unfortunately," he said.

"We know the pattern, but it's still frustrating all the same and extremely hypocritical."

Despite that frustration, Ezgi's family members have been bringing their demands to US lawmakers and officials in an effort to keep the case alive.

Last year, they met with then-Secretary of State Antony Blinken, but according to Ali and Bennett, the top US diplomat conveyed an inability - a proverbial shrugging of the shoulders - to seek justice.

But days before Ezgi was killed, the US Department of Justice filed "terrorism, murder conspiracy and sanctions-evasion" charges against Hamas leaders after the killing of the US-Israeli captive Hersh Goldberg-Pollin in Gaza.

For Bennett, the contrast in the US approach is clear. "It sends a message that not all American lives are equal," she told Al Jazeera.

Raed Jarrar, the advocacy director at the US-based rights group DAWN, said the US failure to pursue accountability for Ezgi and other US citizens killed by Israel shows that Washington "values Israeli impunity more than American lives."

"The hypocrisy is staggering. When US citizens are killed by anyone else, the US government mobilises every diplomatic, economic and military tool at its disposal to demand justice and accountability," Jarrar told Al Jazeera.

Dissenting civil servants are silenced, says UK diplomat who quit over Gaza



Pro-Palestine protesters attend a demonstration outside the UK Parliament, organised by campaign groups, calling for sanctions on Israel on June 4, 2025

MI News Service, London: Mark Smith, a diplomat who quit his Foreign Office job over the UK's refusal to stop selling arms to Israel, said civil servants who question the on-slaught in Gaza are routinely silenced by their seniors.

"Thousands of conversations within the walls of the Foreign Office on the most controversial aspects of our arms sales policy will never be seen by the public [and] never be put to a court," he said on Friday in London, at an unofficial inquiry probing alleged UK complicity in Israeli war crimes.

He said he was repeatedly warned by colleagues against documenting his concerns in writing, as he worked on a report assessing whether the government is legally compliant in exporting arms to certain countries.

"I was routinely asked to go to senior directors' offices and told to, quote, 'make the situation look less bad,' said Smith, who was a diplomat and policy adviser at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. "Sections that I've written which talked about civilian casualties, for example, I was asked to kind of play them down, make them smaller."

He described the office's working culture as "very strange" and "different to anything I've ever experienced in the civil service".

"Everyone wanted to make it look as though we were on the right side of the law, and any kind of suggestion [otherwise] tended to be met with panic and a kind of extreme pressure, to not talk about that."

He said it is "fully understood in the department" that conversations about the UK's conduct and relationship with Israel should take place "in person and not in writing." "The reason for that is that we didn't want those conversations to be requested by a court," he claimed.

Smith resigned in August 2024, saying at the time that there was "no justification" for the UK to keep exporting weapons to Israel. He said he had raised the issue at "every level in the organisation" and received nothing more than, "thank you, we have noted your concerns."

"I had grave concerns when Israel was conducting aerial campaigns in Gaza," he told the room on Thursday. "I couldn't understand how the team were justifying that because to even an outside perspective, it was very clear that Israel was in breach of war crimes."

Smith addressed the so-called "Gaza tribunal" headed by Jeremy Corbyn, an independent lawmaker and former Labour leader, appearing via videolink with his camera turned off.

Few other British civil servants have publicly resigned over the UK's policy regarding Gaza.

Fran Heathcote, head of the Public and Commercial Services Union, which represents civil servants, said her organisation believes that the UK "is asking civil servants to undertake interactions with the government engaged in genocide", referring to Israel.

The British government is "ignoring the concerns that have been raised by their trade union", she said, "ignoring the provisions of its own civil service code and ignoring a whole range of domestic and international legal obligations by which it is banned".

She said civil servants from several departments troubled by British policy regarding Gaza have been in touch with the union, informally seeking advice. A month after Smith resigned, David Lammy, the foreign secretary, announced that the UK would revoke some arms export licences, saying there was "a clear risk that they might be used to commit or facilitate a serious violation of international humanitarian law".

But campaigners have long called for tougher action on Israel, demanding the UK stop exporting British-made components of the F-35 jets, via the global pool programme, as the genocide in Gaza continues.

"These parts can and do ultimately end up in the Israeli F-35," said Rami Khayal of the Palestinian Youth Movement group.

CCL's Amrapali & Birsa Projects Honoured with 5-Star Achievers Award



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RANCHI : Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) added yet another feather to its cap as its prestigious Amrapali Opencast Project (OCP) and Birsa Opencast Project were conferred with the "5-Star Achievers Award" at a

grand ceremony held in Mumbai. The award, presented under the Opencast Mines category, recognizes the projects for their exemplary performance in operational excellence, safety standards, environmental stewardship, and adoption of sustain-

able mining practices. CCL Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Mr. Nilendu Kumar Singh, along with Director (Technical/Operations) Mr. Chandra Shekhar Tiwari and General Managers of the respective areas, received the prestigious honor. The award was

conferred by Union Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy, Minister of State for Coal and Mines Satish Chandra Dubey, Coal Secretary Vikram Dev Dutt, and Additional Secretary (Coal) Rupinder Brar, in the presence of other distinguished dignitaries. Speaking on the occasion, CCL emphasized that the achievement reflects not only its contribution to the nation's energy security but also its firm commitment towards environmental protection and sustainable development. The recognition stands as a testament to the relentless hard work, dedication, and efficiency of CCL's officers and employees. Both Amrapali and Birsa projects have set new benchmarks in the coal mining sector by combining high productivity with best-in-class safety protocols, eco-friendly practices, and inclusive growth measures. With this recognition, CCL continues to strengthen its identity as a "responsible mining company", driving the nation's energy needs while ensuring sustainable progress.

RDCA announces its league's registration date

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RANCHI : The executive committee meeting of the Ranchi District Cricket Association (RDCA) was held today at the JSCA's association's office, chaired by its Executive President, Raj Kumar Sharma (Raju Sharma). Various issues were discussed during the meeting, including the commencement of the new season and a review of the previous season. Clubs, schools, and academies were instructed to register their players with the Ranchi District Cricket Association office between September 8th and 27th.



Jharkhand Team Announced for Khelo India Zonal Archery Championship in Patna

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RANCHI : A one-day selection trial to finalize the Jharkhand team for the upcoming Khelo India Zonal Archery Championship, scheduled to be held on September 13-14, 2025, in Patna, Bihar, was conducted today at the Eklavya Archery Centre, Hotwar, Ranchi. A total of 48 archers were selected across four categories-Men's Compound, Women's Compound, Men's Recurve, and Women's Recurve. These players will represent Jharkhand in the eastern zonal meet. The selected players were congratulated by Sports Director Shekhar Jamuar and Deputy Director Rajesh Kumar. District Sports Officer (DSO) Ranchi Shivendra Singh was present at the venue and personally extended his best wishes to the athletes. Also present were Chanchal Bhattacharya, Secretary, Ranchi District Archery Association; Ravishankar, Head Coach, COE Ranchi; International Coach Harendra Singh; along with coaches and officials including B.S. Rao, Sumit Mishra, Shishir Mahato, D. Saishwari, Rohit Koiri, and Karan Karmakar.

MUMBAI TO HOST INDIA'S BIGGEST FITNESS PARTY AS HYROX RETURNS WITH SOLD-OUT SPECTACLE

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA): After a trailblazing debut earlier this year, Hyrox, the world series of fitness racing, is all set to return to Mumbai on Sunday, with an even bigger and more electrifying edition. The NESCO Center, which hosted India's first Hyrox in May, will once again transform into a pulsating fitness arena, this time welcoming more than 3,200 participants, nearly double the number from the debut race. Hyrox combines 8 x 1 km runs with 8 functional fitness workouts such as SkiErg, Sled Push, Burpee Broad Jumps, Farmers Carry and Wall Balls. The format, which mirrors races across 65 cities globally, allows participants of all fitness levels to compete shoulder-to-shoulder in Singles, Doubles, Relay and Pro categories, according to a press release from HYROX India. "This return to Mumbai is more than just another race; it's proof of a growing fitness movement across India. In May, Mumbai made history with its first Hyrox. Just four months later, every category is sold out, and participation has doubled. This remarkable growth shows that the fitness community here has not just participated, they have wholeheartedly adopted HYROX as part of their lifestyle," said Deepak Raj, Country Head, Hyrox India. Athletes from across India and over 50 countries will be lining up at the start line, turning Mumbai into the beating heart of Hyrox's global community for the day. The event will once again welcome participants across ages, from everyday fitness lovers to seasoned athletes, making it a celebration of inclusivity and the collective spirit of competition. The race is part of the global 2025-26 Hyrox season, with finish times contributing to the global leaderboard and qualification for the 2026 Hyrox World Championships in Stockholm, the HYROX India press release added. As Hyrox continues to expand its footprint in India, the momentum will carry forward to Bengaluru in April 2026, where the city will play host to a two-day Hyrox festival, another first for the country. The event is open to spectators, who can enjoy the electric race-day atmosphere from 06:30 am onward. Tickets are available on www.hyrox.co.in and at the venue. (ANI)



Nikhat, Narender, Jaismine storm into next round of World Boxing Championships



LIVERPOOL [UK] : Indian boxers continued their impressive run at the World Boxing Championships in Liverpool on Friday, with Nikhat Zareen, Narender, and Jaismine sealing dominant victories to storm into the next round, as per Boxing Federation of India. Nikhat Zareen (women's 51kg) showcased her class once again as she outpunched USA's Lozano Jennifer with a commanding 5-0 victory, leaving no room for doubt about her form and intent in the competition. In the men's category, Narender (90+kg) put up a solid performance against Ireland's McDonagh Martin Christopher, securing a 4-1 win to book his spot in the next round. Jaismine (57kg) delivered a clinical display against Ukraine's Hutarina Daria-Olha, cruising to a 5-0 triumph and comfortably advancing further in the tournament. Earlier, Sumit Kundu (men's 75kg) and Neeraj Phogat (women's 65kg) registered contrasting victories to advance to the pre-quarterfinals of their respective weight categories as Indian

boxers continued to impress at the World Boxing Championship on Friday. Sumit was rarely in any trouble throughout the three rounds against Jordan's Mohammad Alhussien in the men's 75kg first round to win 5:0, while Neeraj had to dig deep into her reserves to outlast Finland's Krista Kovalainen and eke out a 3:2 verdict. India has fielded a 20-member strong contingent in the inaugural World Championships being held under the aegis of the World Boxing, a recently formed international governing body for boxing. It is looking to continue building on their strong outings in the World Boxing Cup legs in Brazil and Kazakhstan. Neeraj was first to take the rink on the second day of competition and was under pressure as the Finnish national champion, Kovalainen, mounted a strong comeback in the second round but the Indian took the attack to her opponent in the third round and got four of the five judges to back her to win the bout and advance.

Shreyas handed India A captaincy for multi-day matches against Australia A; Rahul, Siraj to join squad for 2nd game



MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : After being snubbed from India's 15-member squad for the Asia Cup, Shreyas Iyer has been handed the captaincy mantle of India A for the two multi-day matches against Australia A, with wicketkeeper Dhruv Jurel serving as his deputy. Indian selectors and management faced widespread criticism from fans and former cricketers after Shreyas was excluded entirely and didn't even find a place in the travelling reserves. As it turns out, Shreyas will now lead India A in the two multi-day fixtures against the touring Australia A, with both fixtures set to be played in Lucknow. The multi-day matches will be followed by three one-day games, scheduled to take place on September 30, October 03, and October 05, respectively, in Kanpur. The series will kickstart from September 16, and the second multi-day match will commence on September 23. KL Rahul and Mohammed Siraj will be added to the squad for the 2nd multi-day match and will replace two players in the team after the first multi-day match. Notably, Siraj and Rahul didn't find a place in the South Zone squad for the ongoing Duleep Trophy, which raised a couple of eyebrows.

Jurel, who has been handed the vice-captaincy title, was set to lead Central Zone but was ruled out of the tournament, prompting Rajat Patidar to take up the leadership role. Tamil Nadu keeper N Jagadeesan, who was flown to London as an injury replacement for Rishabh Pant for the fifth Test against England, has impressed with his recent outings. On the second day of the first semi-final, the 29-year-old spearheaded South Zone's batting attack against North Zone in the semi-final being played on Ground 1 of the BCCI's Centre of Excellence. He nullified the threat posed by Anshul Kamboj and the inform Aqib Nabi, but suffered an agonising fate. Nishant Sandhu had him run out, forcing Jagadeesan to return to the dressing room on 197(352). He previously fell short of the mark during his first attempt when he was caught 17 short of a double ton in 2020. Sai Sudharsan, who made his Test debut for India during the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, has been included in the 15-member list. Abhimanyu Easwaran, who was added to India's roster for the tour of England, returned without his maiden cap. He led East Zone in the Duleep Trophy but saw his side crash out of the tournament in the playoffs. Devdutt Padikkal played a composed knock for South Zone in the semi-finals of the Duleep Trophy with a knock of 57(71). Nitish Kumar Reddy, who sustained an injury during the England tour and was ruled out of the remainder of the two Tests, has been thrown into the mix. The pace bowling department comprises Prasidh Krishna, Gurnoor Brar and Khaleel Ahmed. Tanush Kotian will lead the spin department, along with Manav Suthar and Yash Thakur. Kotian impressed with his all-around skills, walloping 76(166) with the bat against West Zone in the ongoing semi-finals. Meanwhile, Khaleel has struck twice for Central Zone in 15 overs. India A squad: Shreyas Iyer (C), Abhimanyu Easwaran, N Jagadeesan (WK), Sai Sudharsan, Dhruv Jurel (VC & WK), Devdutt Padikkal, Harsh Dubey, Ayush Badoni, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Tanush Kotian, Prasidh Krishna, Gurnoor Brar, Khaleel Ahmed, Manav Suthar, Yash Thakur. (ANI)

From learning to leading: FIFA's workshop empowers young women administrators to move forward together

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The FIFA Capacity Building Workshop for Administrators concluded in New Delhi as the participants addressed various avenues of empowering young women working in the realm of the beautiful game, as per the official website of All India Football Federation (AIFF). AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey, who was present to address the gathering on the final day, expressed gratitude towards FIFA's continued support and underlined their significant involvement in Indian Football. "Just a few months ago, we saw it in Kolkata with the Women's Coaches Development Programme. Now, with this workshop in Delhi for women administrators across the nation, the impact is already showing," Chaubey said, as quoted from the official website of AIFF. Citing recent achievements of the national women's teams, he said, "From the senior women's team qualifying for the AFC Women's Asian Cup on merit, to the U20s reaching the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup after 20 years, and the U17s winning the SAFF Championship crown last week, these aren't merely isolated victories. They reflect how the right guidance and capacity building are giving women's football in India the push it deserves." Chaubey's reminder of responsibility and recognition struck a chord with the youngest of the administrators present in the room. Still in their early twenties and barely out of classrooms, marking tiny footsteps into foot-

ball's governance, they brimmed with fresh perspectives, energy and a readiness to forward the pitches laid down during the workshop. Among them was Karnataka's 23-year-old Hemanshi Gour, for whom administration is but a continuation of her footballing journey. From playing in schoolyards without a coach to guiding state youth teams and managing the India U20s and U17s national teams, her path has never been linear, but always forward. "Wherever you work, as a player, coach, or manager, you should feel satisfied at the end of the day," she reflected. The workshop gave her an opportunity to merge her trajectory of diverse experiences. "It gave me knowledge in every aspect, which I can take back to my teams," she noted. While the national team manager's story is rooted in a lifetime with the game, Sai Divya Shree from Bengaluru, 22, a district level footballer-turned social media intern, discovered her calling off the pitch during the pandemic. "I realised I wanted to explore the off-field side of the game," she said. Today, she interns with the Roots FC media team, runs a podcast, and curates a women's football page, all steps that led her to the workshop in Delhi. "For me, this workshop was about perspective," Sai said. "It showed how different people contribute to women's football, and when it comes together, it feels like we're building something much larger than our-



selves," she added. The same tinges of curiosity and determination were shared by the 22-year-old Ursha Mitra. Already working with Gokulam Kerala FC as a team manager, she is familiar with the doubts her age invites. "There were times people didn't take me seriously because of my age," she admitted. "But young administrators bring fresh perspectives. We are in tune with trends, we are creative and proactive. And as women, we can act as mediators in times of conflict, so we also bring stability," she noted. Where Ursha draws strength from breaking age barriers, 22-year-old Ridah Shaikh's journey, by contrast, has been shaped by a diverse sporting career. A former cricketer who captained Goa's

U16 side, played football and badminton, and now manages the Sesa FA team. "Administrators play a vital role in helping players thrive," she explained. "When we take care of logistics, facilities, welfare, and resources, players don't have to worry about off-field issues. That's how they grow," she added. Together, the journeys of Hemanshi, Sai, Ursha, and Ridah represent the collective strength of a new wave of women administrators in football. As the three-day workshop concluded, it brought with it a renewed commitment to strengthening the backbone of women's football in India. With FIFA's support and AIFF's vision, the focus now shifts from capacity building to implementation.

Devajit Saikia believes India "fully prepared" for ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 challenge



GUWAHATI (ASSAM) : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Devajit Saikia said on Saturday that the India Women's Cricket Team is "fully prepared" for the big challenges in the upcoming ICC Women's Cricket World Cup, scheduled to be held from September 30 to November 2. The Women in Blue will be playing the tournament opener against Sri Lanka in Bengaluru's M. Chinnaswamy Stadium. This would be the first match at this venue since Bengaluru stampeded on June 4. India will be hoping to go one step further at this year's tournament than they did in 2017, when they made it to their second Women's Cricket World Cup Final, missing out narrowly to England in a thrilling finish at Lord's. Speaking on India's chances to lift the title, Saikia told ANI, "India is hosting the ICC Women's World

Cup from September 30 to November 2 in India as well as in Sri Lanka. The Indian team has been doing extremely well. If you look at the last series in England also, in the white ball cricket, they have performed very well and defeating England in England is not an easy thing, but they have handsomely defeated England both in the T20 as well as ODI matches. So far, the Indian team has not won any ICC Women's Trophy. There is a big challenge for that this time around. The Indian team is fully prepared to take on this biggest challenge in the ICC World Cup." Guwahati is set to host his maiden World Cup in the upcoming 2025 edition of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup. Earlier on Thursday, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that renowned Indian singer Shreya Ghoshal will perform at the Grand Opening

Ceremony in Guwahati. Ghoshal, who has also recorded the tournament's official anthem, "Bring it Home," will deliver a live performance that celebrates the energy, spirit, and unity of women's cricket on the global stage. "Guwahati, for the first time, is hosting any World Cup matches. Prior to this, in 2023, when the Men's 50 overs ICC World Cup was held in India, Guwahati hosted four warm-up matches, but not the main matches. It was good that the warm-up matches held here were very successful. Three matches were held. One match was lost out. The infrastructure has developed much better now. The whole northeastern region, the only international venue is Guwahati. The people here are really eagerly waiting for this tournament. On 30th, I hope, with the opening game, northeastern India, as well as Guwahati, will be on the map. We will get a position in the world map so far as ICC tournaments are concerned," the BCCI secretary added. (ANI)

INDIA WILL BE HOPING TO GO ONE STEP FURTHER AT THIS YEAR'S TOURNAMENT THAN THEY DID IN 2017, WHEN THEY MADE IT TO THEIR SECOND WOMEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP FINAL, MISSING OUT NARROWLY TO ENGLAND IN A THRILLING FINISH AT LORD'S.