

CM Mamata to Embark on Two-Day Visit to North Bengal

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is scheduled to begin a two-day visit to North Bengal on Tuesday, where she will attend a series of government programmes in Siliguri and Jalpaiguri. The visit, just weeks ahead of Durga Puja, comes even as the region is witnessing continuous rainfall and flooding in several areas. According to officials, Banerjee will first hold meetings at Uttarkanya, the state's mini-secretariat in Siliguri, on Tuesday. On Wednesday, she is expected to address a major government function at the ABPC Ground in Jalpaiguri. Preparations for the event are underway in full swing despite the weather challenges. **PG 3**



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SC directs EC to include Aadhaar as 12th prescribed document for Bihar SIR

MI News Service, New Delhi :Ending all doubts and speculations,the Supreme Court has directed the Election Commission to include Aadhaar as a 12th prescribed document for establishing the identity of a voter in special intensive revision (SIR) exercise of electoral roll in poll-bound Bihar. At the moment for Bihar SIR, there are 11 prescribed documents which electors have to submit with their enumeration forms.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi, however, clarified on Monday that Aadhaar will not be a proof of citizenship and the Commission can ascertain the genuineness of Aadhaar card number submitted by an elector for inclusion in the electoral roll. Observing that nobody wants the EC to include illegal immigrants in the electoral roll, the bench said it should be



clear that only genuine citizens will be allowed to vote and those claiming to be genuine on the basis of forged documents will be excluded from the electoral roll.

The bench asked the poll panel to issue necessary directions during the course of the day for acceptance of Aadhaar as a

document for proof of identity. The top court also sought EC's explanation on showcause notices it issued to poll officials for not accepting Aadhaar card from the voters.

Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for poll panel, submitted that 99.6 per cent of

the 7.24 crore voters in the draft roll had submitted documents and petitioners seeking inclusion of Aadhaar as 12th document would not serve any practical purpose. The bench referred to provisions of Aadhaar Act of 2016 and the Representation of Peoples Act and said that it not a proof of citizenship but can be considered as a proof of identity. On September 1, the top court, while hearing some applications filed by political parties for extension of deadlines, was informed by the poll panel that claims, objections and corrections in the draft electoral roll prepared in Bihar under the SIR exercise can be filed beyond September 1 but these would be considered once the electoral roll is finalised. It said claims and objections in the draft roll can be filed till the last date of nomination forms in each assembly constituency. The top court also

termed the confusion over the Bihar SIR as "largely a trust issue" and directed the state legal service authority to deploy para-legal volunteers to assist individual voters and political parties in filing claims and objections to the draft roll, which was published on August 1.

The poll panel, which opposed any extension of the September 1 deadline for filing of claims and objections as per the SIR schedule, had submitted that post the top court's August 22 order, till August 30, only 22,723 claims had been filed for inclusion and 1,34,738 objections had been filed for exclusion. According to the June 24 schedule of the poll panel for the Bihar SIR, the deadline for filing claims and objections to the draft roll ended on September 1, and the final electoral roll will be published on September 30.

19 killed in clashes with police in Nepal; Army deployed



MI News Service, New Delhi / Kathmandu : In the deadliest ever civil uprising in years, at least 19 people were killed and dozens injured on Monday during violent protests by youths which rocked the Nepalese capital and certain other areas over the government's decision to ban 22 social media sites, prompting authorities to deploy the army in Kathmandu to control the situation.

Thousands of youths, including school students, under the banner of Gen Z, converged in front of the Parliament building in the heart of Kathmandu and shouted anti-government slogans demanding immediate revocation of the ban. Though the Nepalese media put the death toll at 19 so far, unconfirmed reports suggest that the toll is much higher. Massive protests broke out in Nepalese capital on Monday afternoon after the government had decided to ban most of the social media platforms, including Facebook, YouTube and X. Apart from 19 deaths, dozens of youths also sustained injuries in clashes after tens of thousands of protestors took to the streets in Kathmandu, surrounding the Parliament building cutting through the barbed wires, informed sources said..

The massive crowd of several thousands forced the riot police to retreat, following which the cops fired tear

gas shells and water cannons at the protestors. Army was soon deployed and a curfew was imposed outside the Parliament building, the government secretariat, Presidential house and key parts of the city after the protestors attempted to enter the legislature, according to the informed sources.. Protestors marched through Kathmandu carrying placards with the slogans 'Shut down corruption and not social media' and 'Youths against corruption'.

Nepal announced the decision to ban as many as 22 social media platforms last week after they failed to register with authorities, as part of the crackdown on their misuse. Meanwhile, TikTok, Viber and three other applications have registered, and are continuing operations in the country. The government stated that social media users were spreading hate speech and misinformation using fake IDs, and misusing these platforms for committing fraud and other crimes. The curfew, which has been imposed to "bring the situation under control, will remain in place till 10 pm local time in Nepal. Mukti Ram Rijal, a spokesperson for the Kathmandu district office said Rijal added that the security personnel had been granted permission to use water cannons, batons and rubber bullets to bring the crowd under control.

S Jaishankar likely to represent India in place of PM Modi at UNGA special session

MI News Service, New Delhi / New York :Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not 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 by the UN. The 80th session of the UN General Assembly will open tomorrow on September 9. The high-level General Debate will run from September 23-29, with Brazil as the traditional first speaker of the session, followed by the US. US President Donald Trump will address world leaders from the iconic UNGA podium on September 23. This will be his first address to the UN session in his second term in office in the White House. According to a revised provisional list of speakers for the high-level General Debate of the 80th session of the General Assembly, released on Mon-



day, India will be represented by the External Affairs minister. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will address the session on September 27, it said..

According to a previous provisional list of speakers issued in July, PM Modi was scheduled to address the General Debate on September 26. The heads of government of Israel, China, Pakistan and Bangladesh are also scheduled to address the UNGA General Debate on September 26. PM

Modi had travelled to the US in February this year for a bilateral meeting with President Trump at the White House in Washington. But since then Trump has imposed massive tariffs on India totalling 50 per cent, including 25 per cent for Delhi's purchases of Russian oil. The UNGA list of speakers for the General Debate is provisional and there is every possibility of changes in schedules and speakers ahead of the commencement of the high-level week. Considered the "busiest diplomatic season" of the year at the United Nations Headquarters, the high-level session opens in September annually. The session this year comes amid the continued Israel-Hamas war as well as the Russia-Ukraine conflict. The theme for the 80th session is 'Better together: 80 years and more

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Preparations underway to welcome PM Modi in Manipur after three years

MI News Service, Imphal : The entire capital town of this small land-locked North Eastern state of Manipur is now being decked up to welcome Prime minister Narendra Modi during his likely brief visit later this week amid unprecedented security arrangements. As part of the preparation for the grand reception of the Prime minister, a huge stage is being erected at Kangla Fort in Imphal town, apart from undertaking the cleaning and painting of this historic fort and its neighbouring areas to impress the Prime Minister about the beauty of the state which has been in the grip of a nearly three year long ethnic violence between the two large communities of this small state. Though the officials remained tight-lipped about the proposed visit of PM Modi and over the objective of the construction and cleaning



works at the fort, they said that instructions had come from higher authorities to complete these tasks at the earliest. The Prime minister is likely to visit Manipur on September 13, which will be his first tour to the state since ethnic violence broke out between Meiteis and Kukis about three years ago.

"A grand stage is under construction at Kangla Fort in Imphal and arrangements are being made to accommodate more than 15,000 people in front of the stage.

Cleaning and painting activities inside the fort are also going on," the official said. Kangla Fort serves as the traditional seat of power of the former Manipuri rulers.

"Truck loads of materials for the construction of the stage are being brought from outside Manipur, and more than 100 labourers have been engaged in the construction activities. Also, there is increased presence of security personnel."

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US attack of Caribbean boat was clear violation of international 'right to life' laws

MI News Service, Washington (DC) : The US government is justifying its recent lethal destruction of a boat suspected of transporting illegal drugs in the Caribbean as an attack on "narco-terrorists". But according to international law, this argument goes nowhere. Even if, as the US claims, the 11 people killed in the recent US Naval strike were members of the Tren de Aragua gang, it would make no difference under the laws that govern the use of force by state actors. Nor does the fact that protests from other nations in the region are unlikely, due in large part to Washington's diplomatic and economic power –

and President Donald Trump's willingness to wield it. Protest is not what proves the law. Unlawful killing is unlawful regardless of who does it, why, or the reaction to it. And regarding the US strike on the alleged Venezuelan drug boat, the deaths were unlawful. Domestic US legal issues aside – and concerns have been raised on those grounds, too – the killings in the Caribbean violated the human right to life, an ancient principle codified today in leading human rights treaties. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights is one such treaty to which the United States is a party. Article 6 of the covenant holds: Every human

being has the inherent right to life. This right shall be protected by law. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life." Through rulings of human rights and other courts, it has been well established that determining when a killing has been arbitrary depends on whether the killing occurred in the context of peace or armed conflict. Peace is the norm. And in times of peace, government agents are only permitted to use lethal force to save a life immediately. The United Nations' Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials reinforce this peacetime right-to-life standard, noting "intentional

lethal use of firearms may only be made when strictly unavoidable in order to protect life."

The principle is also supported by the fact that the US has bilateral treaties with several countries in the Caribbean regarding cooperation in drug interdiction. The Coast Guard has a series of successful Maritime Law Enforcement Agreements – known as Shiprider Agreements – with nations in the Caribbean and elsewhere. They commit US authorities to respecting fundamental due process rights of criminal suspects. Such rights obviously do not include summary execution at sea.

Bypassing these bilateral and in-

ternational treaties to dramatically blow up a ship not only violates the law, but it will further undermine trust and confidence in these or any other agreements the US makes. In armed conflict, intentionally targeting an enemy vessel with lethal force is permitted, so long as the attack complies with international humanitarian law. But it would be very difficult, in experts opinion, for the US to argue that it took action in the context of an armed conflict. In international law, armed conflict exists when two or more organised armed groups engage in intense fighting lasting at least a day. The US started ignoring the definition of armed con-

flict when it began targeted killings of terrorism suspects with drones and other military means in 2002. War was raging in Afghanistan, but the experts would argue that killings in Yemen and elsewhere were not sufficiently tied to the fighting there to be lawful. The massacre in the Caribbean on September 2 was a worse violation – they had no links to hostilities. Organised crime groups of the kind the Trump administration alleges the boat members belonged to may be highly violent, but they are not engaged in armed conflict. And while some armed groups waging

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The Public Education Extension and Library Services Department of the Government of West Bengal celebrated International Literacy Day on Monday at the Utsari Sahagriha of Esopark. The program was officially inaugurated by the acting Minister of the department, Siddiquah Chowdhury, along with Law Minister Malay Ghatak, Chairman of the Legislative Assembly Municipal Corporation Sabayachi Chakraborty, and other departmental officials. The event focused on discussing the facilities and support available within the current educational system for students with special needs, including initiatives under the Department of Public Education Extension and Library Services, Adult Education, Social Education, and Education for Students with Disabilities. Students with special needs were honored with mementos, books, gifts, and other items during the ceremony. Minister Siddiquah Chowdhury emphasized that such programs will continue at the state level in the coming days to further encourage and support students with special needs.

ED Officer Falls Ill During Kalyani Raid; Printer and Documents Seized

MI News Service, Kalyani: In a bizarre incident, one of the ED officers, fell ill soon after entering a home for a raid. He was taken to Kalyani JNM Hospital. Physicians treated him at emergency department. More than 2 hours he was in hospital and then, was released. After some time he joined the team engaged in raid at Kalyani A - 8 / 462. Sources stated that after taking milk - tea, he felt uneasy and gas was formed in his stomach. More interestingly, the person, against whom the ED team came to raid in Kalyani, accompanied the concerned ED officer to hospital.

However, it was around 7.10 am on Monday when the ED team reached before the home of Dhiren-dranath Chakraborty at Kalyani A - 8 / 462. There were 4 ED officers including a female and 10 CRPF Jawans.

Sources said, Dhiren-dranath Chakraborty alias



Dhiman is the Director of a private mining company (GD Mining Private Limited). Allegedly he is a sand mafia. But according to neighbour Haridas Kundu, "Dhiman is a person of good behaviour. But he was involved in anti social activities was not known

to me."

However, the ED left the home at around 3.15 pm. Before leaving the home ED team took away with a printer and some relevant documents. They were seen to take two bags of printer and documents from the home.



A mass gathering in memory of Abhyaya was held on World Protest Day at the Emergency Gate of NRS Medical College. The event, organized under the banner Voice of Abhyaya - Voice of Women, took place in Kolkata on Monday.

SNU Hosts Nivodhata 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: Sister Nivedita University (SNU), part of Techno India Group, inaugurated Nivodhata 2025, a transformative orientation programme for its newest undergraduate and postgraduate students at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre. Designed to go beyond traditional inductions, the programme aims to prepare students for leadership roles in a globalized, innovation-driven world, emphasizing social responsibility, academic excellence, and industry engagement.

The event featured in-

spirational addresses from senior dignitaries, cultural showcases, and milestone collaborations, including the signing of a strategic MOU with Federation University, Australia, reinforcing international learning opportunities. Salesforce also participated, highlighting industry-academia collaboration. The programme included a symbolic cake-cutting ceremony with 400 students and the Hon'ble Chancellor, reflecting unity and shared purpose.

Prof. (Dr.) Sanku Bose, Vice-Chancellor, stressed that SNU aims to sculpt fearless,

future-ready leaders, while Chancellor Satyam Roychowdhury emphasized education that balances professional success with societal impact. Sessions with government officials, diplomats, and industry leaders provided students insights into governance, diplomacy, defense, and entrepreneurship.

Nivodhata 2025 sets the stage for a student journey rooted in innovation, integrity, and global engagement, reinforcing SNU's mission to cultivate compassionate, capable leaders ready to make a meaningful impact worldwide.

Bengali Filmmaker Anuparna Roy Wins Best Director Award at Venice Film Festival



Purulia girl wins best director award at Venice film fest, bats for Palestinian kids.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bengal's Anuparna Roy has brought glory to India on the international stage by winning the Best Director Award in the Orizzonti section of the 82nd Venice Film Festival. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee congratulated her on X, hailing her achievement as "a victory for the daughters of Bengal."

In her message, Mamata wrote, "I am delighted to learn that our Purulia girl

Anuparna Roy has won this extraordinary international honour. She is the first Indian to receive this distinction in her category. I congratulate her, her parents, friends, and collaborators. Her recognition is truly a crown for Bengal."

Anuparna, affectionately known as "Mampi" in her hometown Narayanpur near Nituria's Sarbari, studied at Ranipur High School. Though she struggled academically in her early years, guidance from her uncle, English teacher Nilotpal Singh, ignited her passion for literature, culture, and cinema. She left behind lucrative corporate jobs to pursue filmmaking, later calling her uncle her "first

teacher."

In 2021, she began shooting her debut feature Run to the River in her ancestral village of Nopara, Purulia, releasing it in 2023. Her second film, Songs of Forgotten Trees, earned her the historic Venice accolade.

Family members in Purulia expressed immense pride, recalling her last visit to their home during Kali Puja in 2023. With her roots in Bengal's rugged Jangalmahal and her vision shaped by global sensibilities, Anuparna's journey reflects resilience and creativity.

Her success, Mamata Banerjee said, has made "the whole of Bengal proud" and is an inspiration for women across the state.

KMC Issues Fresh Appeal: Business Owners Asked to Display Bengali on Signboards by Sept 30

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has issued a fresh appeal directing all business and commercial shop owners across the city to display Bengali prominently on their signboards, hoardings, and other signage by September 30, 2025.

State Urban Development Minister and KMC Chairman Firhad Hakim warned that non-compliance by the deadline could invite potential consequences. He emphasized the importance of including Bengali alongside other languages on the sign-

boards of shops and business establishments.

A KMC notification dated August 30 reiterated, "All such signage must have Bengali displayed at the top in a prominent size, in addition to other languages, if any, in the public interest."

Hakim further added that shop signboards in Bengali would ensure better readability for the public. "We will also write to central government agencies, such as the railway, port, and income tax departments, urging them to have signboards in Bengali," he said.

Abandoned sand pit claims child's life, sparks fury

MI News Service, Nandigram: Nandigram has been rocked by a harrowing incident that has once again exposed the dangers of unregulated sand mining in the region. A seven-year-old girl lost her life, and her elder sister is battling for survival, after the two fell into water-logged sand mine that locals describe as a "death trap" in disguise.

The incident occurred at Boyal No. 2 Gram Panchayat under Nandigram's second block where a long-running sand mine on the banks of the Jalpai-Haldi River has been left abandoned and filled with rainwater. The open pit, resembling a pond, has become a common playing ground for local children due to the absence of fencing or safety measures. According to eyewitnesses, the younger sister "Pinky Singh (7)", accidentally stepped into the deceptively deep waters while washing her feet. Within moments, she was pulled under. In a desperate attempt to save her sibling, the elder sister, "Soloni Singh", also slipped and fell into the mine. Both were pulled out by frantic locals and rushed to Nandigram Super Speciality Hospital, where doctors declared Pinky dead. Soloni remains under treatment. The tragedy has sparked outrage in the locality. Residents allege that the mine, though inactive, has been left wide open for years without any boundary or warning signs, posing a constant threat to villagers, especially children. "This is not the first time such a mishap has occurred around

abandoned pits. Unless the authorities act, more lives will be lost," said a villager. The incident has also reignited political sparring. Trinamool Congress leaders have directly blamed Nandigram MLA Suvendu Adhikari, alleging that rampant illegal sand mining in the Haldi river belt is flourishing under the patronage of the BJP. "These are mafia-run operations backed by political power. Children are dying because of this nexus," a TMC functionary said. The BJP, however, has strongly refuted the charge, insisting that the responsibility of regulating sand mining lies solely with the state administration. "The MLA has no role here. It is the state machinery that permits, monitors, and profits from such activities," a party spokesperson countered, accusing the government of deliberate negligence. The tragedy underscores the unchecked expansion of illegal and unregulated mining across East Midnapore, where sand pits left exposed often turn into hazardous water bodies. Activists and environmentalists have long warned of both ecological damage and safety risks, but little action has been taken to enforce accountability. As the family of the victims mourns, locals are demanding immediate intervention — fencing of all open pits, strict regulation of sand mining, and a probe into the nexus between contractors and officials. Without it, villagers fear that abandoned mines will continue to claim innocent lives in Nandigram and beyond.

Blade, bag, and Vanish: Inside Rabia Bibi's pickpocket syndicate

MI News Service, Sonarpur: Sonarpur has been gripped by sensational revelations after police arrested the notorious pickpocket queenpin Rabia Bibi and her close aide Mita Purkait, dismantling what investigators describe what as well-organized crime and unsuspecting citizen across multiple districts of Bengal.

Rabia Bibi's name has long been synonymous with cunning theft from snatching on crowded trains to sophisticated bank-side robberies. According to police records, her criminal career began in her teenager year and spanned decades, with repeated arrests, jail terms, and swift returns to crime. Her mastery of sleight-of-hand techniques and razor-sharp blade operation made her one of the most elusive figure in the region's underworld. The investigation reveal that the gang operated with military precision. Before striking, Rabia and her associates conducted detailed surveillance inside banks, carefully observing customers- particularly elderly account holders — to track who was withdrawing money, how much, and where it was being kept. Once outside, victims were shadowed. Rabia, armed with a concealed blade, would slice through handbags or purses in seconds, vanishing with large sums before the victim even noticed. This method was

executed on countless occasions, police say, making her a nightmare for bank-goers. The gang's downfall began after Tapati Sarkar, a Sonarpur resident, lost 1 lakh moments after withdrawing it from her bank. Standing outside for tea, she became the latest target of Rabia's precision theft. Following her swift complaint, Sonarpur Police launched a high-intensity investigation, tracking the gang's movements and eventually closing in on Rabia and Mita. Both were arrested and placed in custody, while a manhunt is underway to capture other gang members still at large. What has shocked investigators is the scale of Rabia's network. Police sources confirm she maintained operational bases stretching from Baruipur, Jaynagar, and Rahra to North 24 Parganas, with her influence extending further into Howrah, Hooghly, Burdwan, Birbhum, and Bankura. Despite multiple arrests over the years, Rabia consistently resurfaced, rebuilding her gang and reasserting dominance in Bengal's criminal underworld. Authorities are now probing the financial and logistical backbone of Rabia's operations, suspecting links with larger organized theft rackets. "She is not just a petty pickpocket — this is an entrenched network that has bled citizens across districts. We are committed to dismantling it completely," a senior police officer told reporters.



A large crowd gathered at Paschim Banga Vigyan Mancha's Lunar Eclipse awareness program on Sunday, September 7. The event was organized at Raipur Girls' High School in Bagha Jatin, South Kolkata.



Inspired by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, this year's women-led puja organized by "Netaji Nagar Nagrikbrinda" in Ward 98, Tollygunge, has adopted the Jagannath Temple in Digha as its theme.

From Shantipur to the World: Young Artisan's Miniature Idols Find Global Devotees

MI News Service, Shantipur: In a modest home in Shantipur, a young artisan's dream is quietly crossing borders. Meet Samanta Hazra, whose exquisitely hand-crafted miniature idols have found pride of place not only in Indian homes but also in faraway lands like Dubai and the United States.

As a boy, while his friends played in the fields, Samanta would spend hours shaping clay into tiny figurines. His mother often asked in wonder, "Why do you make such small idols?" To which he would reply with a smile, "Because even in the palm of your hand, you can hold an entire world."

That innocent passion has now grown into his profession and identity. Unlike traditional full-sized idols, Samanta specializes in miniatures, intricate, delicate, and detailed enough to capture the essence of divinity within a few inches.

Recently, one of his creations, a full Durga family complete with Kartik, Ganesh, Lakshmi, and Saraswati, was shipped to Dubai, where a Bengali family will worship it this Durga Puja. Just weeks earlier, a Lakshmi idol of his had reached the United States. For Samanta, seeing his art



worshipped abroad feels surreal. "When the first order came from overseas, I couldn't believe it. It felt like a dream," he said.

Social media has been his biggest ally. Posting photos of his work regularly, Samanta has drawn admirers from across India and beyond. The very nature of his art, miniature in size, makes it easier to ship across the world. Buyers cover the courier charges, and the idols travel safely to distant homes, carrying with them a piece of Shantipur's tradition.

But the journey has not been without struggles. Financial constraints, scarcity of materials, and self-doubt have

often tested him. Yet his determination and his family's quiet support kept him going.

Today, as his idols stand on foreign soil, Samanta often remembers his mother's words: "One day, you will make us proud." With moist eyes, he admits, "I think that day has come."

His story is not just about art. It is about perseverance, the marriage of creativity and technology, and the belief that talent knows no boundaries. From the narrow lanes of Shantipur to homes across the world, Samanta Hazra's journey proves that even the smallest idols can carry the largest dreams.

EuroKids Targets Growth in Kolkata with Harvard-Inspired 'Heureka' Curriculum

MI News Service, Kolkata: EuroKids on Monday launched its 8th curriculum version, Heureka—the Visible Thinking Curriculum. Inspired by Harvard University's Project Zero and aligned with NEP 2020, Heureka aims to enhance young learners' critical and creative thinking skills.

As part of its expansion strategy, EuroKids plans to open 110 new centres in West Bengal over the next five years, raising the total from 140 to 250. The curriculum represents a shift from

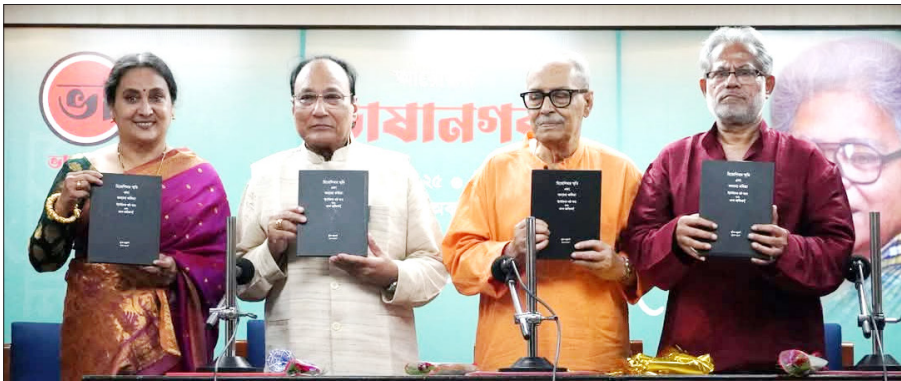
teaching children "what" to think to empowering them to determine "how" to think. It introduces 20 Harvard-inspired Thinking Routines that spark curiosity, foster imagination, and encourage critical engagement.

Developed over 18 months, Heureka follows the EPICS framework, addressing Emotional, Physical, Intellectual, Creative, and Spiritual development. Its 13 programs, including CodeQuest, EuroKonec, EuroFit, and EuroArt, are tailored to each child's learning journey.

KVS Seshasai, CEO, Pre-K Division, EuroKids, said, "Heureka nurtures curiosity and equips children for life, not just school." Dr Anita Madan, Head of Curriculum Development, added, "It fosters questioning, problem-solving, and meaningful engagement."

Aligned with NEP 2020 and the Panchakosha concept, EuroKids is also upgrading its HomeBuddy app to support interactive learning with balanced screen time.

On Sunil's birthday, children received puja gifts from Bhashanagar



Nurul Islam Khan Sunday was the birthday of writer Sunil Gangopadhyay. On that occasion, at the initiative of popular poet Subodh Sarkar, 'Bhasha Nagar' magazine paid tribute to him in a new way at the Bangla Poetry Academy auditorium. This time, on his birthday, the magazine's slogan was, "I want new clothes for pujas," because he liked to give new clothes to the marginalized during pujas. On this day, when new clothes and sweets were being handed over to the children on behalf of Bhasha Nagar, it was an indescribable and rare sight. Their excited smiles reminded us that the Durga festival was just around the corner. Swati Gangopadhyay, wife of the

late poet, novelist, short story writer and literary figure Sunil Gangopadhyay, was sitting in a wheelchair and enjoying the scenic view. Literary figure Shirshendu Mukherjee remembered Sunil, one of the creators of Bengali literature, at a meeting. Poet Suresh Ritu Porn came from Delhi. He presented a gift to Swati Devi. Countless spectators were present at the 4-hour long event. The gathering was enriched by poets, artists, writers and celebrities. Popular poet Subodh Sarkar recited a poem. Bratati and Sutapa Bandyopadhyay captivated the audience with their recitations. Several renowned poets, including Srijat Bandyopadhyay, recited Sunil's poems. His

contribution to the Bengali literary world is undeniable. Sunil's many works, from poems to essays and novels, have become immortal. He has edited many magazines including Kritivas. He has given writings like Nillohit, occupying a huge space next to the modern and romantic poet Jibanananda. The infographic has been created with respect for his various unique creations. Overall, it is a vibrant presentation. Subodh Sarkar has fulfilled his social responsibility by doing two great things in one event. It goes without saying that the poet brought new life to the children by giving clothes to the have nots. The little ones who received new clothes were floating in a sea of joy.

CM Mamata
Saddened by
Untimely Demise
of Sankarshan
Thakur

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday condoled the untimely demise of Sankarshan Thakur, Editor of The Telegraph, who passed away earlier in the day at a hospital in Gurgaon. Thakur, 63, had been suffering from health issues for some time and had recently undergone surgery. He breathed his last in the hospital. A keen observer of political developments, Thakur was widely regarded as one of the finest contemporary journalists in India and abroad.

He authored several notable books on Bihar politics, including Making of Lalu Yadav, The Unmaking of Bihar, Single Man: The Life and Times of Nitish Kumar, and The Brothers Bhari. Thakur studied at St. Xavier's High School, Patna, and graduated in Political Science from Hindu College, Delhi University, before embarking on his journalism career. While condoling his passing, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said, "Saddened by the demise of Sankarshan Thakur, editor of The Telegraph. He was a brilliant and distinguished journalist with significant writings on contemporary political history." Banerjee also extended her condolences to his family, friends, and relatives.

India lift the Hero
Asia Cup Rajgir,
Bihar 2025; convinc-
ingly beat Korea 4-1

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Indian Men's Hockey Team were crowned champions of the Hero Asia Cup Rajgir 2025 after a commanding 4-1 victory over defending champions South Korea in a thrilling final at the Rajgir Sports Complex on Sunday evening. With this emphatic win, India ended an eight-year wait to reclaim continental supremacy, having last won the prestigious tournament in Dhaka in 2017. The victory also sealed India's direct qualification for the 2026 Hockey World Cup, to be hosted jointly by the Netherlands and Belgium.

India's goals came through Dilpreet Singh (28', 45'), Sukhjeet Singh (1'), and Amit Rohidas (50'). Korea managed a solitary strike in the fourth quarter but could not prevent India from lifting the trophy.

The hosts got off to a flying start as Sukhjeet Singh scored within 30 seconds, latching on to a brilliant assist from captain Harmanpreet Singh before smashing a tomahawk past Korean goalkeeper Jaehan Kim. India continued to press in the opening quarter and even earned a penalty stroke, but Jugraj Singh's flick was denied by Kim. The second quarter saw Korea slow the pace, but Dilpreet Singh restored India's momentum with a superb strike in the 28th minute, making it 2-0. After halftime, despite being a man down, India continued their attacking intent. Dilpreet added another in the 45th minute after fine teamwork, igniting celebrations in the stands. In the final quarter, Dilpreet's clever play won India a penalty corner, which Amit Rohidas converted with precision. Korea replied with a well-worked PC variation through Son Dain, but India's defense held strong to secure the 4-1 triumph. Following the win, Hockey India announced a cash reward of ₹3 lakh for each player and ₹1.5 lakh for the support staff. The victory marked a defining moment for Indian hockey, bringing continental glory back after nearly a decade.



Mayor Firhad Hakim inaugurated the Kolkata Shree Award 2025 Curtain Raiser ceremony along with film star Rituparna and other dignitaries, in front of the CMO Building, KMC, in Kolkata on Monday.

CM Mamata to Embark on
Two-Day Visit to North Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is scheduled to begin a two-day visit to North Bengal on Tuesday, where she will attend a series of government programmes in Siliguri and Jalpaiguri. The visit, just weeks ahead of Durga Puja, comes even as the region is witnessing continuous rain-fall and flooding in several areas.

According to officials, Banerjee will first hold meetings at Uttarkanya, the state's mini-secretariat in Siliguri, on Tuesday. On Wednesday, she is expected to address a major government function at the ABPC Ground in Jalpaiguri. Preparations for the event are underway in full swing despite the weather challenges. District Magistrate Shyamaparveen and Superintendent of Police UmeshKhandba-



hale inspected the venue on Monday afternoon, accompanied by the Additional Superintendent of Police, DSP, IC, and other senior district police officers. This will be the Chief Minister's second significant visit to North Bengal in recent months. Earlier in May this year, Banerjee had visited Siliguri and neighbouring districts to review development initiatives and deliver public serv-

ices directly to citizens. Addressing a gathering in Fulbari, she had remarked, "Many people fail to acknowledge Bengal's progress. Those who prefer to remain blindfolded cannot see development. But if they want, I can provide them the full account." During her previous administrative meeting at Uttarkanya, Banerjee had also issued stern instructions to district

magistrates and police superintendents to tighten vigilance against cross-border infiltration. She urged administrative officials, particularly those engaged in voter list-related tasks, to act with utmost diligence and prevent any lapses.

The upcoming programmes in Siliguri and Jalpaiguri are expected to highlight the government's ongoing welfare schemes and infrastructure projects in North Bengal. With Durga Puja around the corner, the Chief Minister's outreach to the region carries added significance, both politically and administratively. Despite the challenges posed by heavy rains, officials confirmed that security and logistical arrangements are being closely monitored to ensure smooth proceedings during Banerjee's two-day tour.



Trinamool Congress activists held a protest program against the atrocities on Bengali migrant workers in other states and the deprivation of Bengali language, in Kolkata on Monday

SC Reserves Verdict on DA
Case of State Govt Employees

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Supreme Court on Monday reserved its verdict on the long-pending case concerning West Bengal government employees' demand for dearness allowance (DA) at par with central government rates. The matter was heard by a bench comprising Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice P.K. Mishra. During the hearing, senior advocate KapilSibal, representing the West Bengal government, argued that states are entitled to decide their own DA policies independent of the Centre. "The state can frame its DA structure in its own way, just as the Centre does. The Union government cannot impose its DA conditions on states. The cost of living varies depending on location, and the issue cannot be judged solely on financial capacity," Sibal submitted. Countering this, senior advocate BikashRanjan Bhattacharya, appear-

ing for one of the petitioners representing a government employees' association, stated, "Since 2010, the state has repeatedly shifted its stance. It is unclear what consistent policy the state has followed." Another counsel for a petitioner group, advocate KarunaNundy, argued, "The law clearly provides that DA must be paid regularly. The state government has failed to adequately explain its position." After reserving its order, the court noted that arguments from both sides were complete. Speaking to reporters after the hearing, ShyamalMitra, president of the Confederation of State Government Employees, expressed optimism: "The government's lawyers themselves said they have made all their submissions and have nothing more to add. Later, they cannot claim that their side was unheard. We are confident of a favorable verdict."

Echoing similar sentiments, Sanjib Pal, acting president of the State Government Employees' Council, said, "We have fought a long battle over DA. Now this battle has reached its final stage. We remain hopeful about the Supreme Court's ruling." The demand for DA at central rates has been the subject of a prolonged legal battle by sections of West Bengal government employees. The case began before the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT), then moved to the Calcutta High Court, and eventually reached the Supreme Court. Both the SAT and a single bench of the High Court had earlier ruled in favor of the employees. However, in 2022, the state government challenged the Calcutta High Court's division bench ruling that also went in favor of the employees, bringing the matter before the apex court.

Indian paddlers Ananya, Divyanshi
strike gold in U-15 Doubles thriller

MI News Service, Kolkata: Indian paddlers Ananya-Muralidharan and DivyanshiBhowmick scripted a memorable triumph by winning the Under-15 Girls' Doubles gold at the WTT Youth Star Contender in Skopje, North Macedonia. The duo overcame China's Zhao Wangqi and Liu Ziling 3-2 in a nail-biting final that went down to the wire. In a match that kept spectators on the edge of their seats, the Indian pair displayed grit and determination in the decisive moments. After splitting the first four games, the contest boiled down to a tense decider. Saving match points with fearless counterattacks,

Ananya and Divyanshi eventually sealed the victory 11-8, 7-11, 11-8, 6-11, 14-12, showcasing their ability to thrive under pressure.

The young Indians had earlier advanced to the final after defeating their compatriots Riana Bhoota and AnkolikaChakravarty 3-1 (11-2, 10-12, 11-3, 11-6) in the semifinal. Riana and Ankolika secured bronze for their efforts, ensuring an all-Indian presence on the podium.

India's medal haul in Skopje extended beyond the U-15 doubles success. P.B. Abhinand clinched silver in the Under-19 Boys' Singles after losing to Japan's IwaidaShunto in

straight games (6-11, 7-11, 8-11). Meanwhile, Ritvik Gupta bagged silver in the Under-15 Boys' Singles, going down 8-11, 5-11, 8-11 to Korea's Lee Seung-soo in the title clash.

There were additional bronze medals in doubles events. Abhinand paired with Syndrela Das to finish third in the Under-19 Mixed Doubles, while Ritvik Gupta and SahilRawat claimed bronze in the Under-15 Boys' Doubles.

Overall, India's campaign concluded with an impressive six medals, underlining the rising stature of the country's young table tennis stars on the global stage.

Durga Puja 2025
Festive Packages
Across Kolkata Hotels

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL) has announced a range of festive packages and dining experiences across its Kolkata properties for Durga Puja 2025, blending cultural traditions with luxury. At Taj Bengal, the "Puja Staycation" (Sept 28-Oct 5) includes luxury stays, breakfast, evening chai adda with dhakis, spa discounts, and festive dining at Sonargaon and Cal 27. Guests can savour MahabhojThalis featuring Bengali delicacies such as Chingri-Malai Curry and Kosha Mangsho. Taj City Centre, New Town, is offering its "Urban Getaway" with dining, early check-in, and Shamiana'sPujobhuriBhoj buffet (Sept 29-Oct 2), showcasing Nawabi and Bengali specialties. At Taj TaalKutir, staycation packages promise tranquil escapes, while Vivanta Kolkata EM Bypass is curating gourmet buffets with Bengali and international flavours. Raajkutr – IHCL SeleQtions combines heritage charm with traditional menus at East India Room and Rang Durbar. With immersive stay and dining options, IHCL aims to make Durga Puja 2025 a celebration of indulgence, nostalgia, and Bengal's rich culture for both locals and visitors.

Cal HC Allows
Kunal Ghosh to
Travel Abroad
for Cultural Events

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court has granted permission to Trinamool Congress leader Kunal Ghosh to travel abroad to London and Ireland next October in connection with a series of cultural and associated events. The court's nod came after his counsel, advocate Ayan Chakraborty, moved a petition seeking travel approval on Ghosh's behalf. On Monday, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) submitted a report before the court. In its submission, the CBI mentioned that Ghosh has consistently abided by all legal procedures and conditions imposed upon him during previous instances of foreign travel.

After examining the report, Justice Shubhra Ghosh of the Calcutta High Court allowed the Trinamool leader, who also serves as one of the party's state general secretaries, to proceed with his proposed international visit.

As in earlier cases, the court has imposed certain conditions. Ghosh has been directed to deposit a bond of ₹5 lakh with the court before leaving. The amount will be refunded to him upon his return from the tour. His passport, currently deposited with the court due to his involvement in the multi-crore chit fund scam case, will be temporarily released for the purpose of travel.

S Jaishankar likely to represent India in place
of PM Modi at UNGA special session

From PG 1 for peace, development and human rights'. The session will open with a meeting to 'Commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the United Nations' on September 22. Marking the 30th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, the UN General Assembly will also convene a high-level meeting centred on the theme "Recommitting to, resourcing and accelerating the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls". The meeting will reflect on progress since the landmark 1995 conference in Beijing and highlight achievements, best practices, gaps, and ongoing challenges in advancing

gender equality worldwide, the UN said. In addition UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will convene a Climate Summit on September 24 to serve as a platform for world leaders to present their new national climate action plans and seize the benefits of the new clean energy era. Other high-level meetings to be held during the week include Summit for a Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Global Economy; Noncommunicable Diseases and Mental Health and Well-being; 30th Anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth; Launch of the Global Dialogue on AI Governance; International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons; and Situation of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar.

Preparations underway to welcome PM
Modi in Manipur after three years

From PG 1 another official said. Identities of visitors entering the fort are being registered, he said adding the entire 7 km stretch between Imphal airport and Kangla Fort are also being repainted and trees trimmed. "We are yet to receive any official information on the PM's visit. If he comes, we are going to ensure that Modi is given a grand reception," informed sources said.

As the Prime minister is also likely to visit the Kuki dominated district headquarters town of Churachandpur, similar beautification and repainting work are also being conducted there amid tight security, specially in and around the Peace ground, where PM Modi is expected to come, another official said. More than 260 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Meiteis and Kuki-Zo groups since May 2023. The Centre had imposed the President's rule in Manipur after Chief Minister N Biren Singh resigned. The state assembly, which has a tenure till 2027, has, however, been put under suspended animation. Meanwhile, the opposition parties have been

attacking the BJP for the Prime minister not visiting the ethnic strife-torn state for a long time. The Congress on Sunday slammed Prime Minister's proposed visit to Manipur and said his quick three-hour visit is really an insult to the people agonised by ethnic violence for over 20 months. Slamming Modi's visit, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh asked what does the Prime minister aim to accomplish through his quick visit. "The proposed visit of the Prime Minister to Manipur on September 13 is being hailed by his cheerleaders. But it appears that he will be spending just about 3 hours--yes just 3 hours--in the state," Ramesh tweeted. Asking what the prime minister aims to accomplish through his visit, Ramesh said, "Sept 13th will actually be a non-visit by the PM, who has once again revealed his callousness and insensitivity towards the people of Manipur." The Congress-led Opposition has been demanding Prime Minister Narendra Modi should visit Manipur ever since ethnic violence broke out in the state. Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi had made multiple visits to the violence-stricken state.

US attack of Caribbean boat was clear violation
of international 'right to life' laws

From PG 1 war against governments do deal in drugs to pay for their participation in conflict, there is no evidence that the gang that President Donald Trump purportedly targeted is such a group. The term the Trump administration has used for the group is "narco-terrorist." But that is not a recognised term under international law. As such, using it creates no exception to established principles on the right to life. Nor does the right to life change depending on whether killings took place in territorial waters or on the high seas. Given that the US most likely flouted international law, one could be forgiven for expecting the Trump administration to be held to account by the mechanisms that support the complex and comprehensive international legal system, such as the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court. But prosecuting alleged violations of international law is notoriously hard. And given the power of the US government and the nature of the victims – members of an alleged drug gang – the political will to hold Washington to account may be weak. Yet, the attack still presents an important opportunity to demand respect for international law and what it stipulates in regard to the right to life.

Name Change
I, Mayenur Parvin W/o Ruhul Kud-dus alias Ruhul Kuddus Gazi (my & my husband old name), residing at Vill & P.O.- Dakshin Bhebia, P.S.- Hasnabad, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mahenur Pervin W/o Ruhul Kuddus (my & my husband new name), as declared Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Basirhat, North 24 Pgs, vide an affidavit SL No. 17787, dated 01/09/2025. Mahenur Pervin (new name) and Mayenur Parvin (old name) both are same and one identical person (Myhusband).

Name Change
I, Abbas Ali (Old Name) S/o Late Barkat Ali Residing at T-222/1, Barabagan Lane, Po - Bartala, Ps - Rajabagan, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700018 West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Hazi Abbas Ali Qureshi (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 57/2025 Date 21-08-2025. Abbas Ali (Old Name) and Hazi Abbas Ali Qureshi (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Abdur Rafique, S/o Md Abdul Wahab, resident of Krishnapur, P.S.- Tufanganj, Dist.- Cooch Behar, W.B, declared that in my passport my name was wrongly recorded as Mohammed Abdur Rafique instead of Md Abdur Rafique. According to affidavit no 36 dated 19/08/2025 in the court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st class, Cooch Behar, henceforth be known as Md Abdur Rafique and Mohammed Abdur Rafique are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Abdur Rafique, S/o Md Abdul Wahab, resident of Krishnapur, P.S.- Tufanganj, Dist.- Cooch Behar, W.B, declared that in my passport my mother's name was wrongly recorded as Akhtara Khadeja instead of Khodeza Aktari. According to affidavit no 35 dated 19/08/2025 in the court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st class, Cooch Behar, henceforth be known as Khodeza Aktari and Akhtara Khadeja are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nasher Khan S/o Late Suleman Khan residing at B.B.Bye Lane, P.O.Telinipara, P.S.- Bhadradeswar, Dist-Hooghly, Pin-712125. That my name and Date of birth was wrongly recorded as Nisar Khan and 01.01.1965 instead of Nasher Khan and Date of birth 01.07.1960 vide an affidavit Before the judicial Magistrate 1st class at Chandannagore. dated, 27.09.2019. That Nasher Khan and Nisar Khan both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shanti Mukherjee, Wife of No. 7084537H Rank Ex HAV & Honey Nb Sub Name Ram Krishna Dev Mukherjee resident of Vill.-103/Vivekananda Pally, Guskara P.O.- Guskara, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman (WB), Pin- 731328 have change my Name & Date of birth from Shanti Mukherjee & 15 Jul 1954 to Santi Mukherjee & 01 Jan 1955 vide Affidavit dated 08.09.25 before the Executive Magistrate, Purba Bardhaman.

Name Change
I, Shyamali Mandal, spouse of No. 14910933P Rank Ex NAIK (TS) Name Ajoy Kumar Mandal resident of Vill.-Kirnahar Bazar (East), P.O.- Kirnahr, Dist.-Birbhum (WB), Pin-731302 have change my Name from Shyamali Mandal to Shyamali Mandal vide Affidavit dated 02.09.25 before the Court of Ld. J.M.1st Class at Bolpur Birbhum.

Name Change
I, Saifullla Molla S/o Mir Ali Molla, residing at Vill – Hansury, P.O-Hansury, PS- Magrahat, Dist-South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743609 declare that in my LIC Policy No. 578808307 my and my father's Name have been recorded as Saifullla Molla C/o Molla Anich instead of actual name of mine and my father as Saifullla Molla S/o Mir Ali Molla as mentioned in my Aadhar Card. That Saifullla Molla C/o Molla Amich and Saifullla Molla S/o Mir Ali Molla both are same and one identical person as declare before Ld.1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Diamond Harbour, 24 Pgs(S) vide affidavit No. 9888 dated 03.09.2025.

Name Change
I, S M Imran Bhati (Old Name), S/o Late S M Ismail Bhati, residing at 63, G.T. Road (51-63), Golabari, H.M.C, Howrah, WB-711011 have changed my name and henceforth shall henceforth be Sheikh Mohammad Imran Bhati (New Name) as declare before Ld.Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta vide affidavit No. 300 dated 06.09.2025. S M Imran Bhati (Old Name) and Sheikh Mohammad Imran Bhati (New Name) both are same and one identical person i.e, myself.

Name Change
I, Joyprakash Ghosh Hazra son of Late Rakshakar Ghosh Hazra, residing at R.C. Das Road, Rani Sayar, Burdwan-1, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman, shall henceforth be known as Joyprakash Ghosh as declared before the Notary Public, Burdwan District Judges Court, Vide Affidavit No.1837 Dated 02.05.2025. Joyprakash Ghosh Hazra and Joyprakash Ghosh both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Ananya Ghosh Hazra son of Joyprakash Ghosh Hazra, residing at R.C. Das Road, Rani Sayar, Burdwan-1, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman, shall henceforth be known as Ananya Ghosh as declared before the Notary Public, Burdwan District Judges Court, Vide Affidavit No.1836 Dated 02.05.2025. Ananya Ghosh Hazra and Ananya Ghosh both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Somnath Jagannath Dolui (Old Name) S/o Late Jagannath Dolui & H/o Saraswati Dolui residing at VILL-PURBA GAZIPUR, PO-SON-AMUI, HOWRAH RURAL, 711401, WEST BENGAL, INDIA, W.B have changed and shall henceforth be known as Somnath Dolui (New Name) as declare before the No-tary Public, Kolkata vide affidavit dated 08/09/2025 and henceforth Somnath Jagannath Dolui (Old Name) and Somnath Dolui (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Aisharya Mondal (old name) daughter of Sudip Mondal, residing at Mondal Para, Disergarh Kulti M. PS-Kulti, Bardhaman -713333, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Aishwarya Mondal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 04/09/2025. Aishwarya Mondal (new name) and Aisharya Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ritwika Maity, D/O, Sasanka Sekhar Maity, residing at Daspara, Mukundpur, PS -Kandrapur, Kolkata- 700099, South 24 Parganas, my father's actual and correct name is Sasanka Sekhar Maity but has been inadvertently recorded as Sasanka Maity in my birth certificate and educational certificates. Therefore it has been declared with support of documents before the Notary Public, Alipore Court, South 24 Parganas, Sl. No.- 54, dated - 03/09/25. Therefore, Sasanka Sekhar Maity and Sasanka Maity both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Rejaul Mandal (old name) son of Habibul Mandal, residing at Vill- Rajapur, P.O.- Marishah, P.S.- Hasnabad, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743456, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rejaul Mandal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/09/2025. Rejaul Mandal (new name) and Rejaul Mandal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Indrani Matilal (old name) daughter of Late Deb Kumar Motilal, residing at 1/2B, Durga Pituri Lane, Bowbazar, P.S.- Muchipara, Kolkata-700012, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Indrani Motilal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/09/2025. Indrani Motilal (new name) and Indrani Matilal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Bibha Banerjee (old name). W/o. Ajit Banerjee, D/o. Jaminikanta Chakraborty, R/o. 149, Khirki Lane, Champatala, Chinsurah, Hooghly, W.B. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lalita Banerjee (new name) vide an affidavit no. 8638 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 06/09/2025 Bibha Banerjee & Lalita Banerjee W/o. Ajit Banerjee, D/o. Jaminikanta Chakraborty both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Avijit Hemanta Kumar Ghosh (old name), S/o. Hemanta Kumar Ghosh, R/o. R/o. Paschim Para, Belun, P.O. Beloon, P.S. Pandua, Dist.- Hooghly, 712149, W.B. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Avijit H Ghosh (new name) vide an affidavit no. 22 sworn before Notary Public, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 08/09/2025. Avijit Hemanta Kumar Ghosh & Avijit H Ghosh, S/o. Hemanta Kumar Ghosh, both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shanta Majumdar (Old Name) W/o Susanta Kumar Mazumdar Residing at 397/1/1, Dakshindari Road, P.o - Sreehumi, Ps - Lake Town, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700048, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Santa Majumdar (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 04-09-2025. Shanta Majumdar (Old Name) and Santa Majumdar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mir Mohammad Samim (Old Name) S/o Md Rahim Baks Mir Residing at Madhya Bhagabatipur Bazarpara, Po - Bhagabatipur, Ps - Chanditala, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712701, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Md Samim Uddin Mir (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 08-09-2025. Mir Mohammad Samim (Old Name) and Md Samim Uddin Mir (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Noore Begum (Old Name) W/o Ashfaque Ali Qureshi Residing at T-222/1, Barabagan Lane, Po - Bartala, Ps - Rajabagan, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700018 West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Noori Begum (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 55/2025 Date 21-08-2025. Noore Begum (Old Name) and Noori Begum (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ashfaque Ali (Old Name) S/o Hazi Abbas Ali Qureshi Residing at T-222/1, Barabagan Lane, Po - Bartala, Ps - Rajabagan, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700018 West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ashfaque Ali Qureshi (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 56/2025 Date 21-08-2025. Ashfaque Ali (Old Name) and Ashfaque Ali Qureshi (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mamuda Khatun (old name) wife of Shaikh Sahajada, residing at 51/A, Dr Sudhir Bose Road,P.S.-Watgunge, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mehemuda Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/09/2025. Mehemuda Begum (new name) and Mamuda Khatun (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sabina Khatoun W/o Md Zahibul Rahman, residing at 13/A/1/1, Rajab Ali Lane, P.S.- Ekhalpore, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, India, I have changed my son name Md Azeb Rahman (son old name) to (shall henceforth be known as) Mohamud Mustafa Ali (son new name) as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/09/2025. Mohammad Mustafa Ali and Md Azeb Rahman both are same and one identical person (myson).

Name Change
I, Bikash Agarwal (old name) son of Arjun Kumar Gupta, residing at Khudiramgally, Sisir Bhaduri Sarani,Siliguri, Pin-734001, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bikash kumar agarwal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 03/09/2025. Bikash kumar agarwal (new name) and Bikash Agarwal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rathin Kundu (Old Name),Son Of Late Rabindrah Nath Kundu, Residing At 145 Dehai Pukur Road, Uttarpara, Kotrang,Kotrung,Hindmotor, Hooghly - 712233,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Hence forth Be Known As Rathindra Kundu(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/09/2025. Rathin Kundu And Rathindra Kundu Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Badrun Nessa Bibi(Old Name), Wife Of Md Khalaur Rahman,Residing At Vill-Purba Konchpukur,Po-Krishnamati,Ps-Uttar Kashiapur, Kolkata-743502,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Badrulechha Bibi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 09/09/2025. Badrun Nessa Bibi And Badrulechha Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Shanu Bibi(Old Name),Wife Of Zakir Hossain,Residing At Dakshin Para Narayanpur,Vtc: Rajahat Gopalpur (M), Po-Rajahat Gopalpur, West Bengal,North 24 Parganas-700136,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sanu Bibi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/09/2025. Shanu Bibi And Sanu Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Abbaj Gazi (Old Name), Son Of Kanai Gazi,Residing At Hakimpur Daspara,P.o - Hakimpur, North 24 parganas - 743273, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abbasuddin Gazi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/09/2025. Abbaj Gazi And Abbasuddin Gazi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person Person.

Name Change
I, Nachira Bibi(Old Name),Wife Of Abbasuddin Gazi,Residing At Hakimpur Daspara,P.o - Hakimpur, North 24 parganas - 743273, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nachira Bibi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/09/2025. Nachira Bibi And Nachira Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person Person.

Name Change
I, Maizabin Reza (old name) daughter of Sk Rahim Bakhsh, residing at 98/1/1 Linton Street, Entally, Kolkata-700014, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mahjabeen Bano (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/09/2025. Mahjabeen Bano (new name) and Maizabin Reza (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Manas Kumar Adhikari (old name) son of Manik lal Adhikari, residing at Mirjapur, Tarakeswar, Hooghly-712410, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manas Adhikari (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/09/2025. Manas Adhikari (new name) and Manas Kumar Adhikari (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ravi Kumar Mishra (old name) son of Shatrughan Mishra, residing at New Kali Mandir, Dashedrone, Rajarhat Gopalpur, Kolkata- 700136, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ravi Mishra (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/09/2025. Ravi Mishra (new name) and Ravi Kumar Mishra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Abdur Naim Laskar (old name) son of Eptajaddin Laskar, residing at Vill.- K.M Chandpur, P.O.- Karua Chandpur, P.S.- Deganga, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743423, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Naim Laskar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/09/2025. Md Naim Laskar (new name) and Md Abdur Naim Laskar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Momtaj (old name) wife of Abu Taher Sardar, residing at Vill- Barunhat, P.O.- Barunhat ,P.S.- Hasnabad, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin-743426, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mamtaj (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Basirhat, North 24 Parganas, vide an affidavit No. 9267/25, dated 12/08/2025. Mamtaj (new name) and Momtaj (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Goutam Kumar Sardar & Goutam Kr Sardar (old names) son of Mukti Pada Sardar, residing at VILL-LAKSHMI NATH PUR, PO-PUNRA, PS-BADURIA, Basirhat, 743427, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Goutam Sardar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit dated 02/09/2025. Goutam Sardar (new name) and Goutam Kumar Sardar & Goutam Kr Sardar (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Premangshu Manna (old name) son of Late Haradhan Manna, residing at MB-261/1, Mahish Bathan Sector-V, MB Block, Electronic Complex, Bidhannagar (M), North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700102, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Premangshu Sekhar Manna (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/09/2025. Premangshu Sekhar Manna (new name) and Premangshu Manna(old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Seikh Masjudul Hanifa (old name) son of Seikh Mofizur Rahaman, residing at Amrah, P.O.- Abujhati, P.S.- Jamalpur, Purba Bardhaman, Pin- 713166, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Masjud Ul Hanifa (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/09/2025. Sk Masjud Ul Hanifa (new name) and Seikh Masjudul Hanifa (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shantilata Sankhari (old name) wife of Parimal Chandra Sankhari, residing at Krishna Kunj, Thakurpara, Helabottala, Hatiara Road, Rajarhat, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700157, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Santilata Sankhari (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/09/2025. Santilata Sankhari (new name) and Shantilata Sankhari (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Badal Chakraborty (Old Name) S/o Late Binod Ranjita Chakraborty & W/o Ranjita Chakraborty residing at 22/4, Nakeswarsw Bhattacharyya Lane, Kalighat,Kolkata-700026 W.B have changed and shall henceforth be known as Badal Kumar Chakraborty (New Name) as declare before the Notary Public, Kolkata vide affidavit dated 08/09/2025 and henceforth Badal Chakraborty (Old Name) and Badal Kumar Chakraborty (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Yeasin Gayen (Old Name),Son Of Arshed Gayen, Residing At Bhangonkhal,I Po-Bhangonkhali, South 24 Parganas-743329 West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Iyachin Gayen (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 03/09/2025.Yeasin Gayen And Iyachin Gayen Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sudhir Shanker Singh (Old Name) S/o Lal Mani Singh Residing at Shreshtha Garden, Flat-D401, Jasmine Block, 4th Floor, Rajarhat Main Road, N/L Reliance Fresh, Kalipark, Vidyasagar Pally, Rajarhat Gopalpur (M), District -North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700136, West Bengal, India, have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sudhir Shankar Singh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 45/2025 Dated 08-09-2025. Sudhir Shanker Singh (Old Name) and Sudhir Shankar Singh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Syed Imteyaz Ahmad (old name) Son of Mohd Farid Alam,Residing at , Vill-Hossain Nagar Post-Burpur,ps -Hirapur, Asansol, Bardhaman -713325, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Imtiyaz Ahamad (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 20/08/2025. Imtiyaz Ahamad (new name) and Syed Imteyaz Ahmad (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shihnuat Kundu, Residing At Netaji Park, Po-Chowhati, Ps -Sonarpur, South 24 pargans - 700149, West Bengal, Do Hereby Notified That My Father Delip Kundu(Old Name) Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dilip Kumar Kundu(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 04/09/2025. Delip Kundu And Dilip Kumar Kundu Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sk Kalamuddin (old name) son of Late Motiur Rahman, residing at 8, Dr Sudhir Bose Road, P.O.- Khidderpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammad Kalamuddin (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an Affidavit dated 08/09/2025. Mohammad Kalamuddin (new name) and Sk Kalamuddin (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Cal HC Dismisses Petition Against The Bengal Files

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court on Monday dismissed a petition filed against the controversial film The Bengal Files by the grandson of Gopal Pantha, also known as Gopal Mukhopadhyay. The petition challenged the portrayal of Mukhopadhyay, a prominent and feared figure during the 1946 “Great Calcutta Killings,” arguing that the depiction was misleading and defamatory.

The matter came before Justice Amrita Sinha, who ruled that such an application does not fall under the High Court’s jurisdiction. While dismissing the case, Justice Sinha clarified that the petitioner was free to approach the appropriate forum if he wished to pursue the matter further. The petition, filed under the provisions of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, was therefore rejected. The controversy began soon after the trailer of the film, directed by VivekAgnihotri, was released. The political thriller has triggered nationwide debate, with critics accusing the filmmaker of distorting Bengal’s history and attempting to create a propaganda narrative ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections. The depiction of Gopal Mukhopadhyay as “Butcher Gopal Pantha” particularly angered many in Bengal, sparking widespread protests.

Major Fire Engulfs Bus in Baguiati, No Casualties Reported

MI News Service, Kolkata: Panic gripped Baguiati’s Joramandir area on Monday when an AC bus suddenly caught fire while plying from Salt Lake to the airport. Fortunately, the vehicle was empty at the time, preventing what could have been a major tragedy.

According to eyewitnesses, flames engulfed the bus within moments, forcing other vehicles on the busy road to halt abruptly. Traffic movement was thrown into chaos as locals rushed to alert police and fire officials. Two fire tenders along with a team from Baguiati police station soon arrived at the scene and managed to bring the blaze under control after a strenuous effort. Though no injuries were reported, the incident left the bus completely gutted. The exact cause of the fire remains under investigation, though preliminary suspicion points towards a possible electrical short circuit. This is not the first such incident involving state-run buses in the city. Earlier, a Barasat-Garia route SBSTC bus caught fire while moving along the Kolkata-bound lane near the Airport Hotel Crossing.

Cannonball Swimathon in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: The city of Kolkata recently hosted the Cannonball Swimathon championship. Eastern Metropolitan Club (EMC), in collaboration with TCI – TRI Coaching India, recently hosted Cannonball Swimathon. “At EMC, we are proud to support and co-organise events like the Cannonball Swimathon.” Said Sanjeeb Ghosh, Secretary and MD of EMC. Jatın Arora, Ironman Coach, Founder of TCI and

Dish TV launches VZY Smart TVs

MI News Service, Kolkata: Dish TV India Limited announced its strategic foray into the integrated Smart TV segment with the launch of VZY Smart TVs. VZY stands for Vibe, Zone & You - a smart entertainment companion that blends technology, design, and human connection. Speaking on the launch, Manoj Dobhal, CEO and Executive Director of Dish TV India, said, “ With VZY, we are creating more than a television, we are building an entertainment universe where live TV, OTT streaming, smart features, and immersive design come together to redefine how India experiences entertainment.”

Miscellaneous

Khurda Road Division organised “Sundays On Cycle” to aware on FIT INDIA initiatives.



MI News Service, Bhubaneswar/Khurda Road:

In alignment with the nationwide Fit India Movement, Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway organised a special Cyclothon-2025 under the banner of “Sundays On Cycle”. This initiative is aimed at promoting physical fitness, mental well-being and environmental awareness among railway employees and the wider community. To aware the FIT INDIA initiatives, East Coast Railway Sports Association (ECoRSA), Khurda Road Division in a Cyclothon from Railway Stadium to the Entrance Gate of IIT Bhubaneswar, Argul, and returned back covering a distance of 10 kilometers.

The occasion has been graced by Divisional Railway Manager Shri Alok Tripathi, who encouraged the participants and officially flagged off the cycling drive. His presence inspired employees and their families to embrace fitness and sustainability in their daily lives. Organized under the campaign slogan “Fitness Ki Dose, Aadha Ghanta Roz”, the event highlights the importance of incorporating regular physical activity into our routines, as advocated by the Fit India Movement.

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Cycling is a simple yet powerful form of exercise, offering multiple health benefits such as increased cardiovascular fitness, improved posture and coordination, enhanced muscle strength and flexibility, Strengthened bones and joint mobility, Reduced body fat and stress levels and Prevention and management of lifestyle diseases. All the Branch Officers of Khurda Road Division, staff members and sports personnel of the Khurda Road Division were participated in large numbers and aware common people on FIT INDIA. Special efforts were made to motivate railway employees along with their families to remain fit thorough this health initiative. The “Sundays On Cycle” event not only promotes a healthy and active lifestyle but also sends a strong message of environmental consciousness, aligning with Indian Railways’ broader goals of sustainability and community welfare. Team ECoRSA, Khurda Road led by its officials including General Secretary and Sports Officer cum Sr Divisional Commercial Manager Shri Anil Kumar S coordinated this programme.

Kolkata hosts Global Influencer Excellence Awards

MI News Service, Kolkata:

The inaugural edition of the Global Influencer Excellence Awards (GIEA 2025) commenced in Kolkata, recognising the growing significance of social media content as a key driver in the contemporary media landscape. Organised by Advent Actor Studio Pvt. Ltd., the event brought together prominent figures from cinema, culture, and digital platforms. Actress Jaya Ahsan attended as Guest of Honour, while Sujit Bose, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Fire & Emergency Services, and Abhishake De Sarkar, career coach, author, and founder of Advent Actor Studio, were also present. “I believe that today influencers also hold a special

place in the entertainment field. I am delighted to be part of the Global Influencer Excellence Awards 2025.” Ahsan said.

The awards, hosted by Debleena Dutt and Shoumo Banerjee, recognised 45 influencers across nine categories. Winners included Saikat Dey and The Bong Juti (Entertainment), Summit Banerjee (Fitness & Wellness), Samar Guha (Education), Lokshree Dutta (Travel), Ahona Dutta (Fashion, Lifestyle & Beauty), Sagnik Dutta (Comedy), Biswajit Bhattacharjee (Food Review), Asha Bishayee and Atanu Ghosh (Culinary), Dr. Priya Virmani (Social Impact & Welfare), and joint winners Shreemoyee Kundu and Arunava Khasnobis (Podcast).

GRSE inks deal with Merlinhawk Aerospace



MI News Service, Kolkata:

Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Limited has signed a Teaming Agreement with M/s Merlinhawk Aerospace Pvt Ltd on 03 Sep 25, for the design, development, and manufacture of composite doors and hatches for the ships of Indian Navy being built at GRSE. Merlinhawk Aerospace is a well-recognized entity in the Indian industry ecosystem for its niche expertise in aerospace and defence sectors, offering design, prototyping and manufacturing solutions utilising high-end composite materials. This Teaming Agreement is aimed towards establishing a collaborative framework for the design, development, testing, manufacturing, and integration of composite doors and hatches onboard naval ships,

aligning with the Indian Navy’s modernization initiatives.

The primary target opportunity under this Agreement is the fabrication and integration of composite doors and hatches along with locking mechanism and associated components for naval vessels to replace conventional steel doors and hatches. The collaborative association between the pioneer shipbuilder in India and the frontrunner entity in composite structures and components is aimed at achieving indigenous content of at least 50% as required under the Buy (Indian-IDDM) or Buy (Indian) categories thereby furthering the objectives of self-reliance in defence manufacturing as outlined in the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative of Govt of India.

Sun King, World Leader in Off-Grid Solar, Unveils New Logo and Brand Identity

Sun King, the world's leading off-grid solar energy company, today announced the launch of its refreshed logo and brand identity, marking a new chapter in its journey of growth and transformation.

The updated identity reflects Sun King's evolution and continued commitment to empowering millions of households, businesses, and communities across the globe with affordable, reliable energy solutions.

"Our refreshed logo reflects our dedication to our customers - delivering more affordable solar solutions for their homes, offering a wider range of appliances that make life easier, and providing more power to support the busi-



nesses, schools, and communities they depend on," said Anish Thakkar, Co-Founder, Sun King. With this rebrand, Sun King

reinforces its promise of powering brighter lives, today and into the future. Having powered over 24 million households globally, with more than 300,000 new systems installed each month, Sun King continues to redefine how off-grid communities access and consume energy.

While the refreshed logo highlights Sun King's transformation, the company promises to deliver affordable, reliable solar power systems, providing high-quality electrical lighting products, and offering free installation and after-sales service. The new brand identity stays true to Sun King's enduring promise of powering brighter lives - now and into the future.

Who will rise and who will fall? Meet our contestants turning up the heat on Amazon MX Player's latest reality show Rise and Fall

MUMBAI, India-September XX, 2025: The stage is set for a showdown where only the smartest, boldest, and most resilient will survive! Amazon MX Player's much-anticipated reality blockbuster Rise and Fall is fast becoming the show everyone is talking about. The contestantline-up is already creating waves, from television favourites and digital darlings to comedians, actors, and influencers with millions of fans. They promise a perfect mix of glamour, grit, drama, and unpredictability, each bringing something unique to the high-stakes battleground.

With contestants like these, Rise and Fall is already looking like the most explosive, entertaining, and unpredictable reality show of the season. The show is sponsored by marquee brands like Lux Cozy as Co-Powered by partner, Orient Electric as Official Lighting Partner, Haier as AI Home Partner and Pintola as Official Health Partner.

Here's a sneak peek at what you can expect from each contestant:

Arjun Bijlani:From ruling daily soaps to becoming a beloved reality show host, Arjun has done it all. But this time, the tables have turned, the host is now the contestant. With charm, wit, and years of on-screen experience, Arjun is ready to flip the script and show a side audiences haven't seen before.

Dhanashree Verma:From den-



tistry to dazzling the internet with her dance moves, Dhanashree has always been full of surprises. She brings confidence, energy, and an unshakable presence into the game, a combination that can easily turn every step she takes into a talking point.

Kiku Sharda:We've laughed at his iconic characters and admired his ability to reinvent himself. With humour as his armour and timing as his weapon, Kiku is bound to shake things up in the house, not just with laughs, but with moves no one will see coming.

Aditya Narayan:Singer, host,

and born entertainer, Aditya brings unmatched energy and star presence. With his killer instinct and musical flair, he's ready to command attention.In thetowel of power plays, he could easily charm his way into the centre of it all.

Pawan Singh:From chart-topping songs to blockbuster films, Pawan Singh has always lived life king-size. On Rise and Fall, he walks in with the same swag, confidence, and fire that made him a superstar.Inside the tower, his raw intensity and fearless spirit are set to raise the game several notches higher. Kubbra Sait:Known for

her powerful performances and candid nature, Kubbra is someone who never plays safe. Direct, dynamic, and unapologetically real, she brings a refreshing edge to the show and will make sure no conversation, or confrontation, stays dull for long.

Nayandeep Rakshit: Nayandeep has carved a niche for himself in the digital space, building a strong connection with audiences through authenticity and relatability. Calm yet sharp, warm yet witty, he might just be the silent player who turns the game on its head when the timing is right.

People of Koderma gave a warm welcome to the newly opened store of V-Bazaar

Koderma: V-Bazaar a favourite shopping destination in the value fashion segment announced the launch of its new store in Koderma, Jharkhand. "V-Bazaar" is a complete family fashion store which brings trendy and fashionable merchandise to every category of people, at reasonable prices by eliminating the middleman between manufacturers and customers. The new store in Koderma is located at Purnima Talkies, Ranchi Patna Road, Jhumri Telaiya, Koderma Jharkhand. The store is spread over 9000 sq.ft. area.

Announcing the launch, Mr Hemant Agarwal, CMD of "V-Bazaar" said," It is a very happy and proud moment for us to open our store in Koderma, Jharkhand. Looking at the overwhelming response of our other stores in Jharkhand, we thought of providing the same shopping experience to the residents of Koderma. It has been our attempt to provide our customers the superior merchandise, service and the overall international shopping experi-



ence. This new store in Koderma is a significant achievement for us. As a special launch offer, we are providing our customers free gifts on every purchase. Our new store is showcasing a collection of the finest quality merchandise at unbelievably pocket friendly prices."

The new showroom has been spread over large area with spacious interiors. The new store offers a vibrant trendy line for

the youth which includes shirts, T-shirts, pants, jeans, track suits, sherwanis, kurta pyjama, suits for men and fancy tops, kurties, jeans, wedding sarees, wedding designer suits, leggings, pyjamas, harem pants for women. There is large variety of dresses for your young ones too. The range offers funky, stylish, and incredibly comfortable garments that are a must in every teenagers and young adult's

wardrobe. Created while keeping current international trends in mind, the collection is trendy, fashionable and is available at unbelievably low prices.

Customers can make their shopping fun with launch offers at "V-Bazaar."On every purchase you can avail assured gifts. One the shopping of Rs 999 one will get a double bed sheet with two pillow covers worth Rs 999 just at Rs 129 or a electric kettle worth Rs 1999 just at Rs 199. On the purchase of Rs 2999 one will get a mixer grinder worth Rs 4999 at Rs 599. There are many more surprising launch offers at the store. About "V-Bazaar" Retail Pvt. Ltd.: V-Bazaar - one of the largest family stores chain in North India started by Mr Hemant Agarwal. He brings many years of retail entrepreneurial experience in different parts of India. V-Bazaar has 101 stores in 90 cities of 7 states. V-Bazaar offers more than 60 thousand products to choose from Men, Women and Kids apparel. V-Bazaar believes in good old traditional values, yet with a contemporary outlook.

Axis Bank Launches 'Pink Capital: The Spectrum of Queer Money' to Spotlight the Financial Ecosystem of LGBTQIA+ Consumers

Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India, today announced the launch of 'Pink Capital: The Spectrum of Queer Money', a qualitative report that explores the financial lives of India's LGBTQIA+ community.

The report's findings reveal that queer consumers prioritize essential needs, with the largest share allocated to Systemic Access & Equality (34.2%), followed by Healthcare & Safety (20%), Financial Security & Future Stability (18.6%), Emotional & Social Recognition (17.3%), and Lifestyle & Culture (10%). These spending patterns reflect a community that prioritizes survival, dignity, and long-term stability. Notably, mental health services and elder care emerged as key focus areas.

Among other insights, the study found that queer consumers are increasingly drawn to brands that offer tangible, inclusive solutions, such as joint accounts, pension access, and healthcare benefits. While inclusive branding is appreciated, it is everyday inclusion that builds lasting trust and loyalty.

In terms of financial security and future stability, two extremes emerged as focal points. While the youth stressed on Banks and Educational institutions that can create student loans, scholarships, and queer-focused savings or retirement products, the older cohort felt the need for community housing models and queer-affirming retirement homes.

"Over the years, Axis Bank has serviced thousands of accounts



opened under the honorific marker 'Mx' or by Transgender Individuals-a testament to growing trust, deeper engagement with the community, and the rise of a distinct and increasingly visible customer segment," said Munish Sharda, Executive Director, Axis Bank.

Building on this progress, Axis Bank is taking inclusive banking a step further by uncovering the economic realities and aspirations of the LGBTQIA+ community through this report.

"By making Pink Capital visible, we are not just doing the right thing, we are building the future of inclusive finance in India," said Rajkamal Vempati, Group Executive & Head of Human Resources, Axis Bank.

The report is part of Axis Bank's broader ESG and DE&I agenda, which was deepened in 2021 with the launch of the #ComeAsYouAre Charter. This charter introduced inclusive policies and practices for employees

and customers from the LGBTQIA+ community, such as joint savings and term deposits for same sex partners along with nomination facilities for partners and the usage of honorific Mx instead of Mr and Ms for customers of varied gender identities. The Bank continues to advocate for inclusive access while respecting privacy, including not collecting data on same-sex partners.

"Pink Capital brings forward voices that have long been left out of financial conversations," said Harish Iyer, SVP & Head - DE&I, Axis Bank.

The launch coincides with the 7th anniversary of the Supreme Court verdict on Section 377, a moment that reaffirmed dignity and authenticity for the LGBTQIA+ community. It was unveiled during Sparsh Week, Axis Bank's flagship celebration of culture and customers, reaffirming the Bank's commitment to service, inclusion, and customer-centricity.

Tool to identify, treat pathological social withdrawal developed

TOKYO: Researchers have created a new method to assist physicians and researchers in assessing patients for pathological social withdrawal, often known as Hikikomori.

The tool, known as the Hikikomori Diagnostic Evaluation, or HiDE, can serve as a useful guide for gathering information on this rapidly developing pathology worldwide.

Hikikomori is a condition defined by prolonged physical isolation or social withdrawal lasting more than six months. It was first established in Japan in 1998, and while it was assumed to be a Japan-specific "culture-bound" condition, subsequent data has shown a significant increase in its global prevalence.

Researchers and medical professionals are particularly concerned that the recent COVID-19 epidemic has exacerbated the global increase of hikikomori patients.

However, no standardised tool for identifying hikikomori disorder exists. The new HiDE evaluation instrument, published in World Psychiatry by Associate Professor Takahiro A. Kato of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences, is meant to be the next stage in a transcultural tool to help identify and assess hikikomori patients.

In 2013, Kyushu University Hospital created the world's first hikikomori outpatient clinic with the goal of researching the pathology and developing improved treatment methods. Kato and his team have developed many approaches for early detection of hikikomori throughout the years, and they have even looked into possible pathology biomarkers.

"HiDE is a questionnaire we've been developing at our clinic at



"It's primarily divided into two sections. The first section looks at the features of the patient's behaviour to see if they exhibit hikikomori. The second section is used to help us gain context to the patient's extent of social withdrawal."

The team has also added a screening form to the HiDE in case clinicians lack the time to administer the entire tool.

They suggest that the full questionnaire be administered to patients who respond that they 'spend one hour or less per day out of their home, at least three days a week' and that 'their family, others, or are personally bothered by this.'

The University Hospital. We've refined it over the years, and today it takes roughly 5-20 minutes to complete depending on the answers," explained Kato.

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"The HiDE has proven to be an indispensable tool for the structured assessment of pathological social withdrawal in our clinical practice and research. But more empirical studies must be done to assess its validity beyond our practice," concluded Kato.

"We would like to see this used by our colleagues around the world, so we can work to refine the tool. Hikikomori is becoming a global phenomenon, and a collective effort in recognizing and treating hikikomori is going to be vital."

Sleep apnea symptoms linked to memory, thinking problems: Study

MINNEAPOLIS: People with sleep apnea may be more likely to have memory or thinking problems, according to a preliminary study that will be presented at the American Academy of Neurology's 76th Annual Meeting in April this year.

The presentation will be made on April 13-18, 2024, in person in Denver and online. The study found a favorable relationship but did not determine whether sleep apnea causes cognitive deterioration.

Sleep apnea is when people stop and restart breathing repeatedly during sleep which can lower oxygen levels in the blood. Symptoms include snoring, gasping and breathing pauses. People

with the disorder may also experience morning headaches or have trouble focusing on tasks.

"Sleep apnea is a common disorder that is often underdiagnosed, yet treatments are available," said study author Dominique Low, MD, MPH, of Boston Medical Center in Massachusetts, and a member of the American Academy of Neurology. "Our study found participants who had sleep apnea symptoms had greater odds of having memory or thinking problems."

The study involved 4,257 people. Participants completed a questionnaire asking about sleep quality as well as memory and thinking problems. For sleep, par-



ticipants were asked about snoring, gasping or breathing pauses in their sleep. For memory and thinking, participants were asked questions related to difficulty remembering, periods of confusion, difficulty concentrating or problems with decision making.

Of all participants, 1,079 reported symptoms of sleep apnea. Of those with symptoms, 357 people, or 33 per cent, reported memory or thinking problems compared to 628 people, or 20 per cent of people without sleep apnea symptoms.

After adjusting for other factors that could affect memory and thinking problems, such as age, race, gender and education, researchers found that people

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importance of early screening for sleep apnea," said Low. "Effective treatments like continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machines are readily available. Quality sleep, along with eating a healthy diet, regular exercise, social engagement and cognitive stimulation, may ultimately reduce a person's risk of thinking and memory problems, improving their quality of life."

Limitations of the study include that the data was sourced from one survey and participants reported their symptoms instead of being assessed by medical professionals. Additional studies are needed following people's sleep apnea, memory and thinking symptoms over time.

Calcutta HC dismisses petition against 'The Bengal Files'

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta high court Monday dismissed a petition filed by Shantanu Mukherjee, grandson of the late freedom fighter Gopal Chandra Mukherjee — also known as 'Gopal Patha' — challenging his grandfather's depiction in the film 'The Bengal Files', directed by Vivek Agnihotri.

The petitioner accused the film of "outright despicable depiction" of his grandfather and alleged "gross victimisation" by state authorities for failing to act on his complaints.

During the hearing, Justice Amrita Sinha of the Calcutta High Court observed that the petitioner had not pursued statutory remedies available under the RTI Act, such as filing an appeal or second appeal.

"If you are aggrieved by inaction, you must avail yourself of the remedy prescribed," Justice Sinha remarked. The court also observed that reminders sent via email could not substitute for proper appeals.

"The petitioner intended to obtain certain information under the RTI Act. The time period within which the information ought to have



been provided has expired. If the petitioner is aggrieved by inaction, remedies under the RTI Act must be availed of. The writ petition on this cause of action will not be maintainable. In view of the above, the writ petition fails and is hereby dismissed," Justice Sinha said in her order.

The petitioner had claimed that despite sending representations to the police, the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), and Vivek Agnihotri, no relief had been provided, and misinformation about his grandfather continued to be circulated on platforms like YouTube.

The petitioner had also sent an RTI request to the CBFC seeking details about the certification process and the board members involved,

but received no response.

He sought directions for a probe into the role of the CBFC and the filmmaker, including a demand that Agnihotri step down as a CBFC member to ensure impartiality. He further asked for the removal or editing of content portraying his grandfather in an allegedly dishonourable manner.

The petitioner's counsel argued that the questions were substantive and intentionally left unanswered, but the court did not accept this explanation.

Released on September 5, The Bengal Files features Bengali actor Saurav Das as Gopal Patha. The film has bombed at the box office, having minted only Rs 6.65 crore nett in India in three days.

Anti-CAA activist Gulfisha Fatima challenges bail denial in Supreme Court



Gulfisha Fatima

MI News Service, Delhi: Gulfisha Fatima, a Delhi University graduate and student activist imprisoned for five years under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) for her alleged role in the 2020 Northeast Delhi riots conspiracy case, has approached the Supreme Court to challenge the Delhi High Court's September 2, 2025, decision denying her bail, according to Live Law.

Fatima, arrested at age 25 and now 31, is among ten anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) activists whose

bail pleas were rejected.

Fatima was a key organizer of anti-CAA protests in Jaffrabad, Northeast Delhi, before her arrest on April 9, 2020. Although granted bail in May 2020 for the Jaffrabad protest case (FIR 48/2020), she remains detained under a separate case (FIR 59/2020).

The Delhi Police chargesheet accuses her and others, including Sharjeel Imam, Umar Khalid, and Khalid Saifi, of masterminding a "larger conspiracy" behind the February 2020 communal violence in Delhi.

Sharjeel Imam has also filed a Supreme Court petition challenging the bail denial.

In June 2020, UN experts urged the release of Fatima and other protesters, arguing their arrests were intended to suppress criticism of government policies. Rights groups, families, and opposition leaders assert that Fatima and the other activists—Athar Khan, Mohd Saleem Khan, Shifa-ur-Rehman, Meeran Haider, Tasleem Ahmed, and Shadab Ahmed—are being punished for their role in the historic anti-CAA protests, not for any violent acts.

The prolonged incarceration of these activists, all jailed since 2020 under UAPA, has sparked widespread criticism, with advocates arguing it reflects a broader crackdown on dissent.

Fatima's Supreme Court petition seeks to overturn the High Court's ruling and secure her release, highlighting ongoing concerns about the misuse of anti-terror laws to silence activists.

Sealdah division's special arrangements for crowd management during ensuing durga puja festival

MI News Service, Kolkata: In an endeavour to accommodate massive crowd rush during ensuing Durga Puja festival, Railway administration gears up to face the challenge to ensure smooth transportation of commuters during Puja days. A high level emergency meeting was convened at DRM Conference room at Sealdah to discuss with all branch officers and other officials regarding the arrangements for controlling pandal hoppers during puja days and facilitating them with adequate transportation for visiting Pandal. Various issues were deliberated in the emergency meeting and it has been decided to take adequate precautions enumerated hereunder :-

1. All galloping trains will stop at all stations during Puja days, i.e., from 28.09.25 to 02.10.25 in all sections of Sealdah Division. Punctuality of train movement will be monitored critically at the highest level during Puja days.

2. Additional 10 Mobile UTS will be made available at Sealdah Station. All 17 AT-VMs will remain functional at Sealdah station and one additional service engineer will be deployed at Sealdah on round the clock basis for ensuring availability. All 21 ticket booking counters will be operational on 24X7 basis to cater to the extra rush during morning and evening shifts. Temporary deployment of additional booking clerks will be made for operating special counters.

3. Car Parking space at Sealdah Station will remain completely closed from 28.09.25 to 02.10.25 for using it as crowd holding area in case of exigency.

4. Trolley movements will not be allowed at Sealdah station during peak hours, i.e.,



from 5 PM to 7 AM during puja days.

5. Prafulla Dwar at Sealdah Station Platform no 1 will be opening shortly before Durga Puja to facilitate seamless movement of Pandal Hoppers. 4 ticket booking counters and 4 ATMs will be provided there alongwith facilitators to cater to the huge rush. Apart, 2 Mobile UTS will also be made available at Prafulla Dwar. Commuters entering through this gate can easily board trains approaching towards Main Line (Ranaghat, Krishnanagar, Kalyani, Naihati, Barrackpore etc.)

6. For Mail/Express passengers, there will be specific dropping point at Sealdah station to avoid criss cross movement for long distance travellers as designated platforms are 9 & 11-14.

7. DRM/Sealdah has directed immediate removal of all construction materials from all stations across the Division.

8. Frequent special night service trains will ply in between Sealdah - Kalyani and Ballygunge - Sonarpur to disperse crowd.

9. DRM underlined special stress on close inter departmental coordination to work out station specific plans in case of emergency.

10. Extra EMU rake will be stabled at strategic locations to combat crisis situation.

11. Special RPF force will be deployed at all busy level crossing gates like Barasat,

Kharchad, Ballygunge, Barrackpur, Bangoan, Sonarpur, Baruiপুর, Ranaghat, Berhampore etc. Such vulnerable Level Crossing gates are pinpointed for monitoring by deploying Volunteers. Security forces will be provided in close coordination with local administration for such Level Crossing gates.

12. Additional "MAY I HELP YOU" Booths will be opened at busy stations like Sealdah, Dumdum Jn., Kolkata etc. Designated helpline numbers will be provided at these booths for facilitating pandal hoppers. A list of important phone numbers including police stations, hospitals, fire brigades etc. will be displayed at such booths so that emergency assistance can be provided in the hour of need.

13. Train indication system and Passenger address system will be specially monitored at all important stations.

14. Uninterrupted potable drinking water supply will be ensured 24X7 at all stations during puja days.

15. Adequate number of Fire extinguishers will be kept at all stations and additional Fire extinguishers are to be kept in readiness for emergency purpose.

16. Medical assistance booths will be provided at key stations like Sealdah, Dumdum, Naihati, Barasat etc. where doctors and paramedical staff will be available for taking care of ailing commuters.

Gujarat teen allegedly tortured in police custody, family seeks justice

MI News Service, Botad: The family of Aryan Makhiala, a 17-year-old Muslim boy from Gujarat's Botad district, has accused local police of subjecting him to severe physical and sexual abuse during illegal detention last month.

Makhiala, a daily wage laborer and sole breadwinner for his grandparents and two sisters after his parents' death, was reportedly picked up by police on August 19, 2025, from a local fair on suspicion of theft. His family, unaware of his whereabouts for two days, discovered he was detained when they attempted to file a missing person's report at Botad police station.

According to his uncle, Sohilbhai, Makhiala endured nine days of brutal torture in custody without being presented before a magistrate, violating legal protocols. The family alleges police beat Makhiala repeatedly, causing severe injuries, and subjected him to sexual abuse.

When his grandfather intervened, he was allegedly beaten and detained for six days. Police later claimed Makhiala was hospitalized at Botad Civil Hospital from August

28 to September 1 due to a snake or insect bite. However, his family found him in critical condition with a swollen body, prompting his transfer to a private hospital in Ahmedabad. Medical reports confirmed physical and sexual brutality and kidney failure.

Sohilbhai said their attempt to file a sexual abuse complaint with the Juvenile Justice Board was dismissed, with officials claiming Makhiala was not a minor. The family also alleges police raided their home, seizing Rs 50,000 saved by Makhiala's sisters for their weddings. Botad police have denied all allegations of detention and abuse.

The Gujarat-based Minority Coordination Committee (MCC) has taken up the case, writing to the state's Director General of Police to demand the immediate suspension of the involved officers. MCC's Mujahid Nafees called for preserving CCTV footage from the police station to ensure transparency.

The group emphasized the need to end police impunity and deliver justice, highlighting the broader issue of custodial violence against marginalized communities in India.



Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (ERWWO), under the able inspiration and guidance of its President, Seema Deuskar, organised a solemn function to celebrate Teachers' Day at Arundhaya Ghoshapur School, Ghoshapur Railway Colony, Behala, Kolkata. Seema Deuskar felicitated the teachers and supporting staff of the school by presenting them with token gifts, followed by a special cultural event. Deuskar, along with the executive members of ERWWO, paid floral tribute to the portrait of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Students of the school showcased an exhibition of handicrafts and paintings as a mark of respect and gratitude towards their teachers. On this occasion, Seema Deuskar addressed the gathering and extended heartfelt thanks to the teachers for their dedicated service and contribution towards nurturing young minds.

Cancellation of one pair EMU local

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to track maintenance work on UP line in between Nabadwip Dham & Purbasthali stations in Bandel - Katwa section, 180 minutes Traffic Block has been

planned for 02 days from 10.09.2025 to 11.09.2025. Consequently, 37741 Bandel - Katwa EMU local and 37742 Katwa - Bandel EMU local will remain cancelled on 10.09.2025 and 11.09.2025.

Tree Plantation Drive Organised by Howrah Division under Swachhta Abhiyan

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing Swachhta Abhiyan, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organised a Tree Plantation Drive on 8th September, 2025, at Bandel and Rampurhat. The initiative was undertaken to strengthen the mission of building a cleaner and greener environment within the railway premises.

Railway officials, staff, and volunteers enthusiastically participated in the programme by planting saplings of diverse plant species. The plantation not only adds to the natural beauty of the station surroundings but also contributes towards improving air quality and ecological balance.



This initiative reflects Howrah Division's commitment to combining cleanliness with environmental responsibility. By integrating green activities with the Swachhta Abhiyan, the division continues to promote sustainable practices, ensuring a cleaner and healthier environment for passengers and the community at large.

Modified regulation of trains for development work over Howrah division

MI News Service, Kolkata: In connection with development work in Bandel - Shaktigarh section over Howrah Division, Power & Traffic block was planned on 08.09.2025 & 09.09.2025, which was informed earlier, has been partially rescheduled on 09.09.2025 & 10.09.2025 with following train regulation:

Cancellation of trains on 09.09.2025:

From Bardhaman: 37812
From Bandel: 37781
From Howrah: 37243
37783 Bandel - Bardhaman local (journey commencing on 09.09.2025) will be rescheduled by 10 minutes.

Moreover, 63501 Howrah - Bardhaman local will be controlled for 20 minutes between Howrah & Bandel on 10.09.2025 instead of 09.09.2025.

At least 19 killed in Nepal protests over social media ban, corruption

MI News Service, Katmandu: At least 19 people have been killed and dozens injured during violent protests against the government's social media ban and alleged corruption in Nepal, according to authorities and local media, as police fired

live rounds at young protesters and used tear gas and rubber bullets on them.

On Monday, some protesters forced their way into the parliament complex in the capital, Kathmandu, by breaking through a barricade, a local official said.

Israel considering Trump's Gaza ceasefire plan involving hostage deal

MI News Service, Washington: Israel is "seriously considering" a US proposal for a ceasefire in Gaza that would also secure the release of Israeli hostages, an Israeli official said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, on Sunday, said the plan was delivered to Hamas over the weekend and described it as "President Donald Trump's proposal," Xinhua news agency reported.

Israel's Channel 12 reported that under the plan, Israel would cancel its offensive to capture Gaza City. All 48 hostages still held in Gaza — including about 20 believed to be alive — would be freed on the first day of the truce in exchange for thousands of Palestinian prisoners.

Negotiations to end the war would then begin under Trump's mediation, with the ceasefire in place while talks continue.

Hamas said in a statement late on Sunday that it had received several US proposals and was ready to "immediately sit at the negotiating table" to discuss the release of all captives in return for "a clear declaration ending the war, full withdrawal from Gaza, and the formation of a committee to govern the Gaza Strip with independent Palestinians assuming their duties immediately."

The Hostages and Missing Families Forum, representing relatives of those held in Gaza, urged Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to back the deal. "We call on the Israeli gov-

ernment to announce its unconditional support for the emerging agreement," the group said.

Netanyahu has not responded to mediators' earlier proposal for a partial deal that Hamas approved last month.

Writing on his Truth Social platform, Trump said: "The Israelis have accepted my terms. It is time for Hamas to accept as well," warning that refusal would bring consequences.

Israel resumed military operations in Gaza on March 18. At least 11,911 Palestinians have been killed and 50,735 wounded since then, bringing the total death toll since October 2023 to 64,455, with 162,776 injured, Gaza health authorities said on Sunday.

Restriction on vehicular movement over old Benaras road over bridge, Howrah

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway, Howrah Division, is committed to ensuring the safety of both rail passengers and road users. In this context, an important decision has been taken regarding the old Benaras Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Howrah.

The existing Benaras ROB, owing to its age, has become structurally weak. The steel girders supporting the deck slab are severely corroded and perforated, leading to a substantial reduction in its load-bearing capacity. The continued movement of heavy vehicles poses a potential risk to public safety.

To address this, a new Road Over Bridge has already been constructed alongside the existing one. However, its commissioning requires the completion of approach roads on both ends and construction of an abutment at the Kona end, which will necessitate a complete traffic block of about four months on the old bridge.

In the interim, and in the interest of safety:

1. Movement of all four-wheeler vehicles is prohibited with immediate effect on the old Benaras ROB.
2. Only two-wheelers and Totos will be permitted to ply on this bridge until further notice.
3. Authorities have been requested to divert all four-wheeler traffic through alternative routes until the new ROB is fully commissioned.

Eastern Railway appeals to the general public and road users for their full cooperation in adhering to these restrictions. These measures are temporary but essential to ensure public safety. Once the new bridge becomes operational, smooth and safe traffic movement will be restored.

The construction of the new Benaras Road Over Bridge (ROB) is a major infrastructure project that promises significant benefits to both road users and the railway network. By replacing the aging semi-through girder, this project will greatly enhance safety, reduce congestion, and improve traffic flow in the region. With its modern design, the new bridge is set to meet the growing transportation demands,

ensuring long-term reliability and providing scope for future upgrades and yard remodeling.

Key Features of the New Benaras Road Over Bridge (ROB):

Three advanced bowstring girders with clear spans of 66 meters and 24 meters (end spans)

Total width of 11.01 meters, including a 7.5-meter-wide carriageway (2-lane) and an external pedestrian footpath.

Modern design replacing the old semi-through girder, ensuring enhanced safety and durability.

Removal of existing bottlenecks to improve overall traffic flow in the yard area.

Provisions for future yard remodeling and additional track installations.

Approach roads under construction, including a 126-meter RCC trough wall at the Salkia end, and 180-meter RCC trough wall at Bamangachhi end.

After the completion of new Benaras Bridge alongside the existing old one, traffic movement will be free of any vehicular restriction *, ensuring hassle free and seamless flow of road traffic.

Regulation of trains for maintenance work at Sealdah division

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to maintenance work, 240 minutes (from 23:30 hrs. of 09.09.2025 to 03:30 hrs. of 10.09.2025) Traffic & Power Block on line no. 05 of Bridge no. 01 between Sealdah & Bidhan Nagar Road stations has been planned. Consequently, following arrangements in train running have been made as under:

Cancellation of train on 09.09.2025:

32249 Sealdah - Dankuni local

32252 Dankuni - Sealdah local

31447 Sealdah - Naihati local

31450 Naihati - Sealdah local

Short termination / Short origination:

31542 Shantipur - Sealdah local will be short terminated at Barrackpore on 09.09.2025

31511 Sealdah - Shantipur local will be short originated from Barrackpore on 10.09.2025.

Moreover, 13106 Balia - Sealdah Express (journey commencing on 09.09.2025) will be controlled en-route for 90 minutes.

Asansol division undertakes intensive cleanliness drive across the division



MI News Service, Asansol: As part of the ongoing Swachhata Abhiyan, Asansol Division conducted an intensive cleanliness campaign at Pandabeswar station and MDZTI/Bhuli. The initiative was aimed at improving cleanliness standards across passenger areas and institutional premises.

At Pandabeswar station, all key areas including platforms, waiting halls, booking counters, toilets, circulating areas, approach roads, drains, water booths, seating areas, station facade and walls were thoroughly cleaned. Plastic waste and litter were removed from the station premises, drains were desilted, water booths scrubbed and seating areas sanitized to enhance passenger com-

fort.

At MDZTI/Bhuli, the entire campus, including classrooms, hostels, training halls, kitchens, toilets, corridors and lawns, was systematically cleaned. Waste collection, segregation and disposal were carried out in an eco-friendly manner to maintain a hygienic and welcoming environment for trainees and visitors.

The cleanliness drive created visible improvements and also raised awareness among staff and passengers about maintaining hygiene as a collective responsibility. Asansol Division remains committed to continuing such efforts under the Swachhata Abhiyan to provide a clean, safe and passenger-friendly railway environment.

Six killed in East Jerusalem attack; Israeli forces kill 40 in Gaza

MI News Service, Gaza: Israeli attacks across Gaza since dawn have killed at least 40 people and destroyed another high-rise in Gaza City, bringing the number of buildings razed during its campaign to seize the largest urban centre in the Gaza Strip to at least 50.

Six people have been killed and many wounded in a shooting in occupied East Jerusalem, Israeli

officials say, blaming the attack on two Palestinians from the occupied West Bank. Police say the perpetrators have been killed.

Israeli forces continue to raid towns across the occupied West Bank, arresting Palestinians and destroying land and property.

US President Donald Trump has said his administration is working

on a solution that could be good for Gaza, hours after issuing what he called a "final warning" to Hamas.

Israel's war on Gaza has killed at least 64,522 people and wounded 163,096 since October 2023. 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.

