

Abhishek Banerjee Denies Cross-Voting Allegations in Vice Presidential Election

Trinamool Congress (TMC) All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Wednesday dismissed allegations that several MPs of his party had cross-voted in the recently held Vice Presidential election, where India Alliance candidate Justice (retd.) Sudarshan Reddy was defeated. Reports had suggested that at least 15 MPs from the opposition India Alliance had voted in favour of the NDA candidate, raising speculation of cross-voting within TMC. However, Banerjee rejected such claims outright. Speaking to reporters, he clarified, "All 41 MPs of our party voted for the opposition alliance candidate, former Justice Sudarshan Reddy. PG 3



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Normalcy gradually returning to Nepal as army takes control

MI News Service, Kathmandu : Members of the Nepalese Army fanned out across Kathmandu and other cities from early Wednesday morning, enforcing restrictive orders and restoring calm, two days after violent anti-government protests swept across the Himalayan state, triggering the resignation of Prime Minister. K P Sharma Oli and his entire cabinet yesterday. The Nepalese Army, which assumed command of nationwide security operations at 10 pm on Tuesday, imposed restrictions in several areas across the country, including Kathmandu, Lalitpur, and Bhaktapur cities, to contain the unrest that continued even hours after Oli stepped down. In a statement, the army expressed concern over the actions of certain groups, which are "taking undue advantage of the difficult situation" and causing "severe damage to ordinary citizens and public property."

Authorities ordered residents to stay indoors unless "absolutely necessary". As a result almost all streets became largely deserted since this morning with the gun totting security personnel patrolling everywhere. Fire trucks are also seen attempting to douse blazes at government and private buildings which were set on fire by angry mobs and protesters on Tuesday. The unprecedented violence and unrest erupted in Kathmandu and elsewhere in Nepal after hundreds of agitators entered Oli's office demanding his immediate resignation over the deaths of at least 23 people in police action during protests by Gen-Z youth against corruption and a government ban on social media, which was, however, lifted on Monday night.

Protesters had also torched the



People move past a security check post in the wake of violent protests that erupted in Kathmandu, near the India-Nepal border, in Raxaul, Bihar.

Parliament building, the President's office, the Prime Minister's residence, government buildings, and offices of almost all political leaders. This rapid descent into chaos shocked many, and Nepal's military warned against "activities that could lead the country of over 30 million people into a total chaos and instability for the benefit of others".

Soldiers issued orders via loudspeakers on the streets, as tanks rumbled past the carcasses of several burnt vehicles, tyres and other properties. As a result on Wednesday morning the army issued warnings saying that all forms of "vandalism, looting, arson, or attacks on individuals and property in the name of protest will be treated as punishable crimes". Kathmandu's Tribhuban Narayan International airport which remained closed for the past two days to prevent violence in the airport area, however, is expected to resume its

operations on Wednesday evening, Airport Manager Hansa Raj Pandey informed Nepali and global media.

Meanwhile, ahead of an expected meeting between President Ram Chandra Poudel, and representatives of Gen-Z protesters, its leader Subhash Shah said the violence might soon subside, but their demand for reforms will remain unless they are met. "The PM of our country, KP Sharma Oli, ran away. We demand a good leader. We want new rules and regulations in the country, so youth can have more opportunities," he said. Nepal's President Ramchandra Paudel on Tuesday appealed to all parties, including the agitating Gen-Z, to exercise restraint and come forward for dialogue to resolve the crisis after Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli resigned amid massive anti-government protests and fled to an undisclosed destination.

The protests, which began on

September 8 in Kathmandu and other cities, including Pokhara, Butwal, and Birgunj, were triggered by the government's social media ban and long-standing grievances over corruption, institutional favouritism, and lack of accountability. Nearly 5,000 young Nepalese leave the country on daily basis seeking jobs abroad, a crisis that has amplified the unrest. President Poudel has urged all sides to remain calm and resolve the situation through dialogue, emphasising that citizens' demands can be addressed peacefully in a democracy.

In addition Nepali Army chief, General Ashok Raj Sigdel, has also appealed through a video message on Tuesday night, "for talks for a peaceful solution to the present crisis". "To provide the nation with a peaceful resolution, we urge all groups involved in the protest to call it off and engage in dialogue", he said. The International Crisis Group called it a "major inflection point in the country's uneasy experience with democratic rule". United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has also urged "restraint to avoid further escalation of violence", his spokesperson Stephane Dujarric said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for "stability and peace" and said "prosperity of Nepal are of utmost importance to us". What happens next is unclear. "The protesters, leaders who are trusted by them and the army should come together to pave the way for a caretaker government," said another leader. Crisis Group analyst Ashish Pradhan echoed that, saying a "transitional arrangement will now need to be

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Bengal tourists stranded in Nepal to be brought back in 2 days, says Mamata



CM Mamata Banerjee addressing media at Siliguri on Wednesday.

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said efforts are underway to bring back tourists from Bengal, who have been stranded in violence-hit Nepal, within the next couple of days.

She also urged them not to panic and said her administration is monitoring the situation. "I will appeal to the tourists stranded in Nepal not to panic. We will bring them back in a couple of days," Mamata Banerjee said while speaking at a public distribution programme in Jalpaiguri this afternoon. Earlier, Mamata Banerjee urged the people in North Bengal districts bordering Nepal to maintain peace in the wake of violent anti-government protests in the neighbouring country. "We love Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. We love all the bordering countries. I also urge residents of Siliguri, Kalimpong,

and other areas near the Nepal border to maintain peace and avoid activities that could create any trouble because it is not our problem," the Chief minister stated. On Tues-

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day, protests in Nepal by Gen-Z following the ban of 26 social media platforms, snowballed into massive public outrage, defying curbs on public gatherings. Demonstra-

tors torched the residences of almost all political leaders, vandalised party offices and set fire to Parliament building and other government offices leaving the ruling dispensation rattled. At least 23 people lost their lives and about 500 others were injured in clashes with security forces, forcing K P Sharma Oli to resign as Prime Minister. Meanwhile, the Nepal Army on Wednesday imposed nationwide restrictive orders followed by a curfew to quell possible violence under the guise of protest. On Tuesday, in a post on X, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the violence in Nepal is heart-rending and he is anguished that many young people have lost their lives. He said stability, peace and prosperity of Nepal are of utmost importance to India and urged "brothers and sisters in Nepal to support peace".

Growing shortfall in Tea research funding causes concern in India

MI News Service, Kolkata : Expressing concern at the huge gap in funding for research oriented schemes of the Indian tea industry, compared to some other countries, for the development of the crop, the Tea Research Association of the industry has regretted that when India is spending about Rs 30 crore per annum China, the largest producer of tea, is investing over Rs 110 crore annually. The Tea Research Association (TRA), which is engaged in Research and Development (R&D) of the sector, is facing serious funding challenges, its chairperson Nayantara Palchoudhuri said, calling for a greater industry participation to stave off the crisis. "Over 50 per cent of the member entities are not contributing their dues, which has resulted in funding shortfalls and the gap is ever increasing," she regretted at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of TRA here on Tuesday. She said "China,

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Mamata Banerjee slams 'attacks' on Bengali-speaking migrant labourers: says 'Speak Bengali without fear'

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday appealed to people to speak more in Bengali without any fear. The TMC chief was referring to the alleged attacks on Bengali-speaking migrant labourers in BJP-ruled states. "I face insults daily because I want Bengal's development," Mamata Banerjee said while speaking at a public distribution programme in Jalpaiguri on Wednesday. Earlier in August, the Chief minister accused the Centre of failing to protect Bengali-speaking people from harassment in different parts of the country, citing an incident in which a techie and his son were allegedly denied hotel accommodation in Noida "simply because he spoke Bengali."

Referring to the present political turmoil in neighbouring Nepal, Mamata Banerjee informed the all out efforts are underway to bring back tourists from Bengal who remained stranded in Kathmandu and other parts of Nepal, within the "next couple of days". She also urged them not to panic and said her administration is monitoring the situation. "I will appeal to the tourists stranded in Nepal not to panic. We will bring them back in a couple of days," Mamata Banerjee reiterated. She said the ad-



venturers, expeditionists, explorers and trekkers from the state visit Nepal, the country of Everest and now many of them have been stranded in the wake of volatile situation there. "Do not make any hasty decisions now and stay calm and we will make all necessary arrangements for your return", the chief minister said.

Meanwhile the Chief Minister who is on a three-day administrative tour of north Bengal, shifted her place of stay from the Kanyashree bungalow to Uttarkanya due to mobile connectivity issues, a senior official said on Wednesday. "It is reported that there

were network issues at the Kanyashree bungalow, which made it difficult for her to stay updated on the developments in Nepal. As a result, the CM shifted to Uttarkanya on Tuesday night to monitor the situation more closely," the official said.

Later, the Trinamool Congress posted a photo of the party supremo sitting in 'Uttarkanya' and monitoring the situation in the riot-hit neighbouring nation. Uttarkanya is a building in Siliguri which houses the temporary state secretariat for the North Bengal Development Department of West Bengal. "The unfolding situation in our neighbouring country Nepal, is a matter of deep concern. Placing the interests of the state above all else, our compassionate Chief Minister, remained at Uttar Kanya State Secretariat through the night, personally monitoring every detail with utmost vigilance," the party posted on X. Incidentally, while leaving for North Bengal, Mamata Banerjee had commented on the unrest in Nepal. "We love Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. We love all the bordering countries. I also urge residents of Siliguri, Kalimpong, and other areas near the Nepal border to maintain peace. Let Nepal return to

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Trump signals reductions in trade tensions as Modi agrees to 'unlock limitless potential'

MI News Service, New Delhi / Washington (DC) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday reacted warmly to US President Donald Trump's positive assessment of trade talks between the two countries, expressing confidence that the ongoing negotiations will pave the way for unlocking the limitless potential of the partnership between the two nations. "India and the US are close friends and natural partners", PM Modi said on X, adding that "both countries are working to conclude the trade discussions at the earliest". He said, "I am also looking forward to speaking with President Trump. We will work together to secure a brighter, more prosperous future for both of our people." PM Modi's comments came hours after Trump said he feels certain that there will be "no difficulty" for the two countries to come to a successful conclusion in trade talks and he looks forward to

speaking with his "very good friend" Modi in the coming weeks.

After weeks of strain in ties over President Trump's tough rhetoric following his decision to impose 50 per cent tariff on India, the relations between the two countries have shown signs of a thaw of late. This is the second time of this week when Trump has spoken highly of his country's ties with India and mixed it with his praise of HIS 'good friend' PM Modi, who has positively reacted to his comments. US President Donald Trump on Tuesday said his administration will continue negotiations with India to address the "trade barriers" between the two countries. In a post on Truth Social, Trump said that he looks forward to speaking with his "very good friend" Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the coming weeks. "I am pleased to announce that India, and the United States of America, are continuing negotiations to address the Trade

Barriers between our two Nations. I look forward to speaking with my very good friend, Prime Minister Modi, in the upcoming weeks," Trump wrote. "I feel certain that there will be no difficulty in coming to a successful conclusion for both of our Great Countries!" he added. Trump's remarks come days after he praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "great Prime minister" and said that they will "always be friends" amid concerns over the impact of Trump's 50 per cent tariff on India.

PM Modi had also responded to Trump's remarks and said he "deeply appreciates" and "fully reciprocates" the US President's sentiments and his "positive assessment" of their ties. PM Modi also pointed out that India and the US have a very positive and forward-looking comprehensive, and global strategic partnership. The remarks represent a notable shift in

tone for Trump, who had earlier said that America had "lost" India and Russia to China, while members of his administration separately amped up the rhetoric against New Delhi. Trump had also criticised US-India ties earlier, describing them as a "totally one-sided relationship," though he claimed India had offered to cut tariffs "to zero", but suggested the concession might have come "too late." India-US relations are currently experiencing their most strained period in over two decades, with tensions playing out publicly mainly due to Trump's social media posts and comments on Russian energy purchases. Incidentally, during his last visit to the US in February this year, PM Modi and President Trump had agreed to take the volume of their bilateral trade to over USD 500 billion by 2030, registering at least fivefold increase in two way trade from about USD 100 billion now.

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An artisan makes an idol of Goddess Durga at Kumortuli ahead of the Durga Puja festival in Kolkata

Visva-Bharati to Expand Tourist Access to World Heritage Campus Post Durga Puja

MI News Service, Kolkata: Tourists visiting Santiniketan will soon get more opportunities to explore the UNESCO World Heritage campus of Visva-Bharati University. Authorities have announced that after Durga Puja, the campus will be open four days a week instead of just once, a move expected to delight visitors.

Currently, the “Heritage Walk” inside the campus operates only on Sundays, allowing a maximum of 25 visitors in a group. However, the Heritage Walk will remain closed on Mahalaya, when the annual Anandamela is held at the Gour-Prangan, as well as on Mahashathi, which coincides

with a Sunday this year. On other Puja Sundays, the campus will remain open as usual.

Atig Ghosh, acting Public Relations Officer of Visva-Bharati, said, “Due to festivities, the Heritage Walk will be closed on Mahalaya and on Puja Sundays. But from November, the campus will be open four days a week, including Sundays and Wednesdays, along with two additional half days after classes are over.”

In September 2023, UNESCO granted Santiniketan the coveted World Heritage status, making it the only functioning university in the world with this recognition. Since August 3 this year, tourists have been allowed

limited access, following UNESCO’s directive to ensure heritage sites remain open to the public.

Visitors can purchase tickets for the Heritage Walk at the RabindraBhavan museum counter. Entry fees are ₹300 per head, ₹150 for individual students, and ₹50 for student groups, while foreign tourists are charged ₹1,000 each.

The Initiative marks a significant change from the restrictions imposed during the Covid-19 pandemic, when campus entry was banned. With this new plan, more tourists will now be able to experience the historic buildings, sculptures, and cultural legacy of Tagore’s Santiniketan.

Cal HC Clears Appointment of Madrasah Service Commission’s Group D Staff

MI News Service, Kolkata: The long-standing recruitment stalemate dating back to the Left Front era has finally been resolved. After nearly 15 years, the Calcutta High Court has given clearance for the appointment of Group D staff through the Madrasah Service Commission.

A division bench headed by Justice Soumen Sen upheld the earlier order of the single bench of Justice ParthaSarathi Sen, thereby removing the final hurdle. The single bench had previously ruled that the Madrasah Service Commission could proceed with the recruitment process and must publish examination results and complete appointments

within 21 days.

With Wednesday’s ruling, the path has been cleared for filling 292 vacancies that have been pending for over a decade. The case, which had reached the division bench after multiple petitions, now stands resolved, paving the way for long-awaited appointments.

The controversy dates back to 2010, when the then Left Front government issued a recruitment notification for staff in madrasah schools. The examination was held the following year, but several candidates challenged the process, leading to another round of tests. Questions over the examination method resulted in multiple litigations, stalling

the declaration of results indefinitely.

The division bench has now directed that the recruitment process must strictly follow the 2010 rules. Speaking to reporters, advocate Uday Shankar Chattopadhyay, representing the petitioners, said, “The 15-year-long recruitment deadlock has finally ended. Nearly 300 candidates will now secure jobs. This verdict reaffirms that justice is delivered, even if delayed.”

The verdict not only ends a prolonged legal battle but also restores hope for hundreds of aspiring candidates who had been waiting for more than a decade for a resolution.

Impasse Over Construction of 366-Metre Viaduct at Chingrighata Resolved

MI News Service, Kolkata: The stalemate over the construction of Kolkata Metro’s 366-metre viaduct at Chingrighata on EM Bypass (East Kolkata) has finally been resolved. The breakthrough came after officials of the West Bengal government and Kolkata Metro met in the city, following a directive from the Calcutta High Court to end the deadlock in the interest of the common people.

According to sources, the impasse was cleared after Kolkata Police granted permission during a meeting at Metro Bhawan attended by officials of Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL), Kolkata Metro, and the state government.

A preliminary inspection of the site will be carried

out on September 13. Construction of the crucial viaduct will then begin in two phases—November 14-16 and November 21-23. Traffic movement will be restricted on those days, as the section serves as a gateway from south Kolkata to Salt Lake and the IT hub of Sector V.

On September 3, the Calcutta High Court had directed all stakeholders to resolve the bottleneck through discussions, while hearing a PIL seeking “urgent judicial intervention in the inordinate delay in the completion” of the Orange Line. The line, once operational, will link New Garia in the south with the airport in the north.

The stalemate first arose when Kolkata Traffic Police denied permission in Feb-

ruary, citing that closure of the stretch would severely affect weekday traffic. Even after site inspections by Metro Railway General Manager P. Uday Kumar Reddy and State Fire Minister Sujit Bose, the issue remained unresolved.

It was only after the High Court’s intervention that the parties agreed to work together to overcome the bottleneck. Sources said stakeholders are expected to submit their report of the discussions before the court on Wednesday.

The Orange Line stretch, extending from Ruby Crossing (HemantaMukhopadhyay) to Biman Bandar (Airport), is expected to significantly boost connectivity across the city.

Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha organized a one-day national seminar on “Shrii Shrii Anandamurtijii”

MI News Service, Allahabad: Renaissance Universal, Intellectual wing of Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha, in collaboration with the Department of Ancient History, Culture and Archaeology, University of Allahabad, under Ithas Sanchetana, has organized a one-day national seminar on “Shrii Shrii Anandamurtijii’s Social & Spiritual Philosophy and Neohumanism”, in Department of Ancient History, University of Allahabad. The seminar brought together eminent scholars including Chief

Guest Prof. Harsh Kumar, Chairperson, Prof. Rakesh Singh, and Chief Speaker Ac. Divyachetanandana Avadhuta along with distinguished speakers Dr. Ramakant, Prof. Anil Pratap Giri, Dr. Avinash Shrivastav, and Dr. Shailendra Kumar Singh. The seminar was Coordinated by Dr. Atul Narayan Singh. The distinguished scholars dived deep into the contemporary relevance of Anandamurtijii’s ideas on social philosophy, spirituality and neohumanism, fostering dialogue on human values,

unity, and ethical living. Acharya Divyachetanandana Avadhuta highlighted the concept of Shrii Shrii Anandamurtijii’s “Morality is the base, Sadhana the means and life divine is the goal”. He further said that Diversity is the law of nature. This is the reason we can not compare one entity to another. According to Shrii Shrii Anandamurtijii, there are four types of philosophy- Dogma Centre Philosophy, Matter Centre Philosophy, Self Centre Philosophy and God Centre Philosophy.

Extortion turns fatal: Two teenager crushed in Dhupguri

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: A chilling example of lawlessness on Bengal’s roads unfolded in Dhupguri on Tuesday evening, when two teenage boys were mowed down by a lorry allegedly trying to escape a puja donation extortion racket. The accident has sparked public outrage and renewed questions about the administration’s failure to rein in such illegal practices.

The incident occurred in front of Punjab National Bank at Nathua Bhatipara. According to eyewitnesses, members of a local puja committee had stopped vehicles in the middle of the road to forcibly collect donations. A lorry carrying tea leaves refused to pay and attempted to flee the scene at high speed. In the desperate bid to escape, the vehicle lost control and ploughed into three boys standing nearby. The victims were rushed to Dhupguri Sub-Divisional Hospital, where doctors declared Mainak Dutta (15) and Partha Roy (15) dead on arrival. The third teenager, grievously injured, was shifted to Jalpaiguri District Hospital and remains in critical condition. The lorry driver abandoned the vehicle and fled. Police from Dhupguri police station have launched a search operation, though no arrests had been made till late Tuesday night. The deaths triggered protests in the area, with locals alleging that the unchecked menace of “chanda” (illegal extortion in the name of puja subscriptions) has now claimed innocent lives. “If police had acted against such road-side extortion earlier, my son would be alive today,” said Ravi Roy, father of Partha, breaking down outside the hospital. The outrage was compounded by memories of a recent incident in Maynaguri, where lorry and dumper drivers were assaulted for refusing to pay illegal subscriptions. Despite public outcry, no arrests were made then either. As Dhupguri mourns the loss of two young lives, the incident lays bare the toxic nexus of extortion, negligence, and weak enforcement that continues to plague Bengal’s highways.

Nutrilite by Amway Trusted by NFSU

MI News Service, Kolkata: Amway India has received trusted recognition from National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU)—Nutritional Supplementation Testing for Sportspersons (NSTS) for its Nutrilite supplements. The recognition, granted by the Centre of Excellence—National Supplement Testing for Sportspersons (CoE-NSTs) at NFSU, Gujarat, confirms Amway’s commitment to providing high-quality, safe, and scientifically backed nutrition products.

MI News Service, Kalyani: Nepal Army has circulated a few viber / whatsapp numbers on Wednesday to the foreigners for any help, formal notice and to inform any situation, said Mayukh Bhattacharjee, BCKV Research Scholar on Wednesday morning. He is stranded in Nepal.

The guardians of the stranded students are in profound tension. Baishakhi Bhattacharjee, the mother to Mayukh Bhattacharjee said, “Until my son returns home, I am in tension. When the situation in Nepal will be normal is uncertain.” Mayukh’s father, Mohit Chandra Bhattacharjee, an ex Agricultural Extension Officer, retired from Uttarkanya, Siliguri said, “We are in tension. I first got their information at 2 am. on Wednesday. My wife is not taking food.” Shouvik Chowdhury, the father to Swapnajit said that they want the step from India Government to bring his stranded son. Shipra, the mother to Swapnajit was crying. She said, “Son has told me not to do any tension. But until he returns, I am in panic.”

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Mayor Firhad Hakim, MP Mala Roy, MLA Debasish Kumar, along with other leaders, participated as the Trinamool Congress staged a sit-in protest against the BJP’s alleged anti-Bengali and anti-Bangla stance at Dorina Crossing in Dharmatala, South Kolkata, on Wednesday.

Chakdahah bank robbery, police arrests Manager from Puri



MI News Service, Chakdahah: In a major breakthrough in the Nadia’s Chakdahah IDFC FAST GOLD LOAN bank robbery case, police have recovered another 3.11 kg of gold ornaments along with 1 firearm and an ammunition, taking the total recovery so far to 7.71 kg.

The robbery took place on August 19, when armed miscreants looted nearly 15 kg of gold from the said branch near

Chakdahah bus stand. A joint operation by the Ranaghat Police District Crime Cell and Chakdahah Police Station has so far led to the arrest of five accused, including the branch Manager and Sales Manager. The latest recovery followed the arrest of the manager and another employee from Puri, Odisha. A team went to Puri following sources information and arrested the Manager.

CCTV footage and

sustained interrogation helped police track down the accused and recover the stolen gold. The search for the remaining gold and other accomplices is still on.

However, still 50 percent looted goods are yet to recover. “We have been continuing our investigation to recover the rest gold and to look into if more persons were involved in it,” SP, Ranaghat police district Aashish Mourya said.

Ahead of Durga Puja, rush at Bengal's biggest handloom hub - but powerlooms steal the show

MI News Service, Shantipur: With just days to go before Durga Puja, Asia’s largest handloom market in Nadia is witnessing a festive rush. Buyers from across Bengal and neighbouring states are thronging the sprawling Shantipur-Pulla sari hub. Yet, despite the crowds, traditional handwoven saris are struggling to find takers. Powerloom varieties and cheaper saris from other states are drawing more attention, leaving Bengal’s handloom heritage on the back-foot.



Traders admit that while footfall has increased this year compared to previous seasons, sales are skewed towards low-cost synthetic or powerloom saris. “Handloom used to be a must-buy for Puja. Now buyers prefer softer, cheaper options. After the festival rush, we don’t know how our families will survive,” said a veteran weaver.

The shift in consumer preference has dealt a severe blow to the century-old weaving tradition of Shantipur. Generations of artisans dependent on handloom weaving say they are unable to compete with machine-made

products flooding the market at lower prices. “This is not just about business, it’s about losing our identity,” another artisan rued.

Buyers, however, seem satisfied. “Here we get all varieties under one roof at affordable prices. Social media promotions also en-

couraged us to travel here,” said a customer from Kolkata, browsing through a stack of printed saris.

For now, the festival crowds ensure brisk business in Bengal’s sari hub. But once the Puja lights dim, the uncertainty facing handloom artisans will loom larger than ever.

3 BCKV agri. scholars stranded in Kathmandu amid unrest, fearing food scarcity. Indian Embassy instructs not to go out, Nepal Army provides contact numbers to foreigners

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their hotel. Though the shops and markets were closed they faced no food related problem. The 4 agricultural scholars are in the same hotel.

Four Indian Agricultural Scholars including 3 from Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwavidyalaya have been stranded in Kathmandu amid unrest in Nepal, following violent protests that erupted across the capital city in the past 48 hours. They are in tension about how to back. While they were scheduled to return on Tuesday, now they are uncertain about return. Side by side the hotel authority has informed them that the food scarcity may come at any time as the markets are closed.

The group had travelled to Nepal on 5 September to participate in the World Congress on Climate Change and Its Effect, scheduled between 6-8 September at Central College, Kathmandu.

The delegation consists of Swapnajit Chowdhury (PhD scholar, Department of Soil and Water Engineering, BCKV, originally from Agartala, Tripura); Souvik Chakraborty (PhD scholar, Department of Post Harvest Technology, BCKV, from Cooch Behar, West Ben-



gal); Mayukh Bhattacharyya (Young Professional at the Comprehensive Scheme: Cost of Cultivation, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare, Government of India, stationed at BCKV, formerly lecturer at Lincoln University College, Malaysia, and a native of Jalpaiguri, West Bengal); and Manihar Talukdar (PhD scholar, Central Agricultural University, Imphal, CPGSAS Umiam Campus, School of Crop Protection – Entomology, hailing from Alipurduar, West Bengal).

The four were scheduled to depart Kathmandu on 9 September by bus from the Gangabu (Naya) Bus Park for Kakarvitta on the Indo-Nepal border, and onward to Siliguri. However, their plans were disrupted after widespread protests

escalated in several parts of Kathmandu, forcing authorities to suspend transport services and cordon off affected areas.

Speaking over phone, Mayukh Bhattacharyya described the tense situation: “We are stuck at Hotel Resunga near Pashupatinath Temple. The bus park is burning, roads are blocked, and heavy smoke has engulfed the area. We also heard reports of hotels being set on fire, including the Hilton, said to be linked to a Nepali minister. There are also terrible mobile network issues in our area of Kathmandu.”

Mayukh added that the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu has advised them to remain indoors until the situation normalises. Eyewitnesses reported

Two students killed en Route to exam

MI News Service, Malda: Malda was plunged into grief and outrage on Wednesday morning after two Higher Secondary examinees were killed in a brutal road accident on the Ratua- Samsi state highway. The victims identified as Tamnjoy Prmanik and Mohammad Rehan, both students of Samsi Agricultural School, were on their way to appear for their third-semester English examination at Ratua High School when tragedy struck.

Around 7 am, the teenagers were riding a motorbike when a speeding pickup van coming from Ratua direction rammed into them head-on near Samsi Matiganj. The collision was so severe that both boys were thrown onto the road, their heads crushed under impact. They died instantly. Eyewitnesses recounted the horrifying scene, describing how the reckless driver abandoned the vehicle and fled, leaving behind a trail of devastation. The accident triggered immediate chaos. A massive traffic jam choked the state highway as hundreds of locals gathered in shock and anger. Police from the Samsi outpost rushed to the site, seized the abandoned pickup van, and transported the bodies to Samsi Rural Hospital for post-mortem examination. A manhunt has been launched to trace the absconding driver. The victims hailed from Sreepur Ballabhpur under Pukhuria police station. Tamnjoy’s father runs a small salon, while Rehan’s father is a farmer. Both families, their community, and their school have been shattered by the sudden loss. “We lost two bright students on the very day they were to prove themselves in an examination. This is irreparable,” said Shailesh Pandey, headmaster of Samsi Agricultural High School, who rushed to the hospital with other teachers. As grief swept through Sreepur and Samsi, the tragedy has once again underlined the deadly menace of reckless driving on Bengal’s highways. For two young boys who set out with exam dreams, the journey ended in death.

Regent Park Gang Rape Prime Accused Arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata: Police have arrested the prime suspect in the alleged gang rape of a 20-year-old woman during her birthday celebration at a flat in South Kolkata's Regent Park last week, officials confirmed. The victim, a resident of Haridevpur, lodged a complaint stating that she was gang-raped by two acquaintances on the night of September 5. Based on her FIR at Haridevpur police station, the accused were identified as ChandanMallick and Deep Biswas. Mallick, a well-known figure in a local Durga Puja committee, was arrested from Bardhaman Railway Station after city police laid a trap late Tuesday night. Police sources said that Mallick had earlier introduced himself to the survivor as the head of a South Kolkata Puja committee and later acquainted her with Deep. Both men allegedly promised to involve her in the committee's activities, following which they remained in regular contact. On the night of the incident, the accused reportedly took the woman to a flat in the Regent Park area, where they shared a meal. According to the FIR, when she tried to leave, the two men locked the door, assaulted, and raped her. The survivor managed to escape the following morning and returned home before filing a formal complaint with the police. Following the crime, both Mallick and Deep went absconding. While Mallick has now been arrested, police confirmed that Deep remains on the run. Search operations are underway, and officials expressed confidence that he will be tracked down soon.

The incident has sparked outrage in the locality, with demands for strict punishment against the culprits.

Normalcy gradually returning to Nepal as army takes control

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charted out swiftly which include figures who still retain credible with Nepalis, especially among the country's youth". But with the speed of the youth-led uprising, it remained unclear who the young protesters will want to lead the country out of the present political vacuum.

People aged 15-40 make up nearly 43 per cent of the population of Nepal, according to government statistics -- while unemployment hovers around 10

per cent and GDP per capita is just USD 1,447, according to the World Bank statistics. As many as 26 social media sites including Facebook, YouTube and X were blocked on Friday, after the government stopped access to their unregistered platforms. Since then, videos contrasting the struggles of ordinary Nepalis with the children of politicians flaunting luxury goods and expensive vacations have gone viral on TikTok, which was not blocked.

Mamata Banerjee slams 'attacks' on Bengali-speaking migrant labourers: says 'Speak Bengali without fear'

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normal. We cannot interfere; this is not our matter," Mamata Banerjee said at the Kolkata airport here before leaving for north Bengal on Tuesday. Meanwhile, state governor C V Ananda Bose is considering to visit Panitanki, a border town dividing India with Nepal in Darjeeling to take stock of the situation after unprecedented violence erupted on the other side of the International border since Monday. The Governor who is expected to visit Panitanki as the situation at Panitanki was tense and the area was almost deserted with people mostly remaining indoors

amid tightened security across the borders. Sources said the Jawans of the Seema Suraksha Bal (SSB) and its counterpart in Nepal had a flag meeting and decided to patrol the respective territories to ensure that no unwanted elements cross the borders of either side. Sources said the daily businesses between the two countries through the Panitanki border have also been suspended for the past 72 hours as the border guards are not allowing anyone to cross over. The bus services between Kathmandu and Siliguri have also been suspended indefinitely, the sources said.

Growing shortfall in Tea re- search funding causes con- cern in India

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the largest producer of tea in the world, spends as much as Rs 110 crore annually on the crop, while India invests only Rs 30 crore. There is a big demand-supply gap in research funding in India", she added

and demanded that the government and large estates should step up their contribution to tea research. To address the resource constraints, she also called for setting up a committee to explore new revenue generation models, including property development and broadening TRA's membership base to small growers and bought-leaf factories. TRA said that it has developed climate resilient clones, advancements in pest management, IoT-based monitoring and product



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee ahead of a meeting in Siliguri, North Bengal, on Wednesday.

Abhishek Banerjee Denies Cross-Voting Allegations in Vice Presidential Election

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress (TMC) All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Wednesday dismissed allegations that several MPs of his party had cross-voted in the recently held Vice Presidential election, where India Alliance candidate Justice (retd.) Sudarshan Reddy was defeated. Reports had suggested that at least 15 MPs from the opposition India Alliance had voted in favour of the NDA candidate, raising speculation of cross-voting within TMC. However, Banerjee rejected such claims outright. Speaking to reporters before leaving for Delhi, he clarified, "All 41 MPs of our party voted for the oppo-



sition alliance candidate, former Justice Sudarshan Reddy. Following the demise of Basirhat MP Haji Nurul Islam, we have 13 MPs in the Rajya Sabha and 28 in the Lok Sabha. All were present and cast their votes. Even Saugata Roy and Sudip Banerjee, despite being unwell, partici-

pated in the voting." While firmly denying cross-voting by TMC MPs, Banerjee hinted that irregularities may have occurred elsewhere. He alleged that MPs of the AamAadmi Party (AAP), which is part of the India Alliance, had effectively aided the BJP. "Some small party MPs, especially the two Rajya Sabha MPs of AAP, are actually working for the BJP. They may be nominally with AAP, but one of them, particularly a woman MP, regularly abuses Arvind Kejriwal," he said. Banerjee further pointed to cancelled votes, remarking that the secret ballot nature of the election made it difficult to establish who voted where.



Mayor Firhad Hakim, along with renowned actress Subhoshree Ganguly, inaugurated the grand opening of MPJ Jewellers' new showroom at Mullick Bazar in Kolkata.

Chandrima Bhattacharya Appointed New HIDCO Chairperson

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant administrative reshuffle, West Bengal Finance Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation (HIDCO). Sources at Nabanna confirmed that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee made the decision just before leaving for her North Bengal tour. Bhattacharya, already holding independent charge of the Finance Department, also manages the Health, Environment, Refugee Rehabilitation, Land and Land Reforms, and Planning and Statistics departments. Within the party, she heads the West Bengal TrinamoolMahila Congress, in addition to leading the party's Legal Cell and serving as state president of Anganwadi and ASHA workers' unions. With HIDCO being a financially self-sufficient government body playing a key role in infrastructure development, her appointment further strengthens her importance in both administration and the party.

According to sources, Bhattacharya will formally take charge at HIDCO on Thursday.

CM Mamata Declares Holiday on Vishwakarma Puja, Raps Centre, Opposition

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister and Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee has once again raised her voice in support of migrant workers. On Wednesday, during her North Bengal tour, she announced that the state government will officially observe a holiday on Vishwakarma Puja in honor of migrant laborers. Banerjee, addressing an administrative meeting in Jalpaiguri, also directed district magistrates to ensure Aadhaar enrollment for those who still do not have the card through the "Duare Sarkar" outreach program. "Without Aadhaar, people face many problems. I have asked the DM to arrange Aadhaar through Duare Sarkar camps," she said.

Speaking on the contentious issue of recruitment exams, Banerjee noted that tests earlier stalled by court orders have now resumed. "Group-C and Group-D notifications are out. Legal experts are guiding us to resolve pending issues. We already recruited 35,000 teachers and 21,000 vacancies remain," she said, accusing the opposition of filing PILs to block employment opportunities.

The CM also announced the construction of 13,000 houses in tea garden areas of Jalpaiguri under housing schemes, while declaring a 20% bonus for tea garden workers. She warned trade unions not to exploit workers financially. Criticizing the Centre, Banerjee said: "Delhi's mercy or charity is not needed. Even if 100 days' work is stopped, Bengal has LakshmirBhandar and the Karmashree scheme, which already employs 7.8 million people." She further alleged deprivation in central schemes including Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and road projects.

Without naming PM Modi, she remarked: "I have never named projects after myself. I honor our great personalities." Concluding, she stressed: "If Bengal remains strong, India will remain strong. Jai Bangla!"

Baguiati Rail Pukur United Club Celebrates 72 Years of Durga Puja with 'Shabdo' Theme



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Baguiati Rail Pukur United Club is celebrating its 72nd year of Durga Puja with a thought-provoking theme, "Shabdo" (The Sound), highlighting the fading voices of nature amidst rapid urbanization. Once an integral part of daily life, bird calls at dawn, dusk, and even at night are now rare, silenced by tree felling, loss of habitats, and expanding concrete landscapes. To emphasize this message, the club has designed an immersive pandal experience, featuring a striking 20-foot bird installation, symbolic soundscapes, and mime performances portraying the silent pleas of vanishing species. The creative direction is led by artist SomnathTamli, idol maker DebprasadHazra, light director DipankarDey, mime artists Shubhendu Mukhopadhyay and Kaushik Biswas, and a team of craftsmen including Bapi Das (construction), Samiran Jana (cinematography), Poulami Bose (research), Faruk Shaikh (design), and Debayan Banerjee (sound and music). Committee Member Gourab Biswas said, "Our theme 'Shabdo' is not just artistic creation, it is a reflection of our collective conscience. The sounds of birds and nature, once inseparable from our lives, are fading away due to unchecked urbanization. If we do not act today, tomorrow's world will be left in silence. Durga Puja is not only about celebration but also about awareness and responsibility."

Helios' Festive Line- up with 14 Global Brands

MI News Service, Kolkata: Helios showcased its festive line-up featuring 14 global watch brands, including Frederique Constant, Aigner, Herbelin, Charriol, U-Boat, Versace, Citizen, Seiko, Titan Raga, Titan Rajkumar, Edge, Xylys and Nebula, at an exclusive event at Stajkutir Kolkata, IHCL SeleQtions. Actress Ritabhari Chakraborty and supermodel IndraniDasgupta graced the evening, reaffirming Helios' commitment to premium watch retail in India.

SMPK Facilitates Arrival of Metro Coaches Driving the March Towards New India

MI News Service, Kolkata: Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK), has further strengthened its role in nation-building by facilitating the arrival of new metro coaches for Kolkata Metro Railway. On September 9, 2025, the vessel MV Spring Shine berthed at Netaji Subhas Dock, delivering 16 Eastern Railway metro coaches along with spares. The coaches were efficiently handled and stevedored by M/s T.P. Roy Choudhury and will soon be dispatched through the Kolkata Dock System's railway tracks for deployment on the city's metro network.

Chairman of SMPK, Rathendra Raman, hailed the development, saying: "The arrival of metro coaches at SMPK is not just a port operation—it is a reflection of our nation's resolve to build a New



Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Kolkata facilitates arrival of coaches for Metro Railway, Kolkata- strengthening the march towards new India

India. Kolkata Metro has been integral to the city's growth, and this facilitation marks our proud contribution to its continued expan-

sion. I congratulate Metro Railway, Kolkata, and appreciate the dedication of the SMPK team and trade partners for ensuring

smooth handling of this consignment." So far, the Kolkata Dock System has managed a total of 48 metro coaches shipped from Dalian, China, manufactured by Dalian Locomotive and Rolling Stock Co. Imported by Eastern Railway, these coaches are directly unloaded and placed on tracks for locomotive hauling.

With three vessels—Spring Mota, Galaxy Glory, and Spring Shine—delivering metro coaches till date, SMPK Kolkata has reaffirmed its crucial role in integrating maritime logistics with urban rail infrastructure.

By facilitating such vital cargo seamlessly, SMPK Kolkata continues to play a pivotal role in modernizing Kolkata's transport system and supporting India's larger vision of infrastructure-led growth.

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The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Soumen Paul/ Sudeshna Das/ Shashank Arun B Chaudhary/ LBNOD00002454364/ LBNOD00002438587	Flat No. 2504, 25th Floor Ganga, Situated at Mahagan Mantra II Plot No. Gh 01, Sector 10 Greater Noida (West)- 201307/ Sept 08, 2025	June 17, 2025 Rs. 34,95,566.46/-	Delhi NCR/Amritsar/ Manikura, West Bengal/ Ranchi Manikura & Amritsar & Ranchi

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

Date: September 11, 2025
Place: Manikura (West Bengal)

Sincerely Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Name Change
I, Syeda Saminur Begam daughter of Samad Ali Sardar, residing at Vill & P.O - Nazra, P.S - Usthi, Dist: South 24 Parganas, Pin: 743375, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Syeda Chhaminoor Begam as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 10/09/2025. Syeda Saminur Begam and Syeda Chhaminoor Begam both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Bakka Sekh (Old Name) S/o Late Vulu Sekh Residing at Vill - Meherpur, P.o - Mediahat, Ps - Gopal Nagar, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743262, West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Abubakka Sekh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 10-09-2025. Bakka Sekh (Old Name) and Abubakka Sekh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ajoy Kumar Chandra (Old Name) S/o Satyeshwar Chandra Residing at Vill - Barubheri, P.o - Gopinathpur, Ps - Bhagabnagar, District - East Medinipur, Pin - 721633, West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Ajoy Chandra (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 10-09-2025. Ajoy Kumar Chandra (Old Name) and Ajoy Chandra (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Tarun kumar Chandra (Old Name) S/o Ajay Chanda Residing at Shivam Apartments, Fl-201, 22, Buxarah Road, P.O - Bak Sara, P.S - Shibpur, District - Howrah, Pin - 711110, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Tarun kumar Chanda (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 10-09-2025. Tarun kumar Chandra (Old Name) and Tarun kumar Chanda (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nimai Bag (Old Name) S/o Bijay Krishna Bag Residing at Vill - Uttar Kanaiadanga, P.o - Bhagabatipur, Ps - Chandaitla, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712701 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Nemai Bag (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 10-09-2025. Nimai Bag (Old Name) and Nemai Bag (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Dipak Biswas (Old Name) S/o Narendara Krishna Biswas Residing at 2/D Sonali Park, Garia, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700084 West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dipak Kumar Biswas (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit date 09-09-2025. Dipak Biswas (Old Name) and Dipak Kumar Biswas (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Manabendra Ghosh (Old Name) S/o Madhusudan Ghosh Residing at 23, Jagdish Sarani Math Para, Barrackpore (M), Nona Chandanpukur, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700122 West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manabendra Ghosh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 10-09-2025. Manabendra Ghosh (Old Name) and Manabendra Ghosh (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Bithi Ghosh (Old Name) W/o Manabendra Ghosh Residing at 23, Jagdish Sarani Math Para, Barrackpore (M), Nona Chandanpukur, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700122 West Bengal India Have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bithika Ghosh (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Date 10-09-2025. Bithi Ghosh (Old Name) and Bithika Ghosh (New Name) both as same and one identical person.

Name Change
I Syed Naushad Anjum residing at 24/1A, Girish Chandra Bose Road, Kolkata - 700014 and Naushad Anjum is an identical person vide affidavit no. 238 dated 06.08.2025 before Judicial Magistrate Calcutta.

Name Change
I, Rakhee Sanyal, Wife of No. 2994344X Rank Ex NK Name Di-panjan Sanyal resident of Katwa- Palita Road, P.O.- Katwa, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman (WB), Pin- 713130 have change my Name & Date of birth from Rakhee Sanyal & 06 July 1984 to Rakhi Sanyal & 10 June 1984 vide Affidavit dated 02.09.25 before the Executive Magistrate, Katwa Court.

Name Change
I, Vinit Agarwal (Old Name), S/o Kanailash Agarwal, residing at Vindadaban Garden, Fl.No.C/1&2, Uthkata Road, Chhotanipura, Bardhaman, Pin-713103, West Bengal, Henceforth be known as Vinit Agarwala (New Name) as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman vide affidavit No.4441 dated 08.09.2025. Vinit Agarwal (Old Name) & Vinit Agarwala (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mir Shafik Ali, S/o Ali Ahmmed residing at Baitpur Kathpukur Para, Bhadla, 24 Pgs(N), WB- 743423 declare that in my Aadhar Card, PAN Card, Madhyamik Admmit Card, my father's Name has been wrongly recorded as MIR ALI AHAMED instead of his original and correct name i.e., ALI AHAMMED as mentioned in his Aadhar Card. That MIR ALI AHAMED and ALI AHAMMED both are same and one identical person i.e., my father vide affidavit No. 21023 dated 08.09.2025 before Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata.

Name Change
I,Mallika Hezra (old name),wife of Gobinda Hazra , residing at Cham-rail,Debirpara, Howrah- 711114, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mallika Hazra (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/09/2025. Mallika Hazra(new name) and Mallika Hezra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Dipak Kumar Sarkar (Old Name) S/O Late Sushil Sarkar,Residing At S.P.Mukherjee Road,Asansol,Murgasol,Po-Ushagram,Ps-Asansol South, Pin-713303,Dist-Pashchim Burdwan, West Bengal,India, have Chan- ged My Name And Shall Hence forth Be Known As Dipak Sarkar (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/09/2025. Dipak Kumar Sarkar (Old Name) And Dipak Sarkar (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Dibedita Sarkar (Old Name) W/O Dipak Sarkar, Residing At S.P. Mukherjee Road, Asansol, Murgasol, Po-Ushagram, Ps-Asansol South, Pin- 713303, Dist-Pashchim Burdwan, West Bengal,India,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nibedita Sarkar (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/09/2025. Dibedita Sarkar (Old Name) And Nibedita Sarkar (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Taushid Alam (Old Name),Son Of Mohammad Sahabuddin ,Residing At Kumhrawan-Dih,Po-Dirmobara Qadirganj,Navada Bihar-805104, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Tauid Alam(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata, On 18/08/2025. Taushid Alam And Tauid Alam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Meghnath Naskar, S/O. Late Sankar Naskar, Residing At Laskarpur Purbhara, Ps-Naror- drapur, Dist-Baruipur-700153, Henceforth Be Known As My Fa- ther's Name Is Late Sankar Kumar Naskar Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata. Late Sankar Kumar Naskar And Late Sankar Naskar Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Smitta Gupta alias Smitta Gupta Choudhary (Old Name) W/o Sudhish Choudhary Residing at Mohalla Babutola Banka, D.M. Kothi Road, Near Azad Chowk, P.O. & P.S. - Banka, District - Banka, Pin - 813102, Bihar, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Smitta Choudhary (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Al- pore vide affidavit no 57920 Dated 29-08-2025. Smitta Gupta, Smitta Gupta Choudhary (Old Name) and Smitta Choudhary (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sridhar Chakraborty (Old Name) S/o Late Balai Chandra Chakraborty Residing at 21, R.K Street, Vtc - Ut- tarpara, Kotrung (M), Po - Uttarpara, District- Hooghly, Pin - 712258, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sridhar Prosad Chakr- aborty (New Name) as declared be- fore the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 18/2025 Dated 09-09-2025. Sridhar Chakr aborty (Old Name) and Sridhar Prosad Chakraborty (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Bahnishikha Mondal (Old Name) W/o Samir Mondal Residing at Sri- jono Housing Society, Nazrul Islam Sarani, P.o - Gangaganar, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700132, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bahni Shikha Biswas Mondal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 08-09-2025. Bahnishikha Mondal (Old Name) and Bahni Shikha Biswas Mondal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mahajabeen Rahman alias Mahajabee Rahman (Old Name) W/o Zeyaur Rahman Residing at Survey View Park, Bandel, District - Hooghly, Pin - 712123 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mah- jabeen Bano (New Name) as de- clared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 08-09-2025. Mahajabeen Rahman, Maha- jabee Rahman (Old Name) and Mahajabeen Bano (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Prabir Kumar Saha, S/O Late Amrit Lal Saha residing at 27/31, Station Road West, Marowari Bagan North, P.O+PS - New Barrackpur, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin-700131, West Bengal, India that my deceased father who previously known as Amrit Saha (Old Name) shall henceforth be known as Amrit Lal Saha (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Barrackpore vide affi- davit no 275 dated 26/08/2025. I de- clare that my deceased father Amrit Saha (Old Name) and Amrit Lal Saha (New Name) is same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Golam Mohiuddin Jamadar (Old Name) S/o Abdul Manan Jamadar Residing at Vill - Chak Raypur, Po - Iyarpur, Ps - Usthi, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743513, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Golam Mahiuddin Ja- madar (New Name) as declared be- fore the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Diamond Harbour vide af- fidavit no 8511 Dated 07-08-2025. Golam Mohiuddin Jamadar (Old Name) and Golam Mahiuddin Ja- madar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shakil Ahmed (old name) son of Md Rafique Ahmed, residing at 1/5K J K Ghosh road Belgachia Kolkata 700037, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Md Sakil (new name), as declared Before The Ld 1st class judicial magistrate at Alipore, vide an affidavit No 14304 dated 08/09/2025. Md Sakil (new name) and Shakil Ahmed (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rinku Devi Bagaria (old name) wife of Dilip Kumar Bagaria, resid- ing at 22/1, Sugam Apartment, Gora Chand Road, Entally, Kolkata- 700014, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Rinku Bagaria (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 09/09/2025. Rinku Bagaria (new name) and Rinku Devi Bagaria (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Santanu Kumar Das (old name) son of Sanjib Kumar Das, residing at BA 118, Salt Lake City Sector-1, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700064, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Santanu Das(new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/09/2025. Santanu Das (new name) and Santanu Kumar Das (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sonal Kirti Vipani (old name) wife of Kirti Jaisukhlal Vipani, residing at 28/1, Chakraberia Lane, Kolkata- 700020, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Sonal K Vipani (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 10/09/2025. Sonal K Vipani (new name) and Sonal Kirti Vipani (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, RANJIT SASMAL (old name) son of BHAGIRATH SHASMAL, residing at VILL- RAKKHASHKALI +PO, PS- PATHAR PRATIMA, SOUTH 24 PGS-743371, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as RANJIT SHASMAL (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/09/2025. RANJIT SHASMAL (new name) and RANJIT SASMAL (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pintu Sasmal (old name) son of Ranjit Shasmal, residing at VILL- RAKKHASHKALI +PO, PS- PATHAR PRATIMA, SOUTH 24 PGS-743371, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PINTU SHASMAL (new name), as declared Before The No- tary Public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 10/09/2025. PINTU SHASMAL (new name) and Pintu Sasmal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mahendra Goel (Old Name),Son Of Late Balmukund Goel, Residing At 250/A/48 G.T. Road,Liluah, Bally Municipality,Howrah- 711204,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mahendra Lal Goel(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/09/2025. Mahendra Goel And Mahen- dra Lal Goel Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Anshika Agarwal(Old Name), W/O Rishabh Jalan,R/O, 10,Lower Row- don Street, Ps - Ballygunge, Kolkata- 700020,West Bengal, Have Chang- ed My Name And Shall Shall Hence- forth Be Known As Anshika Jalan(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/09/2025, Anshika Agarwal And Anshika Jalan All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Jaysree Dutta & Joysri Dutta(Old Name),Wife Of Sekh Jahir Abbas, Residing At Benai, Paschim Me- dinipur - 721212, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known Jara Begam(New Name) Vide An Af- fidavit Sworn Before The Ld Metro- politan Magistrate At Kolkata On 18/05/2022. Jaysree Dutta & Joysri Dutta And Jara Begam All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Premsheela Pandey(Old Name) W/O Prayag Pandey,Residing At 23/2,Ganesh Ghosh Lane,Po & Ps-Tiljala,Kolkata-700039,West Ben- gal,India,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Premshila Pandey(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/09/2025. Premsheela Pandey (Old Name) And Premshila Pandey (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Ramjan Mondal(Old Name) S/O Abdul Jalil Mandal,Residing At Uttar Purbha Soladana,Po-Soladana,Ps- Basirhat, Dist-North 24 Parganas, Pin-743429,West Bengal,India,Have Chan- ged My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ramjan Ali Mandal(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/09/2025. Asura Bibi (Old Name) And Ashura Bibi Mandal (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Asura Bibi (Old Name) W/O Ramjan Ali Mandal,Residing At Vill & Po-So- ladana, Ps-Basirhat, Dist-North 24 Parganas,Pin-743429,West Bengal,I ndia, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ashura Bibi Mandal (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/09/2025. Asura Bibi (Old Name) And Ashura Bibi Mandal (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) JAGANNATH HAL- DAR S/o- LALU BAGDI Residing at, Vill- Kuthir para, Post- Khos- baspur, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshid- abad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hearily declare that I have Changed my name from JAGANNATH HAL- DAR To JAGANNATH BAGDI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) JAGAN- NATH BAGDI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025. JAGANNATH BAGDI and JAGAN- NATH HALDAR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) BINITA MANDAL W/o- RAJU MONDAL Residing at, Raghabpur Setjipara, Panpara, - Ranaghat, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741402, West Bengal. Do hearily declare that I have Changed my name from BINITA MANDAL To BINITA MONDAL. (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) BINITA MONDAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025. BINITA MONDAL and BINITA MANDAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, KOSA BIBI (old name) wife of SK KALLU, residing at 12 Karim Bux Row, Cossipore, Kolkata- 700002, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as KOSAR BEGUM (new name), as declared Before The Ld 1st class judicial magistrate at Al- pore,vide an affidavit No 14305 dated 08/09/2025. KOSAR BEGUM (new name) and KOSA BIBI (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Amit Sinha (old name) son of Awadh Kishore Prasad, residing at Vista 6, Flat No. 1505, Uniwority City, P.O.- Newtown, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700156, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amit Kumar Sinha (new name), as declared Be- fore The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/09/2025. Amit Kumar Sinha (new name) and Amit Sinha (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Bedana Rani Das (old name) wife of Krishnapada Das, residing at 164/6A, Aguripara, P.O.- Kanchra- para, P.S.- Buzpur, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743145, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Beda- na Das (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kalyani, vide an affidavit dated 28/07/2025. Bedana Das (new name) and Be- dana Rani Das (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nusrin Warsi (old name) W/o Asif Mohammad Kamal, residing at 23C, Bright Street, Kolkata- 700017, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Nasin Warsi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/09/2025. Nasin Warsi (new name) and Nus- rin Warsi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sattar Mir (old name) C/o Gopal Mir, residing at Sonatala Uttarpara Dhubulia, P.O.- Rudphala, P.S.- Kishna Nagar, Dist.- Nadia, Pin- 741140, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Chhattar Mir (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/09/2025. Chbattar Mir (new name) and Sat- tar Mir (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sabirul Islam (old name) son of Sk Abdulla, residing at Vill- Chand- nagar, P.O.- Srinagar, PS.- Matia, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743428, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Sk Sabirul Islam (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/09/2025. Sk Sabirul Islam (new name) and Sabirul Islam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaheen Begum (old name) daughter of Sriprati Pradhan, resid- ing at 36B, Sardar Sankar Road, PS.- Tollygunge, Kolkata- 700029, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sayantani Pradhan (new name), as declared Before The No- tary Public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 10/09/2025. Sayantani Pradhan (new name) and Shaheen Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sayanti Ghosh Bera (old name) Daughter of Sumanta Sekhar Ghosh, residing at 29, Goswami Para Road, Bally, Howrah, Kolkata- 711201, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Sayanti Ghosh (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 10/09/2025. Sayanti Ghosh (new name) and Sayanti Ghosh Bera (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nesar Ahammad Mallick (old name) son of Amanat Ali Mullick, residing at Mallickpara Jalalsi, Is- larpur, Jagatballavpur, Howrah- 711401, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall hence- forth be known as Nesar Ahamed Mullick (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/09/2025. Nesar Ahamed Mullick (new name) and Nesar Ahammad Mallick (old name) both are same and one identical person.



Security personnel keep vigil on the India side of the border with Nepal, in the aftermath of anti-government protests in the neighbouring country, in Mahrajganj district of UP.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) KHEKEN BIBI W/o- SARJUL SEKH Residing at , Vill- Majharerdhar, Post- Khosbaspur, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hearily declare that I have Changed my name from KHEKEN BIBI To KHUKIMUN BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) KHUKIMUN BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025. KHUKIMUN BIBI and KHEKEN BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, ASHA DEVI SINGH (old name) wife of RAJENDRA LAL SINGH, re- siding at 71/1A,DIAMOND HAR- BOUR ROAD,KOLKATA-700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ASHA DEVI (new name), as declared Before The Ld 1st class judicial magistrate at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 02/09/2025. ASHA DEVI (new name) and ASHA DEVI SINGH (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sunil Bansal (Old Name),Son Of Lakhmi Chand Bansal, Residing At 242/1a Himadri, A.P.C Road,11th Floor,Flat 11d,Kolkata - 700004, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sunil Kumar Bansal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 09/09/2025.Sunil Bansal And Sunil Kumar Bansal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SK SHAREUL S/o- AMIN SEKH Residing at, Vill- Ma- jaherdhar, Post- Khosbaspur, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742136, West Bengal. Do hearily declare that I have Changed my name from SK SHAREUL To SAR- IJUL SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SARIJUL SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025. SARIJUL SEKH and SK SHAREUL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) DOUD RAHMAN S/o- KARIM SK Residing at, Vill- Man- galpara, Post- Jahankosha, Ps- Murshidabad, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742149, West Bengal. Do hearily declare that I have Changed my name from DOUD RAHMAN To DAUD SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) DAUD SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025. SARJUL SEKH and SK SHAREUL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) IRIN ISLAM W/o- MD ABDUR RAZZAQUE Residing at, Vill- Chaltia, Post- Chaltia, Ps- Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad, West Bengal. Do hearily declare that I have Changed my name from IRIN ISLAM To AIRIN ISLAM (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) AIRIN ISLAM in all purpose Vide an af- fidavit Sworn before the notary pub- lic at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025. AIRIN ISLAM and IRIN ISLAM both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SAKHICHAND SA S/o- NARAYAN SHA Residing at, Vill- Basudebpur, Post- Hilli, Ps- Hilli, Dist- South Dinajpur, Pin- 733126, West Bengal. Do hearily declare that I have Changed my name from SAKHICHAND SA To SAKHICHAND SHA (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SAKHICHAND SHA in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025. SAKHICHAND SHA and SAKHICHAND SA both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MIKEL MANDAL S/o- KHOKAN MONDAL Residing at, Habibpur, Panpara, - Ranaghat, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741201, West Ben- gal. Do hearily declare that I have Changed my name from MIKEL MANDAL To MICHAL MONDAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MICHAL MONDAL in all purpose Vide an af- fidavit Sworn before the notary pub- lic at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025. MICHAL MONDAL and MIKEL MANDAL both are Same and one identical person.

Suicide prevention initiative in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: The city of Kolkata has taken initiative to prevent the tendencies of suicide in various age groups , especially in children and among teenagers. The Child in Need Institute (CINI), an eminent social organisation has twice re- ceived the prestigious ‘National Best NGO Award’. As part of its continuous ef- forts to address adolescent health concerns, Teenline has been functioning as a mental health initiative of- fering telephonic coun- selling, face-to-face counselling, therapies, and workshops.

As a lead-up to World Suicide Prevention Day (10th September 2025), ob- served globally under the theme “Changing the Nar- rative on Suicide”, Teenline is organizing a special event to highlight its work and unveil new interventions for suicide prevention. Teen- line has a dedicated toll- free counselling number 1800-121-5323 The pro- gramme will focus on the mental health challenges faced by adolescents and young people, showcase Teenline’s interventions, and outline its future plans for more detailed psychoso- cial support for adolescents and young adults. Globally, suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15–29-year-olds (WHO). In India, more than 13,000 student suicides were recorded in 2022 – nearly one every 40 minutes (IC3 Institute, 2025). Suicide rates rose across all age groups by 5%, with 18–30 years accounting for 35% of suicides, the largest share (NCRB, 2022).

Name Change
I, SARALI ROY SAHA (old name) wife of KANU RANJAN ROY, residing at 86A,ARIJUN PARK,MUKUN- DAPUR,KOLKATA-700099, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SARATHI SAHA (new name), as declared Before The No- tary Public at Kolkata, vide an af- fidavit dated 10/09/2025. SARATHI SAHA (new name) and SARALI ROY SAHA (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Naziya Khatoun ,W/O Md Wasim Khan,R/O .Chaman Talab Hutton Road Near Mahal Banquet Asansol, Po-Asansol,Ps-Asansol South, Dist. Paschim Bardhaman, 713301, West Bengal,Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nazia Khatoun,Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/09/2025,That Naziya Khatoun And Nazia Khatoun All Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Bengal hosts annual conf of ACAE

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Association of Corpo- rate Advisers & Executives (ACAE) organised its An- nual Conference 2025 in Kolkata recently with the theme ‘RISE’. The Annual Conference organized by Association of Corporate Advisers & Executives (ACAE) was inaugurated by Justice A.K. Patnaik, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India and was at- tended by: Adv. (CA) Tarun Kr. Gupta, President of ACAE; CA. Pramod Dayal Rungta, Chairman of ACAE; CA. Shivani Agar- wala, General Secretary of ACAE; CA. (Dr.) Debashis Mitra, Past President of ICAI; CS. Mamta Binani, Past President of ICSI & many other eminent per- sonalities.

Speaking to the media,

Adv. (CA) Tarun Kr. Gupta, President of ACAE, said, “The Annual Conference 2025 is a reflection of ACAE’s unwavering com- mitment to empowering professionals with knowl- edge, ethics, and fore- sight.” The conference unfolded through a series of power-packed sessions. The session on India at 2030: Emerging Sectors highlighted opportunities in Defense & Space Tech, Clean & Renewable En- ergy, and Healthcare, with eminent speakers Raj Sethia, Adrit Palchoud- hury, and CA. R. Venkatesh shared their perspectives. Over 500 delegates partici- pated in the conference, which blended rich in- sights with the spirit of ACAE’s 65-year journey as a temple of knowledge.

Drinking water project in WB to create huge employment

MI News Service, Kolkata: A major packaged drink- ing water project is coming in West Bengal very shortly. The investment would range between Rs 25-30 Crore. This invest- ment would certainly cre- ate massive employment drive in the state. Usha Shriram

Pvt Ltd.(USPL)is all set to launch of its premium packaged drinking water brand, Aquaero. USPL appreciated West Bengal government’s pro-industry policy regarding this.

The launch program- mee was graced by Sat- nam Sandhu(COO-USPL), Sukamal Paul(MD-HBPL), Pukhraj B. Sethia(MD- SUPL), Tollywood actress Debleena Dutt, Soumik Mi- traa(Brand Licensing Con- sultant), Ajay Tank (VP- USPL) and Rajarshi De(Zonal Head – USPL,WB).

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Grandparents’ Day celebrated

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata, a city known for its sensibilities recently celebrated the ‘Grandpar- ent’s Day with full enthusi- asm. M.P. Birla Foundation Higher Sec- ondary School (MPBFHSS), Behala, celebrated Grand- parents’ Day with great joy and enthusiasm. The vi- brant event saw the partic-

ipation of grandparents of students from LKG to Class 2. Active involvement of grandparents in various fun games with the chil- dren rekindled their own childhood memories. The school’s CEO, S.K. Singh, & Vice Principal, S. Roy- chowdhury, were present at the auspicious occasion.

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How IVF offers hope to women battling PCOS to conceive

PATNA : Polycystic ovary syndrome or PCOS is one of the widespread causes of infertility among women. The hormonal condition affects an estimated 8-13% of women belonging to the reproductive age worldwide and of all up to 70% of cases remain undiagnosed, as per the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Due to hormonal imbalance, women suffering from PCOS do not ovulate on time or may not ovulate at all. As a result, tracking their ovulation cycle becomes difficult, making it challenging for them to get pregnant. To all the women battling the condition, IVF offers hope and a pathway to achieve motherhood.

IVF embraces a holistic approach when treating fertility. It does not only focus on using technology, but also emphasises on the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. In some women battling with PCOS, making some moderate changes in their daily habits alone can increase the chances of getting pregnant.

Ovarian stimulation is another important step in an assisted reproductive technique that corrects ovulation problems, thereby increasing the chances of concep-



...A Ray of Hope
Even during pregnancy, hormones are controlled by medication, thereby reducing the chances of hormonal imbalance and pregnancy loss in early pregnancy. This makes IVF an excellent option for women dealing with PCOS. Additionally, IVF offers a higher chance of getting pregnant with lower risks.

tion for women. In this advanced technology, external medication in the form of injections is administered to the patient to control the formation of eggs and then release

them from the ovaries at the right time. Talking about the same, Dr. Anupam Kumari, IVF Specialist, Birla Fertility & IVF, said, "IVF has revolutionized the journey for women with PCOS, offering a beacon of hope where traditional methods may falter. By bypassing the hormonal imbalances and irregular ovulation that characterize PCOS, IVF provides a tailored approach to conception. Through advanced techniques such as controlled ovarian stimulation and precise embryo transfer, we can effectively address the unique challenges posed by PCOS. This personalized treatment not only enhances the likelihood of pregnancy but also empowers women with the control and confidence needed to achieve their dreams of motherhood"

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Weight loss surgery is more effective in controlling hypertension rates: Study



LOS ANGELES [US] : According to a study published today in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, bariatric surgery is more effective at controlling hypertension rates, or high blood pressure, in people with obesity and uncontrolled high blood pressure, than blood pressure medication alone.

People who had bariatric surgery had a lower BMI and were on fewer drugs after five years while maintaining normal blood pressure levels than those who solely used antihypertensive medications.

According to the CDC, the U.S. obesity and hypertension rates in adults are 41.9 per cent and 45.4 per cent, respectively.

Obesity is a proven risk factor for cardiovascular disease and a key contributor to high blood pressure, both of which can increase the chance of a heart attack, stroke, and heart failure.

"In clinical practice, obesity is an overlooked condition. As a consequence, there is a frequent failure in approaching obesity as a crucial step for mitigating the risk of important cardiovascular risk factors including hypertension," said Carlos Aurelio Schiavon, MD, FACS, lead author of the study and a surgeon specializing in bariatric surgery at Heart Hospital and BP Hospital in Sao Paulo.

Researchers in this study looked at the impact of treating obesity to lower high blood pressure. While there are new medications to treat obesity, long-term adherence to medication can be challenging.

This study looks at bariatric surgery as a better long-term solution to control obesity and, as a result, high blood pressure.

The GATEWAY trial included 100 people (76 per cent of which were female) who had a body mass index (BMI) of around 36.9 kg/m2. All participants had hypertension and were using at least two medications.

People with previous cardiovascular events and poorly con-

trolled Type 2 diabetes were excluded. Subjects were assigned to either Roux-en-Y gastric bypass with medical therapy or medial therapy alone and the primary outcome was reduction of at least 30 per cent antihypertensive medications while maintaining blood pressure levels less than 140/90 mmHg at five years.

At five years, BMI was 28.01 Kg/m2 for those who received bariatric surgery and 36.40 Kg/m2 for those on medical therapy alone. People who had bariatric surgery had an 80.7 per cent reduction in the number of medications they were taking compared to a 13.7 per cent reduction in those only using medical therapy.

Hypertension remission, defined as controlled blood pressure without medications, was 46.9 per cent in those who underwent bariatric surgery compared to 2.4 per cent in those on medical therapy alone.

"Our results underscore the importance of approaching obesity in reducing hypertension rates," Schiavon said.

Limitations of the study included that it was a single-centre, open-label study with a small sample size and there was loss of follow-up in some patients.

In an accompanying editorial comment, Michael Hall, MD, MSc, professor and chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, said the study provides important long-term data on the benefits of gastric bypass on weight loss and blood pressure control, but questions remain.

"Further studies assessing the threshold for bariatric surgery in people with obesity, optimal timing of bariatric surgery in obese people with cardiometabolic diseases, type of bariatric surgery and comparative studies of obesity pharmacotherapies and bariatric surgery are needed to clarify the optimal treatment pathways for this common and growing disease," he said.

Males born to obese moms more likely to develop health issues as adults: Research



WASHINGTON DC [US] : Males born to obese mothers are more likely to be overweight at birth and suffer metabolic issues later in life, such as liver disease or diabetes.

The way that male sex hormones activate pathways in the developing liver is partly to blame.

That's the finding from a new study led by University of South Australia (UniSA) researchers looking at the impact of maternal obesity on fetal liver androgen signalling.

Male fetuses of obese pregnant women have different signals that are activated by male sex hormones in the liver, which encourages them to prioritise growth at the expense of their health.

UniSA researcher Dr Ashley Meakin says androgens give men their male characteristics and are crucial in their development, but if there are too many, male fetuses grow too large, causing not only problems at birth, but impacting liver function as an adult.

Female fetuses exposed to excess testosterone from an obese pregnancy are wired to switch off the androgen pathway in the liver, restricting their growth and lowering the risks of metabolic disorders in adulthood.

"We know there are sex differences in metabolic disorders in later life in response to maternal obesity," DrMeakin says.

"Men are more prone to non-alcohol fatty liver diseases and diabetes as an adult if their mother is obese during pregnancy and their birth weight is above 4 kg (9 lb 15 oz).

"They are genetically wired to prioritise androgens because it supports the development of male characteristics - including size - but too much androgen is bad."

Study lead author Professor Janna Morrison, Head of the Early Origins of Adult Health Research Group at UniSA, says it's a fine balance for women getting the right nutrition in pregnancy to ensure optimal conditions for their unborn child to flourish.

"There are also risks for offspring being malnourished during pregnancy," she says. "If you are too little, too big, born too early, or a male, you are more vulnerable to negative outcomes later in life. You need the Goldilocks pregnancy: you must be the right size, born at the right time."

Prof Morrison says unless society changes its approach to nutrition, it will be an uphill battle to reduce obesity and associated health issues, from the womb into adulthood.

"As a society, we urgently need to address obesity. If children were taught early on about the importance of healthy eating, it would carry through into adulthood, including during pregnancy, where the right nutrition is so important."

DrMeakin says in the intervening period, supplements that address nutritional imbalances in pregnancy could provide the fetus with the best chance of optimal development.

The liver androgen signalling study, recently published in Life Sciences, is among a series of studies by Prof Morrison and colleagues that investigates the impact of maternal under- and over-nutrition on the placenta, heart, lung, and liver.

New type of cell therapy shows promise for ARDS patients

LOS ANGELES [US] : A study suggested that a new type of cell therapy may improve the prognosis of patients critically unwell with acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) caused by severe COVID-19.

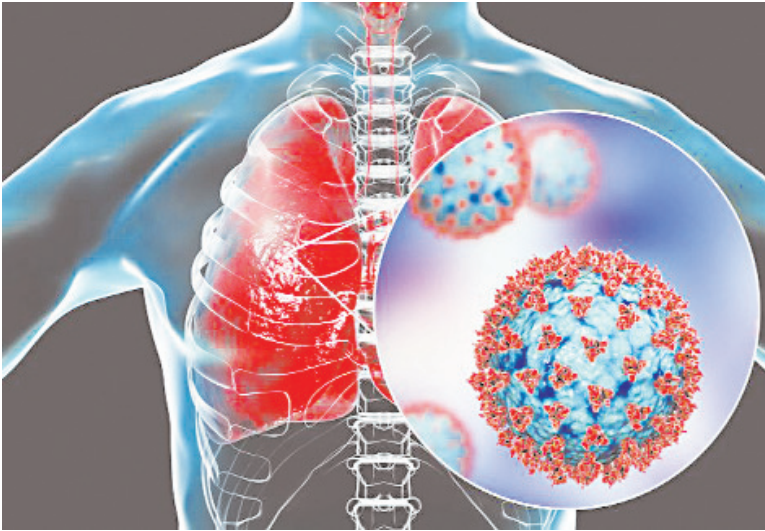
Professor Justin Stebbing of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) is a joint senior author of a new study published in the journal Nature Communications that looks into the usage of agent-T-797, MiNKTherapeutic's allogeneic, unmodified invariant natural killer T (iNKT) cell therapy.

The iNKT cell therapy has the effect of rescuing depleted T cells and inducing an anti-inflammatory cytokine response, perhaps activating antiviral immunity to assist these patients fight infection while also reducing severe, pathogenic inflammation of the lung.

The new research was carried out at three medical centres and found that agent-T-797, which is also under investigation in cancer trials, could be manufactured rapidly, had a tolerable safety profile and appeared to have a positive effect on mortality among critically unwell COVID-19 ARDS patients receiving intensive care.

The exploratory trial included 20 mechanically ventilated patients with severe ARDS secondary to Covid-19. Of the 20 patients in the trial, 14 survived (70 per cent) at 30 days (compared to a control group of 10 per cent), and there was an 80 per cent lower occurrence of bacterial pneumonia amongst those who received the highest dosage of agent-T-797, compared to those who received fewer cells.

Twenty-one patients were treated overall (the main trial, plus one under compassionate use), which included five who were also receiving venovenous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (VV-ECMO), known as 'the most aggressive salvage therapy' for critically ill patients with ARDS. In VV-



ECMO, deoxygenated blood is pumped through a membrane lung and returned to the body via a cannula.

This trial is believed to be the first immune cell therapy of any type to be used in critically unwell patients undergoing VV-ECMO. Survival of the VV-ECMO cohort was 80 per cent after 30 and 90 days, and 60 per cent after 120 days. This compares favourably to the overall survival of 51 per cent for patients with Covid-19 who were treated with just VV-ECMO at the same institution, during the same timeframe.

Joint senior author Justin Stebbing, Professor of Biomedical Sciences at Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) in Cambridge, England, said, "During this small, exploratory study we observed that MiNK'siNKT cell treatment, which is also being advanced for people with cancer, triggered an anti-inflammatory response in ARDS patients.

"Despite a poor prognosis, critically ill patients treated with this therapy showed favourable mortality rates and those treated at the highest dose also had reduced rates of pneumonia, underscoring the potential application of iNKT cells, and agent-T-797 in particular, in treating viral diseases and infections more broadly.

"Agent-T-797 was manufactured rapidly and as opposed to using patients' cells, it is 'off-the-shelf' and made from healthy donors' cells. The potential of this therapy to be used across a number of severe infections warrants randomised controlled trials."

Dr Marc van Dijk, Chief Scientific Officer at MiNK and co-author of the study said, "These published findings reinforce the unique power and potential of iNKT cells to mitigate severe acute respiratory distress.

"The data demonstrate agent-T-797's encouraging survival benefit, ability to help clear secondary infections, and tolerable administration in ventilated patients and those on VV-ECMO support."

Stress effects brain, psyche through immune system: Study

Zurich[Switzerland], February 7 (ANI): Chronic stress has far-reaching effects on our bodies. Many stress-related psychiatric diseases, including depression, are linked to immune system abnormalities. However, the basic mechanisms governing how these alterations influence the brain remain largely unclear.

Enzyme from immune cells in the blood affects nerves in the brain

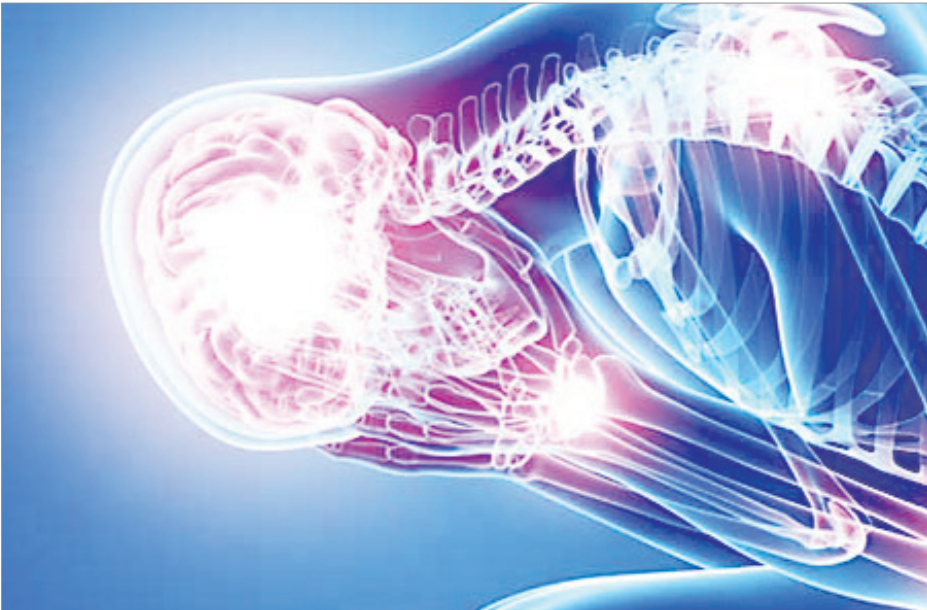
An international research team led by the University of Zurich (UZH), and the University Hospital of Psychiatry Zurich (PUK) and the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, has now uncovered a novel mechanism. "We were able to show that stress increases the amount of the matrix metalloproteinase-8 (MMP-8), an enzyme in the blood of mice. The same changes were found in patients with depression," says first author FlurinCathomas. MMP-8 travels from the blood to the brain, where it alters the functioning of certain neurons. In the affected mice, this leads to behavioral changes: they withdraw and avoid social contact.

Potential for new treatments for depression

According to Cathomas, the findings are novel in two respects: "Firstly, they indicate a new 'body-mind mechanism', which might be relevant not only for stress-related mental illness, but also for other diseases that affect both the immune and nervous systems." And secondly, says the psychiatrist, identification of the specific MMP-8 protein could be a potential starting point to develop new treatments for depression.

Changes to brain extracellular matrix

The researchers were able to use animal models to show that stress increases the



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migration of a specific type of white blood cells called monocytes into the vascular system of the brain, particularly into the reward center regions. These monocytes produce MMP-8.

MMP-8 is involved in the restructuring and regulation of the net-like frame that surrounds neurons in the brain - called the extracellular matrix. "If MMP-8 penetrates the brain tissue

from the blood, it changes the matrix structure and thus disrupts the functioning of the neurons. Mice who are affected by this process display changes in behavior that are similar to those seen in humans with depression," says FlurinCathomas.

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Clinical studies with patients planned

Many more studies are needed before the results can be implemented in clinical practice. Nevertheless, says Cathomas, "our work once again demonstrates the importance of the interaction between the immune system and the brain in the development of psychiatric disorders. These insights are already being incorporated into psychiatric treatment today." On the PUK's special ward for integrative care led by Cathomas, the clinicians take a holistic mind-body approach based on the latest scientific findings when treating their patients.

The research team is now planning clinical studies to investigate the extent to which the immune system can be influenced by stimulating certain areas of the brain. They will also look at whether any changes in the immune system cells of depressive patients influence their behaviour.

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Women’s Hockey Asia Cup 2025: India sails to 4-2 win in first Super 4s fixture

HANGZHOU [CHINA] : The Indian women’s hockey team kicked off their Super4s campaign at the Women’s Asia Cup 2025 in style, registering a solid 4-2 victory against Korea in Hangzhou on Wednesday.

Goals from Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, Sangita Kumari, Lalremsiami, and Rutuja Dadaso Pisal powered India to a commanding win, as the side combined attacking flair with disciplined defending to start the crucial stage of the tournament on a winning note. For Korea, Yujin Kim netted a brace.

India made a dream start, winning a penalty corner within the opening two minutes of the match. From the set-piece, injector Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke (2’) pounced on a rebound after Udit’s stinging strike was blocked by Korean goalkeeper Seoyeon Lee, calmly slotting the ball home to hand India the early advantage. With the lead secured, the

Indians focused on controlling possession and stringing together quick passes to keep Korea on the back foot.

The plan proved effective, as India continued to mount pressure and earned a couple more penalty corners towards the latter stages of the first quarter. However, they were unable to make the most of those opportunities, heading into the break with a slender 1-0 cushion.

The second quarter saw India maintain their dominance, enjoying the majority share of possession and consistently pushing forward with purposeful attacks into the Korean circle. They tested the opposition goalkeeper with a couple of sharp attempts on goal, only to be denied. Korea, however, managed to carve out a chance of their own late in the quarter, earning a penalty corner with less than four minutes to go. But Indian goalkeeper Bichu Devi Khariam rose to the occasion, pulling off a fine



save to preserve her side’s narrow advantage as the first half ended with India leading 1-0.

Intending to bounce back in the match, Korea began the third quarter on

Sangita Kumari (33’), who netted the ball in without much difficulty as she was left unmarked in front of goal. However, Korea were quick to pull one back as Yujin Kim (33’) converted a penalty corner.

Despite conceding, India stuck to their attacking approach, constantly probing Korea’s defence with sharp forays into the circle.

Their persistence paid off in the 40th minute when Lalremsiami produced a clinical finish, her well-placed strike leaving the opposition defence and goalkeeper stunned.

Buoyed by the two-goal cushion, India tightened their grip on the game, looking composed across all departments. The defence, in particular, stood tall, snuffing out any potential threats from Korea as the third quarter closed with India firmly in control at 3-1.

The fourth quarter saw Korea resort

to long aerial passes in a desperate attempt to claw its way back. Their persistence eventually paid off when Yujin Kim (53’) struck her second goal of the game, once again converting from a penalty corner to narrow the deficit. The goal briefly put India under pressure, but the team responded with swift counter-attacks to regain control.

Their resilience was rewarded in the dying moments when Rutuja Dadaso Pisal (59’) sealed the contest. Much like India’s opener, Korea failed to clear after dragflicker Udit’s attempt was blocked by goalkeeper Seoyeon Lee, and Rutuja reacted brilliantly, diving to her right to smash home the rebound. Her strike ensured India wrapped up a commanding 4-2 victory in their first Super4s Pool encounter.

India will next play against hosts China on September 11 in their second match of the Super4s Pool.

SRI LANKA UNVEIL 15-MEMBER SQUAD FOR ODI WORLD CUP, VETERAN PRABODHANI RETURNS

COLOMBO [SRI LANKA] : Sri Lanka unveiled its 15-member squad for the Women’s ODI World Cup, which is scheduled to kick off on September 30. The tournament will get underway with the battle between the hosts, India and Sri Lanka, in Guwahati.

Veteran all-rounder Chamari Athapaththu will continue to lead the side that boasts a wealth of experience. Harshitha Samarawickrama, Nilakshika de Silva and Anushka Sanjeevani will offer Athapaththu plenty of support with their expertise.

Seasoned left-arm seamer Udeshika Prabodhani climbed the ladder and returned after a year-long injury layoff. The 39-year-old donned the Sri Lankan jersey during the Women’s T20 World Cup in October last year. She is yet to play a single ODI since the tour of Ireland in August 2024.

She struggled with a persistent hamstring injury, but her return has fortified Sri Lanka’s pace battery, which consists of 35-year-old Achini Kulasuriya and 24-year-old Malki Madara.

Imesha Dulani, a 23-year-old batter who was dropped for the home tri-series against India and South Africa, has returned to the fold. Teenagers Rashmika Sewwandi and Manudi Nanayakkara, batter Hansima Karunaratne, and spinner Inoshi Fernando were not considered for the mix.

Dulani replaced 17-year-old Nanayakkara in the squad and is expected to serve the role of the backup batter. In the broader perspective, Sri Lanka has a stable batting unit comprising Perera, Vishmi Gunaratne, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Kavisha Dilhari, Nilakshi de Silva, Piumi Wathsala and Anushka Sanjeevani.

Sri Lanka holds plenty of ball tweekers who will play a fundamental role on the sub-continent’s turning tracks. Even after Inoshi’s exclusion, Dewmi Vihanga, Inoka Ranaweera, and Sugandika Kumari form a formidable spin attack.

All-rounders Athapaththu and Dilhari can roll their arms if the situation demands it.

After commencing their crusade against India, Sri Lanka’s next four games will be on their home turf in Colombo. They will then travel to Navi Mumbai to take on Bangladesh, before returning home for their final league game against Pakistan.

Sri Lanka squad: Chamari Athapaththu (c), Hasini Perera, Vishmi Gunaratne, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Kavisha Dilhari, Nilakshi De Silva, Anushka Sanjeevani, Imesha Dulani, Dewmi Vihanga, Piumi Wathsala, Inoka Ranaweera, Sugandika Kumari, Udeshika Prabodhani, Malki Madara, Achini Kulasooriya. Travelling Reserve: Inoshi Fernando.



ICC Rankings: Jofra Archer climbs to career best 3rd spot in ODIs following back-to-back four-wicket hauls



DUBAI [UAE] : England quick Jofra Archer climbed to a career-best ranking of third spot in the latest ICC ODI Rankings issued on Wednesday.

England fast bowler collected eight scalps for the series that included a wonderful spell of 4/18 in the series finale at Southampton, and he was duly

rewarded by climbing 16 spots to move to third overall on the updated rankings for ODI bowlers, as per ICC. Archer took back-to-back four-fers in the series and also completed his 150 international wickets.

Archer trails number one-ranked ODI bowler Keshav Maharaj by only 26 rating points,

with the South Africa spinner maintaining his place at the top of the rankings following eight scalps of his own across the series against England.

Archer’s teammate Adil Rashid improves seven spots to eighth on the same list for ODI bowlers, while England trio Joe Root (up five places to 19th), Jos Buttler (up seven rungs to 35th) and Jacob Bethell (up 56 spots to 65th) all make ground in the rankings for ODI batters, with all these three batters contributing significant runs in the series, with Root and Bethell getting a century each alongside a fifty and Buttler secured two half-centuries.

Pakistan’s victorious tri-series squad have been the big winner in the latest ICC Men’s T20I Player Rankings.

The Asian side cruised to a 75-run victory over Afghanistan in the final of the recent tri-series that also featured hosts UAE, and it was a group of their bowlers that made the largest improvements in the updated T20I rankings.

Left-arm spinner Sufiyan Mugeem rises seven places to

15th overall on the back of his two-wicket haul in the final, pace spearhead Shaheen Afridi jumps four spots to 22nd, while leggie Abrar Ahmed improved 39 spots to equal 27th following six scalps from two appearances at the event.

It was fellow spinner Mohammad Nawaz who was adjudged Player of the Series for his 10 wickets, and the left-arm was rewarded by climbing 13 rungs to move to 30th overall on the list for T20I bowlers that remains headed by New Zealand pacer Jacob Duffy.

Flashy Pakistan opener Fakhar Zaman was also the big winner on the latest rankings for T20I batters with the left-hander climbing nine spots to 68th following 155 runs during the tri-series. At the same time, Sri Lanka top-order player Kusal Perera gains three places to move to ninth following his unbeaten half-century against Zimbabwe in Harare.

Zimbabwe are boosted by the recent performances of veteran Sikandar Raza, who climbs three places to fourth overall on the list for T20I all-rounders following a

HONG KONG OPEN: SINDHU BOWS OUT IN FIRST ROUND, LAKSHYA SEN ADVANCES

HONG KONG : India’s two-time Olympic medalist PV Sindhu’s poor season continued as she bowed out of the ongoing Hong Kong Open badminton tournament in the opening round on Wednesday.

Competing at the Hong Kong Coliseum, Sindhu, the world number 14th, secured the opening game, but lost the match to world No. 27 Line Christophersen of Denmark by 15-21, 21-16, 21-19, as per Olympics.com.

This was Sindhu’s first loss in six matches against Line and her sixth exit in the first round this year on the BWF World Tour, highlighting how poor the run has been.

In other women’s singles match, Anupama Upadhyaya was also eliminated by fourth-seeded Japanese Tomoka Miyazaki by 21-17, 20-22, 21-14.

Coming to the men’s singles competition, the top-ranked singles player for India, Lakshya Sen, secured a well-fought win over Chinese Taipei’s Olympian Wang Tzu-wei by 22-20, 16-21, 21-15 in an hour and 13 minutes.

Sen was extremely calm in a closely fought first game in the tie-break before he lost the second game, but in the decider, he had a healthy lead which helped him win.

Also, his singles’ compatriots HS Prannoy and Kiran George also advanced to the second round following wins in straight games.

The world number 34 and former World Championships medalist Prannoy stunned the 14th-ranked Chinese Lu Guangzu, while George outclassed Singapore’s Jason Teh.



Prannoy’s next round meeting will be against Lakshya, an exciting all-India clash.

Ayush Shetty, who is the only Indian to secure a BWF World Tour title this year, the US Open in June, came from being one game down to reach the next round with a 15-21, 21-19, 21-13 win over Chinese Taipei’s Su Liyang.

India’s sole women’s doubles entry,

Rutaparna Panda and Swetaparna Panda, kept their run going with a 21-17, 21-9 win against local stars Oi Ki Vanessa Pang and Sum Yau Wong.

In the mixed doubles competition, the pairing of Dhruv Kapila/Tanishka Crasto was ousted in the first round of the mixed doubles after a 21-16, 21-11 defeat to Chinese Taipei’s Chen Cheng Kuan/Hsu Yin-Hui.

FIRST 14 MATCHES OF PKL SEASON 12 DELIVER THE MOST COMPETITIVE FIRST WEEK OF CONTEST

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12 has opened to a thrilling start, delivering the most competitive opening week in the past few seasons.

Of the first 14 matches, 10 have been decided by a margin of just 5 points or fewer, a remarkable 71 per cent of games producing nail-biting finishes, compared to 43 per cent in Season 11 and 50 per cent in both Seasons 9 and 10. The season has already served up four tie-breakers and a dramatic ‘Golden Raid’ in the first week itself, underlining how the thrill, intensity, and aggression have gone up several notches.

PKL Season 12 introduces a comprehensive tie-breaker rule system, including the Golden Raid format, to all league-stage matches. Previously limited only to Playoff matches, this system now ensures decisive outcomes throughout the tournament.

In case of ties, teams will engage in a structured 5-raid shootout with special rules as fol-

lows:

- Both teams field seven players with the baulk line treated as baulk line cum bonus line
- Each team nominates five different raiders who raid alternately
- Out and revival rules don’t apply - only points scored count
- If still tied after five raids, the Golden Raid rule applies

The Golden Raid format adds drama to crucial moments, where a fresh toss determines which team gets the decisive raiding opportunity. If both teams remain tied after golden raids, the winner is decided by a coin toss. This new rule maintains PKL’s competitive spirit while eliminating tied results, guaranteeing decisive outcomes and heightened drama in every match.

Adding to the spectacle, only one match of the 14 played in Week 1 has been decided by more than 11 points (Season 11, 10 and 9; 4 matches). The early trend is clear: Season 12 is defined by razor-thin margins and cut-throat competition, with

teams evenly matched and every raid and tackle carrying weight.

Speaking about the closely contested matches in the opening week of Pro Kabaddi League Season 12, Puneri Paltan Head Coach Ajay Thakur said: “It is great to witness and be part of such competitive matches in Season 12. The Pro Kabaddi League has progressed significantly, with players now taking fitness and training extremely seriously. Even the new rule introductions by the league have added to the competitiveness. This is exactly what the league needed, a strong start. Such closely fought matches, combined with the aggressive style of play, will draw more attention to PKL and further accelerate the growth of the sport.”

Adding further on the increased competitiveness, Puneri Paltan skipper Aslam Inamdar said: “The increased competitiveness in PKL Season 12 will only have a direct impact on the league. It pushes us to bring out the best possible version of our-



selves since we cannot take any team lightly. Such close results and finishes are exciting, and I hope this intensity continues for the rest of the tournament.”

The action so far has also been marked by moments of high drama that have kept fans hooked. A major talking point

was the animated exchange between Bengal Warriorz’ star raider Devank Dalal and Haryana Steelers Head Coach Manpreet Singh, following Dalal’s match-winning 21-point performance and bold post-match celebration. Alongside, classic battles like Sunil Kumar vs. Mohammadreza

Shadloui and the emergence of young talents have given Season 12 a blend of experience and youthful aggression, resulting in high-octane drama.

Speaking on the aggression and intensity of the opening week, JioStar expert Rishank Devadiga said: “I cannot recollect when a Pro Kabaddi League season has had such a strong start, consistent close finishes, fierce rivalries, and players openly showcasing aggression on the mat. It has all come together nicely and has really benefited the tournament. The quality of play has been excellent, both from experienced and young kabaddi players. I am confident this will continue, and fans will get to witness a lot more thrilling action in the weeks ahead.”

With momentum only expected to rise, fans can look forward to even more thrilling encounters during Rivalry Week from September 15-20, which will include the Maharashtra Derby between U Mumba and Puneri Paltan on September 18.