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Siliguri civic body orders puja pandals dismantled within a week of immersion

MI News Service, Siliguri : The Trinamool-run Siliguri Municipal Corporation has instructed all Durga Puja committees to dismantle their respective puja pandals within a week of immersion.

The instruction aims to prevent water stagnation in the bamboo poles used to make pandals, as it is a major source of vector-borne diseases, including Dengue.

Mayor Gautam Deb and officials from different de-

partments held a meeting on the precautionary actions required to curb vector-borne diseases in the civic area at the SMC office on Friday.

"We have instructed puja organisers to dismantle their pandals within a week of immersion to avoid accumulation of stagnant water in the bamboo poles used in the construction of pandals," Deb told reporters after the meeting.

Aedes mosquitoes, vec-



tors of the dengue virus, lay eggs on stagnant water.

Artificial containers or buckets of water are common breeding sites for them.

According to the mayor, only 34 dengue cases have been detected within the civic area so far. However, due to the late monsoon this year, the threat of a dengue outbreak remains high from September to November. This has prompted the civic body to take preemptive measures.

"A team of 136 VCTs

(vector control team) have been engaged to patrol different wards of SMC. They will check for waterlogging, conduct house-to-house surveys and identify vacant land or under-construction buildings with stagnant water. Our civic body teams are taking necessary steps to remove stored water and clear weeds from vacant plots. Such preventive steps will continue post the festive season," Deb added.

Crackdown against drug trafficking in Kolkata, DRI nabbed 10 suspects and seized narcotics worth over Rs 26 Cr

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major crackdown against drug trafficking in Kolkata, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence in a multi-pronged operation, has arrested 10 suspects and seized illegal drugs worth over Rs 26 crore, the DRI said. The simultaneous search operations were conducted by the DRI's Kolkata Zonal office at three different locations – one in NSCBI Airport, and two residential premises in Bijoygarh locality of Jadavpur in south Kolkata on Friday. The DRI's raids happened in the residential locationS, belonging to the mastermind of hydroponic weed, cannabis and cocaine of substantial quantity was found. In simultaneous raids, DRI officers searched three locations – two residential premises in Bijoygarh, Jadavpur, and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) Airport. In the residences of the mastermind in south Kolkata, the DRI officials recovered hydroponic weed, cannabis, and cocaine in substantial quantities. From another

rented premise used by the same mastermind, a large stock of cannabis packed for distribution was seized. Four of his alleged associates, who were engaged in the sale and local distribution of narcotics in Kolkata, were apprehended at this site. Indian currencies, believed to be the proceeds of drug sales, were also recovered. Another syndicate member, responsible for arranging foreign suppliers, was arrested on the same day. In another operation at NSCBI Airport, four carriers – including three women – arriving from Bangkok were intercepted. Substantial quantities of narcotics were recovered from their possession, the sources added. The DRI has seized 32.466 kg of cannabis (Ganja), 22.027 kg of hydroponic weed, 345 grams of cocaine, along with cash. Altogether, 10 suspects, including the mastermind, carriers, distributors, and middlemen, have been arrested and remanded to judicial custody under relevant provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

(NDPS) Act, 1985. The DRI, however, did not disclose the identity of the drug mafia for further investigation purposes.

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Five Durga Puja clubs in Malda left stranded as decorator flees with advance

MI News Service, Malda : Five Durga puja organisers on Saturday lodged police complaints against a decorator from Calcutta who had allegedly fled after taking advance amounts from them for constructing pandals. Police registered a case against Sudipta Pal, a resident of Dhakuria under the jurisdiction of Gariahat police station in Calcutta.

Baluchar Kalyan Samity, Dilip Smriti Sangha, Krishnakalital Kalyan Samity, Beltala Club and Himalaya Sangha signed an agreement with Pal for constructing their Durga Puja pandals this year.

According to the Puja organisers, they had altogether paid more than ₹20 lakh in advance to Pal.

"Ours is a big-budget Puja. We are one of the crowd pullers during Durga Puja. Pal assured us of completing the pandal construction on time. Initially, he had engaged some labourers from Calcutta. However, they are not working anymore. Recently, he engaged some local labourers for the pandal construction. Pal was supervising the process, staying in a hotel in Malda. But recently, the construction process has become very slow. The local labourers told us that they were not being regularly paid their wages," said Amitava Seth on behalf of Baluchar Kalyan Samity.

"We called up Pal out of worry, but both of his num-



Banga Gaurav Samman 2025 and Mission Vishwa Guru Bharat and Save Bengal Community and Culture National Conference were organized at Jorasanko Thakurbari, Kolkata. Padmashri Purnadas Baul Samrat, Padmashri Kazi Masum Akhtar, magician P. C. Sarkar Jr. and other eminent personalities were present at the auspicious occasion.

Landslide kills 3 of a family in Sikkim, 7-year-old girl rescued alive

MI News Service, Gangtok : A landslide killed three members of a family and destroyed two houses in Sikkim's Gyalshing district in the early hours of Friday. A seven-year-old girl was found alive in the arms of her father, who was buried under the debris in the upper Rimbi area, located about 135km from Gangtok.

Three Dooars tea gardens shut, 2,000 workers left in crisis before Puja

MI News Service, Dooars: Three tea gardens, all run by separate firms, were closed down in the Dooars on Friday, leaving over 2,000 workers' futures uncertain ahead of the festive season.

The Chamurchi, Redbank and Surendranagar estates are located in Jalpaiguri district. The management suddenly closed the gardens down without giving prior notice. Workers from Redbank and Surendranagar burst into anger and blocked NH17 for one hour. The workers from Chamurchi organised a march on the India-Bhutan border road. According to local sources, the workers from the three plantations are yet to receive their wages for several days. Despite that, the work was going on normally till Thursday.

"Despite maintaining normalcy in the gardens, the management had informed the labour department in advance that they would not be able to pay the 20 per cent Puja bonus that was advised by the state government," a source said. "The garden was closed down without any notice. The wages were already due," Gopal Sharma, a worker of Chamurchi, said. Local officials have reached the sites of the road blockades in the afternoon and assured the workers that the labour department had been informed. Around 12 noon, the protests were withdrawn.

"The management and trade unions of Chamurchi tea gardens have been called for two separate meetings on September 13 and 16. The two gardens of Red Bank and Surendranagar have been called for the meeting on September 18," Shubhagat Gupta, the district deputy labour officer, said.

Indian man missing for 2 years reunites with family after being found in Bangladesh

Dipankar Edbar, Krishnanagar : A 38-year-old Indian national, missing for nearly two years from Murshidabad district in West Bengal, was handed back to Border Security Force (BSF) on Saturday after being traced in Bangladesh's Chapai Nawabganj. The man, identified as Hasan Ali, son of Ashraf Ali of Nowdara-Koladanga under Daulatabad police station in Murshidabad, had reportedly been suffering from mental health issues when he went missing. His family had been searching for him since 2023. On the morning of Muharram, locals in Golabari station at Nachole in Chapai Nawabganj, Bangladesh, noticed him sitting alone. Abdul Gani Fitu, a resident, engaged him in conversation and alerted local humanitarian volunteers. With help from West Bengal Radio Club and Ham Radio operators, his identity was established and the matter was communicated to authorities on both sides of the border.



Murder weapon in Krishnanagar college girl killing recovered; accused leds cops to arms spot

Dipankar Edbar, Krishnanagar (Nadia): In a major breakthrough in the Ishita Mallick murder case, police on Friday night recovered the 7mm. pistol used in the killing from a waterbody near Krishnanagar railway station. The weapon was traced after prime accused Deshraj Singh finally disclosed its location during interrogation.

Police said Deshraj, in custody since his arrest from the Bengal-UP border earlier this month while allegedly trying to flee to Nepal, had so far remained tight-lipped about the weapon. On Friday evening, during questioning, he asked for roti and meat. After his request



was met, investigators said, he revealed that he had thrown the firearm into a ditch adjoining platform 1 of Krishnanagar station while fleeing after the murder.

The accused led offi-

cers to the spot, and a search of the marshy patch yielded the pistol. The recovery process was video-graphed, officials confirmed. The weapon will be sent for forensic examination to ascertain

whether it matches the bullets retrieved from Ishita's house.

On September 25, Ishita Mallick was shot dead at her residence in Krishnanagar. Police said Deshraj, who had entered her house and opened fire, fled immediately after the killing. He reportedly travelled to Uttar Pradesh the next day and was planning to cross over into Nepal when he was intercepted.

DSP, Krishnanagar Police District, Shilpi Paul said: "Based on Deshraj's information, we took him to the station area and recovered the pistol from a swampy patch near platform 1. It has been sent for forensic testing."

Two smugglers caught with animal bones near India-Bhutan border

MI News Service, Alipurduar: Two men were arrested allegedly with animal parts at Jaigaon in Alipurduar district on Friday night. The chief judicial magistrate's court in Alipurduar on Saturday remanded Rakesh Prasad of Jaigaon and Bishal Kumar Sha of Hasimara in judicial custody. Police said that they had received specific intelligence that two persons were travelling from Uttar Pradesh with animal bones. Acting on the tip-off, officers kept watch on their route. The duo first reached Siliguri by train before boarding a bus headed towards Jaigaon. "At GST More, teams engaged in naka checking stopped the bus and found the two men carrying large bags. The bags contained a significant quantity of bones," said a police source.

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Hindustan Club, Kolkata recently hosted a symposium on 'Artificial Intelligence'. It was attended by host of scholars, intellectuals and entrepreneurs across Kolkata.

The Income Tax Sports & Recreation Club, West Bengal Stands Beside the Underprivileged Children

MI News Service, Kolkata: Many forms of deprivation in our society. To bring smiles to their faces and spread hope by breaking through the darkness of obstacles, The Income Tax Sports & Recreation Club, West Bengal stepped forward during its 81st Annual Cultural Festival. At the heart of the event was a gesture of solidarity – financial assistance was handed over to two voluntary organizations working tirelessly to reintegrate marginalized and differently-abled people into the mainstream of society.



On behalf of The Income Tax Sports and Recreation Club, the club's President and Income Tax Commissioner Vikrant Pal Singh (IRS) provided financial assistance to Kanta Chakraborty, founder of the Niharkana Rehabilitation Center in Kolkata.

The festival was inaugurated with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Smt. Surabhi Verma Garg, IRS, Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, West Bengal & Sikkim Region and chief patron of the club. On behalf of the club, its President Vikrant Pal Singh, IRS, presented financial aid to Smt. Kanta Chakraborty, Director of Niharkana Rehabilitation Centre, Dum Dum, which has been working relentlessly for the education and rehabilitation of street children.

Similarly, assistance was extended to Shri Samit Saha, Director of Kestopur Rabindrapalli Sangbedan,

an institution devoted to bringing light and opportunities into the lives of differently-abled children.

Speaking on the occasion, Smt. Surabhi Verma Garg remarked that the initiative was "not just about entertainment, but a proud acknowledgment of their long struggle and deep commitment to humanity." The evening was also graced by a vibrant cultural performance. Popular Bollywood artists Palak Muchhal and Palash Muchhal enthralled the audience with their melodious renditions, turning the celebration into a blend of art, joy,

and compassion.

Guided by its motto, "With Everyone, Beside Everyone," The Income Tax Sports & Recreation Club, West Bengal, once again proved that true celebrations are not only about entertainment but also about carrying forward the spirit of social responsibility. Whether it is lighting up the faces of underprivileged children or spreading rays of hope among differently-abled individuals, the event highlighted a timeless truth — a festival finds its true meaning only when it touches every life in society.

Bay of Bengal low pressure brings rain to Bengal

MI News Service, Kolkata: As Durga Puja approaches, the uncertainty of monsoon showers looms large over Bengal. A fresh low-pressure system has developed in the northwest Bay of Bengal, but meteorologists say its direct impact on West Bengal will be limited. According to the Alipore Meteorological Department, the system will gradually shift from the Odisha-Andhra coast towards Chhattisgarh, drawing in moisture but sparing South Bengal from widespread downpours. The monsoon axis has now drifted away from Bengal, stretching from Sri Ganganagar to the west-central Bay of Bengal. While this shift weakens rainfall prospects in South Bengal, it simultaneously intensifies cloud activity in the north. North Bengal on Alert: The weather office has issued a very heavy rainfall warning for Darjeeling, Alipurduar and Jalpaiguri on Sunday. Kalimpong, Cooch Behar and Uttar Dinajpur are also set to experience heavy showers. From Monday onwards, Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar and Alipurduar are expected to face sustained heavy rainfall, likely continuing through Friday. All districts have also been warned of thunderstorms with gusty winds reaching 30-40 kmph. South Bengal: Cloudy Skies, Intermittent Showers: While South Bengal largely escape heavy downpours, Kolkata, Howrah, Hooghly, North and South 24 Parganas, Nadia, East and West Burdwan, and Birbhum are expected to receive scattered showers with thunderstorms between Sunday and Tuesday. Kolkata's skies will remain cloudy, accompanied by gusty winds of 30-40 kmph. The city recorded a minimum temperature of 28.1°C on Sunday morning, while Saturday's maximum stood at 33.0°C. Humidity levels remain oppressive, hovering between 74% and 91%, with only 0.5 mm of rain recorded so far. Rainfall intensity across South Bengal is forecast to ease gradually from Wednesday. However, with the festival season around the corner, meteorologists caution residents and authorities to remain vigilant as weather patterns remain volatile.

Varanasi woman slams UP Govt at Kolkata exam centre

MI News Service, Kolkata: As West Bengal conducted the second and final phase of its SSC teacher recruitment examination on Sunday, the massive turnout revealed a striking trend — aspirants are no longer just local. From Bihar to Uttar Pradesh, candidates are traveling hundreds of kilometers to secure teaching jobs in Bengal, a reflection of the deepening employment crisis in their own states. One such voice stood out in Kolkata. A woman candidate from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, who had come to appear for the Class XI-XII teacher recruitment test, openly criticized her state government's failure to create opportunities for women. "I have studied hard, and I will use that education wherever I get the chance," she said. "In Uttar Pradesh, there are hardly any jobs. Even though leaders keep saying 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao', the ground reality is that girls are struggling just to find a livelihood."

Situation on India-Nepal border returning to normalcy

From PG 1 the border's significance for Indian trade, noting that it is a key export point, with 99 per cent of the trade being exports and only one per cent being imports. "We only import herbal medicines from Nepal, and today, too, two trucks of herbal medicines have arrived from Nepal," he said.



The youth of Amherst Street perform a Hom Yajna and prayer in Kolkata on Sunday for the India's victory in India-Pakistan cricket match in Asia Cup 2025.

Hindi Day greetings from CM focus on language development

MI News Service, Kolkata: On the occasion of Hindi Day, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee extended her greetings to all Hindi-speaking residents of the state and reiterated the government's commitment to linguistic diversity. Posting on her X handle, the Chief Minister wrote, "Today is Hindi Day. My heartfelt best wishes to all Hindi-speaking brothers and sisters. Every year, we celebrate Hindi Day with devotion, holding reverence for all languages." She highlighted several measures taken since 2011 for the development and promotion of Hindi and other regional languages. In areas where more than 10 percent of the population speaks Hindi, the language has been given official status. Additionally, languages such as Santhali, Kurukh, Kudmali, Nepali, Urdu, Rajbanshi, Kamtapuri, Odia, Punjabi, and Telugu have also been



recognized officially. Efforts are ongoing to promote the Sadri language as well. For the promotion of Hindi, the state has established the Hindi Academy and Hindi University in Howrah. Hindi-medium degree colleges have been opened in Banarhat

and Naxalbari, and postgraduate Hindi courses are now available in several institutions. The Chief Minister also noted that higher secondary question papers are now available in Hindi, and students of Rabindra Mukta Vidyalaya can take secondary examinations in Hindi. Further, she mentioned social welfare measures, including free social security schemes for workers in the unorganized sector, benefiting Hindi-speaking communities. Infrastructure developments for events such as the Ganga Sagar Mela were also highlighted. Acknowledging cultural traditions, CM Banerjee noted that the state government has declared a two-day holiday for Chhath Puja to respect the sentiments of the Hindi-speaking community. The Chief Minister concluded her message by extending warm greetings to all on Hindi Day.



A worker is fully engrossed in a creative pursuit at Mudiali Puja pandal in Kolkata.

Fugitive Firoz Khan alleges conspiracy, challenges councilor

MI News Service, Kolkata: Nearly three days after the Gulshan Colony bomb-firing incident, the prime accused, Firoz Khan, remains at large, even as police continue their search. Despite being untraced, Firoz has been actively posting statements on social media from a secret location, making startling allegations and directly challenging Trinamool councilor Sushant Ghosh. On Saturday night, Firoz released a video in which he claimed the entire incident had been staged. "The area is empty, but bombs are being fired! It is all a complete drama," he said, adding that the shooting and bombing were planned in advance. In his posts, Firoz also accused Ghosh of manipulating

him during previous elections to secure votes from Gulshan Colony, and claimed that he was being labeled anti-social once his role was over. Firoz further warned the councilor: "This is not Ward 107 where someone can be chased away. This is Ward 108. I have created files in such a place, I will bring them out if necessary. Don't come after me. I am much more cunning than you. Speak to me straightforwardly, and I will respond the same. But if you go too far, you cannot imagine what I can do." The audacious social media activity of the fugitive has raised questions about why he has not yet been apprehended, prompting opposition leaders to question the pace and effectiveness of the ongoing investigation.

Civic volunteer killed in Midnight Highway collision

MI News Service, Kolkata: A horrific midnight accident has claimed the life of civic volunteer Soumyajit Chakraborty 32 year old, leaving his family devastated and raising renewed questions over reckless driving on Bengal's highways. The incident occurred late Saturday night on National Highway 117, in front of the Bhas BDO office under Bishnupur police station, South 24 Parganas. Police sources confirmed that Soumyajit Chakraborty's two-wheeler was struck by speeding lorry while he was returning home from work. The impact over his waist and leaving him critically injured. Soumyajit Chakraborty, a resident of Tangra's Jale Para, was the only son his parents. Beside his civic duty, he worked part-time at a blood bank. One the night of the accident, he had been carrying a blood collection report on his scooter. Around 1:30 a.m., he spoken briefly with his family. Minutes later, his phone went silent. When repeated calls went unanswered, his anxious family contacted Tiljala police station, which in turn relayed the matter to Bishupur police.

Depressed over job loss, teacher found dead before SSC

MI News Service, Kolkata: The crisis in Bengal's teaching community has deepened with yet another death of a jobless teacher. After the recent demise of Subal Soren, another young teacher, Santosh Kumar Mondal, lost his life under tragic circumstances on Thursday night, a few hours before the scheduled SSC examination. Santosh, a resident of Khajuri village in Debra, West Midnapore, had been working at Arishanda High School in Panskura since 2016. After securing the job, he took a bank loan to build a house in Mechgram, Panskura, where he had been residing with his family. However, like many others, he lost his position following irregularities in the appointment process. According to family sources, Santosh had been under severe mental stress ever since losing his job. On Sunday, he appeared for the SSC examination for recruitment in Classes IX and X. But just days later, his health deteriorated rapidly. On Thursday, he complained of unbearable abdominal pain and was admitted to a local nursing home in Panskura. As his condition worsened, he was shifted to Narayana Hospital in Howrah, where he died late at night—just hours before the examination for Classes XI and XII. Relatives alleged that Santosh had been battling depression linked to the uncertainty over his professional future. His sudden demise has left his family shattered and has once again highlighted the deep sense of despair gripping Bengal's unemployed teachers. With two such deaths in quick succession—first Subal Soren, and now Santosh Mondal—the tragedy has cast a long shadow over the SSC recruitment turmoil. Police have registered an unnatural death case, and the matter is under investigation.

NCW steps in after Jadavpur student's mysterious death

MI News Service, Kolkata: The death of Anamika Mondal, a 3rd year student undergraduate students of Jadavpur University, has sparked a major controversy, with the National Commission for Woman (NCW) stepping in and demanding answer from the Kolkata Police. On Sunday, the NCW announced that it has taken suo motu cognizance of the incident, the post on the officials X handle, the Commission Manoj Verma, seeking a Commission has also directed the police to submit a report within three days and urged authorities to examine the state of campus security at Jadavpur. The tragic incident occurred on Thursday night. Around 9:55 p.m., Anamika Mondal, who had been attending a drama club program near the university parking lot, reportedly left for the toilet. Minutes later, her body was spotted floating on the lake near Gate No.4. Student rushed to rescue her, and she was immediately taken to a nearby private hospital.

Sourav Ganguly's Possible Return Sparks Speculation



MI News Service, Kolkata: Speculation is rife in Bengal cricket circles as the deadline for the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) elections approaches, raising the question of whether former India captain Sourav Ganguly might return to the association's top administrative post.

The current CAB president, Snehashis Ganguly, Sourav's elder brother, has held the position for the past six years. However, according to Lodha Committee guidelines, the term has now officially expired, necessitating the formation of a new committee. The deadline for submitting nominations is set for Sunday, and as of now, no nominations have been formally filed, fueling speculation about potential last-minute moves. In previous years, Sourav had expressed interest in the CAB presidency but ultimately deferred to Snehashis, who was nominated instead. Questions now arise about whether Sourav will directly contest this year or continue the precedent by supporting his brother. Sources indicate that Sourav and his close associates are in discussions to

field candidates for all five key posts of the CAB committee. Among the names being speculated for prominent positions are Bablu Kole and Sourav's childhood friend Sanjay Das for secretary and treasurer posts respectively, while Madan Ghosh and Nishitha Ranjan Dutta are reportedly being considered for joint secretary and vice president. Other names circulating include Srimanta Mallick, Subrata Saha, and Soumik Ganguly, son of the veteran field manager Subir "Bablu" Ganguly. While these names remain speculative, the coming days are expected to clarify the administrative direction of Bengal cricket. Should Sourav Ganguly decide to directly engage, it could mark a significant reshaping of the CAB's leadership, potentially influencing Bengal cricket administration for the foreseeable future. As election day approaches, all eyes remain on the Ganguly camp to see whether the iconic cricketer, often dubbed 'Maharaj', will make a formal return to CAB leadership or continue to guide from behind the scenes.

ENGLISH DEFENCE LEAGUE organizes massive anti-Immigration rally in UK

From PG 1 migration," he said. Robinson told the crowd in a hoarse voice that migrants now had more rights in court than the "British public, the people that built this nation." The marches come at a time when the UK has been divided by debate over migrants crossing the English Channel in overcrowded inflatable boats to arrive on shore without authorization. Participants in the "Unite the Kingdom" march carried the St. George's red-and-white flag of England and the union jack, the state flag of the United Kingdom, and chanted "we want our country back." UK flags have proliferated this summer across the UK — at events and on village lampposts — in what some have said is a show of national pride and others said reflects a tilt toward nationalism. Supporters held signs saying "stop the boats," "send them home," and "enough is enough, save our children." Robinson supporters chanted crude refrains about UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, leader of the center-left Labour Party and also

shouted messages of support for slain US conservative activist Charlie Kirk. Several speakers paid tribute to Kirk, who was remembered in a moment of silence, followed by a bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace." One demonstrator held a sign saying: "Freedom of speech is dead. RIP Charlie Kirk." The crowd at one point stretched from Big Ben across the River Thames and around the corner beyond Waterloo train station, a distance of about three-quarters of a mile (around a kilometre). The rally got plenty of support from different parts of the world, including German Defence League, Jewish Defence League, and other 'Defence League units' across West, including Kolkata based Indian Defence League (IDL). IDL President Santanu Sinha in Kolkata said, "Immigration is a global problem, especially immigration from the Islamic world. India has been one of the worst victims of it. It is good to see that West is also rising to the occasion. They are facing the same existential crisis much like us."

Respect all languages, including Hindi: Shah

From PG 1 the G-20 summit, or addressing the SCO, Modi Ji has enhanced the pride of Indian languages by communicating in Hindi and other Indian languages," he said. In the 'Amrit Kaal' of independence, the home minister said, Modi has taken the 'Panch Pran' (five pledges) to free the country from the symbols of slavery, in which languages have a significant role. "We must adopt Indian languages as the medium of communication and interaction," he said. Shah said the official language Hindi has completed 76 glorious years and the Department of Official Language, having completed 50 golden years of its establishment, has done remarkable work in making Hindi the language of the masses and public consciousness. "Since 2014, the use of Hindi in government work has been continuously promoted," he said. The home minister said in 2024, on Hindi Diwas, the Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag was established with an aim of ensuring seamless translation between all major Indian languages. "Our goal is to ensure that Hindi and other Indian languages become not just a medium of communication but the cornerstone of technology, science, justice, education, and administration," he said. Shah said in this era of Digital India, e-Governance, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, the government is developing Indian languages as future capable, relevant and a driving force in making India a leader in global technological competition. "Mithila's poet Vidyapati ji rightly said: 'Desil bayana sab jan mithila' means, one's own language is the sweetest," he said.

Bengal SSC exam sees massive crowd from across India

MI News Service, Kolkata: The ongoing School Service Commission (SSC) teacher recruitment exams have drawn an overwhelming crowd, with thousands of aspirants from other states arriving in Bengal to compete for limited vacancies. Following last Sunday's exams for Classes IX and X, the recruitment test for Classes XI and XII began today, continuing the trend of large-scale participation.

According to SSC sources, a total of 5.65 lakh candidates are appearing across 36 subjects, competing for 12,514 vacancies. Among these, 2.46 lakh applicants have registered for the Class XI and XII exams. A significant portion of candidates hail from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Jharkhand and other states, underscoring the shortage of opportunities



in their home states. Notably, the Hindi medium vacancies—370 for today's exam—have attracted more than 12,000 applicants, reflecting an unprecedented

turnout. This is the first time Hindi-medium candidates have been allowed to appear in the SSC recruitment since 2016, when such applications were not ac-

cepted. Several candidates from other states expressed frustration over the lack of recruitment opportunities in their respective regions.

Political circles have also reportedly been under pressure to address the growing demand for teacher recruitment. The SSC has emphasized that examinations are being conducted in a strictly regulated environment, with adherence to all procedural guidelines. The high turnout and cross-state participation highlight the intense competition and the critical need for transparency and fairness in the recruitment process. As the exams continue across Bengal, authorities remain on alert to manage the large number of aspirants and ensure smooth conduct at all exam centers.

NAME CHANGE
I, MD. SARFARAZ ABBAS, S/o Late Abbas Ali, Resident- 2, P.M. Bustee, 2nd Bye Lane, Shibpur, Howrah – 71102, W.B., declare that, in some records/documents my daughter's old Birth Certificate being no. 00433627 my name has been recorded as MD. SARFARAZ instead of my actual name MD. SARFARAZ ABBAS and my daughter's name has been recorded as AQSA ZAREENA instead of her correct name AQSA ZAREEN. As per affidavit vide no. 7358 before the 1st Class Executive Magistrate at Howrah on 12.09.2025, I, MD. SARFARAZ ABBAS & MD. SARFARAZ is the same and one identical person and my daughter, AQSA ZAREEN and AQSA ZAREENA is the same & one identical person.

AFFIDAVIT
I, Somnesh Mukhopadhyay S/o. Ramaprasad Mukhopadhyay, R/o. Babudur Para, Ala, Dhaniakhal, Hooghly-712302, declared that in my Birth Certificate (264 dated 21/02/2003) my name has been recorded as Somnesh Prosad Mukhopadhyay instead of my actual name Somnesh Mukhopadhyay, my father's name has been recorded as Rama Prosad Mukhopadhyay instead of his actual name Ramaprasad Mukhopadhyay and also my mother's name has been recorded as Monika Mukhopadhyay instead of her actual name Manika Mukhopadhyay. **Somnesh Mukhopadhyay & Somnesh Prosad Mukhopadhyay**, my father **Ramaprasad Mukhopadhyay & Rama Prosad Mukhopadhyay** & my mother **Manika Mukhopadhyay & Monika Mukhopadhyay** are the same and one identical person vide an affidavit no. 8805, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar Hooghly Court on 10/09/2025.

Change of Name
I, Bulul Sahu (Old Name) W/o Mrinal Kanti Sahu Residing at Flat No - C02, Block -BC-152, P.o - Newtown, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700156 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bulu Mukherjee Sahu (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 12-09-2025. Bulu Sahu (Old Name) and Bulu Mukherjee Sahu (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Sushil Bakchi alias Sushil Kumar Bakchi (Old Name) S/o Late Monimohan Bagchi Residing at Vill - Mondalpara, P.o - Matuadham Mondalpara, P.s-Gaighata, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743245, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sushil Bagchi (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 12-09-2025. Sushil Bakchi, Sushil Kumar Bakchi (Old Name) and Sushil Bagchi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Geeta Yadav D/o Ram Pal Yadav, aged about 30 Years, resident of 115/1, Cossipore Road, P.S. Chitpur, Kolkata-700002, have embraced Islam on 04/08/2025 and adopted the new name Shabnam Khatoun.Gita Yadav and Shabnam Khatoun are one and the same person, by virtue of an affidavit sworn before Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Alipore.

Change of Name
I, Rabia Mollick (Old Name) W/o Jalil Mollick Residing at Vill+P.o - Dosotina, P.s - Bishnupur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743503, West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Rabiya Bibi (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 12-09-2025. Rabia Mollick (Old Name) and Rabiya Bibi (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Seikh Rabul (Old Name) S/o SK Soleman Residing at Vill - Durgapur, P.o - Sagesarswar, P.s - Ramnagar, District - East Medinipur, Pin - 721446, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sk Rabul (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 12-09-2025. Seikh Rabul (Old Name) and Sk Rabul (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Deluria Khatun (old name) daughter of Lutfur Rahman and wife of Sirajul Haque, residing at Vill & PO - Subsit, Howrah – 711303, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Delwara Khatun (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 12/09/2025. Deluria Khatun and Delwara Khatun both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shirin Akhtary Gazi (old name) wife of Mizanur Haque, residing at Vill : Gadi Uttar, Sabsiti, PO- Bagnan, Howrah – 711303, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shirin Akhtari Gazi (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 12/09/2025. Shirin Akhtary Gazi and Shirin Akhtari Gazi both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shaikh Bhola(Old Name), Son Of Late Mohammed Yousuf,Residing At 13/H/47, Mayur Bhaji Road, Shahid Aminuddin Primary School, Po-Khiddipore, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Bhola(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/09/2025.Shaikh Bhola And Sk Bhola Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Change of Name
I, Gayasuddin Khan (Old Name), Son Of Moimuddin Khan, Residing At 82 Colootola Street, Ps-Jorasanko, Po-Central Avenue, Kolkata-700073, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ghayasuddin Khan(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 11/09/2025.Gayasuddin Khan And Ghayasuddin Khan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ASIT BOSE S/o-LATE ATUL CHANDRA BOSE Residing at, Vill - Sankopara maheshmati, Post- Malda, Ps-Englishbazar, Dist- Malda, Pin-732101, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ASIT BOSE To ASIT BARAN BOSE (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) ASIT BARAN BOSE in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025. ASIT BARAN BOSE and ASIT BOSE both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, MOUMITA DAS CHOUHAN, W/o- PRADIP CHOUHAN, residing at Vill- Masterpara, Rabindrapally, Post and PS- Gangarampur, Dist-Dakshin Dinajpur, West Bengal, do hereby declare that my name, MOUMITA DAS, is recorded in my School Certificate No. 2712-0345 and that my name, MOUMITA CHOUHAN, is recorded in my son's Birth Certificate (Reg. No. 4258, dated 31/12/2005) and ICSE (Class X) Pass Certificate (Unique ID 7567837) . I have changed my name from MOUMITA DAS and MOUMITA CHOUHAN to MOUMITA DAS CHOUHAN (New Name) and henceforth, I shall be known as (New Name) MOUMITA DAS CHOUHAN for all purposes vide an affidavit sworn before the 1st Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Dakshin Dinajpur, Balurghat, on 19th August, 2024. I declare that MOUMITA DAS CHOUHAN, MOUMITA CHOUHAN, and MOUMITA DAS are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) AZMUL SEKH S/o-SARJUL SK Residing at, Vill- Bajje Gopalnagar, Post- Nutangram, Ps- Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742140, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from AZMUL SEKH To AZMUL SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) AZMUL SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025, AZMUL SK and AZMUL SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) FAZAL SK S/o- MD EAUSUF SAIKH Residing at, Vill - Suksagar, Post- Suksagar, Ps- Nakashipara, Dist- Nadia, Pin-741154, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from FAZAL SK To ABUL FAZAL (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ABUL FAZAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025, ABUL FAZAL and FAZAL SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MAIDUL ISLAM S/o- ABUL FAZAL Residing at, Vill - Suksagar, Post- Suksagar, Ps- Nakashipara, Dist- Nadia, Pin-741154, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MAIDUL ISLAM To MAHIDUL ISLAM (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) MAHIDUL ISLAM in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025, MAHIDUL ISLAM and MAIDUL ISLAM both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) RIZIYA BIBI W/o-SETABUDDIN SK Residing at, Vill - Nurpur, Post- Nurpur, Ps- Suti, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742223, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from RIZIYA BIBI To RIJIA BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) RIJIA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025, RIJIA BIBI and RIZIYA BIBI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) SAYID SEKH S/o-AMIZUDDIN SK Residing at, Vill - Basabari, Post- Choerigacha, Ps-Berhampore, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742405, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from SAYID SEKH To SAHID SK (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New Name) SAHID SK in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 01 Sept 2025, SAHID SK and SAYID SEKH both are Same and one identical person.

Bratya Basu congratulates for peacefully completion of SSC exams in two phases

MI News Service, Kolkata: Congratulating all stakeholders for the peaceful completion of the SSC examination for recruitment of teachers for class 11 and 12 in the state owned schools, West Bengal education minister Bratya Basu on Sunday said the transparent conducting test would renew the confidence of the people on the leadership of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Addressing the reporters after the examination, Basu said both the phases September 7 and 14 the examinations were held in a transparent manner. He claimed among the

applicants about 93 per cent candidates appeared in the exam. He said for class 9 and 10 test some 31,000 outstation candidates sat for examination and about 13,000 candidates appeared for class 11 and 12 and they were mostly UP and Bihar. Giving a statistic, Basu said out of 3,19,961 applicants, about 2,93,152 candidates had appeared for the September 7 exam, that is 91.62 percent. Of them 3658 were specially abled persons, and 789 visually handicapped. They were given an additional 20 minutes in the exam. For class 11 and 12, about

2,46,543 candidates appeared, of them 3120 were specially abled persons. Of them 653 were visually handicapped. Basu said for the first time SSC allowed the candidates to take a carbon copy of the OMR sheet and a copy of the answer script was given to them. He said the SSC would also publish the model answers on its website to maintain hundred percent transparency of the examination. He said the SSC would also invite suggestions and objections from the candidates regarding the process.

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ED summons former TMC MP, actor Mimi in illegal betting app probe

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned former Trinamool MP Mimi Chakraborty in connection with an ongoing investigation into alleged irregularities involving the online betting platform 1xBet. Chakraborty has been asked to appear before the agency's Delhi office on Monday, according to reports.

The ED is probing multiple cases of illegal betting apps accused of defrauding investors and users and evading substantial tax liabilities.

The agency had earlier questioned several actors and cricketers regarding their alleged involvement with such platforms.

In July, ED booked 29 celebrities, including Vijay Deverakonda, Rana Daggubati, Manchu Lakshmi, Raj, Nidhi Agarwal, Pranitha Subhash, Ananya Nagalla, TV host Srimukhi apart from local social media influencers and YouTubers.

Name Change
I, Tasneem Juzer Lokhandwala W/O, Mustafa Ashfaq Hanif R/o 114, Dr. Lal Mohan Bhattacharya Road, Kolkata have changed my name to Tasneem Hanif.

Name Change
I, Nasima Malita (old name) wife of Sarful Malita, residing at Kanaipur, P.O.- Panchberia, P.S.- Dhantala, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741501, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Papiya Malita (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/09/2025. Papiya Malita (new name) and Nasima Malita (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shahara Bibi (old name) wife of Abdul Khalek Molla, residing at Y-21/01, Sathar Road, p.s.-Nadial, Kolkata- 700044, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sahara Bibi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/09/2025. Sahara Bibi (new name) and Shahara Bibi(old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anjum Arra (old name) wife of Iqbal Ahmed, residing at 44, cowies Ghat road, Dist.- Howrah, Pin- 711102, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anjum Ara (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/09/2025. Anjum Ara (new name) and Anjum Arra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Narbu Goperna, son of Sangay, residing at Ratomate, Sonada, Jorebunglow, Darjeeling, West Bengal , 734219, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Narbu Sherpa(New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 12/09/2025.Narbu Goperna and Narbu Sherpa both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Alina Goperna (Old Name)wife of Pratik Rumba, residing at 48, Old Military Road, Chimney Busty, Kurseong, Darjeeling, West Bengal -734 220, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Alina Goperna Sherpa(New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 12/09/2025.Alina Goperna and Alina Goperna Sherpa both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Abdul Aziz (old name) son of Late Abdul Bari, residing at Momin Mohalla, West Midnapore, Pin- 721101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abdul Aziz (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/09/2025. Abdul Aziz (new name) and Sk Abdul Aziz (old name) both are same and one identical person.

All India Essay Competition- 2025 organized by Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO)



MI News Service, Kolkata: The Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO), organized the All India Essay Competition -2025 at Arundaya Ghoshapur School, Behala, Kolkata, on 14th September, 2025. This competition was held exclusively for the wards of non-gazetted staff of Eastern Railway.

A total of 45 participants enthusiastically showcased their writing skills, presenting essays that reflected thoughtful perspectives and creativity. Smt. Seema Deoskar, President of ERWWO, has started the competition by opening the topic of easy in front of the participants and in the presence of members of the Executive Committee. The event was marked by encouraging words from Smt. Deoskar and the Executive Committee, who inspired the young participants to nurture their literary abilities and contribute to building a culture of intellectual curiosity. At the conclusion of the competition, all participants were felicitated with small gifts and food packets as tokens of appreciation for their efforts. ERWWO conveys sincere gratitude to the staff of Arundaya Ghoshapur School for their cooperation in hosting the event and extends thanks to all the participants for their active involvement. ERWWO remains committed to fostering educational and cultural activities for the welfare of the families of Eastern Railway's non-gazetted employees.

Journey to Four Jyotirlingas and Statue of Unity by Bharat Gaurav Train

MI News Service, New Delhi: A special Bharat Gaurav Yatra Train will be operated for spiritual and historic Journey to Four Jyotirlingas and Statue of Unity. Nine-day train tour by Bharat Gaurav special will take tourist to 4 Jyotirlinga and Statue of Unity Yatra that will include some of the most sacred temples of the country along with the tallest modern monument in the country. IRCTC will be the operator of the tour which will start on October 25 in Amritsar and boarding will be offered at Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Chandigarh, Ambala, Kurukshetra, Panipat, Sonipat, Delhi Cantt and Rewari. The tour takes Mahakaleshwar and Omkareshwar in Ujjain, Nageshwar around Dwarka, and Somnath in Veraval (four of the twelve Jyotirlinga temples of Lord Shiva) and the Dwarkadhish temple and the Statue of Unity in Kevadiya.

The train can carry 762 passengers, who are allocated into Economy, Standard and Comfort classes, with the fares ranging between ₹19,555 and ₹39,410 per head. Offers on board vegetarian meals, accommodation, transfers, sight seeing, travel insurance and security. Accommodation and local transport is differentiated in terms of category with Economy, Standard and Comfort classes, with the fares ranging between ₹19,555 and ₹39,410 per head. Offers on board vegetarian meals, accommodation, transfers, sight seeing, travel insurance and security. Accommodation and local transport is differentiated in terms of category with Economy, Standard and Comfort classes, with the fares ranging between ₹19,555 and ₹39,410 per head. Offers on board vegetarian meals, accommodation, transfers, sight seeing, travel insurance and security. 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"Their colour keeps changing every month": NCP-SCP leader Jayant Patil slams centre over India-Pakistan match

MI News Service, Nashik : Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) leader Jayant Patil on Sunday slammed the Central government over the India-Pakistan cricket match in the Asia Cup, alleging that their "colour keeps changing after every month."

"The leaders of the BJP were saying two months ago that blood and water will not flow together, and today they are saying that we will play cricket against Pakistan. Their colour keeps changing after every month, and this is why our foreign policy has been failing continuously, and the world has experienced this," he told reporters.

Additionally, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Arvind Sawant also criticised the Centre for the same, suggesting that the match should not

take place after the Pahalgam terror attack.

"You said that people were asked whether they were Hindus or Muslims, and they were shot if they were Hindus. Twenty-six women were widowed. Will we play the match even after seeing the response of Aishanya Dwivedi (wife of Pahalgam terror attack victim Shubham Dwivedi)?" he said.

Earlier, Uttar Pradesh Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya said that the Indian cricket team is adhering to the rules while justifying India's scheduled cricket match against Pakistan in the Asia Cup.

"But when international matches are held and we want to continue as part of international tournaments, we have to be a part of it under compulsion. The country does not

want to play against Pakistan very happily," Maurya said.

Meanwhile, women workers of Shiv Sena (UBT) on Sunday staged a protest in Mumbai with 'sindoor', opposing India's participation in the match against Pakistan in the Asia Cup, scheduled for today.

The high-voltage contest will be played at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium in India's second Group A fixture. Both teams are heading into the contest on the back of convincing wins in their respective openers.

Ahead of the clash, there had been a widespread demand from the opposition to boycott the match. However, the Centre had issued no objection from the Indian team to playing against Pakistan in any multi-nation tournament.

"Good that PM Modi went to Manipur": NCP-SCP Chief Sharad Pawar

MI News Service, Nashik: Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)-SCP chief Sharad Pawar on Sunday welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Manipur, asserting that it was a long-standing "demand" of the violence-hit state that the Prime Minister should visit.

Speaking at a press conference in Nashik, Pawar said, "It was being demanded that PM Modi visit the state. It is good that he went there."

Earlier in the day, Congress leader P Chidambaram criticised PM Modi's Manipur visit, accusing him of failing to apologise for not coming earlier and questioning the short duration of his stay.

In a post on X, Congress Rajya Sabha MP Chidambaram claimed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has

"not even bothered" to visit Manipur and "did not apologise for not coming."

"The Congress leader wrote, 'In the 2023 riots in Manipur. 258 people lost their lives, 1,108 people were injured, 532 places of worship were damaged, 60,000 people were displaced, thousands of people are still in refugee camps today. For two years, Prime Minister Modi has not even bothered to visit Manipur,' Chidambaram wrote.

Amid a political row over the visit, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh also took a dig at PM Modi.

In a post on X, Ramesh criticised the PM for spending less than five hours in the state, questioning his commitment to addressing the plight of Manipur's people.

"The people of Manipur have been undergoing tremendous pain, distress, suffering, and agony for the past 28 months ever since the state erupted. The people of Manipur have waited patiently for the PM to visit the state. He has finally obliged them today. But he was in the state, from landing till take-off, for less than 5 hours," he said.

Highlighting the brevity of the visit, Ramesh further remarked on X, "The PM has the time (and the inclination) to spend days campaigning and travelling across the world. But is Manipur worth only so much to him? It is shockingly insensitive."

He concluded with a Hindi phrase, "der aae par durust nahi aae" (PM's visit delayed, however, not adequate).

This was PM Modi's first visit after an ethnic conflict erupted in Manipur in May 2023, and the discord between the Meitei and Kuki communities has persisted for a significant length of time.

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth over Rs 7,300 crore at Churachandpur and inaugurated projects worth over Rs 1200 crore in Imphal.

Meanwhile, during his visit to Manipur on Saturday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed to various ethnic groups in Manipur to shun violence and work towards restoring peace in the state. He stated that a new dawn of "hope and confidence" is emerging in the northeastern state.

"India will definitely demand sanctions": Maharashtra CM Fadnavis on Pakistan funding Lashkar-e-Taiba's HQ reconstruction

MI News Service, Pune: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday stated that India will definitely demand sanctions on Pakistan for funding the reconstruction of Lashkar-e-Taiba's (LeT) headquarters at Muridke, Markaz Taiba, which was reduced to rubble by Indian Air Force strikes during Operation Sindoor on May 7.

However, the Maharashtra CM clarified that only the Indian government can officially comment on the issue.

"I think that if Pakistan tries to fund it, India will definitely demand that sanctions be imposed on them at the international level. Only the Indian government can speak officially on this issue. I can't speak officially on this," Devendra Fadnavis said.

This comes after fresh intelligence inputs reveal that Pakistan is directly

funding the terror outfit's reconstruction. Islamabad has already allocated PKR 4 crore to LeT, while the group estimates the rebuild will cost over PKR 15 crore. Senior commanders Maulana Abu Zar and Yunus Shah Bukhari are overseeing the project, with a deadline set for February 5, 2026, timed with LeT's annual Kashmir Solidarity Day convention.

According to a dossier prepared by agencies, "LeT cadres have also launched fundraising campaigns under the guise of 'flood relief', repeating a historical pattern where humanitarian aid was diverted to terror infrastructure. In 2005, nearly 80% of earthquake relief funds collected by LeT's front, Jamaat-ud-Dawa, were channelled into building militant camps.

Despite Pakistan's repeated claims at global platforms of fighting terrorism, the

dossier confirms its Army and ISI remain complicit, ensuring LeT's survival and resurgence. Analysts warn that this deliberate rebuilding effort reflects Islamabad's double standards on counter-terrorism and signals the likelihood of fresh cross-border attacks being planned from Pakistani soil.

Markaz Taiba, Muridke, not only serves as a residence to major commanders of the outfits but also serves as the epicentre for radicalisation and various training courses on intelligence, arms handling, etc.

Markaz Taiba, established in the year 2000, is the 'alma mater' and the most important training centre of LeT located in Nangal Sahdan, Muridke, Sheikhupura, Punjab, Pakistan. The complex held arms and physical training facilities, as well as dawa'h and radicalisation for terror entities, both from

within Pakistan and abroad.

This Markaz enrolls around 1000 students in different courses annually, thereby highlighting the role of this Markaz in churning out terror entities for LeT annually. Osama Bin Laden had financed Rs 10 million for the construction of the Mosque and Guest House within the Markaz Taiba complex.

At the behest of Pakistan's ISI, all the perpetrators of the 26/11 Mumbai attack, including Ajmal Kasab, were imparted 'Daur-e-Ribbat' (intelligence training) at this facility. David Coleman Headley and Tahawwur Hussain Rana, the prime conspirators of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, had visited Muridke along with Abdul Rehman Sayed @ Pasha, Haroon and Khurram (co-conspirators) on the instructions of Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi.

Gujarat: Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel completes 4 years of good governance

MI News Service, Gandhinagar: Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel completed his four-year tenure of governance in the state on September 13. During this period, he has consistently carried forward Gujarat's development journey initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a CMO release said.

To advance the Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat@2047 and ensure that students in Gujarat have access to high-quality, future-ready education in Amrit Kaal, the CM launched two new schemes in March 2024, Namolakshmi Yojana and Namolakshmi Vigyan Sadhana Yojana.

Notably, under Namolakshmi Yojana, more than 10.49 lakh girl students have received financial assistance of over Rs 1,000 crore, while under Namolakshmi Vigyan Sadhana Yojana, over 1.50 lakh students have been provided assistance amounting to over Rs 161 crore.

Recognising that no girl should have to discontinue her education due to financial hardship, Chief Minister

Bhupendra Patel introduced Namolakshmi Yojana to ensure daughters can complete their secondary and higher secondary studies. The scheme covers girls studying in Classes 9 to 12 in schools recognised by the Gujarat Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board (GSHSEB) and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). Importantly, even those already receiving benefits under other government scholarship schemes remain eligible for this assistance.

Under Namolakshmi Yojana, each girl student receives a total financial aid of Rs 50,000 spread across four years. Since its launch, more than 10.49 lakh girls have benefited, with total disbursements crossing Rs 1,000 crore. To ensure transparent and efficient management, a dedicated Namolakshmi Portal has also been introduced for implementation across schools.

To encourage students to take up science in Classes 11 and 12, the Government of Gujarat, under the lead-

ership of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, has implemented Namolakshmi Vigyan Sadhana Yojana. The scheme is open to students who score 50% or more marks in Class 10 and pursue science in recognised government, grant-in-aid, or self-financed higher secondary schools.

Under this initiative, eligible students in the science stream of Classes 11 and 12 receive a total financial assistance of Rs 25,000 over two years. Since its launch, more than 1.5 lakh students have benefited, with disbursements crossing Rs 161 crore. For its smooth execution, a dedicated Namolakshmi Portal has also been launched.

As Gujarat emerges as a hub for sectors such as semiconductor, green energy, and digital sciences, the demand for skilled technical manpower is set to grow. This scheme plays a crucial role in encouraging more students to pursue science, opening pathways to quality education and future opportunities in science and technology.

"Governor not giving assent to bills, not good in a healthy democracy": Kerala Assembly Speaker ahead of 14th session commencement

MI News Service, Thiruvananthapuram : Ahead of the commencement of the 14th session of the Kerala Assembly, Speaker AN Shamseer targeted the Governor for not giving assent to the bills brought by the state government, saying that such practices are not good in a "healthy democracy."

The 14th session of the 15th Kerala Legislative Assembly will begin on September 15 and will continue till October 10.

Kerala Legislative Assembly Speaker A N Shamseer said that this session would be specifically for law-making.

Speaking to ANI, Shamseer said, "The 14th session of the 15th Kerala Legislative Assembly will begin on September 15, 2025, and will continue till October 10. The session will be held in three phases-September 15 to 19, September 29 to 30, and October 6 to 10-covering a total of 12 working days. This session is exclusively for lawmaking, with two days set aside specifically for private member bills."

He stated that the 15th Kerala Legislative Assembly

was constituted in 2021, and four years have passed; 137 bills have been passed.

"Kerala is conducting Assembly sessions 50 days per annum, so this is a model for other states. We are making bills for the goodwill of people. Unfortunately, the governor is not giving assent to bills. This is not good in a healthy democracy," he added.

Earlier, in a press conference on the commencement of the 14th session of the 15th Kerala Legislative Assembly, he said that the Assembly will take up several important legislations during this session.

"The Assembly will take up several important legislations during this session, including the Kerala General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2024; the Kerala Societies Registration Bill, 2025; the Kerala Guruvayur Devaswom (Amendment) Bill, 2025; and the Kerala Coir Workers' Welfare Cess (Amendment) Bill, 2025. In addition, the Kerala Public Records Bill, 2023-which was referred to the Select Committee after being introduced on July 11, 2024--will also be considered

in this session. The House will also replace the Kerala Public Service Commission (Additional Functions in respect of Services under Universities) Amendment Ordinance, 2025, with a Bill," he said.

"The detailed schedule regarding the consideration of these Bills and other government business will be finalised in the Business Advisory Committee meeting to be held on September 15, 2025. On October 6, the House will discuss and vote on the demands for grants for the 2025-26 financial year, followed by the Appropriation Bill on October 7. The session will conclude on October 10," Shamseer said.

He further said that the preparations have already begun for the 4th edition of the Kerala Legislative International Book Festival (KLIBF), to be held under the auspices of the Legislative Assembly from January 7 to 13, 2026. "The festival, successfully organised over the past three years, will once again be a major cultural event," the Speaker added.

Notably, the Southern state will go to the polls in 2026.

"We led the world, but didn't conquer any country": RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat

MI News Service, Indore: The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh sarsangchalak, Mohan Bhagwat, on Sunday highlighted that India led the world 3,000 years ago, but didn't conquer any other country or suppress anyone's trade. Bhagwat emphasised that India gave civilisation and knowledge wherever the country went.

Mohan Bhagwat participated in the book launch event of Prahlad Patel, written on Narmada Parikrama. Bhagwat emphasised that there was no dispute in the world, and the environment also didn't deteriorate despite the high technological progress.

"We led the world. We did not conquer any country, we did not suppress anyone's

trade, we did not change anyone, we did not convert anyone. Wherever we went, we gave civilisation, knowledge, we learnt scriptures and improved life. Every nation had its own identity, everything was there, but there was good communication among them. That is not there today," he said.

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat termed India as the "best country" 3,000 years back due to the awareness and pure feeling of the country's ancestors.

"Because of the awareness and feeling of purity our ancestors gave us.... India was the best country. There had been no conflict in the world for 3000 years... Technological progress was very high, but the

environment did not deteriorate. Human life was happy and cultured," Mohan Bhagwat said.

The RSS sarsangchalak mentioned that India led the world, but didn't conquer any other country or suppress anyone's trade. Bhagwat emphasised that India gave civilisation and knowledge wherever the country went.

Earlier, on Friday, Mohan Bhagwat said that tariffs were imposed on India "out of fear" of its growth, stressing that global powers were concerned about India's rising strength.

The RSS Chief said this while attending the 7th Foundation Day of Bramhamunis Vishwa Shanti Sarovar in Nagpur, where he

Death toll in Himachal rises to 404; 229 in rain-related, while 175 in road-related accidents: SDMA

MI News Service, Shimla: Himachal Pradesh's devastating monsoon season has claimed 404 lives since June 20, with the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA) on Sunday confirming that 229 deaths were caused by rain-related incidents such as landslides, flash floods, drowning, and house collapses, while another 175 people lost their lives in road accidents.

The SDMA described the scale of destruction as "unprecedented," noting that thousands of homes, farms, and public assets have been damaged across the hill state. The total estimated losses so far amount to Rs 44,890.58 lakh (over Rs 44,890 crore).

The cumulative report shows that 229 people died

in rain-related disasters, including 48 in landslides, 11 in flash floods, 17 in cloud-bursts, 38 in drowning cases, 15 due to snake bites, 17 due to electrocution, and 44 from falls in steep terrain.

In addition, 175 deaths were recorded in road accidents, underscoring the fragility of Himachal's transport network during the monsoon.

Apart from the fatalities, 462 people sustained injuries, and 41 are reported missing. The rains also led to the death of 2,094 animals and nearly 26,955 poultry birds.

Public property has borne the brunt of the monsoon fury, with major damage to roads, power supply lines, water schemes, health facilities, and schools.

Electricity and water supply services have also taken a major hit. As of Sunday evening, 373 distribution transformers were out of order, leaving thousands without power in affected districts, while 188 water supply schemes were disrupted due to damaged pipelines and blocked access.

According to the SDMA, losses are spread across multiple sectors: PWD (roads & bridges): Rs 2,73.9.35 lakh, Jal Shakti (water schemes): Rs 1,38.6.44 lakh, Power sector: Rs 13,94.6 lakh, Education: Rs 2,045 lakh and Rural & Urban Development: over Rs 1,800 lakh combined.

In addition, 8,278 hectares of crops and 6,036 hectares of horticulture land have been damaged, hitting the rural economy hard.

The worst-hit districts include Mandi (61 deaths), Kangra (55 deaths), Chamba (50 deaths), Kullu (44 deaths), and Shimla (43 deaths). Each district has reported large-scale destruction to both private homes and public infrastructure.

The SDMA said efforts are ongoing to restore essential services. Hundreds of machines and field teams have been deployed to reopen blocked roads and repair transformers and water schemes. However, frequent landslides and continuous rainfall continue to hamper operations.

"The scale of losses is massive, but the government is working in coordination with central agencies to provide relief and accelerate restoration," the SDMA stated.

Earthquake of magnitude 5.8 jolts Udalguri; CM Sarma says, "Actively monitoring situation"

MI News Service, Udalguri : An earthquake of magnitude 5.8 jolted the Udalguri district in Assam, at 16:41 IST on Sunday, according to the National Centre for Seismology (NCS).

The quake occurred at a depth of 5 km, with its epicentre located at latitude 26.78N and longitude 92.33E, 48 km WNW of Tezpur.

In X post, the NCS stated, "EQ of M: 2.7, On: 14/09/2025 18:11:50 IST, Lat: 26.78 N, Long: 92.26 E, Depth: 5 Km, Location: Udalguri, Assam."

Assam CM said that the authorities are monitoring the situation and there has been no loss of life so far.

In a post on X, Assam CM Sarma shared, "So far, there has been no report of any major damage or loss of life. We are actively monitoring the situation."

According to the NCS, two more earthquakes of magnitude 3.1 and 2.7 struck the Udalguri district today.

"EQ of M: 3.1, On: 14/09/2025 16:58:31 IST, Lat: 26.80 N, Long: 92.33 E, Depth: 5 Km, Location: Udalguri, Assam," the NCS said on X.

"EQ of M: 2.7, On: 14/09/2025 18:11:50 IST, Lat: 26.78 N, Long: 92.26 E, Depth: 5 Km, Location: Udalguri, Assam," it said.

The National Centre for Seismology also reported an earthquake of magnitude 2.9 in the Sonitpur district of Assam.

"EQ of M: 2.9, On: 14/09/2025 17:21:26 IST, Lat: 26.81 N, Long: 92.33 E, Depth: 5 Km, Location: Sonitpur, Assam," the NCS said.

With this, Assam has recorded four earthquakes in a single day so far, as per the NCS.

Three terror sympathisers arrested with AK-47s in Poonch

MI News Service, Poonch: Three alleged terror sympathisers were arrested from Poonch along with the recovery of three AK-47 rifles and a large quantity of warlike stores, police said on Sunday.

According to the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Jammu Zone, the arrests were made after "dogged determination and relentless investigation."

"Dogged determination and relentless investigation lead to the arrest of 03 terror sympathisers, along with the recovery of 07 AKs (04 recovered earlier) and a large quantity of warlike stores in Poonch," said IGP, Jammu Zone, in a post on X on Sunday.

Earlier on Tuesday, security forces concluded 'Operation Guddar' in Kulgam with the elimination of two hardcore Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists.

The slain militants have been identified as Rahman, a Pakistani national, and Amir Ahmed Dar, a resident of Daramdora, Shopian.

According to officials, security forces also recovered a cache of weapons, ammunition, and other warlike stores from the encounter site.

"The Operation culminated with the neutralisation of two hardcore LeT terrorists identified as Rahman, a Pakistani national and Amir Ahmed Dar, r/o Daramdora, Shopian, alongwith the recovery of weapons, ammunition and other warlike stores," said the Chinara Corps of the Indian Army in a post on X.

India-Thailand joint military exercise: Closing ceremony held at Foreign Training Node, Umroi Cantt

MI News Service, Guwahati: The Closing Ceremony of the joint military exercise between the Indian and Royal Thai Army, 'Exercise MAITREE-XIV', was held at the Foreign Training Node, Umroi Cantt on September 14.

The aim of the exercise was to achieve interoperability and to acquaint each other with operational procedures and combat drills. It was evident from what was witnessed that both armies were able to achieve this aim, said the press release.

The exercise was conducted under the United Nations (UN)

mandate. Both contingents jointly participated in all the tactical drills as well as operational discussions.

The exercise culminated with a 48-hour validation exercise which included creation of a Temporary Operating Base (TOB), establishing an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) grid, isolation of the village, Heliborne Operations, conduct of raid and hostage rescue. The exercise also included the display and active use of new-generation equipment by both armies.

The closing ceremony was

organised as a solemn occasion to felicitate outstanding soldiers and to showcase each other's cultural and martial heritage. A series of programmes displaying the rich culture and heritage of both countries was also organised. Both armies shared valuable combat experiences and best practices.

Besides training, both contingents also participated in a number of extracurricular activities, including Volleyball, Basketball and Tug of War matches and a cultural event on the final day to increase the bonhomie between troops.

CM Dharami attends Uttarakhand Long-Term Literature Service Honour ceremony on Hindi Diwas

MI News Service, Dehradun: Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dharami on Sunday participated in the Uttarakhand Long-Term Literature Service Honour Ceremony on the occasion of Hindi Diwas at the IRDT Auditorium in Dehradun.

Earlier on September 12, Chief Minister Dharami approved funding of Rs 3.81 crore under the State Plan for road widening from Government Primary School, Bhagwanpur, to Government Inter College, Lamachaur, connecting to the main Kaladhungi road in Nainital district's Kaladhungi assembly constituency.

In Bageshwar district, the Chief Minister approved Rs 4.73 crore

for the Bodi Dhuraphat Pumping Scheme under the Bageshwar division, covering the completion of pending works and retrofitting of pumps/motors with energy-efficient centrifugal pump sets.

In Haridwar district, the Chief Minister sanctioned Rs 7.07 crore for the construction of the Prosecution Department's Divisional Directorate office and central malkhana at Roshnabad, with approval for release of 40 per cent of the funds as the first instalment.

For preparations related to the Kumbh Mela 2027, the Chief Minister approved various new construction works with a total sanction of about Rs 1.13 billion, and authorised the release of a token



amount of Rs 10 crore during the current financial year.

Under the Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, approval

was granted for drinking water and grid solar projects costing Rs 17.58 crore, including three projects of the Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan (Rs 9.22 crore) and 17 projects of the Uttarakhand Peyaj Nigam (8.36 crore), all sanctioned under NABARD.

The Chief Minister also approved the sanction of the Loktantra Senani Samman Pension for Devki Devi, wife of the late Shyam Datt Tiwari, resident of Kichha, Udhampur Singh Nagar district. She will receive a monthly pension of Rs 16,000 from June 14, 2017, to October 13, 2022, and thereafter Rs 20,000 per month (with arrears) effective from October 14, 2022.

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.

Researchers find how immune cells prevent lung healing after viral infection

LOS ANGELES : Researchers found a mechanism by which immune cells impede the regeneration of the lungs' defensive barrier following viral infections such as COVID-19. The results of the multicenter study co-led by Cedars-Sinai, which were published in Nature, could result in novel therapeutic approaches.

The COVID-19 pandemic made clear how viral infections can have long-lasting consequences, a condition known as protracted COVID. Long COVID, sometimes referred to as post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2, has caused a terrible legacy of individuals who remain incapacitated for an extended period of time following infection. Lung scarring, or post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 pulmonary fibrosis, is one such sign.

Those with long COVID can present with a broad constellation of symptoms, including post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 pulmonary fibrosis, which can



cause severe difficulty breathing that requires oxygen supplementation. Patients with the most severe breathing difficulty may also need a lung transplant. Without additional treatment options, many patients are often left with long-term disability and life-threatening complications. "This study sought to understand the pathways that led to abnormal repair in the lungs that produced a scar-forming environment," said Peter

Chen, MD, co-corresponding author of the study, the Medallion Chair in Molecular Medicine and the interim chair of the Department of Medicine at Cedars-Sinai. "Our findings may lead to therapeutic strategies to prevent fibrotic lung disease after viral illnesses."

Investigators established models of post-viral lung disease and used molecular profiling and imaging to identify immune cells called CD8+ T cells as a driving fac-

tor in preventing lung healing and repair post-infection. Moreover, the investigators used post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 pulmonary fibrosis patient cohorts to validate the abnormal immunologic pathways, corroborating the animal model work.

"Although we based the work on post-acute sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 pulmonary fibrosis, other viral pandemics in the past have also revealed that ability to cause lung scarring after infection-like swine flu," said Jie Sun, PhD, co-corresponding author of the study and professor of Medicine at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. "The research and broader medical field must be prepared and better understand how to prevent adverse outcomes stemming from these viruses."

Chen and Sun say these findings--and similar studies--could provide novel information into the pathobiology of other forms of lung fibrosis.

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.

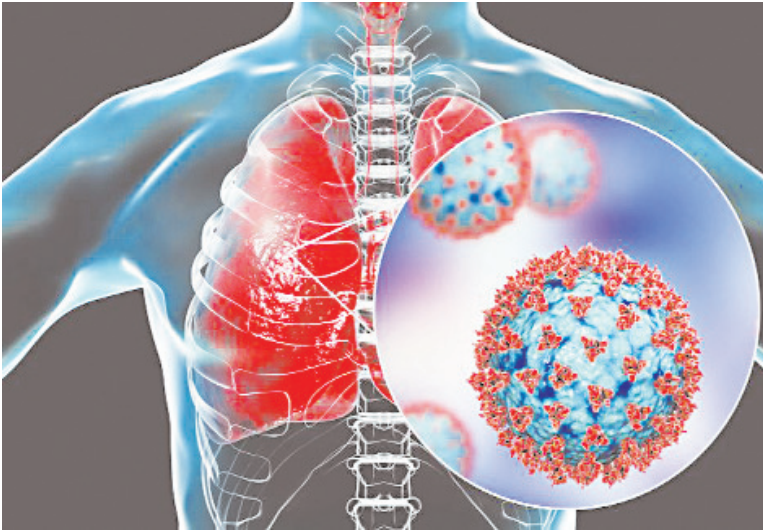
Professor Justin Stebbing of Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) is a joint senior author of a new study published in the journal Nature Communications that looks into the usage of agentT-797, MiNKTherapeutic's allogeneic, unmodified invariant natural killer T (iNKT) cell therapy.

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 agentT-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 agentT-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's iNKT 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 agentT-797 in particular, in treating viral diseases and infections more broadly.

"AgentT-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 agentT-797's encouraging survival benefit, ability to help clear secondary infections, and tolerable administration in ventilated patients and those on VV-ECMO support."

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 medical 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.

New Study Bolsters Existing Evidence that Walnuts Support Well-Being for Gen Z

NEW DELHI : Food plays a big role in everyone's identity, and those born between 1997-2012, commonly known as Gen Z, have been deemed the "foodie generation". Gen Z is driven to a particular food by varied factors, but data suggests foods that support health and well-being by providing energy, managing weight, and fostering mental health are priorities. 1,2 Yet when it comes to choosing foods that support these needs, Gen Z, along with millennials and beyond, often overlook a convenient and important food group - tree nuts, including walnuts.

Nuts, including walnuts, are nutrient dense and considered a key component of many recommended dietary patterns, including the Mediterranean and vegetarian diets. They are also recommended for daily consumption in India's new dietary guidelines by National Institute of Nutrition, which highlight that nuts, such as walnuts, as an essential part of a healthy meal. New research further suggests people, especially Gen Z and millennials, should reconsider nuts, like walnuts.

New Research Evaluates the Impact of Nuts on Weight Management for Gen Z and Millennials

In a recent observational study from Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington and funded by the California Walnut Commission, researchers observed that adolescents and young adults who consumed walnuts and other nuts had a lower prevalence for obesity when compared with those

who consumed no nuts. 4

Researchers analyzed data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) which included more than 19,000 adolescents (12 - 19 years old) and young adults (20 - 39 years old) to understand the associations between consumption of walnuts and other nuts with measures of obesity including relative fat mass (RFM), a validated tool for estimating body fat percent and regional fat composition.

In particular, young women consuming only walnuts had a significantly lower prevalence of obesity when compared to non-nut consumers. However, this association was not found among young men, adolescent boys, or adolescent girls who consumed walnuts only. Researchers also observed that adolescent girls and young women who consumed walnuts only, or other nuts, had a significantly lower RFM compared to non-nuts consumers. Only young males in the walnut and other nut groups showed an inverse association with RFM compared to no nuts group, this was not found in adolescent boys. 4

These results are promising suggesting that there may be an association between the consumption of nuts, especially walnuts with a lower prevalence of obesity and lower RFM within certain populations. However, cause and effect could not be determined, and additional research is needed to support these results. Additionally, the average nut consumption in this population group was low with 76% of adolescents and



69% of young adults reporting no daily nut consumption. Furthermore, when walnuts were consumed, adolescents only ate ~ 2g/day while young adults had ~ 4g/day, which is far below the recommended intake for nuts of 56 - 85g per week or 30g per day, respectively. 3

"While additional research is needed, these results showed that food should not be judged based on calories alone. The

addition of nuts, like walnuts, as a part of a healthy eating pattern may help lower the risk of obesity," explains Dr. Carla Miller, PhD, RD, Professor of Nutrition at Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington. "Whether it is a handful as a snack or part of a meal, even in small amounts, nuts, including walnuts, can and should be a part of a nutritious diet to support well-being."

Beyond Weight Management: Walnuts May Support Overall Physical and Mental Well-Being in Gen Z & Millennials Teens and young adults crave food that supports both their physical health and mental health, with over 30% seeking emotional and mental health benefits.1 Research suggests that daily walnut consumption could potentially support cognitive health and mental well-being in this unique population.

* Daily Walnut Consumption May Support Teens' Focus and Attention - In a multi-school randomized controlled trial of 771 healthy teenagers ages 11 to 16, participants who consumed 30 grams of walnuts per day (1 handful) for six months had improved neuropsychological scores for attention, fluid intelligence (i.e. problem solving, quick reasoning skills) and ADHD symptoms, when compared to the group not eating walnuts. 6.* The positive results in this study were only seen in those teenagers who could better comply with eating more than 3 servings of walnuts per week. Only less than half of participants in the intervention group adhered to eating walnuts daily for 6 months, which might have impacted the data accuracy. No significant results were found for the primary outcomes of this study regarding neuropsychological function, indicating that the intervention did not work overall. However, this study does provide valuable insights and a basis for further clinical and epidemiological research on the effect of walnuts on brain development in adoles-

cents.

* Walnuts May Improve Mental Health and General Well-Being in University Students - A novel study of 80 healthy university students ages 18 to 35, who ate 60g of walnuts a day for 16 weeks, compared to those who did not eat walnuts, prevented negative changes in self-reported mental health scores and scores of stress and depression during a stressful academic period. The group that ate walnuts experienced an increase in metabolic markers that protect against stress and a decrease in those that are linked with stress. While inconclusive, researchers found that the group who consumed walnuts also saw an improvement in sleep scores related to getting to sleep, sleep quality, awakening from sleep, and behavior following wakefulness by the end of the study period. 7. Snacking on Walnuts May Improve Metabolic Health in Young Adults - In a recent study of 84 young adults, ages 22 to 36, with at least one metabolic syndrome risk factor, researchers found that snacking on 30g of mixed unsalted tree nuts, including walnuts, twice daily, may improve metabolic health, when compared to carbohydrate-rich snacks. Researchers observed a reduction in waist circumference and lipid biomarkers in female participants who consumed tree nut snacks, when compared to those who consumed carbohydrate-rich snacks. Males who consumed tree nut snacks had decreased blood insulin levels, compared to those who consumed carbohydrate-rich snacks.

MOROCCO: Woman gets 30 months prison for 'offending Islam'

MI News Service, Rabat: She got off relatively easy, as the punishment for blasphemy in Islamic law is death. Still, this case highlights the chasm in values between those of Islam and those of the West. Yet this is also a glimpse into the West's future. "Moroccan feminist sentenced to 30 months for blasphemy due to T-shirt slogan. A Moroccan court recently sentenced feminist activist Ibtissame Lachgar to 30 months behind bars for "offending Islam", her lawyer told, adding that the defence plans to appeal. Lachgar, a 50-year-old clinical psychologist known for her rights activism, was arrested after posting online a picture of herself wearing a T-shirt with the word "Allah" in Arabic followed by "is lesbian". The court in Rabat sentenced her to 30 months in prison and imposed a fine of 50,000 dirhams (\$5,500), said defence lawyer Mohamed Khattab. Khattab said the defence team planned to appeal the decision.

Six killed, four injured as stone mine caves in at Birbhum's Nalhati

MI News Service, Nalhati: Six persons were killed and at least four were injured after a stretch of a stone mine caved in near Bahadurpur village in Birbhum's Nalhati on Friday afternoon. A police source said altogether 10 people were brought to Rampurhat Medical College and Hospital, where doctors declared six of them dead on arrival. "Six people were killed in the stone mine accident. We have registered a specific case and will find out whether there were any lapses on the part of the

Secular Iranians visit Israel to Plan 'Cyrus Accords'

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: The "day after" the fall of the faltering Iranian regime, Iranian technocrats living in exile abroad want to be ready to take part in a new government. These are people who support a secular democracy, with Reza Pahlavi becoming a figurehead monarch, on the model of British royalty. They want Iran to renew the close ties Iran had with Israel in the pre-Khomeini period of its existence.

Seven of the most prominent Iranians in exile — not political figures but scientists and economists — have just been visiting Israel to discuss with Gila Gamliel, the minister of innovation and technology, areas in which in that future collaboration between the two former-and-future friends will be most fruitful.

A high-level Iranian opposition delegation sent by Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi met with the Innovation, Science, and Technology Minister Gila Gamliel this week to discuss plans for a post-Islamic Republic Iran, as well as a resolution to Iran's ongoing water crisis.

"The moment will come when the Iranian people will decide on their fate, and we will be here for them," Gamliel stated.



Gamliel thanked "the amazing delegation that came here today in order to come and receive and learn all the technologies and all the developments and to really prepare Iran for the next day."

"We carry a message of peace, friendship, and solidarity at this hard time," said Dr. Saeed Ghasseminejad, an Iranian economist leading the seven-member delegation.

"Our group of Iranian economists and scientists is here to continue [maintaining the bond between Israel and Iran at a time when the regime in Tehran has created a severe water crisis, electricity shortage, and a collapsing economy."

The Iranian regime is facing

the greatest challenge to its continued rule since it began in 1979. The Israelis and the Americans destroyed most of the nuclear weapons project on which Iran spent in direct costs over \$30 billion, with indirect costs (including sanctions impact) potentially reaching \$500 billion. Now that project lies in ruins. Those hundreds of billions of dollars have gone up, quite literally, in smoke.

Iran is enduring its greatest drought in modern times, with devastating effects both on agriculture, and on the production of hydroelectric energy; there are daily power blackouts all over Iran. These daily cuts in electric-

ity, with times that change each day, make it impossible for Iranian manufacturers to properly plan their production schedule.

Because of mismanagement by the Islamists, and the colossal losses from the now-devastated nuclear project, Iran's economy has suffered tremendously. At least 35% of Iranians now live below the poverty line. Some studies claim that as many as 80% of Iranians now live in poverty.

Both Jews and Persians, two peoples keenly aware of their ancient shared history, often allude to the Persian King Cyrus, who is known for freeing the Jewish people from the Babylonian Captivity in the 6th century B.C. After conquering Babylon, the Persian king issued the Edict of Cyrus, a decree that allowed the exiled Jews to return to their homeland in the Kingdom of Judah. and to rebuild the Second Temple in Jerusalem.

This event, described in the Hebrew Bible, is referred to by the Jews as the Return to Zion, began a period of resurgence for the Jewish people in their land. Ever since then King Cyrus has been revered by Jews. And Persians are well aware of the Jews' reverence for their celebrated king.

Against Tagore ideals, his pictures appear at Visva-Bharati football tournament

MI News Service, Bolpur: A playground of Visva-Bharati was decorated with flex banners bearing the photographs of Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekananda and Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the inauguration of the Narendra Cup on Friday, prompting charges that such practices went against the Nobel laureate's ideology, as the bard was purportedly opposed to idolatry. A source has said the BJP, without using political banners, has been organising weeklong football tournaments across

Bengal to mark Swami Vivekananda's 1893 Chicago lecture and the 75th birthday of Modi on September 17, when the final is scheduled to be held. "Around 1,200 football teams and 25,000 players across the state are participating in the weeklong tournament that began on September 11, the date of Swamiji's Chicago lecture. The final will be held on Modiji's 75th birthday, September 17," said BJP state general secretary Jagannath Chattopadhyay, who was among the leaders to inaugurate the

Narendra Cup in Birbhum's Santiniketan on Friday.

Although the Narendra Cup has been organised under the banner of various apolitical outfits, BJP leaders have been instructed to participate in them. Sources said senior BJP leaders in districts played key roles in organising the tournament to connect "Swamiji (Narendranath Datta) to Modiji, one Narendra to another Narendra".

In Santiniketan, the tournament was held on the playground of Visva-Bharati in Sriniketan. While there was

no objection to the football match being organised on the campus of the central varsity, whose Chancellor is the Prime Minister, many long-time residents of Santiniketan, including some from Tagore's family, objected to the large flex banners with photographs of Tagore, Vivekananda, and Modi. They questioned how Visva-Bharati could permit such displays, especially of Tagore, who had explicitly opposed idolatry and directed that his photographs or statues not be displayed on the university premises.

Howrah Division Strengthens Cleanliness Measures Under Swachhta Abhiyan



MI News Service, Kolkata:

As part of the ongoing Swachhta Abhiyan, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway has undertaken significant measures to further strengthen cleanliness and hygiene standards at its stations.

To ensure uninterrupted and effective cleaning operations, the division has ensured the availability and proper functioning of cleaning machines, tools, and plants, along with providing protective gears for the safety and ef-

ficiency of cleaning staff.

These proactive measures were implemented at key stations including Chandannagar, Srirampur, Rampurhat, Magra, Azimganj, and Bandel station thereby enhancing the overall passenger experience.

Eastern Railway remains committed to maintaining clean, safe, and passenger-friendly stations through continuous monitoring, modern cleaning infrastructure, and dedicated workforce participation.

Bengal hosts 'KOLKATAWOOD-2025'

MI News Service, Kolkata: 'KolkataWood-2025' opens in the city of Kolkata at Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, marking a milestone moment for Eastern India's woodworking, furniture, and mattress sectors. It is organized by NürnbergMesse India.

Speaking at the event, Vandana Yadav, IAS (Managing Director, West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation; Principal Secretary, Industry Department, and CEO, WB Trade Promotion Organisation), underlined the state's growing importance in India's industrial map.

Yadav said, "West Bengal offers immense potential with its strong infrastructure push, rising investments, and skilled workforce. The robust demand in the wood and furniture market makes the state an attractive hub for manufacturing and trade. Platforms like KolkataWood will play a crucial role in connecting global innovation to our regional opportunities. We are glad to welcome NürnbergMesse India and hope they will bring in many more exhibitions and events to Bengal."

Gabriele Manig, Deputy Consul General, German Consulate mentioned, "It is encouraging to see a leading organiser like NürnbergMesse make its foray into the eastern market through 'KolkataWood'. This will strengthen Indo-German business ties and accelerate the growth of the woodworking and furniture sector here."

KolkataWood 2025 features 150+ leading brands showcasing pioneering machinery, new-age materials, modern design solutions, and next-gen mattress technologies.

Puja special train to run between Howrah & New Delhi

● More than 82,000 berths to be generated.

MI News Service, Kolkata:

To clear the expected rush of passengers during ensuing Puja, Diwali & Chhath, Railway has decided to run Puja special train between Howrah & New Delhi. This special train will offer additional capacity and flexibility to accommodate the extra rush of passengers during the Puja festival period. Additional 82,000 berths will be generated by running this Puja festival special.

04452 New Delhi – Howrah Puja Special will leave New Delhi at 18:15 hrs. daily from 20.09.2025 to 15.11.2025 (57 trips) to

reach Howrah at 23:30 hrs. on the next day and 04451 Howrah – New Delhi Puja Special will leave Howrah at 01:30 hrs. daily from 22.09.2025 to 17.11.2025 (57 trips) to reach New Delhi at 08:20 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at 21 stations including Bandel, Bardhaman, Durgapur and Asansol stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have General Second Class & Sleeper Class accommodations.

Booking of 04451 Howrah - New Delhi Puja special is available from 14.09.2025 through PRS & Internete.

EXTENSION OF JAMALPUR – MANSI – JAMALPUR DEMU PASSENGER UPTO MAHESHKHUNT

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to extend the services of 73462/73461 Jamalpur – Mansi – Jamalpur DEMU passenger upto Maheshkhunt with effect from 16.09.2025.

73462 Jamalpur – Mansi - Maheshkhunt DEMU passenger will leave Jamalpur at 09:30 hrs. to reach Maheshkhunt at 10:45 hrs. The train will stop at Munger (Arr/Dep: 09:43hrs./09:45 hrs.), Sabdulpur (Arr/Dep: 09:59 hrs./10:00 hrs.), Umeshnagar (Arr/Dep: 10:08 hrs./10:09 hrs.), Khagaria (Arr/Dep: 10:16 hrs./10:18 hrs.) and Mansi (Arr/Dep: 10:28 hrs./10:30 hrs.) stations.

73461 Maheshkhunt – Mansi – Jamalpur DEMU passenger will leave Maheshkhunt at 10:55 hrs. to reach Jamalpur at 12:35 hrs. The train will stop at Mansi (Arr/Dep: 11:05 hrs./11:07 hrs.), Khagaria (Arr/Dep: 11:17hrs./11:19 hrs.), Umeshnagar (Arr/Dep: 11:27 hrs./11:28 hrs.), Sabdulpur (Arr/Dep: 11:38 hrs./11:39 hrs.) and Munger (Arr/Dep: 12:13 hrs./12:15 hrs.) stations.

ADDITIONAL STOPPAGE OF BHAGALPUR – GANDHIDHAM – BHAGALPUR EXPRESS AT HARINAGAR STATION

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of 09451 Gandhidham – Bhagalpur Express (journey commencing on and from 19.09.2025) and 09452 Bhagalpur – Gandhidham Express (journey commencing on and from 15.09.2025) at Harinagar

station over East Central Railway on an experimental basis. 09451 Gandhidham – Bhagalpur Express will arrive Harinagar station at 09:45 hrs. to leave 09:47 hrs. and 09452 Bhagalpur – Gandhidham Express will arrive Harinagar station at 14:05 hrs. to leave at 14:07 hrs.

Engineers' Day: Celebrating the Architects of a Sustainable and Progressive World

Syed Kiyamuddin: Engineers' Day is celebrated to honor the contributions of engineers to society, innovation, and technological progress. The date and significance of the celebration vary by country.

In India, it is observed on September 15 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sir M. Visvesvaraya (1861–1962), a distinguished engineer known for his work on dams, irrigation, and infrastructure. Each year, a specific theme is announced by the Institution of Engineers (India). Engineers' Day 2025 ThemeThe theme for this year's Engineers' Day is "Deep Tech and Engineering Excellence: Driving India's Techade

In the United States, it is celebrated during National Engineers Week in the third week of February, around George Washington's birthday, who is considered the nation's first engineer. The event is led by Discover E to promote engineering careers among students.

In Japan, Engineers' Day is held on April 17, organized by the Japan Society of Professional Engineers.

In Iran, it is celebrated on February 24 to honor the birth of Nasir al-Din al-Tusi, a prominent Persian engineer and scholar.

Engineers' Day is celebrated to recognize and appreciate the vital role engineers play in shaping our modern world. Engineers are responsible for designing, constructing, and maintaining the essential infrastructure, technologies, and systems that support everyday life — including bridges, roads, buildings, machines, software, and sustainable energy solutions.

This day also serves to inspire younger generations to explore careers in engineering and innovation, encouraging them to become the creators and problem-solvers of the future. It emphasizes the significance of engineering in driving national development, economic growth, and technological progress on a global scale.

Moreover, Engineers' Day celebrates the achievements of engineers whose work has improved living standards, solved practical challenges, and contributed to the advancement of society. Ultimately, it is a tribute to the innovators, builders,

and visionaries who continue to transform ideas into reality and shape the future through their expertise and dedication.

Significance of Engineers' Day:

Engineers' Day holds great importance as it serves to acknowledge and celebrate the vital role engineers play in the development and progress of society. It is a day dedicated to honoring the contributions of engineers in shaping the modern world through innovation, creativity, and practical problem-solving.

The day emphasizes the impact of engineering on daily life—ranging from infrastructure and transportation to technology, communication, healthcare, and environmental solutions. It also highlights how engineering drives economic growth, national development, and global advancement.

Moreover, Engineers' Day serves as a source of inspiration for students and young professionals, encouraging them to pursue careers in engineering and contribute to the betterment of society. It is a reminder of the responsibility engineers carry in designing sustainable, safe, and efficient solutions for the future.

In essence, the significance of Engineers' Day lies in recognizing engineers as the innovators, builders, and visionaries who turn ideas into reality and continually work to improve the world we live in.

Key Roles of Engineers Today

Engineers are central to modern society, as they drive innovation, solve global challenges, and shape the infrastructure and technologies define our daily lives. By combining scientific knowledge with creativity and ethical responsibility, engineers create solutions that promote progress, sustainability, and human well-being.

One of the primary roles of engineers today is to develop innovative technologies. They are at the forefront of designing cutting-edge products, improving existing systems, and advancing fields such as robotics, artificial intelligence, and smart infrastructure. Their work constantly pushes the boundaries of what is possible.

Engineers also play a crucial role in solving major



societal problems. From combating climate change to developing renewable energy sources and promoting sustainable development, they work to create a better and more balanced world.

In terms of infrastructure and urban planning, engineers are responsible for building and maintaining the essential components of modern cities. This includes transportation networks, power grids, water systems, and communication technologies that allow societies to function effectively and efficiently.

The impact of engineers extends to the field of healthcare, where they develop life-saving medical devices, prosthetics, diagnostic tools, and contribute to pharmaceutical advancements, all of which help improve and extend human life.

Additionally, engineers play a key role in driving economic growth. Their innovations support productivity, create new industries, and enhance global competitiveness, all of which contribute significantly to a nation's prosperity.

There are countless examples of the impact engineers have had on our world. In the energy sector, they have developed efficient solar panels, wind turbines, and hydroelectric systems that help transition societies toward clean, renewable energy. In communication, they have designed modern telecommunications systems and digital platforms that keep the world connected in real time.

In the field of transportation, engineers have introduced electric vehicles, high-speed rail systems, and sustainable aviation technologies that reduce environmental harm. In space exploration, engineering achievements have made missions to the Moon, Mars, and beyond possible, unlocking new frontiers of knowledge and possibility.

In our digital world, engineers are also responsible for cybersecurity, designing systems that protect sensitive data and ensure the safety of digital networks and services.

Beyond their technical expertise, engineers are problem solvers who apply science and mathematics to create practical solutions to real-world issues. They are also ethical guardians, responsible for ensuring that the technologies they create are used responsibly and for the benefit of all.

What are challenge for the engineers in present scenario

The regulations. Addressing these requires adaptability, continuous learning, and collaboration across disciplines major challenges faced by engineers today include rapid technological change, sustainability demands, skills shortages, globalization impacts, supply chain disruptions, and evolving

Technological Advancements

Engineers must continuously update their skills to keep pace with advances in AI, automation, digital twins, and Industry 4.0 technolo-

gies, which change how projects are designed, managed, and maintained. Resistance to adopting new technologies or insufficient training can result in falling behind competitors.

Environmental and Demands Sustainability

The push for decarbonisation and eco-friendly solutions means engineers must balance environmental and economic considerations while designing systems.

Stringent environmental regulations and climate change increase the complexity of project requirements.

Skills Shortage and Knowledge Drain

Aging workforce and retirements lead to a loss of expertise, while attracting new talent is challenging, resulting in acute skills shortages.

Workforce shortages affect recruitment, training, and knowledge transfer.

Supply Chain and Resource Issues

Ongoing global supply chain disruptions, especially in semiconductors and construction materials, impact project timelines and costs.

Engineers must innovate new materials and optimize resources amid scarcity.

Globalization and Collaboration

Projects are increasingly international, requiring engineers to work across cultures, standards, and regulatory landscapes.

Effective global collaboration is essential but complex.

Infrastructure and Urbanization Challenges

Modern infrastructure projects are more intricate, demanding integration of smart technologies and sustainable practices while managing multiple stakeholders.

Upgrading outdated infrastructure is both costly and logistically difficult.

Regulation and Compliance

Navigating evolving building codes and industry regulations adds administrative burden and requires careful compliance management.

Financial and Management Pressures

Engineers face tight deadlines, high customer expectations, and the need to deliver high-quality solutions within budget constraints.

Sir M. Visvesvaraya: The



Hardik Pandya bowls during the Asia Cup 2025 match against Pakistan, at Dubai International Stadium in Dubai on Sunday.

Indian men's futsal team suffer defeat against Lebanon in preparatory friendly



NEW DELHI : The Indian men's futsal team were defeated 2-7 by Lebanon in the first of two friendlies in Beirut as part of the preparations for the AFC Futsal Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers, scheduled for later this month.

The match was played at the Al Sadaka Sporting Complex in the Lebanese capital. Both Indian goals were scored by debutants Season D'Souza and Mahip Adhikari, as per the official website of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

Up against a side ranked 81 places above them in the FIFA Men's Futsal Rankings, India, still looking for their first-ever international victory, were off to a difficult start, finding themselves 0-4 down at half-time. Mario Abou Jaoude (5'), Hassan Maatouk (11'), Steve Koukeziyan (14'), and Majd Hamouch (17') scored the first-half goals for Lebanon.

Koukeziyan (27') and Maatouk (29') added two more after the break, before Season D'souza pulled one back for India in the 31st minute. Mohamad Osman (36') wrapped up the scoring for the hosts. Mahip Adhikari netted India's second consolation goal in the 38th minute. India, coached by Iranian Reza Kordi, will play Lebanon in another friendly on September 15 at the same venue.

After the second game, the Futsal Tigers will travel from Lebanon to Kuwait for the AFC Futsal Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers, where they will face the hosts on September 20, Australia on September 22, and Mongolia on September 24, in Group A.



Mohammed Shami considered suicide after feeling terrorists faced lesser accusations; change of mind happened when...

INDIAN CRICKETER Mohammed Shami admitted that he considered claiming his own life while going through a terrible phase in life. The West Bengal seamer added that he was happy that he didn't take the extreme step as he managed to have a memorable ICC ODI World Cup campaign and earn the runners-up medal. During a recent episode of 'Aap Ki Adalat' with Rajat Sharma, Shami said that even terrorists were treated better than him as he faced so many allegations during that period. Aap Ki Adalat is one of India's most famous and longest-running television talk shows in which the guest is put "on trial" in a courtroom-style set. 35-year-old Shami credited cricket for his change of mind and backtracking from the decision to commit the extreme step. He realised how much the game offered him and decided to focus on his profession instead of letting himself be claimed by negativity. "The thought came to my mind to end my life, but then I decided, this game, which gave me so much name, why should I jump (to death), forgetting all these. I thought of the love and affection. Then I decided, forget this and focus on my game. The thought came to my mind, but it did not happen, thank God, otherwise I'd have missed the World Cup," news agency quoted Shami as telling Rajat Sharma. Revealing how he felt about being a villain on social media, Shami said he is not scared about cyber-attack anymore and he is aware there is nothing in his control that can be done about it. "Bad things are spoken about, but nowadays those things are spoken about which do not exist. I am most scared of that. Yesterday, I was looking at a photograph, and I didn't know when I had taken it.

Jaipur Pink Panthers head coach Narender Redhu thanks home fans for energetic presence after win over UP Yoddhas

JAIPUR : Jaipur Pink Panthers registered their first win of the home leg in Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) 12, delivering a convincing performance against UP Yoddhas with a scoreline of 41-29 at the SMS Indoor Stadium in Jaipur, as per a release from PKL.

Following the victory, at the post-match press conference, Jaipur Pink Panthers head coach Narender Redhu credited the fans for their support.

He said, "I want to thank the fans for the energy they give us. We should get this energy in every match. I want to thank the fans from the bottom of my heart."

The head coach was also delighted with his team's performance, especially from the younger players on Saturday.

"Look, our team has a lot of new guys, most of them are NYPs, and we are trying to give our 100 per cent in every match. In today's match, we played against one of the better teams in the tournament. UP Yoddhas have very good players, with experienced defenders and raiders," he added.

"For us, Nitin had a good game, completing his Super 10, and Ali Samadi supported him. In defence, Reza (Mirbagheri) and Aashish (Malik) also made their mark, and the four defenders played well in combination. The team played according to the plan that was made, and helped us win the match," Redhu noted.

Head coach Narender Redhu also shed light on the role of his franchise in supporting the team.

"We don't want to put pressure on our team. I want to go back to the game against Dabang Delhi K.C., when we lost by a narrow margin. Even after that game, we



didn't put a lot of pressure on the team. We believe that the team will get the right result as long as the boys have the freedom to play their way. The bonding between the players, coaches and the franchise is brilliant. They treat everyone like family. As a result, there is no pressure and the team has the fighting spirit," he said.

Burnley vs Liverpool: Data, trends and where to watch this English Premiere League fixture



BURNLEY are set to host Liverpool in what will be the penultimate fixture of Match Day 4 of the 2025-26 English Premier League season. A win for Arne Slot's men will put them back on top of the table and open up a three-point lead as well. It is incentive enough for the unbeaten Liverpool side who have won games despite not operating at full throttle just yet. For Burnley, it is an opportunity to prove their mettle but also a contest that could leave them potentially scarred.

Liverpool have three wins in three games but in none of those victories were they flawless. That they could still emerge with the wins tells the story of a side that is brimming with confidence even with visible cracks in defence at

times. Against Arsenal two weeks ago, it were the Gunners who dominated proceedings for most parts till a wonder goal from Dominik Szoboszlai ensured all three points for the defending champions. In the games prior, against Bournemouth and Newcastle respectively, Liverpool had moments of vulnerability but managed to find a way to get across the line. The Burnley fixture should relatively be stress-free potentially and Slot would want his squad to do the basics right.

Burnley have one win and two losses from three games so far. That they shipped three goals apiece in the losses to Tottenham and Manchester United respectively is a sign of concern. The

Hong Kong Open: India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty settle for silver

HONG KONG : Indian men's doubles shuttlers Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty finished as runners-up at the Hong Kong Open 2025 after a hard-fought 62-minute final on Sunday.

The Indian duo started strong, taking the opening game 21-19, but sixth-seeded China's Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang bounced back to claim the next two games 21-14, 21-17 and secure the title, according to a press release from BAI Media.

After the final, Chirag Shetty said, "It feels good. Been a good week, especially after the world championships a week later and here we are playing a final. Feels good. As every player would like, you would want to go and win that title. But I think, credit to them, they played well as well. There's always a next time, and overall, I'm happy with the performance."

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy also shared his thoughts on their performance in the recent few tournaments.

"I think the way we are playing, we are up right there. It's just a matter of time and we should



believe in ourselves. I think overall it was a good game today. We gave so much lead in the third game, and obviously, they played really well according to the conditions. But really happy with their last encounter at the BWF World Championships last year.

this year, defeating the Chinese Taipei duo 21-17, 21-15 in just 38 minutes. India's two-time world championship medalists duo will now face sixth seeds Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang of China in the finale.

The Indian duo have conquered Liang Weikeng and Wang Chang in three of their nine meetings as of now, including in their last encounter at the BWF World Championships last year.

Theegala makes first cut since April, lies 14th and Bhatia 37th

NAPA : Sahith Theegala showed glimpses of the form that made him the champion at this event three years ago, as he compiled 68-70 to make the cut at the Procore Championship. It was his first cut since the RBC Heritage in April this year. After that he withdrew once and missed the cut four times, as he struggled with a neck injury.

Indian-American Theegala, who was sixth after the first round, was now Tied-14th at the halfway stage. Among those tied at 14th was World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler (70-68), who is using this event to tune up ahead of the Ryder Cup.

Akshay Bhatia, also sixth after the first round 68, added 73 in the second to be Tied-37th, but with the weekend rounds yet to come, he has a chance to move up.

While Theegala missed the Play-offs, Bhatia made the second event and finished in the Top-50 of the FedEx Cup standings.

Ben Griffin, who makes his Ryder Cup debut this year, played bogey-free for the second straight day with a 6-under 66 to build a three-shot lead.

Two "cup" players were behind him -- one of them fellow Ryder Cup rookie Russell Henley (68), the other Jackson Koivun, the top-ranked amateur who went 3-1 last week at Cypress Point to



help lead the Americans to a Walker Cup victory. They tied, three behind Griffin, who was at 14-under 130.

J.J. Spaun, the U.S. Open champion who also will be at Bethpage Black, for the Ryder Cup, shot 68 but was five shots behind, along with Lanto Griffin (70).

Silverado has 10 players on the U.S. Team, with Captain Keegan Bradley seeing all of them.

Griffin is one of four Ryder Cup rookies, along with Henley, Spaun and Cameron Young.

In the second round, Scheffler had a few more birdies than his opening round, but felt he was not playing as well as he wanted. He shot 68 that left him eight shots behind. Scheffler hasn't finished worse than eighth since March. (ANI)



Martin Odegaard injury update: Mikel Arteta breaks silence on captain's shoulder condition ahead of Champions League game

MIKEL Arteta said that his captain Martin Odegaard will not need a surgery after he was subbed off due to an injury during the Premier League match against Nottingham Forest. While he was no expert in medicine, Arsenal's medical team has hinted that the midfielder's injury was not very serious, the manager said.

Mikel Arteta said Odegaard was finding it difficult to carry on and having played twice for Norway during the international break, he decided it was best that he was withdrawn immediately. Arteta explained. Odegaard landed heavily on his shoulder after a coming together involving Morgan Gibbs-White and teammate Jurrien Timber before being replaced by Ethan Nwaneri in the eighteenth minute. The 26-year-old had injured the same shoulder before the international break and the fresh setback is of a similar nature, Arteta said.

"So we have to assess him with the doctors but I am sure he will try his best to be fit for Tuesday. The last time within a few days he was able to manage the pain. But I don't know the extent of today," Arteta reportedly said. The Gunners skipper suffered the injury just ahead of their Champions League opener against Athletic Bilbao on Tuesday evening before they play Manchester City at The Emirates on Sunday. Arteta didn't have a comeback date for Odegaard but said that his player was able to get over the pain in a matter of days the last time and there was no reason to believe things are harder this time. Despite losing Odegaard early in the game, Arsenal managed a memorable 3-0 win thanks to their new signings. While defensive midfielder Martin Zubimendi scored twice, Viktor Gyokeres, a prolific striker expected to transform the team's fortunes, delivered exactly what is expected of him with a close-range finish. It was a third win in four matches for Arsenal, one of the top title contenders.