

State Govt to Inaugurate Woodburn 2 Ward at SSKM Hospital

The state government is set to gift another advanced healthcare facility to the people, as Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will inaugurate “Woodburn 2” at SSKM Hospital on Tuesday. Built at a cost of ₹66.63 crore, the new ward comprises 102 cabins and 8 suites, equipped with modern medical infrastructure including CCU units and operation facilities. The project draws inspiration from the notable success of the existing Woodburn Ward at PG Hospital, which has long been a benchmark for high-quality healthcare. Initially operated under a public-private partnership (PPP) model, Woodburn offered three types of cabins and was once reserved primarily for VIPs. **PG 3**



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PM pushes for joint Armed Forces strategy to tackle future threats

MI News Service, Kolkata: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for greater jointness between the armed forces of India in order to meet all future challenges and prevail against any eventuality in the modern day warfares. .

Inaugurating the three day 16th Combined Commanders' Conference at the Eastern Command headquarters at Vijay Durg, formerly known as Fort Williams, here on Monday, the Prime minister hailed the Armed Forces for their success in Operation Sindoor and praised their role in nation building, anti-piracy besides ensuring safe return of Indian citizens from conflict zones, as well as providing Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) assistance to friendly countries whenever needed.. Speaking at the first major Armed Forces conference after Operation Sindoor earlier this year, the Prime Minister directed the Ministry of Defence to 'swiftly implement concrete steps to achieve greater jointness, atmanirbharta, and innovation to meet all future challenges and to prevail against any eventuality'.

Later, the PM was briefed on the operational readiness of the forces in the context of the new normal created by Operation Sindoor and the future of warfare in the context of emerging technology and tactics. The Prime Minister also reviewed the reforms implemented in the last two years and the plan for the next two years.

Earlier, Prime Minister Modi formally inaugurated the CCC in presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and all three chiefs of the Indian armed forces.

He said Operation Sindoor was conceived as a punitive and targeted campaign to dismantle the terror infrastructure across the Line of Control and deeper inside Pakistan, showcasing a calibrated, tri-services response embodying precision, professionalism and purpose.

The CCC, a biennial event, is the apex brainstorming forum of the armed forces, bringing together the nation's top civil and military leadership to exchange views and discuss strategic, institutional and operational priorities, with interactive sessions involving officers of various ranks. This



Prime Minister Narendra Modi is interacting with Army and Air Force personnel about the operational readiness of the Armed forces at the Eastern Command headquarters at Vijay Durg, formerly known as Fort Williams, in Kolkata on Monday.

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year's meet, the 16th edition, will focus on reforms, transformation, change, and operational preparedness of the armed forces. The theme is 'Year of Reforms –

Transforming for the Future.' “The focus of the conference reflects the armed forces’ commitment to institutional reforms, deeper integration and technolog-

ical modernisation, while sustaining a high level of multi-domain operational readiness,” the Defence official said. This is PM Modi's fourth visit to West Bengal in the past five months and the second within a month.

However, this time he did not address any public meeting or took part any party affairs here. The Prime Minister who arrived in Kolkata on Sunday evening from Assam left for Purnea in Bihar later in the afternoon. He reached Vijay Durg around 9.30 a.m. from the Raj Bhavan, where he spent the previous night. The last CCC was held in Bhopal in 2023.

Dreaded Maoist carrying Rs 1 cr bounty on head among 3 red rebels killed

MI News Service , Ranchi: In a major success, a hard-core Maoist leader carrying a bounty of Rs 1 crore on his head, was killed along with two of his accomplices in a fierce gun battle with security forces in a deep jungle in Hazaribag district of Jharkhand on Monday morning, police said. The encounter took place inside the Pantitri forest under the Gorhar Police Station area early this morning at around 5 am, between the dreaded Sahdev Soren squad of the banned CPI (Maoist) and security forces, a senior officer said.

“After several hours of intense gun battle the bodies of Sahdev Soren, who was carrying a bounty of Rs 1 crore, and two other senior Maoist guerrillas have been recovered from the spot during the search operation,” Jharkhand Police IG (operations) and spokesperson Michael Raj said claiming that this was yet another major achieve-

ment of the Central Committee of the CPI (Maoists) “We had been looking for him for a long time”. He also thanked the joint team of Cobra 209 and Hazaribagh police for their successful operation.

The second Maoist who was also gunned down in the encounter, has been identified as Raghunath Hembram, a member of the Bihar-Jharkhand Special Area Committee (SAC), having a bounty of Rs 25 lakh on his head. The third Maoist eliminated in the encounter was Birsan Ganju alias Ramkhalawan, who was also a senior member of the regional committee of CPI (Maoists) and had a reward of Rs 10 lakh on his head. Police sources informed that the all three Maoists remained active in the border areas of Jharkhand and Bihar for a long time and were involved in carrying out several major violent incidents in the region. After the encounter the security forces have re-



Among the three Maoists killed are Sahdev Soren alias Parvesh and senior commander - Raghunath Hembram alias Chanchal.

ment of the security forces in its all out efforts to eliminate the underground rebels from the state. He said Sahdev Soren alias Parvesh was a member of

covered a huge cache of firearms from the spot including a number of AK-47 rifles and hundreds of

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Kuki leader's house 'torched' in Manipur's Churachandpur district after PM's visit

MI News Service, Imphal ; Barely a day after the high profile visit of Prime minister Narendra Modi in the strife torn Northeastern state of Manipur on Saturday afternoon, tensions once again flared in the tribal dominated Churachandpur district where the house of a Kuki leader was allegedly set on fire by an angry mob, officials said on Monday. The residence of Kuki National Organisation (KNO) leader Calvin Aikhenthang was torched on Sunday night, they claimed.

However, according to a section of locals in Churachandpur that an electrical short circuit might have triggered the fire. Incidentally, KNO is a signatory to the Suspension of Operations (SoO) pact with the Centre. The residence of another Kuki leader, Ginza Vualzong, who is the spokesperson of the Kuki Zo Council (KZC) and the Indigenous Tribal Leaders'

Forum (ITLF), was also targeted by miscreants, but timely intervention by locals helped prevent the house from being set on fire, officials said. On September 4, two prominent Kuki-Zo groups signed the SoO agreement with the Centre on re-negotiated terms and conditions, under which they agreed to maintain the territorial integrity of Manipur, relocate designated camps away from vulnerable areas, and work towards a solution to bring lasting peace and stability to the state. The signing of the SoO pact with KNO and the United People's Front (UPF) is also set to have a positive impact on peace efforts in the restive state, officials had said. Separately, civil society group Kuki-Zo Council (KZC) had decided to open National Highway-2, which passes through Manipur, for free

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Homes of Kuki leaders in Manipur's Churachandpur were attacked, raising tensions despite existing peace agreements.

3 ministers inducted in Nepal cabinet by caretaker PM Karki



Nepalese President Ram Chandra Poudel, second from left, flanked by new Prime Minister Sushila Karki, third from left, attend an oath taking ceremony for ministers, right, in front of the presidential building vandalized during recent protests, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

MI News Service, Kathmandu : Nepal President Ramchandra Paudel on Monday administered the oath of office to three ministers inducted by newly appointed caretaker Prime Minister Sushila Karki into her cabinet.

Karki, 73, the Himalayan nation's first woman prime minister, assumed office on Sunday. She inducted Kulan Ghising, Rameshwor Khanal, and Om Prakash Aryal as ministers later in the day. The swearing-in ceremony of the three ministers took place at the President's Office, Sheetal Niwas, Mahargunj, here.

Former Finance Secretary Khanal has been sworn in as Finance Minister, while former Nepal Electricity Au-

thority Managing Director Ghising has taken charge of three portfolios: energy, water resources and irrigation; physical infrastructure and transport; and urban development. Aryal, an advocate, has been sworn in as Minister for Home Affairs and for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. Soon after the swearing-in ceremony, they assumed their respective offices.

Former chief justice Karki was appointed as the Prime Minister at the recommendation of agitating 'Gen Z' group to head the caretaker government, which is mandated to conduct fresh elections on March 5, 2026. She took oath on September 12, ending days of political uncertainty after the abrupt

resignation of Prime minister K P Sharma Oli, who with the help of the Army had fled to an undisclosed destination following widespread anti-government protests spearheaded by 'Gen Z' group against a ban on social media and alleged corruption. Oli quit last Tuesday shortly after hundreds of agitators entered his office demanding his resignation. At least 72 people were killed in the nationwide protests with over 500 people suffering injuries. The New Prime minister also visited some of the injured in Kathamandu hospitals since she took office. The Interim government has also announced an ex gratia payment of Rs 10 lakhs to the next of kin of each of the deceased .

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Housewife found with throat slit inside empty house

MI News Service, Cooch Behar: A pall of horror has deceased on Dakshin Dhalpal in Tufanganj after the blood-soaked body of young housewife was discovered inside her home late evening. The 23-year-old woman,. Identified as Mangali Adhikari Layek, was found with throat slit, sparking panic and speculation in the locality.

According to police sources, Mangali had been alone at home while her husband, a daily-wage labourer, had gone out for work as usual. Suddenly, neighbors reported hearing a chilling scream from inside the house. When they forced open the door, they were confronted with a grisly scene- the woman laying in a pool of blood with fatal injuries inflicted by a sharp weapon. The Tufanganj police station, following which officers rushed to the spot. Tufabganj SDPO Manoj Kumar Kannedhara also arrived with a forensic team. The body was sent to Cooch Behar Medical College and Hospital for post-mortem examination. Police have launched an investigation to ascertain whether the murder was the result of domestic discord, an act of revenge, or another motive. "The cause of death is clear, but the motive remains under probe. We are examining all possible angles," a senior police officer confirmed. The incident has revived grim memories of a similar



case in Kolkata's Narkeldanga area last month, where another young housewife was killed under suspicious circumstances, allegedly by her husband. In that case, police said the woman was targeted because she had given birth to two daughters. Local residents in Dakshin Dhalpal are reeling from the shock. "We still cannot believe such a brutal act could happen here. She was young and hardly spoke much," said a neighbour, refusing to be named. With the investigation at a preliminary stage, police have not ruled out the involvement of someone known to the victim. They are questioning family members and mapping her recent social interactions. As tension runs high, the gruesome killing of Mangali Adhikari has added to a growing string of mysterious housewife deaths in Bengal, leaving behind disturbing questions about women's safety behind closed doors.

Hooghly Rural Chanditala PS has successfully foiled a dacoity case

Nurul islam khan : Hooghly Rural Police (Chanditala PS) has successfully foiled a dacoity attempt and arrested six accused persons from Kalipada Petrol Pump area under Chanditala PS jurisdiction in the early hours of 15.09.2025.

Incident Details, Based on reliable source input, a raid was conducted. A group of 11-12 persons was found whispering suspiciously in the dark. Police apprehended 06 accused persons on the spot.

Arrested Accused Persons- Akbar Ali (30 yrs), S/o Musa Ali R/o Hariharpur, Soladana, PS: Basirhat, North 24 Pgs.

A/P: P-12/6 Stand Bank Road, Kasipur, Bibibazar, PS: North Port, Kolkata-002. Touhid Aktar (23 yrs), S/o Habib Firdaus R/o Vill. & P.O: Gacha, Paschimpara, PS: Basirhat, North 24 Pgs and others etc .

Recovery from the Spot One improvised one-shooter pipe gun with live ammunition (.8 mm), One country-made lock



cutter (approx. 1 ft),Two iron-made Vajali (approx. 12"). One iron-made Shabal (crowbar), One iron-made Selai (spear-like weapon, 1.2 ft) etc.

Confession of Accused Planned dacoity at nearby Petrol Pumps, factories, or roadside vehicles. Legal Action All six accused forwarded to court. Chanditala PS Case No. 702/25 dated 15.09.2025 u/s 310(4)/310(5) BNS 25/27 Arms Act With this successful operation, Hooghly Rural Police (Chanditala PS) reaffirms its zero tolerance towards organized crime and unwavering commitment to public safety.

Ex-CRPF Jawan found dead, BSF personnel arrested in Ashoknagar

MI News Service, North 24 Parganas: In a sensational development, Ashoknagar police have arrested a BSF jawan and his associate on charges of murdering a former CRPF personnel, whose body was found with throat slit last month. The arrested BSF jawan has been identified as Abhijit Halder, a resident of Kalyangarh in Ashoknagar, while his accomplice, Shambhu Pal, hails from Kachua in the same area. Both are now in police custody as investigators probe the motive behind the gruesome killing.

The case dates back to August 4, when locals discovered the body of an unidentified youth on the roadside at Buzruk Digha Dogachia in Ashoknagar. The victim's throat had been slit, and the only clue recovered from the scene was a bus ticket. Acting on that lead, police launched a meticulous investigation that eventually traced the two accused. During interrogation, it was revealed that the deceased was a former CRPF jawan from Nandigram in East Midnapore.

Torchlight tiff turns fatal: Teen smashes youth's head

MI News Service, Bairhat: A petty quarrel over torchlight ended in a gruesome killing at night in Basirhat's Tegharia area exposing once again how trivial disputes are spiraling into deadly violence. The victim identified as Tufan Mandal a 25-year-old, was allegedly struck on the head with brick by a 17-year- old boy during a heated arguments while they were on their way to fish. The teenager, Jeet Mandal, has been arrested by police on charges of murder.

According to police, both youths had set out from their homes around

10 p.m. to fish near Gothra Gram Panchayat under Basirhat police station. An altercation broke out reportedly over the possession of a torch. In a fit of rage, the teenager allegedly pick up a brick lying on the roadside and smashed it against Tufan's head. Hearing desperate screams, family members and locals rushed to the spot, only to find Tufan lying in the a pool of blood. He was immediately taken to Basirhat Super Specialty Hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. News of the incident triggered tension in the locality, with residents ex-

pressing shock that such a trivial dispute could end in murder. "They left together like any other day. Who knew a small torch could cost a life?" said a stunned villager. Police sources confirmed that the accused teenager has been taken into custody and is being interrogated. Investigators are probing whether the fight was spontaneous or rooted in a longer-standing grudge. The killing has sent shockwaves through the area, raising disturbing questions about rising aggression among youths and the fragility of human life in the face of petty conflicts.

TMC worker shot in apparent bid to silence key witness

MI News Service, Malda: In a brazen act of violence near a petrol pump in Kanaipur, a Trinamool worker was shot in the back late on Sunday night in what his family and local sources allege was an attempt to eliminate a key witness in a brutal July murder. The victim, identified as Atiqul Momin (33) of Kanaipur, remains hospitalised at Malda Medical College Hospital, police said.

According to investigators and statements given by the injured man, Atiqul was returning home from Bania village when two men on a motorcycle intercepted him near the petrol pump in Amriti Gram Panchayat. One of the assailants allegedly fired at Momin, striking him in the back. Locals rushed the bleeding man to hospital; police and English Bazar officers later reached the scene and launched an inquiry. The shooting has been linked by the victim and his family to the July 10 murder of Trinamool leader Abul Kalam Azad, who was reportedly invited to a birthday gathering in Laxmipur and later found shot and hacked to death. Police earlier arrested Mainul Sheikh, a Trinamool leader from Kazigram Gram Panchayat, in connection with that killing; Mainul's son Shahid Sheikh is reportedly absconding and has been named by some witnesses as a person of interest in both incidents. Atiqul's family alleges the attack was intended to remove him as a witness in the Abul Kalam Azad case. "He was the main witness. He said he saw Mainul Sheikh kill Abul Kalam Azad. They tried to remove him from the road," said Lucky Bibi, Atiqul's wife, who demanded swift and strong legal action. "If anything had happened to him tonight, who would have supported our two children?" she told reporters. Police sources emphasised that the motive is under investigation and that all leads, including claims that the attack was to silence a witness, are being probed. "We are examining the sequence of events, canvassing CCTV, and questioning witnesses. No conclusive link has been established publicly yet," said a senior English Bazar police official. Investigators are reportedly tracing the movements of the motorcycle and seeking to locate Shahid Sheikh. The incident has heightened tensions in Malda, where political killings and targeted assaults have provoked deep local alarm. Community leaders and residents expressed outrage at the apparent attempt to use violence to obstruct justice, and urged law enforcement to ensure the safety of witnesses and the swift arrest of those responsible. For now, Atiqul remains under medical care and the English Bazar police have registered a case and started an investigation. Authorities have appealed for anyone with information to come forward, and confirmation on whether the assailants have been formally identified or arrested is awaited.

Exam-Eve horror, student caught making bombs

MI News Service, Mursidabad: On the eve of his Higher Secondary examination, a teenager was caught in a shocking turn of events — allegedly making crude bombs inside a secret hide-out in Murshidabad's Rani-nagar area. The illegal activity ended in disaster when one of the bombs exploded, leaving three youths injured and triggering panic across the locality.

The blast occurred late Sunday night at Nazrana Nabi intersection under Raninagar police station. Locals were jolted awake by a deafening explosion. Rushing to the spot, they found a young man writhing in pain with severe injuries, while two others had also sustained burns and shrapnel wounds. Police rushed the injured to Murshidabad Medical College and Hospital, where one youth remains in critical condition. According to investigators, the trio had been engaged in manufacturing crude bombs when one device went off prematurely. In a swift crackdown, Raninagar police arrested three persons, including the two injured youths. Officers confirmed that one of the arrested is a Higher Secondary examinee, scheduled to appear for his board exams this week. While police will produce two of the accused in court on Monday, the examinee has been granted temporary exemption to sit for the exam before being produced separately.



A man carries an idol of 'Lord Vishva Karma' fully protected from rain ahead of 'Vishva karma Puja' at Kumartoli in Kolkata on Monday.

Stacks of cash found in teacher's house: Massive Gambling racket cracked

MI News Service, South Dinajpur: In a shocking revelation, police have arrested a school teacher for allegedly running a massive betting racket, recovering over ₹1.34 crore from his residence and in-laws' home in Balurghat. The accused, Apurba Sarkar, a science teacher at Nayabazar High School in Gangarampur and resident of Kayasthpara, was apprehended in Gangtok last Saturday. During police interrogation, Sarkar reportedly admitted that large sums of money were hidden at his in-laws' house in Raghunathpur.

On Sunday night, police recovered ₹1.17 crore from the bed and Thakur house of Apurba Sarkar's in-laws and an additional ₹17 lakh from his own house, bringing the total seized amount to ₹1.34 crore 97 thousand. Authorities said the cash was stacked in multiple locations due to the sheer volume, necessitating the use of a counting machine.

Apurba Sarkar, who had reportedly not attended school for the past 10-12 days, allegedly operated the betting business online. In connection with the case, the police also arrested Kunal Das (34) from Champatli, Gangarampur. Dakshin Dinajpur Police Superintendent Chinmoy Mittal confirmed the arrests at a press conference on Monday and stated that 14 people have so far been apprehended in relation to the online gambling network in Gangarampur. Earlier, police had arrested individuals from Sarvamangala and Gangarampur for similar illegal activities. The Gangarampur police continue to investigate the operation of this large-scale betting racket, while all arrested individuals have been produced before the Subdistrict Court. Officials have vowed strict action against anyone involved in online gambling or illegal betting in the district.



Economist and social worker Prasanjit Basu joining the Indian National Congress at Rammohan Hall in presence of state president Subhankar Sarkar, Congress Working Committee member Kanaiya Kumar &others on Monday in Kolkata.

Heavy rain threatens Durga Puja preparation

MI News Service, Kolkata: With just days left for Mahalaya and the onset of Devi Paksha, Bengal's festive mood has been clouded by a looming weather crisis. The Regional Meteorological Centre in Alipore has warned of heavy to very heavy rainfall across several districts in the next 2-3 hours, raising concerns for Durga Puja preparations already in full swing.

Dark clouds gathered over Kolkata on Sunday, triggering a yellow alert across the city. The Met office forecast intermittent showers accompanied by gusty winds at speeds of 30-40 kmph. The day's

maximum temperature is expected to hover around 31°C, while the minimum will remain near 26°C. Humidity levels are set to remain oppressive, with relative humidity ranging between 76-97 percent. Districts including Purulia, Bankura, Birbhum, West Burdwan and Murshidabad are likely to face heavy rain, while East and West Midnapore, Nadia, and both North and South 24 Parganas remain under yellow alert. North Bengal is bracing for the worst, with forecasts of heavy to very heavy rainfall in Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar. The timing of the rains has



triggered anxiety across the state. In Kolkata's Kumartuli, idol-makers are racing against time to dry clay idols as pandal structures rise in neighborhoods across the city. "If the rain doesn't stop, it will be difficult to finish the

spell of intense rain, questions are being raised whether this year's Puja will also be shadowed by weather disruptions. The state administration is on high alert, with disaster management teams instructed to remain prepared. Officials said that emergency measures, including pumps for water-logging and relief arrangements in vulnerable areas, are being readied. As the biggest festival of Bengal approaches, the looming monsoon surge threatens to dampen the state's festive spirit. All eyes are now on the skies—and the weather updates.

idols on schedule," said one artisan. Puja organizers, too, are worried about waterlogging and the stability of elaborate pandals. Last year's festive season was marred by heavy downpours, and with forecasts predicting another

RAWA, The cultural wing of Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha has celebrated Prabháta Samgiita Divas

MI News Service, Kolkata: RAWA, The cultural wing of Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha has celebrated Prabháta Samgiita Divas at Kolkata and Anandanagar. Prabhat Samgiita is the feeling of the heart, and the expression of the heart, and it has been written with the ink of the heart. On this Occasion, Acharya Bhaveshananda Avadhuta on behalf of Prabhat Samgiita Department inaugurated the said program.

He said that Prabháta Samgiita means Songs of the New Dawn - a collection of 5018 spirituality-related songs composed by Prabhát Ranjan Sarkar over the span of eight years (September 14th 1982 - October 20th 1990). The tunes include a variety of forms and styles with elements spanning from classical to folk music.



Most of the songs of Prabháta Samgiita were composed in Bengali. Around fifty songs were composed in other languages that include English, Sanskrit, Hindi, Urdu, Magaht, Maithili and Angika. These songs are an expression of supra-aesthetic science, encouraging the aspirant to transcend the boundaries of mundane life and become ensconced in the beauty of spiritual bliss.

While most of the songs are in the Bengali language, some are in Hindi, English, Sanskrit, Urdu, . Prabháta Sa giita is also sometimes considered to be a post-Tagore gharana (school of music). The poetry of lyrics expresses elements of love, mysticism, devotion, neohumanism and revolution and the songs present a wide spectrum of both Eastern and Western melodic styles.

Pregnant woman left stranded with children at border

MI News Service, North 24 Parganas: A pregnant woman and her two young children were left stranded at Gate No. 3 of the Petrapole Land Port on Sunday, sparking concern among locals and authorities. The woman, identified as Parima Akhter, has a 4-year-old son and a 2-year-old daughter and is a resident of Chittagong, Bangladesh.

According to Parima, she was brought to the border by her uncle-in-law, Chand Sheikh, who had promised to escort her to her father's home in Bangladesh. However, after feeding her at a local hotel, the relative reportedly disappeared, leaving her and her children stranded at the border. Locals noticed her wandering helplessly and questioned her about the situation. Attempts to contact her husband and in-laws failed, as their phones were reportedly switched off. Parima alleged that she had been married to

Milan Sheikh, an Indian resident, six years ago and had been living in Bangladesh with him. Nine months ago, she moved to Canning, India, with her husband but claimed that both her husband and in-laws subjected her to torture and pressure to return to Bangladesh. The woman remained at the border throughout the day, unable to proceed due to lack of valid travel documents. On Monday morning, Petrapole police detained Parima and took her into custody for questioning. She is scheduled to be presented before the Bangaon Subdistrict Court today. Authorities are investigating the circumstances that led to her being abandoned at the border and are examining her claims of domestic abuse. The incident has raised concerns about the safety of cross-border migrants and the exploitation faced by women and children at border points.

Bengal ICDS dept is pioneer in India in detection of Autism in their centres

Dipankar Edbar, Kalyani (Nadia) : West Bengal is the only State in India that has been working on detection of Autism in very ICDS Centres, said Sanshi Panja, the Minister of Women and Child Development & Social Welfare Department at Kalyani in Nadia on Monday.

She came here to attend a Government program where the inauguration of set up of Gas ovens at 1050 Integrated Child Development Schem centres in Nadia took place. Regarding Autism she said that if it is detected earlier, it helps in treatment. " We are the only State in India that has initiated the work of detection of Autism at ICDS centres level, " Minister added.

However, she stated that there are 1 lakh 16 ICDS centres in the State. Out of that, 81321 ICDS centres in State got the gas oven set up in place of wooden ovens. The set up consists a gas stove, cylinders and fire extinguisher. The 1050 centres in Nadia used to use cook for the ICDS students and pregnant mother on wood. It would create trouble for the workers from smoke of the oven. Side by side, it also was causing pollution to the environment. But now the problem is solved. Panja said, " Nadia Zilla

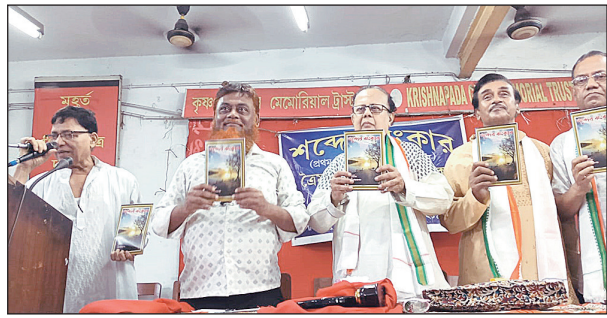


Parishad has profoundly cooperated in this program of arranging the gas oven set up." According to Minister, the cost for a set up with double cylinders was Rs. 4650 and in single cylinder set up it was Rs. 1650. Where there is below 75 students, gets the single cylinder. Departmental Secretary Sanghamitra Ghosh said that the Autism detection has been going on in ICDS centres since last two years and so far around 12 thousand Autism patients are detected.

Among other, there were ICDS Director, Rachana Bhagat, Nadia Zilla Parishad Sabhadhipati Tarannum Sultan Min, DM, Nadia S. Arun Prasad, SP, Ranaghat Police District, Aashish Mourya, SDO, Kalyani, Abhijit Samanta etc .

Shobder Jhongkar's Sharadiya issue published

MI News Service, Kolkata: Shabader Jhongkar magazine is the pride of the literary world. This magazine has been published for 46 years and is giving birth to new writers. These words were spoken by writer Prithviraj Sen. On Sunday, the eminent writer officially inaugurated the magazine's 46th anniversary and the Sharadiya issue at the Krichchapada Ghosh Memorial Hall in Sealdah. The meeting began with a musical concert. Rupa Dutta Chowdhury, Chandana Kundu and Sujata Banik were present, along with many others. A minute's silence was observed in memory of all the literary warriors including the founding editor, the late Sunil Mukherjee. President Nabagopal Chowdhury, Sandip Roy, Abdul Karim,



Nurul Islam Khan and Swapan Pal were present on the stage. The editor delivered the welcome address. 70 poets and writers came from far and wide to the meeting. Poems were recited by Amar Kumar Das, Debnath Pore, Subrata Kumar Halder, Devla Baulia, Chameli Das, Abhijit Sil, Tapan Maiti, Jayashree Basu, Tapasi Sarkar, Asim Majumdar, Shankhashubhra Chat-

topadhyay, Antara Ghosh Karmakar, Dilip Kansavanik and Kazi Azad among others. The Shruti drama of Soma Nayak and Khamma Kansavanik enriched the gathering. Many people spoke out against the increasing oppression and tyranny of Bengali-speaking people in foreign countries. Many people highlighted the outstanding contribution of the Bengali nation.



Protest by West Bengal State Sanatan Brahman Trust at Dharmatala against BJP's anti-Bengal stance on Monday in Kolkata.

SMPK has signed a Concession Agreement with JSW



MI News Service, Kolkata: Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) has signed a Concession Agreement with JSW Infra Ltd. to mechanize and modernize Berths No. 7 and 8 at Netaji Subhas Dock under the Kolkata Dock System. The ceremony took place in the esteemed presence of Rathendra Raman, Chairman, SMPK, Devki Nandan , Director, JSW Infrastructure Limited. Samrat Rahi, Dy. Chairman, SMPK, along with all Heads of Departments of KDS and the team members of JSW Infra LTD. were also present. The project includes reconstruction of berth 8, installation of rail-mounted quay cranes for faster container handling, development of a 25-acre backup area, and operation of the berths for 30 years. With a total investment of Rs. 740 crore, the terminal will handle 5 lakh TEUs annually. SMPK Chairman Rathendra Raman said the project will enhance efficiency, trade facilitation, and port competitiveness in Eastern India.

Sourav Ganguly Returns as CAB President After Six Years



MI News Service, Kolkata: Former BCCI president Sourav Ganguly has returned to the helm of Bengal cricket, being elected unopposed as president of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB). This marks his comeback exactly six years after vacating the post in 2019, with Ganguly succeeding his elder brother, Snehashish Ganguly. "I would like to thank everyone for their support," Ganguly said in a CAB statement. "At CAB, there is no opposition. Everyone is part of this association, and we will all work together to take CAB and Bengal cricket forward." The 53-year-old former India captain added that all 244

CAB members were close to him. Looking ahead, Ganguly pointed to key upcoming events, including Eden Gardens hosting India's Test match against South Africa, fixtures of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, and the Bengal Pro T20 League. "I will try and do my best," he said. This is not Ganguly's first stint in charge of Bengal cricket. He earlier served as CAB president from 2015 to 2019 before moving on to head the BCCI from 2019 to 2022. More recently, he took over as head coach of Pretoria Capitals and was actively involved in the SA20 2026 auction last week. "The aim is to take Bengal cricket to a new height. Since I cannot bowl or bat anymore, my focus will be on strengthening the game here," Ganguly remarked. The newly elected panel includes Sourav Ganguly (President), Nitish Ranjan Dutta (Vice President), Bablu Kley (Secretary), Madan Mohan Ghosh (Joint Secretary), and Sanjay Das (Treasurer).

Abishek Porel Picked for India A's One-Day Series vs Australia A

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata: Bengal's young and talented wicket-keeper batsman Abishek Porel has been named in the India A squad for the upcoming three-match one-day series against Australia A, scheduled to be played at Kanpur. The three one-day matches will be played on September 30, October 3, and October 5, 2025. BCCI named India A squad for the 1st one-day match: Rajat Patidar (Captain), Prabhshimran Singh (WK), Riyan Parag, Ayush Badoni,

Suryansh Shedje, Vipraj Nigam, Nishant Sindhu, Gurjapneet Singh, Yudhvir Singh, Ravi Bishnoi, Abhishek Porel (WK), Priyansh Arya, Simarjeet Singh. India A squad for 2nd and 3rd one-day: Tilak Varma (Captain), Rajat Patidar (VC), Abhishek Sharma, Prabhshimran Singh (WK), Riyan Parag, Ayush Badoni, Suryansh Shedje, Vipraj Nigam, Nishant Sindhu, Gurjapneet Singh, Yudhvir Singh, Ravi Bishnoi, Abhishek Porel (WK), Harshit Rana, Arshdeep Singh.

State Govt to Inaugurate Woodburn 2 Ward at SSKM Hospital

MI News Service, Kolkata: The state government is set to gift another advanced healthcare facility to the people, as Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee will inaugurate "Woodburn 2" at SSKM Hospital on Tuesday. Built at a cost of ₹66.63 crore, the new ward comprises 102 cabins and 8 suites, equipped with modern medical infrastructure including CCU units and operation facilities. The project draws inspiration from the notable success of the existing Woodburn Ward at PG Hospital, which has long been a benchmark for high-quality healthcare. Initially operated under a public-private partnership (PPP) model, Woodburn offered three types of cabins and was once reserved primarily for VIPs. Under Mamata Banerjee's leadership, however, access was opened to the general public, creating a new model of private-style healthcare services within a government hospital. Officials said that the new Woodburn 2 will adopt a consolidated charge system, unlike the older building where single, double, and suite cabins had different rates. The initiative aims to make specialized healthcare accessible to a broader section of society while maintaining affordability. According to health administrators, many patients' families are forced to spend exorbitantly when consulting government doctors in private practice.



By providing private-style facilities within the public hospital system, Woodburn 2 is expected to significantly reduce treatment costs while ensuring quality service. Sources indicated that, along with the West Bengal Health Scheme, patients covered by four major public sector health insurance providers will be able to avail cashless treatment at Woodburn 2. Any patient admitted through the SSKM outpatient or emergency department will have the option to request admission to this facility. The state government believes

that this expansion will address rising demand for private cabins in government hospitals, where patients are willing to pay extra for comfort and better facilities. Woodburn 2, therefore, is not just an infrastructural addition but a step towards transforming the healthcare model by blending public trust with private standards of care. With the inauguration scheduled for Tuesday, the new ward is expected to enhance SSKM's capacity, offering patients affordable yet high-quality treatment in a modern, patient-friendly



Mohun Bagan Super Giant (IND) Head Coach Jose Molina and player Anirudh Thapa address the press ahead of AFC Champions League 2 between Mohun Bagan Super Giant (IND) and Ahal FK (TKM) at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan on Monday.



Ahal FK (TKM) Head Coach Eziz Annamammedov and player Magtymberdi Berenov address the press ahead of AFC Champions League 2 between Mohun Bagan Super Giant (IND) and Ahal FK (TKM) at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan, in Kolkata on Monday.

Kolkata Issues SOP for Rooftop Use After Park Street Fire

MI News Service, Kolkata: In the aftermath of the Park Street fire incident, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) had ordered the closure of all rooftop restaurants in the city. With the festive season approaching, conditional permissions have now been granted for reopening, accompanied by a series of stringent regulations. On Friday, the Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department released a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the use of rooftops across all municipal areas of West Bengal, including Kolkata.

According to the new guidelines, no fresh construction will be allowed on rooftops—whether residential or commercial. Mutation of rooftop ownership in any individual's name is strictly prohibited, as rooftops are to be treated as collective property

of all building residents. Locking rooftops or restricting residents' access will not be permitted. Any ongoing commercial activity without approval must be discontinued immediately, and unauthorized structures such as rooms or sheds will have to be demolished. Officials said the decision comes in response to the growing trend of using rooftops for restaurants, event spaces, sports turfs, and party venues, which not only posed fire hazards but also infringed upon residents' rights. The SOP aims to curb unsafe and uncontrolled use of rooftops. Commercial establishments already in operation will have to comply with KMC's strict conditions. These include keeping at least half the rooftop space vacant, installing CCTV cameras with access granted to police, and prohibiting the use of gas cylinders for cooking.

Justice Soumen Sen Appointed Acting Chief Justice of Cal HC

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court witnessed a change in its leadership as Chief Justice TS Sivagnanam retired from service on Monday. Following his retirement, senior-most judge of the Calcutta High Court, Justice Soumen Sen, has been appointed as the Acting Chief Justice. The Union Ministry of Law and Justice issued an official notification on Monday confirming the appointment. Justice Sivagnanam, who demitted office after his final working day at the High Court, had been serving as Chief Justice with distinction. With his retirement, the administrative responsibilities of the High Court now rest with Justice Soumen Sen, who joined the Calcutta High Court as a judge on April 13, 2011. His tenure as a judge is due to continue until July 26, 2027. Over the years, Justice Sen has delivered several important verdicts and played a key role in the High Court's judicial proceedings. However, he also made headlines in the past due to his conflict with former judge Abhijit Gangopadhyay. The flashpoint came during the hearing of the medical college admission case, where Justice Gangopadhyay had ordered a CBI investigation. A division bench headed by Justice Sen set aside that order, only for Justice Gangopadhyay to later reissue it citing "errors." The legal tussle became so complex that the Supreme Court was compelled to intervene and eventually transferred the case out of the Calcutta High Court.

Meanwhile, another development suggests that Justice Sen's tenure as Acting Chief Justice may be short-lived. Last Friday, the Supreme Court Collegium recommended his elevation as Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court.

Kolkata Police to Enforce Traffic Restrictions During Durga Puja

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata Police will impose strict traffic regulations during the upcoming Durga Puja to ensure smooth movement and safety amid large festive gatherings. According to police sources, heavy goods vehicles will face restrictions from Mahalaya (September 21), while general traffic control will begin from Tritiya. Several roads will also be made one-way to manage congestion during peak hours. Under the new directive, goods vehicles, which usually enter the city between 10 pm and 6 am, will now only be allowed between 10 pm and 3 am after Mahalaya. This measure is aimed at reducing congestion during the festive season. However, vehicles carrying essential services such as oxygen, fuel, medical supplies, vegetables, fish, milk, CNG, and petroleum products will be exempted from these restrictions. Kolkata Police had earlier shared details of the planned traffic diversions

on social media, providing the public with advance notice of the routes and timings. Additional measures will be in place during the immersion of idols. From Dashami to the morning of Chaturdashi, the movement of heavy goods vehicles will remain restricted to facilitate smooth immersion processions across the city. During the Puja days, several major roads will remain closed to vehicular traffic for specific hours to allow safe pedestrian movement around pandals and high-footfall areas. Police officials said that the restrictions are essential to avoid traffic chaos and ensure the safety of visitors and residents during the city's biggest festival. The special traffic plan, which will remain effective throughout the Puja days, is designed to balance the movement of essential supplies while managing the unprecedented crowd pressure Kolkata experiences during Durga Puja.

Major Accident on Maa Flyover, Four Vehicles Involved

MI News Service, Kolkata: A major accident occurred on the Maa Flyover on Monday, involving four vehicles in a chain collision. According to preliminary reports, a speeding car rammed into three vehicles in succession, causing significant damage. Fortunately, no fatalities have been reported so far. Police have rescued the damaged vehicles and are investigating the exact cause of the crash. The accident took place near the divider on the Park Circus-bound flank of the flyover, close to the Science City crossing. Eyewitnesses said one car was moving at a speed far above the permissible limit, estimated at nearly 80 kmph. During peak traffic hours on the busy flyover, the vehicle failed to slow down in time when the car ahead applied brakes, resulting in a multiple-vehicle collision. The impact left four cars severely mangled, with at least three badly damaged. Several passengers sustained minor injuries, though police confirmed that no one was critically hurt. The driver of the offending vehicle has been detained for questioning. The accident also led to temporary congestion on the flyover, adding to commuters' woes.

Dreaded Maoist carrying Rs 1 cr bounty on head among 3 red rebels killed

From PG 1 rounds of live ammunition. "All these also proved that was major success", the SP said. According to SP, the activities of these Maoists were being monitored for some time very closely, leading to today's encounter. The search operation has been intensified in the forest area after the encounter to locate some other Maoists who had been able to escape taking advantage of the dense forests. However, some of them were believed to be injured in the encounter. Earlier on Sunday, in a separate encounter Jharkhand police had also gunned down a wanted Maoist Mukhdeo Yadav, a member of banned Maoist

organisation, Tritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee (TSPC). The fierce encounter, took place between security forces and TSPC in Manatu jungles of Palamu, also lasted for several hours. Notably, as Police action against Maoists and organized criminals have been intensified in Jharkhand, on an average three encounters are taking place every month during the last eight months in the state. A total of 30 Maoists and three notorious criminals have been killed in encounters with the police and other security forces across Jharkhand in different districts. Meanwhile, five security personnel have also been martyred during those encounters.

Kuki leader's house 'torched' in Manipur's Churachandpur district after PM's visit

From PG 1 movement of commuters and essential goods. However, on Monday, the KZC clarified that it has not "declared the reopening of NH-2" and that "no free movement has been permitted on this route." In a statement, the council said: "Our request was only to the people of Kangpokpi district to extend cooperation to the security forces, as directed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, in maintaining safety of commuters along NH-2." The KZC asserted that the Centre's statement had been "misinterpreted" and caused "unnecessary confusion". The council said, "As there is still no settlement or agreement to the conflict between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities, no one from either side should cross" into respective areas under any circumstances. Warning that Kuki-Zo areas must be respected at all costs, the council said "any violation will only lead to serious consequences and further deterioration of peace and security." It may be recalled that during his brief visit to Chu-

rachandrapur on Saturday, Prime Minister Modi had called for lasting peace and stability in Manipur and said the "Centre seeks to make Manipur a symbol of peace and prosperity", adding that the Centre's "continuous efforts towards peace led to talks between the two warring sides now". Addressing a public meeting in Kuki-dominated Churachandpur district on his arrival in the state for a brief visit since ethnic violence broke out two years ago, the Prime minister said the Centre's continuous efforts towards peace has now led to talks between the two warring sides. "It is unfortunate that violence happened here. Today, I want to promise you that the Government of India is with you and I am with you," he said. The high profile visit of PM Modi comes amid constant criticism by opposition parties for not visiting the strife-torn state which has been witnessing ethnic violence between the Kuki and Meitei communities and has left over 260 people dead and thousands homeless since May 2023.

NAME CHANGE
I, Mrs. Somdutta Biswas, wife of Mr. Subhankar Biswas, residing at C/O-Subhankar Biswas, Bholamari, Bholamari, Ulas, Nadia, West Bengal-741502, natural mother and legal guardian of my minor daughter, hereby declare that my daughter's name presently recorded as "Deherin Naskar" shall henceforth be known as "Deherin Biswas" for all official and legal purposes as declared before 1st class Judicial Magistrate, Barrackpore Court vide affidavit no. 90 dated 11/09/2025

NAME CHANGE
I, Promila Rani Mondal, W/o Khokon Das, D/o Dhananjoy Chandra Mondal R/o-6/4, Mohendra Mondal Road, P.O.: Haltu, P.S.: Garfa, Kolkata- 700078 shall be known as Promila Das D/o Dhananjoy Mondal, sworn before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore Court, Affidavit no.: 57974, Dated: 29.08.2025. Henceforth, Promila Rani Mondal D/o Dhananjoy Chandra Mondal & Promila Das D/o Dhananjoy Mondal is the same & identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Smritikana Ray Mondal residing at Vill-Simhat (Raghunathpur), P.O.-Simhat, Dist-Nadia, hereby declare that my name is wrongly recorded as Smritikana Ray in place of my actual name Smritikana Ray Mondal in my son Rudrangshu Ray's birth certificate. As on 12/09/2025 before the court of Ld.A.C.J.M.(1st class) Kalyani, Nadia, I have changed my name from Smritikana Ray to Smritikana Ray Mondal through an affidavit. Smritikana Ray Mondal and Smritikana Ray both are same and identical lady.

Name Change
I KESHAB PRASAD, (AADHAAR No. 7262 1458 3808) son of Late Debraj Prasad, presently residing at 49/5/IL, Karl Marx Sarani, Police Station South Port , and Kolkata: 700023, within Ward No. 79 of Kolkata Municipal Corporation, previously residing at 49/5, Bhukailash garh, C/o Raj Nath Bari Wala, Police Station: South Port, Kolkata: 70023 do hereby solemnly affirm that KESHAB PRASAD and KESHOW PRASAD KHAR is the same and one identical person. By an affidavit (no. 59746), before the Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore on 09.09.2025

Name Change
I, Smt. Archana Surbhi, w/o Sri Jagatpati Singh residing at 87/I/D, Guru Garden Road, Rishra, P.O.-Pravashnagar, P.S.- Serampore, Dist.-Hooghly-712249 hereby declare that my name is wrongly recorded as Archana Singh in place of my actual name Archana Surbhi in my son Rajveer Singh Rathore birth certificate. As on 07/08/2025 before the court of Ld. J.M., 1st class at Serampore, Dist.-Hooghly, S.L. No.8779, Smt. Archana Surbhi, and Archana Singh both are same and identical lady.

Change of Name
I, SUMI BERA daughter of Late-KUNDU KAYAL an Indian citizen resident of Room No. 19/2, JHEEL ROAD, P.O.- Dhakuria, KOLKATA-700031. stated that I have Married with BANDAN BERA, and shall be known as SUMI BERA instead of SUMI BAG by virtue of an affidavit sworn before the court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Alipore" bearing no. 21389 dt.10/09/2025, also stated that SUMI BERA and SUMI BAG are same and one identical person indicating me alone none else.

Change of Name
I, Ajay Choudhary (Old Name) S/o Ranjit Chowdhury Residing at Near 2nd Assam Police BN Camp Ashok Nagar (Makum), Makum Jn. Bongali Gaon, Makum Junction, Tinsukia, Assam - 786170, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ajay Chowdhury (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit dated 15-09-2025. Ajay Choudhary (Old Name) and Ajay Chowdhury (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Nipa Chakraborty (Old Name) D/o Late Gitanari Chakraborty Residing at Islampur, Nahata, Ichhlampur, Po - Nahata, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743290 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nipa Mallick (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 38/2025 Dated 15-09-2025. Nipa Chakraborty (Old Name) and Nipa Mallick (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Monjila Khatun (Old Name) W/o Tajul Islam Residing at Vill - Jagatpur, Po - Ghona, Ps - Basirhat at Present Matia, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743445, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Monjila Begam (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate at Basirhat, vide affidavit no 18473/25 Dated 06-09-2025. Monjila Khatun (Old Name) and Monjila Begam (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Change of Name
I, Yasmin Begum (Old Name) W/o Sabir Hossain Residing at 102B, Eliot Road, Po - Park Street H.O., Ps - Park Street, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700016 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Yasmin Fatmah (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 15-09-2025. Yasmin Begum (Old Name) and Yasmin Fatmah (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Abutoyeb (Old Name) S/o Late Mohammad Moslem Residing at Vill - Patna, Po - Nityanandapur, Ps - Bhatar, District - Bardhaman, Pin - 713125 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Mohammad Abutoyeb (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 15-09-2025. Md Abutoyeb (Old Name) and Mohammad Abutoyeb (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Saira Bano (Old Name) D/o Late Md Faruddin Residing at G-207 Ramnagar Lane, Po - Garden Reach, Ps - Garden Reach, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700024 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Sayra Banu (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 15-09-2025. Saira Bano (Old Name) and Sayra Banu (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ashok Tripathi (old name) son of Late Sharad Chandra Tripathi, residing at 36C,GOBINDA BOSE LANE,BHAWANIPORE,KOLKATA-700025, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ashok Kumar Tripathi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/09/2025. Ashok Kumar Tripathi (new name) and Ashok Tripathi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Monoj Kumar Sarkar & Manoj Sarkar (old names) son of Satyen Sarkar, residing at A/29, Baghajatin Pally, Regent Estate, P.S.- Jadavpur , Kolkata, 700092, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manoj Kumar Sarkar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Manoj Kumar Sarkar (new name) and Manoj Kumar Sarkar & Manoj Sarkar (old names) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Dipak Saha (old name) son of Kshitish Chandra Saha, residing at 13/2, Ananda Pally, Jadavpur, P.O.-Jadavpur University, Kolkata- 700032, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Dipak Kumar Saha (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Dipak Kumar Saha (new name) and Dipak Saha (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jayanta Kumar Dey (old name) son of Late Muktinath Dey, residing at 153/1, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Ramprasad Nagar, P.O. & P.S.- Nimta, Barrackpore, Pin No - 700049, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Joyanta Kumar Dey (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/09/2025. Sanjay Jana (new name) and Sanjoy Jana (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sanjoy Jana (old name) son of Narugopal Jana, residing at Vill & P.O.-Dwarkanagar, P.S.- Namkhana, Dist.-South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743357, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sanjay Jana (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 12/09/2025. Sanjay Jana (new name) and Sanjoy Jana (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mumun Sen Sengupta (old name) wife of Priyam Sengupta, residing at Flat-2D, 2nd Floor, AC-22/10, Deshbandhu Nagar, Baguihati, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700059, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mumun Sen (new name), as declared before the notary public at Hooghly, vide an affidavit dated 21/03/2025. Mumun Sen (new name) and Mumun Sen Sengupta (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Jamaluddin Mallick (old name) son of Late Md Jamir Ali Mallick, residing at VILL- KALSA, P.O.- KALSA, P.S.- Falta, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743503, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jamaluddin Mallick (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Jamaluddin Mallick (new name) and Md Jamaluddin Mallick (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jahan Ara Begum (old name) daughter of Abdul Gafar, residing at 37/5/H/2, Kabirithara Sarani, Khidderpore S.O, Khidderpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jahannara Bibi (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Jahanara Bibi (new name) and Jahan Ara Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sarita Kumari (old name),by faith Hindu,daughter of Suresh Ram, residing at Kandarpapur Road, Faritabad, Near Masjid E Ayesha, P.O.- Garia, P.S.-Narendrapur, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Pin-700084, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amal Fatima Raja (new name), by faith Islam, wife of Md.Aamir Raja, as declared Before The Notary public at Kolkata dated 15/09/2025. Amal Fatima Raja (new name) and Sarita Kumari (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sibram Halder & Shibram Halder (old names) son of Makhan Halder, residing at Patra, P.S.- Diamond Harbour, Dist- South 24 Parganas, Pin-743368, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shibram Halder (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Shibram Halder (new name) and Sibram Halder & Shibram Halder (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Koushal Kishore Shaw (old name) son of Motilal Shaw, residing at D/60, 77 Number Garden Reach Road, Dist.-South Eastern Railway, P.S.- West Port, Kolkata- 700043, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kaushal Kishore Shaw (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Kaushal Kishore Shaw (new name) and Koushal Kishore Shaw (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Safikul S/O Kabirul Mandal (my & my father old name), residing at Vill-Marakpur, PO-Prithibi, PS-Habra, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743704, West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name & Father's name to shall henceforth be known as) Safikul Islam Mondal S/O Kabirul Islam Mondal (my & my father new name) vide an affidavit 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Barasat, North 24 Parganas, vide an affidavit SL No. 5048 dated 04/09/2025.Safikul Islam Mondal S/O Kabirul Islam Mondal (new name) Safikul S/O Kabirul Mandal (old name) both are same identical person.

Name Change
I, Malini Chakraborty(Old Name),Wife Of Bhaskar Chakraborty, Residing At A-5,Govt College Ground,Pin-Nh-10,Tadong,Gangtok,East Sikkim- 737102,India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Malini Bhattacharya Chakraborty(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/09/2025.Malini Chakraborty And Malini Bhattacharya Chakraborty Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rakesh Gupta(Old Name),Son Of Late Madan Lal Gupta,Residing At 82/4,Patua Para Lane,Serampore,Hooghly-712201,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rakes Gupta(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/09/2025.Rakes Gupta And Rakesh Gupta Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sumana Chakraborty (old name) D/O Subodh Kr Chakraborty, residing at 32/1, Haramohan Ghosh Lane, Beliaghata, Kolkata- 700085, W.B, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Suhana Ahammad (new name), as declared before the Metropolitan Magistrate at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 10/12/2009. Suhana Ahammad (new name) and Sumana Chakraborty (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sayra Bibi (old name) wife of Motiar Rahaman, residing at Paschim Para Aminpur, Deganga, Aminpur, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743423, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chhayera Bibi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Chhayera Bibi (new name) and Sayra Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Motiar Rahaman (old name) son of Abdulla Mondal,residing at Paschim Para Aminpur, Deganga, Aminpur, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743423, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Motiar Rahaman (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Motiar Rahaman (new name) and Md Motiar Rahaman (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Masammat Ranjila Bibi (old name) wife of Rezaul Karim Molla, residing at Vill- Sarberia, P.O.- F.S. Hat, P.S.- Nazat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743329, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ranjila Bibi Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Ranjila Bibi Molla (new name) and Masammat Ranjila Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, SEK JARAL ALI (Old Name) S/O LATE SK MUJAPHAR , Residing at VILL- GOBRA, P.O.- GOBRA, P.S.-RAMNAGAR, EAST MEDINIPUR, Pin- 721441,West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) SK JARAL ALI (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 15/09/2025. SK JARAL ALI (New Name) and SEK JARAL ALI (Old Name) both are same identical person.

Name Change
I, Pradeep Kumar Lohariwala (old name) son of Bishwanath Gupta, residing at 28, Rai Bahadur Road, Sneh Garden, FL-No- A2C, P.O.- New Alipore, Kolkata- 700053, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradip Kumar Lohariwala (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Pradip Kumar Lohariwala (old name) and Pradeep Kumar Lohariwala (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jakir Hossain (old name) son of Abul Hossain Molla, residing at Mirjapur Uttar, P.O.- Eojnagar, Baduria, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743293, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jakir Hossain Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Jakir Hossain Molla (new name) and Jakir Hossain (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Rezaul Karim Molla (old name) son of Late Abdul Hamid Molla, residing at Vill- Sarberia, P.O.- F.S. Hat, P.S.- Nazat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743329, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rezaul Karim Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Rezaul Karim Molla (new name) and Mohammed Rezaul Karim Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jharu Patra(Old Name), Son Of Bihari Patra,Residing At Vill & Po - Pankhai,East Medinipur - 731431,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jharu Charan Patra(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/09/2025.Jharu Patra And Jharu Charan Patra Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Tarun Mall(Old Name),Son Of Vishnu Prakash Mall,Residing At 55/6 Purna Das Road,Golpark-Po - Sarat Bose Road,Kolkata - 700029,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Tarun Kumar Mall(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 27/08/2025.Tarun Mall And Tarun Kumar Mall Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Bibha & Bibha Kumari Singh (old names) wife of Vivek Kumar Singh, residing at G-4, New Executive Building, Near Bani Bharti School, Rishra, Hooghly, 712249, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bibha Singh (new name), as declared before the notary public at Hooghly, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Bibha Singh (new name) and Bibha & Bibha Kumari Singh (old names) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abbasuddin Mallick(Old Name),Son Of Motaleb Mallick,Residing At Ashina,Naopukuria,Ps-Falta, South 24 Pgs-743503,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abbas Mallick(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/09/2025.Abbasuddin Mallick And Abbas Mallick Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Vivek Kumar (old name) son of Vijay kumar Singh, residing at G-4, New Executive Building, Near Bani Bharti School, Rishra, Hooghly, 712249, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Vivek kumar singh (new name), as declared before the notary public at Hooghly, vide an affidavit dated 15/09/2025. Vivek kumar singh (new name) and Vivek Kumar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Aanchal Bothra(Old Name), Daughter Of Narendra Bothra,Residing At 12/S Krishna Villa Block-A,New Alipore Road,Udayan Club, Kolkata-700053,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ananya Bothra(New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 36554 Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 02/09/2025. Aanchal Bothra And Ananya Bothra Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Madhu Jain Bothra(Old Name), Daughter Of Late Hanumamall Lunawat,Residing At 12/S Krishna Villa Block-A,New Alipore Road,Udayan Club, Kolkata-700053,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Madhu Bothra(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/09/2025.Madhu Jain Bothra And Madhu Bothra Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.



On 14.09.2025, under "Operation Nanhe Fariste", RPF officials of Howrah, Asansol & Malda Divisions of Eastern Railway have rescued 04 minor boys/girls from Dankuni, Madhapur & Tinpahar Railway Station and handed over to concern Child Line for further care and rehabilitation. Wherein, 01 rescued boy was going to work as a Mason offered by unknown person, 01 boy was found as per Rail Madad Complaint and 02 rescued girls were fled away from home due to family discord.

RAKTDAN AMRIT MAHOTSAV: India to host world's largest Blood Donation Campaign

MI News Service, Kolkata: India always thinks big now – a days and this thought process have given birth to a unique effort, "Raktdan Amrit Mahotsav", the world's largest Blood Donation Campaign. This Mahotsav is to come up on September 17, on pan India basis on the day of Holy Puja of Lord Vishyakarma. Iconic Akhil Bharatya Terapanth Yuvak Parishad (AB-TYP) in collaboration with government of India is going to organize this mega event. The event in West Bengal part would certainly see the active participation of state government of West Bengal for this noble cause.

Not only in India, will this mega event would be organized at 7500 camps across 75 nations. The organizers envisage collecting three lakh unit of blood in one single day. This mega event will be done with active

participation of 75,000 youth workers, 4000 blood banks, 5000 doctors, 25,000 technicians, 1 lakh volunteers and lakhs of lakhs of donors.

The foreign nation with in the ambit of participation will, constitute Nepal, Sri Lanka, Australia UK etc.

In West Bengal more than 200 camps would be organized covering all districts including at the iconic venues like Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Port (SMP), Kolkata, Metro Rail Bhawan, Coal India Ltd, Kolkata and Bagdogra Airports.

Centre's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Coal, including different state governments are rendering support to this noble venture. Apart from these, RPF, NSS, Coal India and SMP are actively helping this mission.

SC sets Oct 7 for final hearing on Bihar SIR
bound Bihar and cautioned in case of any illegality, the exercise would be set aside. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joy-malya Bagchi fixed October 7 for hearing final arguments on validity of Bihar SIR while refusing to offer any "any piecemeal opinion" on the exercise. "Our judgement in Bihar SIR will be applicable for Pan-India SIR," the bench said, clarifying it can't stop the poll panel from conducting the similar exercise for revision of electoral roll across the country. The bench, however, allowed petitioners against the Bihar SIR exercise to also argue on the pan-India SIR on October 7. The top court, in the meantime, issued notice on a plea seeking the recall of the September 8 top court order directing the poll panel to include Aadhaar card as the 12th prescribed document in the Bihar SIR. On September 8, the apex court clarified Aadhaar will not be proof of citizenship and the poll panel can ascertain its genuineness on being submitted by an elector for inclusion in the electoral roll.

Name Change
I, Dipankar Mandal(Old Name),Son Of Santosh Mandal, Residing At Vill - Aropota,Po - Boaldaha,Ps - Bongaon,Dist - Bongaon,Pin - 743235,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dipankar Mondal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/09/2025.Dipankar Mandal And Dipankar Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Vinesh Kumar Sheth(Old Name),Son Of Vallabha Das Sheth,Residing At 49,Ezra Street,Hare Street,Circus Avenue, Kolkata-700001,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Vinesh Kumar V Sheth(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/09/2025.Vinesh Kumar Sheth And Vinesh Kumar V Sheth Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Abbasuddin Mallick(Old Name),Son Of Motaleb Mallick,Residing At Ashina,Naopukuria,Ps-Falta, South 24 Pgs-743503,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abbas Mallick(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/09/2025.Abbasuddin Mallick And Abbas Mallick Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Hazarat Karim Molla(Old Name),Son Of Siddik Hosen Molla, Residing At Jayantipur,Bongaon,Ps-Petrapole, North 24 Pgs-743705,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hazarat Karim Molla(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/09/2025.Md Hazarat Karim Molla And Hazarat Karim Molla Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Bivas Gupta(Old Name),Son Of Baidyanath Gupta,Residing At Ab-22,Deshbandhu Nagar,Ps-Baguiati,North 24 Pgs- 700059,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Bivash Gupta(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/09/2025.Bivas Gupta And Bivash Gupta Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Abu Nasar Molla(Old Name),Son Of Hazarat Karim Molla,Residing At Jayantipur,Bongaon,Ps-Petrapole, North 24 Pgs-743705, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Abu Nasar Molla(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/09/2025.Abu Nasar Molla And Md Abu Nasar Molla Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Howrah Division Organises Special Passenger Awareness Drive under Swachhta Abhiyan



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the on-going Swachhta Abhiyan, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organised a Special Passenger Awareness Drive on 15th September, 2025, across trains and stations under its jurisdiction. The campaign was undertaken to spread awareness among passengers about responsible waste disposal and the collective role in keeping the railway environment clean. During the drive, passengers were encouraged to use the dustbins provided in trains and at station premises for disposing of garbage,

and to refrain from throwing waste along the railway tracks. Announcements, posters, and direct interactions by railway staff highlighted the harmful impact of littering on hygiene, passenger safety, and the environment.

Howrah Division of Eastern Railway continues to remain committed to ensuring cleanliness in trains and at stations. Passengers' active cooperation and responsible behaviour are essential for the success of the Swachhta Abhiyan and for creating a clean and pleasant travel experience.

Stoppages of mail/express trains at various stations over Eastern Railway

MI News Service, Howrah: Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of various Mail/ Express trains at different stations over North Frontier Railway as under:

Train No & Name	Station	Arr	Dep	W.e.f. J.C.O
15619 Gaya - Kamakhya Express	Barsoi	00.28 hrs.	00.30 hrs.	16.09.25
15620 Kamakhya - Gaya Express		17.44 hrs.	17.46 hrs.	15.09.25
13147 Sealdah - Bamanhat Uttar Banga Express	Barsoi	03.50 hrs.	03.52 hrs.	16.09.25
13148 Bamanhat - Sealdah Uttar Banga Express		19.45 hrs.	19.47 hrs.	16.09.25
15959 Howrah - Dibrugarh Kamrup Express	Barsoi	02.50 hrs.	02.52 hrs.	16.09.25
15960 Dibrugarh -Howrah Kamrup Express		19.30 hrs.	19.32 hrs.	15.09.25
13141 Sealdah - New Alipduar TeestaTorsa Express		00.48 hrs.	00.50 hrs.	16.09.25
13142 New Alipduar -Sealdah TeestaTorsa Express	Kishanganj	16.28 hrs.	16.30 hrs.	16.09.25
20501 Agartala - Anand Vihar Tejas Rajdhani Express	Kishanganj	12.22 hrs.	12.24 hrs.	15.09.25
20502 Anand Vihar - Agartala Tejas Rajdhani Express		18.20 hrs.	18.22 hrs.	17.09.25
15626 Agartala - Deoghar Express	Kishanganj	19.18 hrs.	19.20 hrs.	20.09.25
15625 Deoghar - Agartala Express		04.08 hrs.	04.52 hrs.	15.09.25
22511 Lokmanya Tilak - Kamakhya Kamnabumi Express	Kishanganj	03.50 hrs.	03.10 hrs.	16.09.25
22512 Kamakhya -Lokmanya Tilak Kamnabumi Express		04.28 hrs.	04.30 hrs.	20.09.25
13181 Kolkata - Silghat Kaziranga Express	Kishanganj	17.03 hrs.	17.05 hrs.	15.09.25
13182 Silghat - Kolkata Kaziranga Express		03.28 hrs.	03.30 hrs.	16.09.25
13150 Alipduar - Sealdah KamanchKanya Express		20.41 hrs.	20.42 hrs.	16.09.25
13149 Sealdah - Alipduar KamanchKanya Express	Galgolia	06.27 hrs.	06.28 hrs.	16.09.25
13160 Joghani - Kolkata Express	Labha	17.48 hrs.	17.50 hrs.	16.09.25
13159 Kolkata -Joghani Express		06.26 hrs.	06.28 hrs.	15.09.25
15722 New Jalpaiguri - Digha Paharia Express	Thakurganj	21.33 hrs.	21.35 hrs.	19.09.25
15721 Digha - New Jalpaiguri Paharia Express		07.40 hrs.	07.42 hrs.	20.09.25

More than 3.9 lakh passengers traveled in Metro on Sunday

MI News Service, Kolkata: More than 3.9 lakh commuters have traveled in Metro on 14.09.2025 (Sunday) in Blue Line, Yellow Line and Green Line. In spite being a Sunday still large number of commuters preferred to use Metro for comfortable and easy commuting. Mainly Puja shoppers preferred to use Kolkata Metro to reach their shopping destinations in and around Kolkata yesterday which reflects that Metro Railway is very popular for providing cheapest, most preferred, comfortable mode of commuting. In Blue Line around 3.0 lakh passengers were carried yesterday. In Green Line more than 90000 passengers have traveled. For the first time Sunday services were operated on Sun-

day yesterday and more than 3100 passengers have availed it.

Throughout the day services were run as per the schedule in Blue Line and 100% punctuality was maintained. On Yellow Line services were run as per schedule throughout the day and 100% punctuality was maintained. In Green Line services were run smoothly and punctuality was more than 99%.

To avoid long queues, commuters are requested to use Digital mode of ticketing like Smart Cards and Mobile QR tickets which comes with 5% bonus/rebate if booked via app or at the time of recharge. They are also requested to follow the instructions made through Public Address System by on-duty staff.

Eastern Railway to run one pair of new EMU local between Howrah & Tarakeswar

MI News Service, Kolkata: To facilitate the passengers, Eastern Railway's Howrah Division has decided to run one pair of new EMU services between Howrah & Tarakeswar w.e.f 16.09.2025. 37355 Howrah - Tarakeswar EMU local will leave

Howrah at 06:45 hrs. to reach Tarakeswar at 08:25 hrs. and 3735

PM Modi lays foundation stone,inaugurates devp works worth around Rs 40,000 crore in Purnea, Bihar

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone, inaugurated development works worth around Rs 40,000 crore in Purnea,Bihar on Sunday. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister extended his respectful greetings to all. He remarked that Purnea is the land ofMaa Puraan Devi, Bhakt Prahlad, and Maharshi Mehi Baba. Shri Modi highlighted that this soil has given birth to literary giants like Phanishwarnath Renu and Satinath Bhaduri. He further noted that it has been the karmabhoomi of dedicated karmayogis like Vinoba Bhaveand reiterated his deep reverence for this land.

Announcing the inauguration and foundation laying of development projects worth approximately ₹40,000 crore for Bihar, Shri Modihighlighted that these projects—spanning railways, airports, electricity, and water—will serve as a means to fulfill the aspirations ofSeemanchal. He stated that over 40,000 beneficiaries have received permanent housing under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The PrimeMinister remarked that today marks a new beginning in the lives of these 40,000 families. He noted that entering a permanent home beforeDhanteras, Diwali, and Chhath Puja is a matter of great fortune. He extended his congratulations and best wishes to all these families.

ICC Global Business Summit in Mumbai to be held Sept 18-19

MI News Service, Mumbai: The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) will hold a major Global Business Summit - GBS 2025- in this country's commercial capital on September 18,19 bringing together business leaders from over 20 countries to drive international collaboration, trade, and investment.

"The future of global business lies not just in capital, but in connections. At Global Business Summit 2025, we're not merely chasing growth—we are shaping ecosystems built on trust, collaboration, and enduring value," president-ICC & MD, Jindal Stainless Ltd, Abhyuday Jindal said.

The summit is supported by the Ministry of Tourism, PD Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Road Transport and Highways Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Railways and Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Government of India, is being organised by ICC Global Business Summit 2025 in Jio Convention Center and Grand Hyatt.

The state partners include Maharashtra, UP, Bihar, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh with Invest India being a partner.

The Conclave is expected to attract 800 plus global and national business delegates from India and across 20 countries like Vietnam, USA, UK, UAE, Thailand, Tanzania, Switzerland, Sri Lanka, South Korea, South Africa, Singapore, Romania, Poland, New Zealand, Nigeria, Nepal, Mauritius, Malaysia, Mexico, Kuwait, Japan, India, Italy, Greece, Germany, France, Estonia, Cyprus, Canada, Brazil, Bhutan, Belgium, Australia & Argentina.

Cyprus is one of the focus country along with Greece.

Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Cyprus and the visit of their 25 members' delegation to India has great significance. Similarly Greece and Italy are also focus countries as they will be organising exclusive sessions.

The dignitaries are expected to attend among others Union ministers Nitin Gadkari, Arjun Ram Meghwal,

Nicodemos Damianou, Sanjeev Kumar, secretary, defence production and others.

Business leaders addressing the conference include Brij Bhushan Agarwal of Shyam Metals,

Parthiv Neotia of Ambuja Neotia Group, Vikash Lohia from Jupiter Wagons, Kanishka Sethia of Western Carriers, Shiv Eashwaran of Canadian Crystalline, Ankur Patni, Ion Exchange, and Neeraj Kumar, CEO, Jindal SAW are among others.

ICC Global Business Summit 2025 focuses on key sectors of the economy like chemical & petrochemical, circular economy & water, defence, energy, financial services, agri & food processing, healthcare, IT, communication and artificial intelligence (AI), manufacturing industry, mines & metals, mobility, infrastructure & supply chain.

"As the World and India witness geo-political shifts and trade uncertainties, our summit is a very timely initiative to explore new business synergies, facilitate business partnerships, thru multilateral dialogues and business meetings over two days." Dr Rajeev Singh, Director General, ICC said while briefing regarding the Global Business Summit .

Prime networking opportunities include Exclusive B2B meetings, Start-up networking sessions and interaction with high-level government officials, diplomats, and business leaders. The event is India's foremost gathering of global business leaders, C-suite executives, Heads of states, policymakers, start-ups, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, exporters, importers, and investment promotion agencies.

Shiksharatna Award 2025 Conferred on Dr. Abul Hossain Biswas for Outstanding Contribution in Education



MI News Service, Krishnagar: Eminent scholar, educationist, social worker and Kazi Nazrul Islam researcher Dr. Abul Hossain Biswas has been honoured with the Shiksharatna Award 2025 for his outstanding contribution to the field of education.

Born in a humble farmer's family in Chandpur, Murshidabad, Dr. Biswas has carved a remarkable academic journey, topping his M.A. in English at Rabindra Bharati University and bagging the prestigious Prof. Mohini Mohan Bhattacharjee Prize and Gold Medal, awarded by the then Governor of West Bengal, A. R. Kidwai. He later completed a Ph.D. in English on Kazi Nazrul Islam, making him the first Indian to research Nazrul's secular vision in English.

Currently serving as the Teacher-in-Charge of Belatala High Madrasah (H.S.), Dr. Biswas has also been associated with several academic and advisory bodies, including the District Level Inspection Team (DLIT) and the District Level Advisory Committee (DLAC) under the jurisdiction of the DI of Schools, Nadia. His contributions extend beyond classrooms, he has guided the establishment of B.Ed. colleges, D.El.Ed. colleges, a nursing college, a pharmacy college, and an English medium school in the region.

As a researcher, he has focused on translating and interpreting Nazrul's works to spread the poet's message of secularism beyond Bengal. His acclaimed book, 'The Secular Vision of Kazi Nazrul Islam (Udar Akash Publication)', stands as a testament to this mission.

Dr. Biswas is also a published poet, essayist and the author of the popular student-oriented book Spoken English Beginners Course. His relentless pursuit of knowledge and service to society has earned him the Natun Gati Nazrul Smarak Puraskar (2018) and the Zee 24 Ghanta Puraskar (2022).

Alongside his academic and literary achievements, Dr. Biswas has been deeply engaged in social service. He sponsors education for underprivileged students and distributes over 1,500 sarees annually to women from economically weaker backgrounds. He also serves as chairman of Mouli Sayedul Haque Waqf Estate and Azizul Haque Waqf Estate, carrying out his responsibilities with integrity and dedication.

In recent years, Dr. Biswas has also taken up responsibilities in public life as Vice President of various Trinamool Congress (TMC) committees in Nadia North and Krishnagar, and presently as Councillor of Ward No. 18 and CIC member, Tax and License Department, Krishnagar Municipality.

Colleagues, students and well-wishers have welcomed the announcement of the Shiksharatna Award 2025 with great pride, calling it a fitting recognition for an individual who has seamlessly blended the roles of scholar, teacher, social worker and mass leader.

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TMC Minister slams Centre over Rs.1,073 Crore loan waiving of Amit Shah's Son



MI News Service, Kalyani: Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader and West Bengal Agriculture Minister Sovande Chatterjee on Monday launched a scathing attack on the Centre over the alleged waiver of ₹1,073 crore associated with Jay Shah, the son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

Speaking at an event in Kalyani, Nadia district, the minister questioned the government's financial priorities and transparency. "While common people are burdened with taxes and debt recovery, crores are being written off in the name of the Home Minister's son. This is unacceptable," Chatterjee said.

The minister was in Kalyani to unveil a statue of veteran Congress trade union leader Rajen Haldar at the Rajib Bhavan premises. Praising Haldar's legacy, Chatterjee urged his son, Debashis Haldar, a TMC councillor from Ward No. 18 , to follow in his father's footsteps. "Whatever responsibility the party gives, we must accept it with humility," Debashis said during the programme.

The minister's address quickly turned political, with a sharp critique of the Modi government's domestic and international policies. "The Centre is aligning itself with authoritarian regimes like the US under Trump, China, and North Korea," Chatterjee remarked, adding that such associations do not reflect the values of Indian democracy.

Taking a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visits to Bengal ahead of elections, Chatterjee said, "They are like migratory birds, only appearing when votes are at stake."

He also attacked the BJP over law and order in its governed states. "Incidents of sexual violence are higher in BJP-ruled states," he said, while also bringing up the long-pending issue of fugitive industrialists.

"Twenty-four industrialists have looted banks and fled the country. Most of them hail from Gujarat. Modi had promised to bring back the money and deposit ₹15 lakh in every citizen's account. That was a blatant lie."

On foreign policy, Chatterjee made a veiled reference to the Prime Minister's relationship with former US President Donald Trump. "Just because someone hugs Trump, doesn't mean we've become strategic allies," he said, labeling such diplomacy as superficial.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including INTUC leader Sanat Chakraborty, TMC's Nadia South district president Debashis Ganguly, Kalyani Municipality Chairman Nilimesh Roy Chowdhury, and Vice Chairman Balram Majhi. Many paid tribute to Rajen Haldar's contributions as a pro-labour political figure in the region.

GENERAL NOTICE

Name- **MD. SAGIR**, Son of Late Allauddin Ansari, Religion- Islam (Indian), Date of Death- 03/12/2024, Permanent address - at- Dohabiyakura, Tolabongalor, Muger, Pin - 811212, Bihar. Lastly resided at address- Survey View Park, Mou- Abassan, Bandel, P.S.- Chinsurah, Dist.- Hooghly, Pin 711213, West Bengal.

Any person who claim to have any sort of right, title and interest in any property of the above named deceased is hereby directed to appear within **4(Four) Weeks** from the date of publication of this advertisement & notice.

With regards
Bijaya Halder (Advocate)
District Judge's Court
Chinsurah, Hooghly.

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আমার সকল প্রকৃত দাস, পিতা- নিমাই দাস, ২০২৪ সালে ডোমজুড় A.D.S.R. অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ৩৮-১৪ নং দলিল দ্বারা চেনামহাধর ১৪৪/২০ নং (ডোমজুড় A.D.S.R. অফিস) আমামোক্তার (পঞ্চকুমার দাস) দলিল দ্বারা মৌজা- নান্দা, হাল-১+১৭ খতিয়ান, সার্ক-৩ হাল- ৪৪০৭, ৪৪০৯, ৪৪১২, ৪৪১৩ নং দাগে, (০৪ + ০৩ + ০৭ + ০৩)-১৮ শতক সম্পত্তি ক্রয় করিয়া নাম পরিবর্তনের আবেদন করেন। উক্ত বিবরে কাহরক কোন আপত্তি থাকিলে বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশে ১ মাসের মধ্যে ডোমজুড় B.L.&R.O., অফিসে যোগাযোগ করুন।

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এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ১)শ্রী সুনীল কুমার ঘোষ, ২)শ্রী অসিত কুমার ঘোষ, ৩)শ্রী সুজয় ঘোষ, ৪)শ্রী মনুসুদন ঘোষ, ৫)শ্রী প্রভাস ঘোষ, ৬)শ্রী জীতেন্দ্র নাথ ঘোষ, ৭)শ্রী নবকুমার ঘোষ সকলকে পিতা াকারিক চন্দ্র ঘোষ, ৮)শ্রীমতী অঞ্জলী ঘোষ, ৯)শ্রীমতী শ্যামলী ঘোষ, (১০)শ্রীমতী করুণা ঘোষ, ১১)শ্রীমতী সুমুদ্রা ঘোষ, ১২)শ্রী সপ্তা ঘোষ, ১৩ নং এর স্বামী ও ৯-১২ নং এর পিতা াজরাজ কুমার ঘোষ, ১৩)শ্রীমতী রিঙ্কু ঘোষ, ১৪)শ্রী লিপিকা ঘোষ, ১৫)১৫ নং পিতা াজরাজ কুমার ঘোষ, ১৬)শ্রীমতী শুভমা ঘোষ স্বামী াজরাজ ঘোষ, সাকিম যোড়গাঁও, সাতকা, শ্রীরামপুর, দিশাখা, ১৬)শ্রীমতী অরুণা ঘোষ স্বামী শ্রী দিলীপ ঘোষ, সাকিম হিডাল, সাদাপাণী, ভদ্রেশ্বর, হুগলী, ১৭)শ্রীমতী প্রতীমা ঘোষ স্বামী শ্রী নারায়ণ ঘোষ, সাকিম দিগপাই, মররা, হুগলী, ১৮)শ্রীমতী শশীমা ঘোষ স্বামী শ্রী গুণ্ডপ ঘোষ, সাকিম মদন উত্তরপাড়া, পাড়ুয়া, হুগলী, ১৯)শ্রীমতী শিশাখা বাণ্ডুই স্বামী শ্রী রঞ্জিত বাণ্ডুই সাকিম মামুদপুর, দিগপাই, মররা, হুগলী, ২০)শ্রী বিজুতি ঘোষ পিতা াগেন ঘোষ, ১-১৪ নং ও ২০ নং এর স্বামী যুগিপাই দক্ষিণপাড়া, সাদাপাণী, ভদ্রেশ্বর, হুগলী, মহানগর/মহাপাণিগ ব্লক ইং ০৩/০৭/২০১২ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., চন্দননগর, হুগলী অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত IV-00170/2012 নং আমামোক্তারনামা দলিলমূল্যে আমাকে (শ্রী) সৌম্য ঘোষ পিতা ানুচর চন্দ্র ঘোষ, সাকিম দেবাবাটী চক, সৌন্দর্য রোড, বৈদ্যপাড়া, শ্রীরামপুর, হুগলী) ক্ষমতাজুড় আমামোক্তার নিযুক্ত করেন এবং নিম্ন তপশীল বর্ণিত সম্পত্তি উক্ত আমামোক্তারনামা বলে আমি বিপত্তি ইরারাজী ০৪/০৬/২০১২ তারিখে এ.ডি.এস.আর., চন্দননগর, হুগলী, অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত I-02732/2012 নং বিক্রয় কোবোলা দলিল মূল্যে ১)শ্রীমতী উর্মিলা দেবী স্বামী শ্রী সুশেপ রায় ও ২)শ্রী কুম্ভার রায়, পিতা সুশেপ রায়, সাকিম আর.বি.এস. রোড, চাঁদপদী, ভদ্রেশ্বর, বৈদ্যাবাটী, হুগলী, মহানগর/মহাপাণিগ ব্লক ইং ০১ কঠা ০৮ হেক্টর সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিয়াছি।

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Barkha Sinha Seeks Support for Astha Kiran in Chamber Polls

RANCHI: Barkha Sinha, National Working President of Akhil Bharatiya Kayastha Mahasabha (ABKM) women wing and Head of the Human Rights Mission, Delhi NCR unit, has appealed to members of the Ranchi Chamber to extend their support to local entrepreneur Astha Kiran (serial number 8), who is contesting the upcoming Jharkhand Chamber elections scheduled for September 21 in Ranchi.

In her message, Sinha described Kiran as a leading self-made businesswoman and a very hardworking individual, who has consistently demonstrated dedication and leadership in her entrepreneurial journey. She urged members to "vote for Astha Kiran, who represents the spirit of enterprise and will work tirelessly for the growth and interests of the business community."

Gold prices ease in future trade as traders await Fed policy decision



NEW DELHI : Gold prices fell Rs 148 to Rs 1,09,222 per 10 grams in the domestic futures market on Monday, mirroring a weak global trend as market participants stayed cautious ahead of the US Federal Reserve's policy decision.

On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), the most-traded October futures fell Rs 148 or 0.14 per cent to Rs 1,09,222 per 10 grams in a turnover of 15,852 lots. The December contract also moved lower, shedding Rs 111 or 0.10 per cent to Rs 1,10,323 per 10 grams in 5,656 lots.

"Gold hovered around Rs 1,09,000 per 10 grams, as investors awaited a crucial US Federal Reserve (Fed) policy decision meeting later this week."

"Traders are pricing in a 25 basis points reduction at the Fed's upcoming meeting amid signs of labour market weakness, with some expecting that easing could extend into next year," said Jigar Trivedi, Senior Research Analyst at Reliance Securities. Silver, however, traded higher. The December contract rose Rs 121 or 0.09 per cent to Rs 1,28,959 per kilogram in 18,528 lots, while the March next year delivery edged up Rs 41 or 0.03 per cent to Rs 1,30,311 per kilogram in 1,072 lots.

In the global markets, Comex gold futures for December delivery dipped by 0.10 per cent to USD 3,682.72 per ounce. Silver futures for December delivery also depreciated by 0.25 per cent to USD 42.72 per ounce. Trivedi added that ahead of the Fed's announcement, investors will monitor key macroeconomic indicators such as US retail sales and industrial production, which could provide further clues on the strength of the American economy and the scope for additional interest rate cuts. "Meanwhile, the US administration on Sunday renewed its request to a federal appeals court to fire Fed Governor Lisa Cook, raising concerns about the central bank's independence. At the same time, the US-China negotiations underway in Madrid since Sunday are being watched closely," he said.

Market participants expect gold to remain range-bound in the near term as traders prefer to wait for the Fed's signals before taking fresh positions, Trivedi added.

Recycling rare earth metals, a key avenue to reduce global supply gaps: McKinsey

NEW DELHI : As demand for electric vehicles and renewable energy surges for green transition, rare earth elements (REEs) have become indispensable even as they are scarce. A recent McKinsey report warned that global supply of REE magnets, vital for e-motors and wind turbines, could fall 30 percent short of demand by 2035.

Circular solutions such as recycling and recovery of scrap rare earth materials can be scaled up to ramp up the availability of such inputs for the industry, the McKinsey report suggested.

"Demand for rare earth elements needed for magnets will likely surge over the next ten years. Postconsumer scrap could unlock additional supply, although recovery remains a challenge," the McKinsey report read.

Rare earth elements comprise 17 elements, four of which are most commonly used in magnets: neodymium (Nd), praseodymium (Pr), dysprosium (Dy), and terbium (Tb). The first two are primary constituents, and the latter two are additives to enhance performance in more demanding applications.

According to the global management consulting firm, global demand for these materials is set to triple from 59 kilotons in 2022 to 176 kilotons in 2035, driven largely by battery electric vehicle (BEV) adoption and wind energy expansion.

Yet supply is heavily concentrated.

In 2023, China accounted for over 60 percent of mined REEs and more than 80 percent of refined



output.

Recent Chinese export restrictions on specific medium and heavy REEs highlight the vulnerability of global supply chains.

"With an expected surge in demand for REEs in the next decade facing a mined and refined supply that is highly concentrated

in China, global and local supply chains will need to navigate significant geopolitical developments, such as China's recent export restrictions on specific medium and heavy REEs and unique sustainability challenges. In addition, the recent rise of REEs to the top of resilience agendas in many coun-

tries is expected to accelerate these trends, creating new opportunities for circular REE magnet value chains by resolving current recovery challenges," the McKinsey report noted.

Even with new mining and processing projects under way in other regions, McKinsey projects that

available primary supply could lag demand by around 60 kilotons by 2035.

Circularity, the report suggests, offers a promising path to bridge the gap. By 2035, the REE value chain could generate about 40 kilotons of pre-consumer scrap during magnet manufacturing and another 41 kilotons of postconsumer scrap as products reach end of life.

Currently, most REE magnets embedded in appliances, electronics, or vehicles are lost during recycling, ending up in smelters where their value is destroyed.

"REE magnets are a challenge for today's recycling ecosystems; devices are partially dismantled, shredded, and then sorted based on their magnetic properties, among other things. As a result, REE magnets may end up in an iron smelter, where they would be lost as slag," it further read.

Manual dismantling is labor-intensive and often uneconomical, especially for smaller magnets in consumer devices.

Promising alternatives include robotic disassembly, hydrogen-based processing, and bulk metallurgical methods, but most remain at pilot or early development stages.

"Enabling better recovery of REEs will likely require new approaches," the report said.

Today, more than 80 percent of recoverable REE magnets come from consumer electronics and appliances. If recovery systems are in place, this transition could unlock significant secondary supply, the report suggested.

"We welcome everyone working in the eSports space to together build an ecosystem that is safe, inclusive and proudly Indian": Zupee CEO



NEW DELHI : Zupee, India's leading online gaming and entertainment company, has announced its formal entry into the eSports sector. With over 200 million registered users and the recent launch of Zupee Studio, the company aims to democratize competitive gaming in India by reimagining traditional Indian games such as Ludo, Carrom, and Chess into global eSports formats.

Making the announcement at PlayCom 2025, Founder & CEO Dilsher Singh of Zupee, Dilsher Singh Malhi highlighted the opportunity for India to take a leadership role in the rapidly growing global eSports industry, which is projected to cross 700 million viewers this year with prize pools exceeding \$70

million. He said India's 750 million internet users and rich gaming heritage give it the fundamentals to build a thriving and inclusive eSports ecosystem, further strengthened by the Online Gaming Act 2025, which recognized eSports as a competitive sport.

"India doesn't just have to participate in this movement, we can lead it. With our mobile-first user base and gaming heritage, we have the fundamentals to create an eSports ecosystem that is inclusive, innovative, and globally relevant," Malhi said. He added that Zupee's strategy rests on three pillars: reimagining Indian-origin games into competitive formats, scaling access through affordable smartphone-based gam-

ing, and building a world-class team of designers, engineers, storytellers, and community builders.

According to a company statement, Zupee has already reimagined Ludo, a game every Indian knows, into skill-based formats where strategy and focus determine outcomes, bringing millions into competitive play who may never touch a console or PC. Malhi pointed out that while India has fewer than 10 million consoles, it has more than 750 million smartphones, making it imperative for innovation in gaming to be mobile-first and truly inclusive.

The company further stated, Zupee Studio, the company's latest offering, will blend gaming and entertainment through live tournament streaming, player storytelling and localized eSports broadcasting, making competitive play both accessible and engaging for Indian audiences. Malhi emphasized that eSports will not only create new opportunities for players but also generate employment across shout-casting, content creation, and broadcasting, serve as a testbed for emerging technologies such as AI and AR/VR, and position traditional Indian games as cultural exports on the global stage.

Inviting everyone to co-create India's eSports ecosystem, Malhi said, "We welcome everyone working in the eSports space to together build an ecosystem that is safe, inclusive and proudly Indian. At Zupee, we are not chasing trends. We are building a long-term foundation for India's eSports future. When India plays, we don't just play to win, we play to lead."



This simple diet could help protect memory, even with Alzheimer's genes: Study

WASHINGTON : A new study led by investigators from Mass General Brigham, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard suggests that a Mediterranean-style diet may help reduce dementia risk.

The study, published in Nature Medicine, found that people at the highest genetic risk for Alzheimer's disease benefited more from following a Mediterranean-style diet, showing a greater reduction in dementia risk compared to those at lower genetic risk.

"One reason we wanted to study the Mediterranean diet is because it is the only dietary pattern that has been causally linked to cognitive benefits in a randomized trial," said study first author Yuxi Liu, PhD, a research fellow in the Department of Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, a founding member of the Mass General Brigham healthcare system, and a postdoctoral fellow at the Harvard Chan School and Broad. "We wanted to see whether this benefit might be different in people with varying genetic backgrounds, and to examine the role of food metabolites, the small molecules that reflect how the body processes food and carries out normal functions."

Over the last few decades, researchers have learned more about the genetic and metabolic basis of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. These are among the most common causes of cognitive decline in older adults. Alzheimer's disease is known to have a strong genetic component, with heritability estimated at up to 80%.

One gene in particular, apolipoprotein E (APOE), has emerged as the strongest genetic risk factor for sporadic Alzheimer's disease -- the more common type develops later in life and is not directly inherited in a predictable pattern. People who carry one copy of the APOE4 variant have a 3-to-4-fold higher risk of developing Alzheimer's. People with two copies of the APOE4 variant (called APOE4 homozygous) have a 12-fold higher risk of Alzheimer's than those without.

King Charles III to deploy tiara diplomacy as UK prepares to welcome Trump for second state visit

LONDON: Windsor Castle staff are setting the 50-metre-long mahogany table. Grooms are buffing the hooves of the horses that will pull the royal carriages. And the military honour guard is drilling to ensure every step lands with precision.

Throughout the halls and grounds of the almost 1,000-year-old castle west of London, hundreds of people are working to make sure King Charles III puts on the best show possible when he welcomes US President Donald Trump for his historic second state visit this week.

The visit, featuring glittering tiaras, brass bands and a sumptuous banquet served on 200-year-old silver, is a display of the pomp and ceremony that Britain does like no one else.

But it's a spectacle with a purpose: to bolster ties with one of the world's most powerful men at a

time when his America First policies are roiling longstanding trade and security relationships.

"We're buttering up to him," said Robert Lacey, a royal historian and consultant on the Netflix series "The Crown."

"He wouldn't come to Britain if he wouldn't have the chance to stay at Windsor Castle, probably pay homage to the (late) queen he admires so much, and to meet the king."

Soft power in action : Three centuries after Britain's kings and queens gave up political power and settled for the role of ceremonial head of state, the royals remain a robust instrument of "soft power," which the elected government uses to reward friends and wring concessions out of reluctant allies.

State visits are the monarchy's ultimate tool, with world leaders vying to get the full royal

treatment. During seven decades on the throne, the late Queen Elizabeth II hosted everyone from Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu to South African President Nelson Mandela. The royals have also hosted the last four US presidents, though not all were full-scale state visits.

Hospitality with purpose : While the impact of soft power is hard to quantify, it contributes to a feeling of friendship that "may incline another party to be more open to your entreaties," said Martin Farr, an expert in modern British history at Newcastle University.

Six years ago, Britain sought Trump's support as it prepared to leave the European Union. This time the UK is lobbying for favourable trade terms and help in combating Russian aggression in Ukraine.

"A new Trump presidency, a

new prime minister, a different government, but the same sense of panic and the same feeling that the biggest lever we can pull with this president is to flatter him and to try and connect him with something he seems genuinely to be impressed by, which is monarchy, and the fact that his mother of course was born" in Scotland, Farr said. So Prime Minister Keir Starmer hurried to Washington in February, just five weeks after Trump began his second term, and handed him the king's invitation for a state visit.

It was the first time any world leader received the honour of a second state visit, and the first time the invitation was delivered in a personal letter from the king, which Trump proudly displayed for TV cameras. "It's a great, great honour, and that says at Windsor," Trump said as he praised the king. "That's really something."

Pomp and circumstance : There will be plenty of glitz for a president who has gilded the Oval Office and plans to build a White House ballroom for 650 guests.

While the president and first lady Melania Trump will arrive in the UK late Tuesday, the meat of the visit begins the next day. After welcoming the Trumps, Charles and Queen Camilla will accompany them on a carriage ride through the Windsor estate, then back to the castle along a path lined by members of the armed forces. Inside the crenellated walls of the castle, which William the Conqueror started building in 1070, a military band will play the national anthems of both countries before Charles and Trump review the guard of honour in scarlet tunics and tall bearskin hats. Hundreds of military personnel will take part in the ceremonies - mounted troops, foot

guards and musicians - after months of rehearsals. When rifles are shouldered, it will come with a single thwack. When boots hit the ground, they will do so in unison. "God Save the King" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" will be note-perfect.

Highlighting history : After the welcoming ceremonies, the Trumps will view an exhibit of documents and artwork put together to highlight the shared history of Britain and the US.

The palace hasn't said what will be included, but the options are myriad for two countries with common legal and democratic traditions that stretch back to Magna Carta, the historic charter of rights signed in 1215 at Runnymede, just a few miles from Windsor. But the centrepiece of the visit will be Wednesday night's state banquet, where the men will don white ties and tail coats and

the women will wear designer gowns and jewels that will sparkle in the flickering light from antique candelabra. "The tiaras will be out in force," said Hugo Vickers, a royal historian and author of "Alice," a biography of the late Prince Philip's mother. "It will all look very splendid."

Dinner for many : The king and queen will join their guests around the massive Waterloo Table, which is about half the length of a football field and has space for 160 guests. It takes five full days to set the table, which will be laid with the Grand Service, a silver-gilt dining service that includes more than 4,000 pieces ranging from serving dishes to dinner plates and egg cups.

Vickers said the silver and ceremonies paved the way for conciliation, which Elizabeth believed was the way to solve even intractable problems.

AXAR PATEL AWARDED 'IMPACT PLAYER OF THE MATCH' MEDAL FOLLOWING WIN OVER PAKISTAN IN ASIA CUP

DUBAI [UAE] : Following the victory against Pakistan during the ongoing Asia Cup, the Indian all-rounder Axar Patel was given the 'Impact Player of the Match' award in the dressing room for his fine bowling and fielding performances.

Axar was one of the standout performers in the clash against Pakistan, taking 2/18 in his four overs, getting an aggressive Fakhar Zaman and skipper Salman Agha in quick succession as spin was introduced in the attack, reducing Pakistan to 49/4 in 10 overs.

He also took a fine catch to dismiss a dangerous Hassan Nawaz for a single-digit score, making him the sixth victim of the day. Pakistan was restricted to 127/9 and India chased it down easily with 25 balls and seven wickets left. In a video by the Board of

Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), the team's training assistant Nuwan Senevirathne gave Axar the medal, calling him "silent and effective in all three departments".

Speaking in the video after the match, Axar hailed 'Player of the Match' Kuldeep Yadav for his match-winning spell of 3/18 in four overs.

"Donno match mein Kuldeep, Kuldeep bhai hi dikh rahe hai (It was Kuldeep, Kuldeep in these two matches)," he joked to Kuldeep, referring to his early 'Player of the Match' winning four-wicket haul against UAE.

Kuldeep also expressed happiness with his performance, saying that two months of work on his fitness, training and bowling during the five-Test tour to England paid off finally. "I ticked those numbers (during the England tour while



training and practising). I hoped that I got play in Asia Cup because conditions were suitable for me. But it is also important to stay in the rhythm and execute things well," he added.

Kuldeep also thanked his Delhi Capitals (DC) skipper for helping him out with the bowling, pointing out how Axar advised him to give more revs and spin on the ball.

"There are small things, while I was bowling, you told me to give the revs on the ball, the ball is gripping and spinning. I got this in mind. I had delivered just one over and decided to give the ball some spin and get some bounce. Because of that, I got three wickets, you got two, a total of five. Credit goes to you, you bowled really well. Perhaps you had bowled before and knew the conditions well. You had great control and got two wickets of set batters

in the middle-order," he added.

On his own bowling performance, Axar noted that this time, he was trying to bowl more slower and put in more revs on the ball.

"In the last match, I observed that it was easy for batters to hit me on the speed I was bowling on. So I decided to bowl more slower and give more revs to the ball," said the experienced all-rounder, who took 1/13 in three overs against UAE in the campaign opener.

Axar also hailed skipper Suryakumar Yadav for his "mature knock".

"As a batter, I know it is difficult to hit and rotate the strike. You just cannot hit big shots from the word go. You had to take calculated risks. This is what he did. There was no wild hitting. He waited for the ball, played late. It was a mature innings," he con-

cluded.

Coming to the match, Pakistan won the toss and opted to bat first and were reduced to 6/2. A 39-run stand between Sahibzada Farhan (40 in 44 balls, with a four and three sixes) and Fakhar Zaman (17 in 15 balls, with three fours) stabilised the innings a bit, but India reduced Pakistan to 97/8. A late blitz from Shaheen Shah Afridi (33* in 16 balls, with four sixes) took them to 127/9 in 20 overs.

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Papua New Guinea secures final spot in ICC Women's T20 World Cup Global Qualifier

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The teams that will compete at next year's ICC Women's T20 World Cup Global Qualifier are now confirmed as Papua New Guinea claimed the final spot by winning the East Asia Pacific Qualifier on Monday, as per the ICC website.

The Global Qualifier will serve as the final opportunity for sides to earn a place at the 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup in England and Wales, with a total of four spots up for grabs through the event that will be hosted by Nepal from January 12 to February 5 next year.

Papua New Guinea kept their dream alive by defeating Vanuatu in the final of the 2025 ICC



Women's T20 World Cup East Asia Pacific Qualifier on Monday, with the side clinching a nine-wicket victory in the decider on the back of a three-wicket haul to Geua Tom (3/15) and an unbeaten half-century from Naoni Vare.

Tom and Isabel Toua bowled

superbly to help restrict Vanuatu to just 113 at Albert Park 1 in Suva, with Vare's unbeaten innings of 57 guiding the run chase home alongside a valuable contribution of 39* from skipper Brenda Tau. It means Papua New Guinea progress through to the

Global Qualifier in Nepal next year, with the side to take on nine other teams in the battle to win one of four spots at the next edition of the T20 World Cup.

The other teams that will take on Papua New Guinea at the Global Qualifier are hosts Nepal, European sides Ireland, Scotland and the Netherlands, as well as Thailand, the USA, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh and Namibia.

Also on Monday, Indonesia claimed third spot at the East Asia Pacific Qualifier by defeating Japan by eight wickets, while the Philippines created history by sneaking past the Cook Islands in the final over to record their first-ever victory at an ICC event.

Patidar praises Kartikeya, Jain's spin mastery after Central Zone's Duleep Trophy win

BENGALURU (KARNATAKA) : Central Zone skipper Rajat Patidar on Monday praised the spin duo of Kumar Kartikeya and Saransh Jain, saying they showcased exceptional skill and proved extremely challenging to face in the Duleep Trophy 2025 final against South Zone.

Yash Rathod's career-best 194, Jain's all-round brilliance, and a quickfire hundred from Patidar powered Central Zone to their first Duleep Trophy title in nearly 11 years. Chasing 65 on the final Monday morning in Bengaluru, Central had a few nervy moments but eventually sealed a six-wicket win over South Zone at the BCCI Centre of Excellence. Kumar Kartikeya and Saransh Jain both claimed eight wickets each in the match, with Jain notably picking up a five-wicket haul in the first innings, showcasing their impressive bowling performances.

"They have played a lot of matches together, Kartikeya and Saransh [for Madhya Pradesh], and they have the skill and were very difficult to play on this pitch. The track was excellent to bat on, and our bowlers dominated and made it tough for the other team. That was a positive sign,"

Rajat Patidar said as quoted from ESPNcricinfo.

The pitch offered grip and bounce for left-arm spinner Ankit Sharma, while pacer Gurjapneet Singh also made life uncomfortable with movement off the seam. Both picked up two wickets each to keep South in the game.

"This wicket was slightly dry, and that is why we decided to bowl first. We wanted to bowl them out in the first innings as early as possible. That was our aim, and it made the game easier," Patidar concluded.

Coming to the final day match, Central's chase began shakily. Danish Malewar opened his account with a clip to midwicket for two, but soon edged Ankit behind trying to drive a ball that turned sharply. Shubham Sharma, after two streaky boundaries off Gurjapneet, perished after edging to Mohammed Azharuddeen.

Jain, sent up to No. 4, struck his first ball over point but was dismissed immediately after, inside-edging onto his pad for a simple catch at short leg. Patidar and Akshay Wadkar counter-attacked, refusing to go into a shell.

2025-26 FIH Hockey Pro League Season to Start on December 9 in Argentina and Ireland

LAUSANNE [SWITZERLAND] : Whilst the exhilarating images of the FIH Hockey Pro League Season 6 are still fresh in the minds of hockey fans around the world, season 7 of the 'League of the Best', involving the crème de la crème of world hockey, is just around the corner, and it promises to be thrilling, as per a release from FIH.

With two newcomers, Ireland women and Pakistan men, the 2025-26 FIH Pro League season will start from Ireland, as well as Argentina, for an exciting journey of no less than 144 matches. And on top of the pride of winning the League, both Champions will ensure their spot at the Los Angeles Olympic Games 2028.

The season begins in Ireland and Argentina: Germany vs Belgium men will get the season underway in Ireland. Action will continue in Argentina later in the day with men's champions Netherlands taking on League debutants Pakistan.

Belgium, England and Germany men, along with Belgium, England and Ireland women, will play the first block of matches in Ireland. In Argentina, the Leones and Leonas will face the Netherlands and Pakistan men, as well as Germany and the Netherlands women, respectively.

The high-profile encounters between these top teams are sure to provide moments of great excitement for the fans right from the first whistle.

Season Finale in Belgium, Germany and England:

The league will conclude in epic fashion on June 28, 2026, with thrilling clashes across three countries, namely Belgium, Germany and England. With 6 women's and 6 men's teams in action on closing day, the competition promises to keep the fans on the edge of their seats till the final whistle as it did in the 2024-25 season, when the men's FIH Hockey World Cup qualification was decided at the final match of the season as Spain piped Germany to qualify for the event.

This season will see the arrival of Ireland women and Pakistan men, both making their debut in the competition, having been promoted via the FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2024-25, adding further depth and excitement to the Pro League. Their entry ensures fresh rivalries and increased engagement for fans worldwide.

Both the Netherlands men and women come into the new season as reigning champions, having claimed the titles in the previous FIH Hockey Pro League season. The Oranje hockey teams will look to defend their crowns against an increasingly competitive field!



"TERROR MUST STOP, BUT SPORTS CANNOT": GANGULY ON WHETHER IND-PAK ASIA CUP CLASH COULD'VE BEEN AVOIDED

KOLKATA (WEST BENGAL) : Former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly on Monday spoke on whether Sunday's India-Pakistan clash in the Asia Cup could have been avoided, saying that while "terror must stop, sports cannot stop".

The India-Pakistan rivalry got another chapter in its storied history. With the match being the first between the two nations since the Pahalagam terror attacks on India back in April and consequent launch of Operation Sindoor by the Indian Armed Forces against Pakistan-sponsored terror, the tensions were at an all-time high.

Team India, battling backlash for even going ahead with the match in the multi-nation tournament, restricted Pakistan to 127/9. Skipper Suryakumar Yadav and Abhishek Sharma's heroics with the bat were the highlights as India secured an easy seven-wicket win.

The highlight of the match occurred after the match, as the skipper and his batting partner walked off the field without shaking hands with the Pakistan team, and the skipper dedicated the win to the armed forces, while expressing solidarity with the Pahalagam victims.

Speaking of the match that could have been avoided, Ganguly told the media in Kolkata, "Terror must stop; it is most important, but sports also cannot stop. Terror must stop, not just in India, Pakistan, but all over the world."

On Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) lodging a complaint with the International Cricket Council (ICC), asking for the removal of match-referee Andy Pycroft over alleged violation of the ICC Code of Conduct and Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) laws on the spirit of cricket, Ganguly simply said, "Everyone has their own side of the story.

That is how it is."

Following the match, Indian skipper Suryakumar Yadav expressed solidarity with Pahalagam terror attack victims and dedicated the win to the Indian Armed Forces and lauded their efforts in combating the Pakistan-sponsored terror, most notably the launch of Operation Sindoor in the aftermath of April's Pahalagam terror attacks.

"Just wanted to say something. Perfect occasion, taking the time out, we stand by the families of the victims of the Pahalagam terror attack. We express our solidarity. Want to dedicate the win to all our armed forces who showed a lot of bravery. Hope they continue to inspire us all, and we give them more reasons on the ground whenever we get an opportunity to make them smile," Suryakumar said after the win in the post-match interview.

Following that in the press conference, on being asked about handshake being against the sportsman spirit, Suryakumar had replied, "I feel a few things in life are ahead of sportsman spirit. I have told it at the presentation as well. We stand with all the victims of the Pahalagam terror attack. We stand with their families also and express our solidarity. As I said, we dedicate this win to our brave armed forces who took part in Operation Sindoor. As they continue to inspire us all, we will try our best to, whenever given the opportunity, inspire them as well if possible."

In the aftermath of the incident, the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) President Mohsin Naqvi on Monday demanded "immediate removal" of the match referee of India-Pakistan Asia Cup clash, Andy Pycroft, "over the violation of the ICC Code of Conduct and the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) Laws."

Speaking on the incident, Naqvi wrote on



X, "The PCB has lodged a complaint with the ICC regarding violations by the Match Referee of the ICC Code of Conduct and the MCC Laws pertaining to the Spirit of Cricket. The PCB has demanded an immediate removal of the Match Referee from the Asia Cup."

Following the match, Pakistan skipper Salman Agha chose not to attend the post-match presentation, and for the press conference, head coach Mike Hesson was sent to face the media.

During the presser, Hesson broke the silence about Salman's absence while expressing his disappointment about India refraining from engaging in the customary handshake when his side made attempts towards it. Hesson did not directly pin Salman's absence due to the incident that took place after the match, but alluded to it

obliquely.

"We were ready to shake hands. We are obviously disappointed that our opposition did not do that. We sort of went over there to shake hands, but they had already gone to the changing room. That was a disappointing way for the match to finish. We were willing to shake hands. We were keen to shake hands at the end of the match, but that did not happen, and that was pretty much the end of it," Hesson said.

Coming to the match, Pakistan won the toss and opted to bat first and were reduced to 6/2. A 39-run stand between Sahibzada Farhan (40 in 44 balls, with a four and three sixes) and Fakhar Zaman (17 in 15 balls, with three fours) stabilised the innings a bit, but India reduced Pakistan to 97/8. A late blitz from Shaheen Shah Afridi (33* in 16 balls, with four sixes) took them to 127/9 in 20 overs.

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Kuldeep Yadav won the 'Player of the Match' award for his spell. Now, India is at the top of Group A with two wins in two matches. (ANI)