

Illegal foam stockpile sparks panic, 3 arrested

MI News Service, North 24 Pgs: A massive fire ripped through a residential house in Baranagar's Mallick Colony on Monday, triggering panic across the densely populated neighborhood. The blaze, which engulfed an illegally operate godown of bedding materials, has once again brought to light the perilous trade of clandestine storage inside residential premises.

According to local sources, a section of the house had been rented out and convert used to stockpile highly flammable material including foam and cotton, used in mattress manufacturing. Residents alleged the storage was carried out without the Knowledge or approval of the Baranagar Municipality of the local councilor. The fire spread rapidly, sending plumes of the scene, battling flames for hours to prevent the fire from spreading to adjoining houses. Police from Baranagar Police station also reached the site to control the station. In a swift crackdown, police arrested three workers allegedly linked to the il-

legal storage operation. Officials confirmed that probe has been launched to determined who rented out the property, who was responsible for the illegal stockpiling, and whether civic officials overlooked safety regulation. The incident has sparked anger among locals, who accused both the house owner and the traders of endangering lives for profit. "We live in constant fear because these illegal storages are mushrooming everywhere. Today it's Mallick Colony; tomorrow it could be our homes," said a resident, standing near the gutted structure. Authorities are yet to ascertain the exact cause of the blaze, but preliminary reports suggest that the foam and cotton stored inside acted as accelerants, turning the house into an inferno within minutes. With the charred remains of the house standing as a grim reminder, questions are now being raised about municipal oversight and the enforcement of fire safety laws in one of North 24 Parganas' most congested neighborhoods.

Protest in Bikash Bhawan demanding appointment of teachers in Madrasas



Nurul Islam Khan: There has been a long-standing dispute over the appointment of madrasa teachers. The government has not taken any constructive initiative in this regard. Protests were seen in front of the Service Commission office on Tuesday over the issue. On this day, a protest was held in front of Bikash Bhawan and a deputation was given to the commission demanding the speedy completion of the recruitment process. The program was mainly organized by prospective teachers who had passed in Arabic. A delegation of five people from the protest meeting in front of Bikash Bhawan handed over a memorandum to Madrasa Service Commission Secretary Sajjad Siddiqui. Addressing the protesters

with a memorandum, Maulana Kamruzzaman, state secretary of the Minority Youth Federation, said that the commission secretary had informed them that the Madrasa Service Commission had completed all preparations to publish the results of the recently conducted exams. But they are unable to publish the results due to lack of approval from the Madrasa Education and Minority Affairs Department. Maulana Kamruzzaman drew the attention of the Chief Minister to complete the teacher recruitment process quickly. On this day, Arifur Rahman, on behalf of the entrepreneurs, threatened to launch a Nabanna Avijan if the results were not published within a week.

CAA assistance centre inaugurated

MI News Service, Kalyani: A Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) application assistance centre was inaugurated in Kalyani on Tuesday. Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Bongaon MP Shantanu Thakur inaugurated the camp office at the Shyamaprasad Seva Sangha premises, located near to Kalyani Central Park. After the inauguration, the minister also sat at the office for a while and distributed some certificates to the Dalapati of Matua Mahasangha.

Later in the day, Thakur attended a programme of the Matua Mahasangha held at the ground adjacent to the Shyamaprasad Bhavan. On the occasion, ahead of the Durga Puja festivities, he distributed saarees to underprivileged women and tricycles to differently-abled persons.

Speaking to the media, the



Union minister said, "There is a positive response from people at the CAA camps. Citizens are aware that without CAA, they might face problems during NRC in the future. That is why they are applying with enthusiasm, hoping to get their certificates."

The Citizenship Amendment Act has been at the centre of political controversy since its passage. Opposition parties have consistently opposed it, arguing that it could deprive many of their Indian citizenship. The BJP-led Centre, however, has maintained that the legislation is aimed at protecting, not excluding, citizens.

ECOLOO offers sustainable sanitation for a water-stressed World



MI News Service, Kolkata: With nearly two billion people lacking access to clean water, ECOLOO is revolutionizing sanitation with its patented wastewater toilet technology that conserves water, requires no sewage system, and produces organic fertilizer. "Our system saves up to 95% of the water typically used by traditional toilets, with the remaining 5% allocated for hygiene and cleaning. These bio-toilets are already in use across 25+ countries, including India, the Middle East, Chile and Africa," said Imad Agi, Co-Founder of Company. Its's toilets use a nat-

ural aerobic bacteria culture to transform human waste into nutrient-rich liquid fertilizer, eliminating pathogens and preventing wastewater contamination. The byproduct which is safe, organic and odourless can then be used for agriculture, landscaping and community gardens. Founded in Sweden, develops and markets patented eco-innovations providing sustainable sanitation solutions. Its waterless toilets are sewage-free, energy-free and maintenance-free, designed for schools, public places, construction sites and rural communities worldwide.



People are buying idols of Lord Vishwakarma in the market ahead of Vishwakarma Puja in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Actor Ankush Hazra Appears Before ED in Online Betting App Scam Case

MI News Service, New Delhi/ Kolkata: A day after Bengali actress Mimi Chakraborty was questioned for over nine hours regarding her alleged endorsement of an online betting app, her Tollywood colleague Ankush Hazra appeared before Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials on Tuesday at their New Delhi office in connection with the same case.

Sources said the federal agency, probing the money trails linked to online betting under the Money Laundering Act and Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, is questioning several high-profile individuals, including actors and former cricket players, to ascertain their involvement in promoting the illegal betting platform. ED officials noted that while



betting is illegal in India, it remains unclear how celebrities became brand ambassadors and under what terms. The agency is examining the money earned by these individuals, the channels through which it was invested, and the promoters behind the app. Investigators suspect that large sums of betting funds were transferred overseas.

Mimi Chakraborty (36), who represented the Trinamool Congress from the Ja-

davpur Lok Sabha constituency in Kolkata from 2019 to 2024, was questioned for nine hours in connection with the alleged money-laundering case.

Ankush Hazra appeared before the ED around 11 AM on Tuesday after being summoned by the agency. Reports indicate that even six hours into the questioning, the actor was still under investigation.

Former cricketer Robin Uthappa has been summoned to appear before the ED on September 22 at 11 AM in New Delhi. Former cricket stars Suresh Raina and Shikhar Dhawan have also been questioned in related proceedings. Additionally, actor Urvashi Rautela has been summoned in connection with the case.

Shiksharatna Award 2025 Recipient: Dr. Abul Hossain Biswas, for outstanding contributions in the field of Education

MI News Service, Kolkata: Dr. Abul Hossain Biswas, an eminent Kazi Nazrul Islam scholar and researcher, a University topper in M.A in English and medal awardee, was born in a poor farmer's family at Chandpur in the district of Murshidabad in West Bengal, India. He completed his Madhyamik from Jitpur Paul Institution and H.S. from Amtala High School (HS). He obtained his higher education ie, Hons. in English, M.A. in English, B.Ed. and Ph.D. in English on Kazi Nazrul Islam from Rabindra Bharati University in Calcutta. Latter on he bagged his M.A. in Education from Kalyani University.

He was awarded Prof. Mohini Mohan Bhattacharjee Prize and Gold medal for his coming on top in M.A. in English in the convocation ceremony by the then Governor of West Bengal, A.R. Kidwai. He was also conferred Ph.D. degree in the convocation ceremony by the then Governor of West Bengal, Keshori Nath Tripathi. All along brilliant student from his childhood Dr. Biswas has always come on top in all the classes. Suffering of unemployment has never touched him. He joins Beltala High Madrasah (H.S.) as an Assistant Teacher in English. Now he is the Teacher-in-Charge of the institution. Presently he has been permanently living at Krishnanagar, Nadia since 2001.

He has never stopped his learning education. He has completed his Ph.D. on Kazi Nazrul Islam by way of translating the essays of Kazi Nazrul Islam in English. In fact, he has focused the secular vision of Kazi Nazrul Islam in his research work which is relevant today to the whole



world. In fact, Dr Abul Hossain Biswas is the first Indian who has done his research work on Kazi Nazrul Islam in English. In this context the researcher Dr Abul Hossain Biswas has said confidently, "Many research works have been completed on Kazi Nazrul Islam in Bengali language but to spread out the secular vision of Kazi Nazrul Islam amongst the people of National and International stages Dr Biswas has completed his Ph.D. on Kazi Nazrul Islam in English. According to Dr. Biswas, the secular vision of Kazi Nazrul Islam is confined within the populace of Bengal only as his all writings are in Bengali language. Now the whole world including India and Bengal, is facing a great crisis regarding communalism. So Nazrul's secular vision should be spread out all over India as well as all over the world which is possible only through the International language ie, English. That's why 'I have done my research work on secular vision of Kazi Nazrul Islam in English.' For his unique research work he has been awarded 'Natin

Gati' Nazrul Smarak Puraskar 2018, Zee 24 Ghanta Puraskar 2022. He has also been awarded 'Shiksha Ratna Award' 2025 for his unique, outstanding and distinguished contribution on education as a teacher.

A poet, translator and essayist whose writings have been published in various journals and books Dr Biswas is the author of a student oriented book on spoken English: Spoken English Beginners Course. His book 'The secular vision of Kazi Nazrul Islam' is the product of his research work. This book is published by 'Udar Akash' Publication. A teacher, educationist and social worker, Dr Biswas has established as a chief advisor, a few B.Ed. colleges, D. El. Ed. colleges, nursing college, Pharmacy College and an English Medium School with the sole objectives of providing education and training among the intending students in and around our locality. He has been working as a member of District Level Inspection Team (DLIT) and a member of District Level Advisory Committee (DLAC) with much

efficiency, name and fame since 2020 under the jurisdiction of District Inspector of Schools (S.E.) Nadia.

A worker in the cause of the upliftment of the economically weak and under privileged, he is involved in various philanthropic activities including the sponsorship of the educational expenses for the poor and brilliant students. He is an eminent social worker. Every year he donates/distributes more than 1500 saarees among the poor ladies irrespective of caste, creed and colour. He has been performing the responsibility/work of the chairman of Mouvi Sayedul Haque Waqf Estate and Chairman of Azizul Haque Waqf Estate with much sincerity, efficiency, honesty and punctuality.

Presently Dr Biswas has been a great political Soldier. Leader of Ma-Mati-Manush, Mamata Banerjee has attributed/imposed upon him some responsibilities of political posts like Vice President, Nadia North (Krishnagar Organizational) District TMC Committee, Vice- President, Nadia North (Krishnagar Organizational) District TMC Minority Cell, Vice President, Krishnagar Town TMC Committee. Now he is a Councillor of 18 No Ward & CIC member, Tax and License Dept., Krishnagar Municipality.

A great researcher, an educationist, a poet, an essayist, an author, an eminent social worker, Dr Abul Hossain Biswas is a great mass leader with honest and transparent image & personality dedicated to the service of mankind. The colleagues, friends, relatives and students have been profoundly happy and pleased for conferring Shiksharatna Award 2025 to Dr. Biswas.

National Seminar at Jadavpur University Highlights Urgency of Suicide Prevention, Mental Health Awareness

MI News Service, Kolkata: In observance of World Suicide Prevention Month, Jadavpur University's Centre for Studies in Cultural Diversity and Wellbeing, in collaboration with Caring Minds International, hosted a one-day national seminar titled "Preventing Suicide, Promoting Mental Health: Media, a Bridge or a Barrier?"

The seminar brought together medical professionals, academicians, journalists, filmmakers, and mental health advocates to explore the role of media, digital platforms, and the arts in shaping awareness around mental health and suicide prevention. In her keynote address, psychotherapist and Caring Minds founder Dr. Minu Budhia shared her personal battle with depression and suicidal ideation, urging greater access to mental



Psychiatrist and Founder of Caring Minds International (Institute of Mental Health and OPD Clinics) Dr. Minu Budhia shares her personal journey of battling depression, feeling suicidal, getting help through psychiatric treatment and medication, and more during her keynote address at "Preventing Suicide, Promoting Mental Health: Media, a Bridge or a Barrier?", a one-day national seminar by Jadavpur University's Centre for Studies in Cultural Diversity and Wellbeing Prof. Muktipada Sinha & Prof. Manojit Mandal, Pro-Vice-Chancellor at Jadavpur University Prof. Amitava Datta, and Pediatrician Dr. Sanjeev Bagai.

healthcare. "Suicide prevention deserves attention every single day. We must get our loved ones the help they need—we're only a call away," she said. India records over 1.5 lakh suicides annually, the highest globally, with suicide being

tool for healing, but it must be used responsibly," he said. Prof. Manojit Mandal and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. Amitava Datta highlighted the need for stronger campus mental health support systems, including counselling centres and teacher-student mentorship. Padma Shri recipient Dr. Sanjeev Bagai noted the impact of physical health and environmental factors on mental wellbeing and stressed the need to reduce stigma. The day included academic sessions, panel discussions, and talks by journalist Jayanta Ghoshal, filmmaker Kaushik Ganguly, and actor Ritabhari Chakraborty, who called for sensitive storytelling in media. The seminar underscored a shared commitment to building a culture of care and mental health awareness across disciplines and institutions.

Boy missing after morning walk, family files police complaint

MI News Service, Kharda: Panic and uncertainty have gripped the Panshila Khal Par area of Khardah after a seventh-grade student went missing under mysterious circumstances. The boy, identified as Samrat Das, left home for a morning walk on Monday and has not returned since.

Samrat, a student of Kalyanagar Vidyapeeth, was expected to receive his school examination results on the same day. Family members, however, maintain they had not discussed the results with him and are unable to explain what prompted his sudden disappearance. Crucially, CCTV cameras in the locality captured Samrat leaving home. That remains the last known trace of him, as all attempts by the family and neighbors to locate the boy have so far proved unsuccessful.

His parents, overwhelmed with fear and anxiety, have lodged a missing person's complaint at Rahra police station. "My son's results were to be declared today. But we never said anything to him about it. We do not know why he left or where he has gone," said Samrat's distraught mother. The disappearance has left the neighborhood in shock. Residents say they are baffled by how a schoolboy could vanish in broad daylight without leaving any clue. Police have begun investigating and are reviewing CCTV footage from the surrounding areas to trace Samrat's movements. As the anxious wait continues, Samrat's case has become the latest reminder of the rising fear among families over child safety in the region. For now, a community watches in silence, hoping for the boy's safe return.

Buses threaten strike over puja "Extortion"

MI News Service, Hooghly: A major showdown is looming in Hooghly's public transport sector ahead of Durga Puja. The Hooghly Inter-Region Express Bus Owners Association has issued a stern warning that all bus services will be suspended if puja committees or local groups attempt to forcibly collect "subscriptions" from buses during the festive season.

The association, which operates nearly 350 buses from Tarakeswar to multiple districts—including around 150 that run via Arambagh—said it is already reeling under financial strain. Since the collapse of the Ramkrishna Bridge in Arambagh on August 12, buses have been forced to take longer detours, sharply cutting down services and pushing operators into losses. Against this backdrop, bus owners have said they

will not tolerate the added burden of illegal levies. Association Secretary Gautam Dhole said bluntly: "We can run the buses even at a loss. But we will not run them under the pressure of forced subscriptions. If extortion is imposed, we will stop services entirely." Echoing the sentiment, Association President Mirza Ghulam Mustafa confirmed that the district administration has already been informed about their concerns. He also made a direct appeal to the 83 Durga Puja committees along the routes: "We request the puja committees not to forcibly collect money from buses. If they do so, we will have no option but to suspend services." The warning has sparked concern among regular commuters, who rely heavily on the Tarakeswar-Arambagh-district routes.

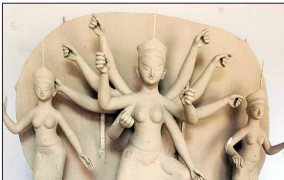
Once a royal seat, now fading walls—yet the soul of Bagchi Bari Puja remains alive

MI News Service, Tehatta: The grandeur may have faded, the walls may crumble, but the resonance of heritage still lingers at Bagchi Bari in Jamsheerpur, Nadia. Once a seat of landed aristocracy and a cultural hub, the 356-year-old Durga Puja at the ancestral home of poet and novelist Jatindramohan Bagchi continues to be one of the most revered in the district. The uniqueness of this centuries-old celebration lies in its finale, kochur shaak and hilsa fish offered on Dashami.

Immortalised by Bagchi's verse "Bash baganer mathar upor chaand utheche oi...", the Jamsheerpur Rajbari still stands as a relic of history. Time has stripped the mansion of its opulence, but not its rituals. Though the zamindari is long gone, the Puja continues in its age-old form. The Bagchis, whose roots trace back to Rajshahi in undivided Bengal, settled in Nadia and began this Puja in 1711, initiated by family patriarch Sristidhar Bagchi with the encouragement of local Goala (cowherd) communities. Since then, the Puja has never faced an interruption.

Legends and history echo within its walls. Eminent personalities like Kazi Nazrul Islam and revolutionary Bagha Jatin once visited this mansion. During the freedom struggle, even absconding revolutionaries would sneak in at night to offer anjali, only to slip away before dawn.

Today, despite the decay of its two grand mansions, the attraction remains. "The idol here follows the traditional eckchala form. Devi's complexion is light yellow, the lion is white, the demon green, Ganesha pink, and



Kartik too a soft yellow like the mother," said Shekhar Nath Bagchi, the eighth-generation descendant of the family. Citing Mohit Ray's book Rupe Rupe Durga, he stressed that the Puja is conducted strictly in Vaishnav tradition with vegetarian offerings on all four days. Only on Dashami is the farewell marked with hilsa fish delicacies.

The natmandir, now over three centuries old, still witnesses the rituals. Once, the balconies hosted visitors, the courtyards staged theatre and jatra performances with leading troupes from Kolkata. Even today, the flavour of that sabeki heritage remains, no sprawling pandals, but giant chandowa canopies, performances by local artists, and a family diaspora that returns from across the globe to revive the festive spirit.

Hospitality, too, remains integral. Guests are treated to meals for four days, while on Dashami, members of the local Ghosh community are served lunch on banana leaves. In the evening, it is they who shoulder the idol for immersion in the nearby Kalitala bil, keeping alive traditions passed down for generations.

From fading walls to living customs, the Jamsheerpur Bagchi Bari Durga Puja remains a reminder of Bengal's cultural heritage, where devotion, history, and community still converge each autumn.

Green Revolution program at NRS Hospital

Nurul Islam Khan: Planting trees is very important to maintain the balance of the earth and prevent environmental pollution. Planting more trees has become a timely issue to save nature and develop human resources. Keeping that in mind, engineers at NRS Hospital recently undertook a tree planting program. Because this noble program is needed to make this world habitable. Just as engineers are needed for the development of human civilization, green spaces are also needed to save the planet. It is good to say that engineers are not just designing their respective fields. They are also trying to save the world through their innovations. In the health sector, thousands of people regularly come to hospitals to get medical services. They need an eco-friendly environment. Where they can breathe fresh air. Along with this, medical students and doctors are also working day and night for the benefit of patients. There is also a need for a fresh environment.

Considering everything, the engineers are making every effort. And in consultation with the hospital authorities, they have planned emergency gardens, playgrounds, and special cleaning programs for new patients. At the same time,



they have arranged for the construction of new multi-storey buildings. Tree plantation is considered a social responsibility and they have planted a large number of trees in the premises of NRS Medical College and Hospital. After talking to the authorities, it was learned that the local Public Works Department official is very enthusiastic about tree planting, and he also took the initiative to plant trees on World Environment Day jointly with the hospital authorities. Engineer of Moulali Zone Shri Satyajit Mondal, Executive Engineer Syed Kiamuddin and Mamata Majhi were present on the occasion of Engineers' Day. The presence and sincerity of NRS Medical College Principal Professor (Dr.) Indira De Pal was noticeable in this program.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee meets IPGMER Director Dr. Manimoy Bandyopadhyay and the nursing staff of Woodburn Block following the inauguration of the Woodburn Ward 2 at SSKM Hospital in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Most tourist destinations in J-K have reopened, says CM Omar Abdullah

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States south of the Vindhayas and Jammu and Kashmir. Therefore, we hope that in the months and years ahead, we will see more film shootings from this part of the country and more people coming to Jammu and Kashmir for their holidays." Answering questions pertaining to the aftermath of April 22 Pahalgam terrorist attack and the subsequent Operation Sindoor, Abdullah said: "We conducted a comprehensive security audit of all our tourist destinations. Some of them, even at this moment, are not open for tourism activity. However, most places have reopened, and we are taking all necessary precautions." The Chief minister said he had also reviewed the telecom and digital communications infrastructure across Jammu and Kashmir, with focus on extending services to far-flung villages, dark zones and railway tunnels. "I have chaired a meeting to discuss steps to strengthen the communication infrastructure across the union territory, including the status of ongoing projects and the challenges delaying their execution", he said. Responding to questions about the INDIA bloc, he said: "There is no gap or difference between the National Conference and the INDIA bloc. We continue to remain a part of it. The Congress party is part of the alliance that is in government in Jammu and Kashmir, though for their own reasons, they are not participating in the government at the moment. They have said they will join the government once Statehood is restored to Jammu and Kashmir. Otherwise, we are very much a part of the INDIA bloc."

8 Meghalaya ministers resign ahead of cabinet reshuffle

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Shylla of the UDP, Shakliar Warjri of the HSPDP and AL Hek of the BJP," official sources said. Their resignation paved the way for the induction of new ministers in the cabinet, he said. According to sources, the NPP will induct Wailadmiki Shylla, Sosthenes Sohtun, Brening A Sangma, and Timothy D Shira. UDP leaders Metbah Lyngdoh and Lahkmen Rymbui, HSPDP's Methodius Dkhar, and BJP's Sanbor Shullai are also set to join the cabinet. The reshuffle reflects a strategic realignment within the state government ahead of the upcoming legislative session.

CM Congratulates GM Vaishali Rameshbabu on Historic Win

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has extended her congratulations to Grandmaster Vaishali Rameshbabu for winning the FIDE Grand Swiss tournament for the second time, marking a historic achievement in Indian chess.

The 24-year-old Vaishali became the first player to win the elite women's event twice, securing her place in next year's Candidates Tournament. She achieved the milestone at the FIDE Grand Swiss 2025 held in Samarkand, Tajikistan, on Monday by drawing her final game against former women's world champion Tan Zhongyi. Vaishali is only India's third woman Grandmaster and her consecutive victories in the Grand Swiss highlight her consistency and dominance in the game. No player in the tournament's short history has previously



won the event twice, making her truly remarkable. Beyond the trophy, her win also ensures a coveted Candidates spot, joining fellow Indian women Koneru Humpy and Divya Deshmukh in the elite lineup.

In the open section of the tournament, Arjun Erigaisi drew his final match against Vincent Keymer, narrowly missing a Candidates spot. The remaining two Candidates positions were claimed by Anish Giri and German Grandmaster Matthias Bluebaum. Speaking about Vaishali's achievement, CM Mamata Banerjee said, "Congratulations to Vaishali Rameshbabu for winning the FIDE Grand Swiss tournament for the second time. This is a unique achievement and I convey my congratulations to her family and friends too."

Vaishali's historic triumph has been widely celebrated across India, underscoring the rise of Indian women in international chess and inspiring the next generation of players to pursue excellence on the global stage. With her qualification for the Candidates Tournament, Vaishali is set to further strengthen India's presence in elite women's chess competitions worldwide.



Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, observed Indentured Memorial Day at the Indenture Memorial, Jetty No. 8, Kidderpore, on the banks of the Hooghly. A day-long seminar brought together dignitaries from India, Mauritius, Fiji, South Africa, the UK and USA to commemorate the resilience of indentured labourers who sailed from Kolkata between 1834 and 1920. The memorial, inaugurated in 2011, stands as a tribute to their courage and contributions across far-off lands while preserving Indian culture. Discussions highlighted Kolkata's role as the "Emigration Gateway," exploring diaspora identity, cultural legacies, socio-economic impact, and connecting descendants with their shared heritage.

ED files charge sheet against two Sahara Group officials in money laundering case

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed a charge sheet against two Sahara Group officials in a special PMLA court in Kolkata in connection with a money laundering case, officials said on Tuesday. The charge sheet, filed within 60 days of their arrest, names Jitendra Prasad Verma and Anil Vaillaparampil Abraham, who were allegedly involved in a Ponzi scheme.

According to the ED, they played a crucial role in disposing of Sahara Group properties acquired from deposits collected from the public. Investigations revealed that these assets were sold in a clandestine manner involving large cash transactions. The agency alleged the duo facilitated, co-ordinated, and executed the disposal of properties in collusion with others. Earlier, following the Supreme Court's directions in the Sahara-SEBI matter, Sahara had deposited Rs. 16,138 crore into a refund account as of March 31. Of this, Rs. 5,000 crore was allocated to

the Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies (CRCS) for refunds to Sahara cooperative society depositors. The CRCS began disbursing payments in July 2023. By July 28, 2025, refunds worth Rs. 5,000 crore had been made to over 27 lakh depositors. On September 12, the Supreme Court permitted the release of another Rs. 5,000 crore from the Sahara-SEBI account for refunds. The ED stated efforts are underway to refund the remaining Rs. 19,533 crore.

The probe also revealed that Sahara entities operated Ponzi schemes across states, with more than 500 FIRs filed, including 300 under PMLA. Funds were collected without oversight, maturity proceeds were denied, and liabilities shifted within group companies. Substantial sums were allegedly siphoned to create benami assets and for personal use. Both arrested officials remain in judicial custody, while investigations into senior Sahara executives and related offshore transactions continue.

India's engineering goods exports rise 4.9% in August despite US tariff concerns

MI News Service, Kolkata: Engineering goods exports from India registered a 4.9 percent year-on-year growth in August 2025, touching US\$9.90 billion compared to US\$9.44 billion in the same month last year, according to data released by EEPIC India. On a cumulative basis, engineering exports during April-August of the current financial year 2025-26 increased by 5.84 percent to US\$49.24 billion. "It is encouraging to note that engineering goods exports recorded positive growth in August 2025 despite uncertainties posed by US tariffs and other global challenges," EEPIC India chairman Pankaj Chadha said on Tuesday.

He cautioned, however, that early signs of stress were visible. Compared with July 2025, engineering exports declined by nearly 5 percent. Nearly US\$20 billion worth of Indian engineering exports are directly exposed to the impact of punitive tariffs imposed by the US, leaving the sector vulnerable. Attributing the August growth to the resilience of exporters, Chadha underlined the need for policy support to sustain momentum. "At this critical juncture, EEPIC India urges the government to reinstate the Interest Equalisation Scheme (IES) to ensure access to affordable export finance," he said.

He also stressed the importance of reviving and strengthening the Market Access Initiative (MAI), which provides crucial support to exporters, particularly micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). Enhanced MAI funding would enable engineering exporters to explore new destinations, participate in international trade fairs, and showcase India's engineering capabilities on a global platform, he added. Despite the global headwinds, the sector's steady performance highlights India's potential to strengthen its footprint in engineering exports.

Homicide Probe Launched In JU Student Case

MI News Service, Kolkata: The mysterious death of Jadavpur University student Anamika Mondal has taken a new turn as the Lalbazar Homicide Division has officially taken over the investigation. On Tuesday morning, investigators visited the university campus to examine the scene, focusing on who first saw Anamika near the pond on the night of the incident and what role, if any, bystanders played. The incident occurred late Thursday night, sending shockwaves through the campus. Fellow students reported seeing Anamika near the university pond. She was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital but was declared dead on arrival. Her family insists it was not an accident and alleges that Anamika was deliberately pushed into the pond. Investigators are scrutinizing eyewitness accounts, including statements from campus security personnel, which have been formally recorded. However, uncertainty remains over who first saw Anamika in the water. Police are also investigating whether the student who saw her was a university attendee or an outsider.

On Monday, Anamika's father met with the investigating officers at Lalbazar and later filed a formal murder complaint at Jadavpur Police Station, stating, "My daughter was murdered. She would not have gone near the pond alone that night." His allegations have prompted intensified efforts by the homicide team. University authorities have assured full cooperation with the police. Available CCTV footage from the campus has been handed over, though no cameras captured the immediate area around the pond. Consequently, investigators are relying on eyewitness and security statements. Reports indicate that three students present near the scene that night were called in for extended questioning. Investigators are checking for inconsistencies in their statements and considering a site visit with forensic experts. So far, police have found no conclusive evidence linking anyone to the incident, but both family claims and eyewitness accounts are being examined carefully. The tragic death has created significant unrest among students, who question how such an incident could occur on a university campus and why proper surveillance was lacking. Lalbazar's homicide team continues to investigate the circumstances, aiming to determine whether Anamika's death was an accident or a deliberate act, with eyewitnesses and surrounding students remaining central to the probe.

MCCI Hosts GST Conclave '25 to Discuss GST 2.0 Reforms

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Merchants' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) organized the GST Conclave 2025, focusing on the theme "GST 2.0". The event brought together industry leaders, policymakers, and tax officials to deliberate on the latest reforms in India's Goods and Services Tax regime. The inaugural session featured addresses by Shrawan Kumar, IRS, Chief Commissioner, Kolkata Zone, CGST & CX, Government of India, and Dr. Uma Sankar S, IAS, Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Government of West

increased efficiency. For consumers, it has enhanced transparency and lowered prices. He explained the revised GST structure under GST 2.0: Merit rate 5% for essentials, Standard rate 18% for most goods and services, and Demerit rate 40% for select sin and luxury items. The weighted average rate has been reduced from 11.45% to 9.5%. In his welcome address, Amit Saraogi, MCCI President, highlighted India's record GST revenue of ₹1.86 lakh crore for August 2025, showing 6.5% year-on-year growth. West Bengal's SGST



Shrawan Kumar, IRS, Chief Commissioner, Kolkata Zone addressing at MCCI GST Conclave, in presence of Dr. Uma Sankar S, IAS Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, CGST & CX, Govt. of India and Amit Saraogi, President, MCCI, in Kolkata.

Bengal. Kumar highlighted that GST 2.0 reforms aim at rate rationalization, process reforms, and exemptions. He noted that over 90% of products would see tax rates drop from 12% to 5%, benefiting both industries and consumers. GST refund processes have been simplified, allowing provisional refunds of up to 90% within seven days for exporters. He also emphasized clarity on post-sale discounts, resolving longstanding disputes for fast-moving consumer goods sectors. Dr. Uma Sankar S stated that GST has simplified taxation, reduced cascading taxes, and

collection target for 2025-26 is set at ₹49,771 crore, with a robust 12% growth recorded in July. Sushil Kumar Goyal, Chairman of the Council on GST, MCCI, emphasized that GST 2.0 reforms would promote economic transparency, ease compliance, reduce costs, and strengthen the ecosystem for startups and MSMEs. The conclave concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Santosh Saraf, Past President, MCCI, marking the successful dissemination of insights on GST 2.0 and its impact on industries and consumers alike.



West Bengal's vibrant artistry takes center stage as Tata Tea Gold unveils its Durga Pujo campaign with limited-edition festive packs designed by local Bengali artists. The initiative celebrates the state's cultural richness through diverse art styles—acrylic, oil, dry pastels, watercolors, and digital art. Artists like Goutam Sarkar, Gopal Naskar, Gourab Kundu, Anjan Bhattacharya, and Joyeeta Bose have recreated Pujo's essence—from the rhythm of the dhaki and the call of the shankho to dhunuchi dance and sindoor khela. The collectible packs blend nostalgia with festive spirit while honoring Bengal's native talent and their interpretations of the Durga Pujo celebration.

Rains wreak havoc in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, claiming eight lives

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Sundernagar subdivision in Mandi district, where a massive landslide buried a house with five family members inside. Villagers immediately launched a rescue effort and managed to pull out two people, who were critically injured and taken to the nearest hospital. Deputy Commissioner, Mandi, Apoorv Devgan said that three bodies have been recovered while two persons have been rescued. Superintendent of Police, Mandi, Sakshi Verma, said the incident occurred in the Nihri area when debris from a cliff slid onto a house. The heavy downpour has also caused widespread damage to both public and private property. In another incident, one person was swept away when a flash flood struck Dharampur market late last night.

Officials said the rains led to floods in Son and Bharad drains in Dharampur, resulting in flooding of the bus stand, damaging a workshop, pump houses, shops and over 20 buses. A search operation is underway to trace the missing person. Deputy Chief Minister Mukesh Agnihotri in his Facebook post said, "Dharampur bus stand, over two dozen HRTC buses, shops, pump

house and workshop has been damaged. The flash flood caused heavy losses to local shopkeepers and residents as water rushed into markets and houses, damaging goods and infrastructure. Many people were forced to climb onto rooftops for safety, while several houses and shops near the riverbank were inundated. A hostel housing 150 students was also flooded, though all the students are reported to be safe. "Shops have suffered massive losses due to flooding. The full extent of the damage is still being assessed," an official said. District administration teams, supported by local volunteers and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), are carrying out rescue and relief operations. In Shimla, several vehicles were buried following a landslide near Himland in the heart of the city and the main circular road was blocked causing inconvenience to school-going children. "It was raining heavily and around 1 am, we heard a deafening sound with trees and debris sliding down and immediately moved our vehicles to escape", Gautam and Rahul Shukla, who were sleeping in their vehicle parked near Himland when the landslide occurred, said.

Name Change
I, ANUPAMA DAS & ANUPAMA CHATTARJEE (old name) W/O SUBIR KUMAR DAS residing at MAHALUXMI GARDEN FLAT-A/14,1ST FLOOR,GOPALPUR HOSE BABLATALA NORTH 24 PARGANAS-700136 in the state of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ANUPAMA CHATTERJEE (new name), as declared before the 1ST Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/09/2025. ANUPAMA CHATTERJEE (new name) and ANUPAMA DAS & ANUPAMA CHATTARJEE (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Chaudhury Musaddik Kadir (old name) son of Choudhury Nizakat Hossain, residing at 157 B L Chowdhury Road, Bahila Para, Bardhaman, Purba Bardhaman, Pin- 713101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Choudhury Musaddik Kadir (new name), as declared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Alipore, vide an affidavit dated 03/09/2025. Choudhury Musaddik Kadir (new name) and Chaudhury Musaddik Kadir (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, R.Ganesh (old name) son of Trichur Ganapathy Ramasubramaniam, residing at Aakriti Apartment, Flat-1C, Mission Para, Gouranggan, New Town, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700162, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ganesh Ramasubramaniam (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Ganesh Ramasubramaniam (new name) and R.Ganesh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) NAJNEEN PARVEEN W/o- SAKUR RAHAMAN Residing at, Vill- Gharialichak, Post- Kaliachak, Ps - Kaliachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732201, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from NAJNEEN PARVEEN To NAJNEEN PARVIN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) NAJNEEN PARVIN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025. NAJNEEN PARVIN and NAJNEEN PARVEEN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,GITA GUPTA AND GITA DEBI GUPTA(OLD NAME), DAUGHTER OF RAMCHANDRA SHAW, RESIDING AT 56/1 B.S ROAD,PO - BEHALA,KOLKATA - 700034, WEST BENGAL,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS GITA DEVI GUPTA(NEW NAME) VIDE AN AFFIDAVIT NO 9421 SWORN BEFORE THE LD 1ST CLASS JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT ALIPORE ON 04/02/2025.GITA GUPTA AND GITA DEBI GUPTA ARE THE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON

Name Change
I, Md Mobin S/o Late Md. Shaïd, residing at 41H, G.J.Khan Road, 3rd Floor, P.O- Tiljala, Kolkata - 700039 declare that in some paper and document my name has been appeared as Abdul Mobin instead of my actual name Md Mobin as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card and Voter Identity Card. That Abdul Mobin and Md Mobin both are same and one identical person vide affidavit no. 60151 dated 10.09.2025 before Ld Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Alipore.

Name Change
I, Hafiza Khatun, W/o Habil Shekh, residing at Vill. Dakshin Bankra, P.O. Bankra, P.S. Hingalganj, Dist. North 24 Parganas, do hereby declare that my name has been inadvertently recorded as Hafiza Khatun Bibi in my EPIC Card, PAN Card and my daughter's birth certificate; Hafiza Bibi in my son Habibulla Sk's birth certificate. On 15.09.2025 vide affidavit no. 19465 before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat, North 24 PGS, I affirm that Hafiza Khatun, Hafiza Khatun Bibi & Hafiza Bibi is the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md. Habil Sk. (old name) son of Akbar Shekh , residing at Vill- Dakshin Bankra, P.O. - Bankra, P.S. - Hingalganj, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743435, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Habil Shekh (new name), as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Basirhat, North 24 Parganas, vide an affidavit No. 16854/25, dated 25/08/2025. Habil Shekh (new name) and Md. Habil Sk. (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, IYAKUB ALI KHAN (OLD NAME) S/O RASID KHAN,RESIDING AT SINGHERA, PANCHGRAM, PS-DIAMOND HARBOUR, DIST-24 PARGANAS(SOUTH), PIN-743368, WEST BENGAL, INDIA, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AS SHAH HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS EYAKUB ALI KHAN(NEW NAME) AS DECLARED BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA DATED 12/09/2025.IYAKUB ALI KHAN(OLD NAME) AND EYAKUB ALI KHAN (NEW NAME) BOTH ARE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

NAME CHANGE
I Koyel Santra,D/O Santosh Kumar Santra,R/O Vill-P.O. - Kunda,P.S.-Mongalkote, Dist-Purba Bardhaman My name recorded in Birth Certificate vide Reg No 5140, Dated 13/2/2001, as Bubi Santra, D/O Santosh Santra, which rectified by the affidavit in the court of Ld SDEM at Katwa, Purba Bardhaman, on dated 7/8/25 Do hereby declare that Koyel Santra D/O Santosh Kumar Santra and Bubi Santra,D/O Santosh Santra is same single identical person, Further declare that Santosh Kumar Santra and Santosh Santra is same single and identical person.

Name Change
I, Azibar Mandal (old name) C/O Matiulla Mondal, residing at VILL-Dandirhat (P), P.O. - Dandirhat, P.S.-Basirhat, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743412, in the state of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Azibar Mondal (new name), as declared before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Azibar Mondal (new name) and Azibar Mandal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sushil Soni & Sushil Kr Soni (old name) son of Jagadish Prasad Berna, residing at 52/4, Block-D, Bangur Avenue, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700055, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sushil Kumar Berna (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Sushil Kumar Berna (new name) and Sushil Soni & Sushil Kr Soni (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Jaynab Nisha (Old Name) D/o Md Hussain Residing at 99/1/7, Cossipore Road, Po+P.s - Cossipore, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700002 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Zainab Nisha (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 16-09-2025. Jaynab Nisha (Old Name) and Zainab Nisha (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Moumita Paul (old name) wife of Abhishek Paul, residing at 17/1B, Gouri Mata Sarani, P.O. Shyam-bazar, Kolkata- 700004, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Moumita Dey Paul (new name), as declared Before The 1st Class Magistrate at Kolkata, vide an affidavit No. 109, dated 03/01/2017. Moumita Dey Paul (new name) and Moumita Paul (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, ASRAFUL SK (old name) S/O SK ASRAF ALI residing at VILL-KHAJUTTY, P.O. - KHAJUTTY, P.S.-BAGNAN, HOWRAH- 711303 in the state of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SK ASRAFUL (new name), as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/09/2025. SK ASRAFUL (new name) and ASRAFUL SK (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Chaudhury Nizakat Hossen (old name) son of Late Choudhury Monzur Kader, residing at 157 B L Chowdhury Road, Bahila Para, Bardhaman, Purba Bardhaman, Pin- 713101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Choudhury Nizakat Hossain (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Choudhury Nizakat Hossain (new name) and Chaudhury Nizakat Hossen (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD ABDUS SAMAD SK S/o- CHHALIMUDDIN SK Residing at, Vill- Changra, Post- Patik-abari, Ps-Nakashipara, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741126, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD ABDUS SAMAD SK To ABDUS SAMAD SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ABDUS SAMAD SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025. ABDUS SAMAD SEKH and MD ABDUS SAMAD SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MOHAMMAD SAKIUR RAHAMAN S/o- RAISUDDIN SEKH Residing at, Vill- Gharialichak, Post- Kaliachak, Ps - Kaliachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732201, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MOHAMMAD SAKIUR RAHAMAN To SAKIUR RAHAMAN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SAKIUR RAHAMAN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025. SAKIUR RAHAMAN and MOHAMMAD SAKIUR RAHAMAN both are Same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I Atanu Saha, s/o.Tarak Nath Saha, Vill-Adampur, PO-Juranpur, PS-Kaliganj, Dist-Nadia, Pin-741150, my Name has been wrongly recorded as- Rohil/Atanu saha in my Birth Certificate being registration no-3835 Dated-20/12/2001, In place of Atanu Saha it is rectified and declare by that Affidavit in The Court of Ld. JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE (1st Class) at Krishnagar Nadia, Affidvi No. 61 on Dated-15/09/2025. That Atanu Saha, and Rohil/Atanu Saha, both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MICHAL MONDAL & MICHAEL MONDAL S/o- KHOKAN MONDAL Residing at, Habhipur, Panpara, - Ranaghat, Dist- Nadia, Pin- 741201, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MICHAL MONDAL & MICHAEL MONDAL To MIKEL MONDAL. (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MIKEL MONDAL in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025. MIKEL MONDAL and MICHAL MONDAL & MICHAEL MONDAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Basir Molla (old name) son of Late Nasiruddin Molla, residing at Molla Para, Moukhal, Bishnupur, Diamond Harbour, Pin- 743503, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Basiruddin Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Basiruddin Molla (new name) and Basir Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) YAR MOHAMMAD S/o- SHER MAHAMMAD Residing at, Vill- Kazisaha, Post-Kazisaha, Ps - Beldanga, Dist-Murshidabad, Pin- 742133, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from YAR MOHAMMAD To YEAR MAHAMMAD (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) YEAR MAHAMMAD in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025. YEAR MAHAMMAD and YAR MOHAMMAD both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) JAHARUL ISLAM S/O- MD ABDUL MANNAN Residing at, Vill- Altabartala, Post-Mahisastha, Ps - Bhagwangola, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742135, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from JAHARUL ISLAM To MD JAHORUL ISLAM (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD JAHORUL ISLAM in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025. MD JAHORUL ISLAM and JAHARUL ISLAM both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rahaman Muzibar S/o. Muzid Abdul (old name), R/o. Jagulia, Ektarpur, Balagarh, Hooghly- 712123, W.B. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mujibar Rahaman S/o. Abdul Mujid (new name) vide an affidavit no. 8911 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 11/09/2025. Rahaman Muzibar S/o. Muzid Abdul & Mujibar Rahaman S/o. Abdul Mujid, both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Yunush Ali (old name) son of Late Mahayet Ali, residing at Vill & P.O. - Balisha City Barasat, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743702, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Yunus Ali (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Md Yunus Ali (new name) and Yunush Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ALI REJAR S/o- JAR SEKH Residing at, Vill- Chandnagar, Post- Mahadia, Ps - Kandi, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742138, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ALI REJAR To REJAR ALI SEKH (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) REJAR ALI SEKH in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025. REJAR ALI SEKH and ALI REJAR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) NIREN SARKAR S/o- NARENDRANATH SARKAR Residing at, Indraprasta, Berhampore, - Murshidabad, Pin- 742103, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from NIREN SARKAR To NIRENDRANATH SARKAR (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) NIRENDRANATH SARKAR in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025. NIRENDRANATH SARKAR and NIREN SARKAR both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) ABDUR RAHIM SK S/o- KASIM ALI Residing at, Aahya, Barabelun, - Bardhaman, Pin- 713125, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from ABDUR RAHIM SK To SEKH ABDUR RAHIM (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) SEKH ABDUR RAHIM in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025. SEKH ABDUR RAHIM and ABDUR RAHIM SK both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Haiderali Rahamatali S/o. Rahamatali Gafarali (old name), I/o. Bhisatin, Pandua, Hooghly-712149, W.B. have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shekh Haider Ali S/o. Shekh Rahe-mat Ali (new name) vide an affidavit no. 8901 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar, Hooghly Court on 11/09/2025. Haiderali Rahamatali S/o. Rahamatali Gafarali & Shekh Haider Ali S/o. Shekh Rahe-mat Ali, both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, TILAK GUPTA (OLD NAME), SON OF GITA DEVI GUPTA, RESIDING AT 56/1 B.S ROAD, PO-BEHALA,KOLKATA-700034, WEST BENGAL,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS TILAK KUMAR GUPTA(NEW NAME) VIDE AN AFFIDAVIT NO 9422 SWORN BEFORE THE LD 1ST CLASS JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT ALIPORE ON 04/02/2025.TILAK GUPTA AND TILAK KUMAR GUPTA ALL ARE THE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON

Name Change
I,Md Abul Hasan, Residing At Vill-Haripur, P.O-Khajurdihi, P.S-Katwa, Haripur Paschim Para, Purba Bardhaman- 713150, West Bengal, Do Hereby Notified That My Father Md Abu Baker(Old Name) Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Abubakkar Mallick(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/09/2025. Md Abu Baker And Md Abubakkar Mallick Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,SAMIR SARKHEL(OLD NAME),SON OF KALIYAN KUMAR SARKHEL,RESIDING AT 340,BI-JOYGARH, JADAVPUR, KOLKATA-700032, WEST BENGAL,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS SAMIR KUMAR SARKHEL(NEW NAME) VIDE AN AFFIDAVIT SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 16/09/2025. SAMIR SARKHEL AND SAMIR KUMAR SARKHEL BOTH ARE THE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change
I, Subrata Kumar Tribedi (old name) son of Swapnan Kumar Tribedi, residing at THE 69, 6-C, Rangamati, P.O.- Vidyasagar University, P.S.- Kutwali, Dist.- West Medinipur, Pin-721102, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Subrata Tribedi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Subrata Tribedi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sarmistha Bhattacharya (old name) son of Samir Kumar Dutta, residing at 24/5, North Purbachal Garden Road, P.O.- Haltu, P.S.- Garfa, Kolkata- 700078, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sarmistha Dutta (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Sarmistha Dutta (new name) and Sarmistha Bhattacharya (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Dhiraj Kandoi(Old Name), Son Of Shyam Sundar Kandoi,Residing At 19,Balmukund Mackar Road, Mahajati Sadan,Barabazar, Kolkata-700007,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dhiraj Kumar Kandoi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 15/09/2025.Dhiraj Kandoi And Dhiraj Kumar Kandoi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,BIJOU CHANDRA MAJUMDAR AND BEJOY CHANDRA MAJUMDAR (OLD NAME),S/O RASMANANDA MAZUMDER,I/O A 238 DINESHPALLY PURBA, PUTIARY, KOILKA-700093, WEST BENGAL, INDIA, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS BEJOY CHANDRA MAZUMDER(NEW NAME) VIDE AN AFFIDAVIT SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 16/09/2025.BIJOU CHANDRA MAJUMDAR AND BEJOY CHANDRA MAZUMDER ALL ARE THE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change
I,RIAZUDDIN LASKER(OLD NAME),SON OF SAMSUL HOQUE LASKAR, RESIDING AT VILL & PO -KALIKAPOTA, PS-USTHI, SOUTH24PARGANAS- 743355, WEST BENGAL, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS RIAZUDDIN LASKAR(NEW NAME) VIDE AN AFFIDAVIT SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 12/09/2025.RIAZUDDIN LASKER AND RIAZUDDIN LASKAR BOTH ARE THE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change
I VISWANATH SHAW S/O KULDIP SHAW Residing At 38 A Kashi Mitra Ghat Street Kolkata - 700005 . Have Changed My Name and shall henceforth be know as BISWANATH SHAW as declared before the Notary Public Bankshall Court , 2&3 Bankshall Street Kol - 1, West Bengal vide affidavit no 24 Dated 15-09-2025 VISWANATH SHAW and BISWANATH SHAW both are same and identical person .

Name Change
I,SASTHI SARKAR, RESIDING AT 119, CHANDIPUR, PASCHIM-P.O.A.P.S. - B A D U R I A, NORTH24PARGANAS - 743247, WEST BENGAL, DO HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT MY MOTHER USHA SARKAR(OLD NAME) SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS USHA RANI SARKAR(NEW NAME) VIDE AN AFFIDAVIT SWORN BEFORE THE NOTARY PUBLIC AT KOLKATA ON 16/09/2025.USHA SARKAR AND USHA RANI SARKAR BOTH ARE THE SAME AND ONE IDENTICAL PERSON.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) Mahiruddin Mandal S/O- Jillar Rahaman Mandal Residing At, Vill- Bagachara, Post-Amtala, Ps - Beldanga, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742121, West Bengal. Do Hearby Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Mahiruddin Mandal To Mahiuddin Mandal (New Name) And Hence Forth I Shall Be Known As (New Name) Mahiuddin Mandal In All Purpose Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025, Mahiuddin Mandal And Mahiruddin Mandal Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mohandass Mulchandani and Mohan Dass Bhagwandas Mulchandani (old name) S/O Bhagwandas Mulchandani residing at 3A Annapurna Apartment, 6 sarat boase road, kolkata - 700020, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohandass Bhagwandas Mulchandani (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit No. 22 dated 15/09/2025. Mohandass Bhagwandas Mulchandani (new name) and Mohandass Mulchandani and Mohan Dass Bhagwandas Mulchandani (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, SWAPNA BAG(old name) Daughter of-BECHARAM BAG,Wife of SK MIS-BAUL AREFIN, residing at VILL-DHARAMPUR,PO-MAINAN,PS-KHA NAKUL,DIST-HOOGHLY,712406, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SONIA SULTANA(new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Arambagh, vide an affidavit dated 23/07/2013. SONIA SULTANA (new name) and SWAPNA BAG (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rehana Begum (old name) wife of Abdul Jabbar, residing at 17/25, Topsia Road, P.S.- Tiljala, Kolkata- 700039, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Jahanaara Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Jahanaara Begum (new name) and Rehana Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Golla Venugopal (old name) son of G Umapati, residing at 11/7, A T Roy Road, Near Kelvin Primary School, P.S.- Tiagarh, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700123, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as G Venu Gopal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. G Venu Gopal (new name) and Golla Venugopal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Golla Umapati (old name) son of Late G Sanyasi, residing at 11/7, A T Roy Road, Barrackpore, P.S.- Titagarh, North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700123, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as G Umapati (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. G Umapati (new name) and Golla Umapati (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rabeya Bibi Mandal (old name) wife of Md Sofiqul Islam Mondal, Date of Birth 01/01/1974, residing at Majher Para, Vill- Shankarpur, P.O.- Takipur, P.S. - Basirhat, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743429, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rabeya Bibi Mandal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Rabeya Bibi Mandal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Safikul Mandal (old name) my date of Birth is 01/01/1972, son of Late Elalibaksh Mandal, residing at Majher Para, Vill- Shankarpur, P.O.- Takipur, P.S. - Basirhat, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743429, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Sofiqul Islam Mondal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Md Sofiqul Islam Mondal (new name) and Safikul Mandal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Azimuddin Laskar (old name), residing at MI-YARGHERI,JIBANTALA, MALLIK KATI, SOUTH 24 PARGANAS, WEST BENGAL, 743502, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Ajimuddin Laskar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 11/09/2025. Md Ajimuddin Laskar (new name) and Mohammed Azimuddin Laskar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Jahanara Sardar(Old Name),Wife Of Mozammel Hossain Sardar,Residing At Bankra Paschimpara, Po-Bankra,Ps-Domjur,Dist-Howrah,Pin-711403,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jahanara Begum(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/09/2025.Jahanara Sardar And Jahanara Begum Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mekail Ali (old name) son of Hazi Sk Yousuf Ali, residing at Z-339/1, DeA.K.Road, P.O.- Badarata, Kolkata- 700044, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Mekail Ali (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Sk Mekail Ali (new name) and Mekail Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rup Chandra Bacchar(Old Name), Son Of Gopal Bacchar,Residing At Hatchera, Dhosa, Joynagar, South24parganas - 743396, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Manu Bacchar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 16/09/2025.Rup Chandra Bacchar And Manu Bacchar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Mohammad Kalam (Old Name),Son Of Md Muslim,Residing At 14/15, Nando Ghosh Road,Pilkhana Kapoor Kila, Hoara (M.Corp), Howrah, 711101, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Kalam(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/09/2025.Mohammad Kalam And Md Kalam Both Are The Same And One Identical Person. Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Lah Majid Molla(Old Name),Son Of Jobedali Molla,Residing At Vill & Po-Banerjee Chak,Kamaria,Ps-Joynagar, South 24 Parganas-743337, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abdul Majid Molla(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/09/2025.Ah Majid Molla And Abdul Majid Molla Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Premansu Kumar Bandhopadhyay(Old Name), S/o Late Mahadeb Shankaral Bandhopadhyay, Residing at 703, Fresco Tower-3, Univorld City, oppkarigari Bhawan, Action Area-3, New Town, Bidhan Nagar, Techno City Police Station,Kolkata - 700156, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name and Shall Henceforth be known as Premansukumar Mahadeb Bandhopadhyay(new Name) Vide An Affidavit No. 44, Sworn Before The Notary Public at Kolkata on 15/09/2025. Premansu Kumar Bandhopadhyay and Premansukumar Mahadeb Bandhopadhyay both are the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Senarul Saikh, S/O - Raihan Saikh, Residing at Bazarpara, Uluberia, Howrah - 711316. In my documents (Voter ID, PAN Card, Passport) my father's name recorded as Raihan Saikh. In my fathers' documents (Adhar, Land Mutation) his name recorded as Rahan Sekh and In his Voter ID card recorded as Sekh Rahan. Vide an affidavit 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court at Uluberia dt. 10.09.26 Rahan Sekh and Sekh Rahan known as Raihan Saikh. Raihan Saikh, Rahan Sekh and Sekh Rahan is one identical person.

Name Change
I Md Nausad Mandal S/O-Harunal Rashid Mandal Address - Vill - Basirhat Paschim Para P.O. & P.S- Basirhat District -24 Pgs.(N) W.B My name is written in the secondary educational documents of my daughter Almas Sultana as Md Nausdh Mondol and in the higher secondary educational documents my name is written as Nausad Mondol . Dated on 15/09/2025 as per Ld. Executive Magistrate Basirhat Court Affidavit . I am known as Md Nausad Mandal, Md Nausdh Mondol and Nausad Mondol as one and the same person

Name Change
I, Steve Jerry Florian (old name) son of Johannes Florian, residing at 20/21, PILKHANA 3RD BYE LANE, HOWRAH- 711101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Steve Florian (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Steve Jerry Florian (new name) and Steve Jerry Florian (old name) both are same and one identical person.

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EASTERN RAILWAY ORGANIZED 128TH ZRUCC MEETING



MI News Service, Kolkata: The 128th Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee (ZRUCC) meeting of Eastern Railway was held under the chairmanship of Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway today (16.9.2025) at Kolkata. About 21 members of ZRUCC were present in the meeting including Shri Khalilur Rahaman, Hon'ble MP and Shri Lalan Kumar, Hon'ble MLA, Bihar Legislative Assembly, Nominees & Representatives of various dignitaries like Shri Shantanu Thakur, Hon'ble MP and Union Minister of State, Shri Giridhari Yadav, Hon'ble MP, Smt. Annapurna Devi, Hon'ble MP & Union Minister, Shri Kamlesh Paswan, Hon'ble Union Minister of State and ZRUCC members from various Chambers of Commerce of different locations including West Bengal, Bihar & Jharkhand were also present in the meeting.

Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway welcomed all the Members of ZRUCC. In the meeting, General Manager upholds various achievements of Eastern Railway during 2025-26 like Zero consequential accidents with augmented safety, loading of record amount of freight over 40 million tonne till August 2025, significant punctuality of train services with 83% in respect of Mail/Express trains and 89% in case of suburban train services. General Manager also mentioned that 52 coaches were permanently augmented in different long distance trains and 904 coaches were augmented temporarily. The rakes of 6 long distance trains converted into LHB coaches, 5 pairs of new mail/express and 3 pairs of new passenger trains introduced. In respect of EMU services, 24 new services including 6 AC EMU services introduced in Sealdah division and 6 EMU services introduced in Howrah division. He also mentioned that Eastern Railway facilitating passenger movement during different festivals this year. 1570 Shrivani Mela special trains has been run over Eastern Railway and for the ensuing Puja period,

1120 trips of long distance trains has been scheduled so far.

Moreover, Shri Milind Deouskar, General Manager also mentioned that during 2025-26 Eastern Railway has provided Train Indication Boards at 9 stations and Coach Indication Boards at 2 stations where Mail/Express trains have stoppages. Besides, new platform sheds, foot over bridges, steel benches & chairs, water coolers have been provided at different stations. A Power Point Presentation on different achievements and passenger centric initiatives of Eastern Railway was also presented by Shri Ved Prakash, DGM (G) / Eastern Railway. During the meeting, Hon'ble MPs & Hon'ble MLAs and other members of ZRUCC placed their various demands & suggestions to Eastern Railway officials. Shri Khalilur Rahaman, Hon'ble MP suggested for introduction of MEMU local in Sealdah - Lal-gola section for the comfort of the passengers. He also demanded for new Road Over Bridge at Dhulianganga and Sujnipara stations and also demanded a Delhi bound trains from Sealdah through Nasipur bridge. Shri Lallan Singh, Hon'ble MLA praised Eastern Railway's various projects, friendly initiatives like redevelopment of stations under Amrit Station Scheme like Pirpaiti, Shivnarayanpur etc.

Various members also placed their requests/suggestions for various initiatives and projects like AC local train services in Howrah - Bardhaman route, augmentation of Pantry Car in long distance trains having journey time over 24 hours, stoppage of Vande Bharat & Rajdhani Express trains in different stations like Bardhaman, Durgapur, Suntanganj etc., installation of lifts & escalators at different important stations, increase in frequency of different mail/express trains, construction of Washing Pit at Sahibganj etc.

Running of festival special trains

MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear extra rush of the passengers during festive season, it has been decided to run Special trains as per following schedule: 08626/08625 Ranchi-Purnia Court-Ranchi Special: 08626 Ranchi-Purnia Court Special will leave Ranchi on every Friday from 17.10.2025 to 31.10.2025 at 18:00 hrs and will reach Purnia Court at 11:00 hrs, the next day. In the return direction, 08625 Purnia Court-Ranchi Special will leave Purnia Court on every Saturday from 18.10.2025 to 01.11.2025 at 12:10 hrs and will arrive Ranchi at 05:45 hrs, the next day. The Special train will have stoppages at Muri and Bokaro Steel City in SER jurisdiction. 08183/08184 Tatanagar-Buxar-Tatanagar Special: 08183 Tatanagar-Buxar Special will leave Tatanagar on every Friday from 17.10.2025 to 31.10.2025 at 22:40 hrs and will reach Buxar at 15:00 hrs, the next day. In the return direction, 08184 Buxar-Tatanagar Special will leave Buxar on every Saturday from 18.10.2025 to 01.11.2025 at 17:15 hrs and will arrive Tatanagar at 10:50 hrs, the next day. The Special train will have stoppages at Chandil, Purulia and Jochhandi Pahar in SER jurisdiction.

Running of Ranchi-Kamakhya-Ranchi festival spl trains

MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear extra rush of the passengers during festive season, it has been decided to run Special trains as per following schedule: 08621/08622 Ranchi-Kamakhya-Ranchi Special: 08621 Ranchi-Kamakhya Special will leave Ranchi on every Saturday from 27.09.2025 to 01.11.2025 at 20:10 hrs and will reach Kamakhya at 23:00 hrs, the next day. In the return direction, 08622 Kamakhya-Ranchi Special will leave Kamakhya on every Monday from 29.09.2025 to 03.11.2025 at 02:00 hrs and will arrive Ranchi at 04:40 hrs, the next day. The Special train will have stoppages at Muri, Kotshila and Bokaro Steel City in SER jurisdiction.

Customers' loss down 70 % as Airtel's war against fraud intensifies

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bharti Airtel today announced that its anti-fraud initiatives have resulted in a significant decline in cybercrime complaints, and that this has been further endorsed by recent information from the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (4C) — Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). According to the MHA-4C, there has been a staggering 68.7% decrease in the value of financial losses and a 14.3% drop in overall cybercrime incidents on the Airtel network, thereby validating the efficacy of Airtel's fraud detection solution in curbing cybercrime and creating a safe network for its customers. The data analyzed by MHA-4C compares key cybercrime indicators from September 2024—prior to the launch ofAirtel's Fraud & spam detection solution—with those from June 2025. Commenting on the initiative, Gopal Vittal, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Bharti Airtel, said, "We are on a mission of eliminating Spam and financial frauds for our customers.In the past one year, our AI-powered network solutions have identified over 48.3 billion spam calls and blocked 3.2 lakhs fraudulent links."

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE No. NIT/02/25/57, dated 15.09.2025. E-Tenders are invited by Principal Chief Materials Manager, Eastern Railway, 2nd Floor, Fairlie Place, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata-700001 for supply of the following items : **Sl. No. & Tender No.; Description; EMD** respectively: **(1) 14251020;** Procurement of Signal Conditioner Card (SCC 1 = 50% & SCC2 = 50%) for single section digital axle counter as per RDSO/SPN/177/2012 (Ver.3) (latest version & amendment up to date if any), (suitable for Central Electronics Ltd. Make : SSDAC, Phase Reversal Type etc. ; ₹ 1,69,690/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 06.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(2) 10255010A;** Set of main gear bearing for WAP-5; ₹ 2,77,540/- **Tender Opening Date & Time : 14.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(3) 21251505;** Complete set for Empty Load Box arrangement etc.; ₹ 2,25,950/-, **(4) 21251379;** Striker Casting Wear Plate etc.; ₹ 3,40,370/-, **(5) 21251018;** Cast steel bolster for casubn 22 NLB Bogie etc.; ₹ 2,30,100/-, **(6) 21251385A;** Knuckle Pivot Pin with washer etc.; ₹ 2,33,780/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 12.11.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** for Sl. No. 3 to 6, **(7) 21255027;** Casubn - 22 HS cast steel bogies with friction damping arrangement for B.G BOXNHL Wagon etc.; ₹ 13,92,400/-, **(8) 20253011A;** EMU / MEMU / DEMU Motor coaches, for HHP Tr. Motor BHSL make; ₹ 1,66,510/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 10.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** for Sl. No. 7 & 8, **(9) 05251187;** Procurement of cylindrical roller bearing NU-326 etc.; ₹ 3,43,660/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 07.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(10) 10251821;** Purchase of Carbon Brush for Hitachi Traction Motor etc.; ₹ 2,82,630/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 13.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(11) 05251179;** Procurement of Petroleum cutting gas conforming to heating value like minimum neutral flame temperature 2950 degree Celsius, total heat emission : - 23244 Kcal/m cubic (Kilo calorie per cubic mtr.), total heat value : - 12030 Kcal/kg., specific gravity (in gaseous state) : - 1.52, vapour pressure (at 37.8 degree Celsius) : - 120 psi & boiling range (-2) degree Celsius; ₹ 3,07,380/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 03.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(12) 20252158;** Axle Box Housing (Finished Machined); ₹ 4,26,480/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 01.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(13) 16255015A;** 160 Sq. mm Annealed Copper Stranded Jumper wire; ₹ 3,57,980/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 07.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(14) 20251144;** Energy - cum - speed monitoring unit (ESMON) for 25 KV AC EMU & MEMU; ₹ 7,77,330/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 21.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(15) 11251124A;** Procurement of bogie bolster of flat bogie etc.; ₹ 4,96,520/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 06.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(16) 10251593;** Purchase of Main Compressor 1750 / 1745 LPM etc.; ₹ 9,97,820/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 09.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(17) 07241177B;** Procurement of Wood Based Impregnated Compressed Laminates for use in Railway Coaches to Size : 2850 mm x 1220 mm x 12 mm to RDSO's Specn. No. C-9407, Type - II, (Rev. 03 of Feb 2007) with 4 Amendments Last Amendment Slip No. 4 issued on July 2019 and with Corrigendum No. 1 of June 2015; ₹ 6,19,550/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 06.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(18) 11251024;** Procurement of Secondary Lateral Damper for all Coil Flat Bogie etc.; ₹ 3,10,230/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 07.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(19) 20252147;** EMU / MEMU Motor Coaches, ELGI make Air Compressor Type TRC - 1000 DCM, 54 Month Overhauling Kit; ₹ 3,10,230/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 06.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(20) 10252565;** Set of damper; ₹ 6,02,680/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 08.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(21) 20251062;** Procurement of SEMI Permanent Coupler End "A" for shchaku coupler of EMU Coaches etc.; ₹ 5,90,170/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 13.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(22) 20251104;** Valve magnet G-21, 110V for application and holding magnet valves of escorts brake equipment for EMUs to escort DRG/Part No. 2EP 5025 (New), Make : Escorts Kubota Limited; ₹ 3,34,190/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 15.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(23) 20251128;** Air filter to ICF Drg. No. ICF/SK-6-4-035; Alpha, Alt. z/5. (small Z by 5) and ICF's Spec. No. - ICF/MD/Spec.-091, Issue Status-01, Rev. No. - 02, 21.08.2009; ₹ 1,47,050/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 03.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(24) 12255727;** Drive Axle complete with Gearbox & wheel for DUOMATIC; ₹ 2,54,360/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 07.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(25) 10252509;** Purchase of Cable Head Termination Vertical etc.; ₹ 2,09,940/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 14.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(26) 15255068A;** Supply and commissioning of EOT Crane 20 Ton with Shrouded DSL; ₹ 2,41,600/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 07.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(27) 19255039;** Procurement of IP based Video Surveillance System etc.; ₹ 10,96,830/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 10.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(28) 12254007;** Running Contract for HVN Insulating Liner 66 to RDSO Drg. No T-3706; ₹ 20,00,000/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 22.10.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** **(29) 22255510;** Faricimb 6 mg / 0.05 ml solution for intravtreal injection Item Code No. : M161124, Alt 25-26; ₹ 0/-, **(30) 22255511;** Inj. Recombinant Somatropin 36 IU (12 mg /ml) Item Code No. : M140303, Alt 25-26; ₹ 0/-, **Tender Opening Date & Time : 22.09.2025 at 13.30 hrs.** for Sl. No. 29 & 30, **Tender Cost : ₹ 0 for Sl. No. 1 to 30. Note :** All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in> for more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website. STORES-34/2025-26

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agenda, the MDZTI Principals undertook a study visit to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Academy. The visit showcased how metro systems are leveraging technology for intensive, high-quality training. At DMRC Academy, the delegates observed the extensive use of simulators for various aspects of metro operations, including driver's cab functioning, bogie management, signaling and control systems, automatic door operations for passenger safety, and structured emergency evacuation drills. The exposure is expected to inspire similar innovations within Indian Railways' own training institutes. Railway officials noted that this conference represents a milestone in institutional collaboration, setting the stage for transforming the Railway training ecosystem. By combining pedagogical innovation with cutting-edge technology, Indian Railways aims to foster a culture of safety, efficiency, and continuous learning among its workforce. The outcomes of the conference are likely to shape future training policies and pave the way for more standardised, technology-enabled, and safety-focused capacity-building programmes across Indian Railways.

Bengal shows surge in financial awareness

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a recent survey, West Bengal has shown key trends in term insurance purchase behavior. There has been a significant shift in consumer behavior and growing financial awareness. According to Gaurav Surana, Regional Head (East), Policybazaar, "Kolkata is witnessing a notable surge in high-value term insurance adoption. Consumers across the city and in the state of West Bengal are becoming increasingly financially aware and are prioritizing the protection of their families against life's uncertainties. This growing consciousness has led to a steady rise in term insurance purchases." West Bengal has emerged as a promising market for term insurance, with a steady year-on-year growth in the number of policies purchased. West Bengal has shown particularly strong momentum, contributing a substantial share of 26% to the overall policy count in FY 25. Consumers in West Bengal are opting for higher coverage amounts to safeguard their families against financial uncertainties. The average sum insured in West Bengal stands at approximately ₹86.6 lakh, with Kolkata slightly ahead at ₹96.7 lakh. Educated and salaried customers lead the charge in West Bengal. In West Bengal, graduates and above made up 80.1% of buyers, while in Kolkata, the figure was even higher at 84.2% in FY 2024-2025. Both these figures exceeded the national figure of 78.6% customers who are graduates and above. Salaried individuals accounted for 74.8% of policyholders in West Bengal and 79.2% in Kolkata, which are higher than pan India average at 70.5%. Self-employed customers also occupy a higher proportion. In West Bengal, 20.6%

customers are self-employed and 17.9% in Kolkata, which is higher than the pan India figure at 17.6%. Young adults have shown early awareness in West Bengal. A significant proportion of buyers in both Kolkata and West Bengal are under the age of 40. In Kolkata, 31.2% of policyholders are below 30, and 53.7% fall in the 30-40 age bracket. This indicates a proactive approach to financial planning among younger consumers. In West Bengal, 31.8% of policyholders are below 30 years of age, and 53.9% are between the age group of 30-40 years. Term insurance adoption amongst women has increased. While male buyers continue to dominate, female participation is gradually increasing. In FY 2024-2025, women accounted for 11.4% of policyholders in Kolkata and 11.7% in West Bengal, reflecting a positive shift in financial inclusion. Policybazaar continues to empower consumers with the right assistance, information, and support to make informed insurance decisions. From policy comparison to claims assistance, the platform ensures a seamless experience personalized to individual needs.

Online betting app case: ED summons YUVRAJ SINGH, ROBIN UTHAPPA, SONU SOOD

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned former cricketers Robin Uthappa and Yuvraj Singh, and actor Sonu Sood for questioning in an alleged illegal online betting app linked money laundering case, officials said Tuesday. Uthappa (39), Singh (43) and Sood (52) have been asked to depose during the next week and get recorded their statements under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in a case linked to a platform named 1xBet, the officials said. While Uthappa has been asked to depose on September 22, Singh has been called on September 23 followed by Sood on September 24, they

said. The federal probe agency has questioned former cricketers Suresh Raina and Shikhar Dhawan over the last few weeks as part of this investigation. It also has recorded the statement of former TMC MP and actor Mimi Chakraborty in this case on Monday. Bengali actor Ankush Hazra appeared before the ED on Tuesday on his scheduled summons in the case, while actor Urvasi Rautela, the India brand ambassador of 1xBet, is yet to appear on her given date for Tuesday, the sources said. The probe pertains to alleged illegal betting apps that are stated to have duped numerous people and investors worth crores of rupees or have evaded a huge amount of taxes.

According to the company, 1xBet is a globally recognised bookmaker with 18 years in the betting industry. The brand's customers can place bets on thousands of sporting events, with the company's website and app available in 70 languages, according to the company. She has since undergone a medical examination, officials added. Among those arrested are the two men who allegedly raped the woman, the SP said, adding that efforts are on to trace another accused who remains at large. Senior BJP leader and former MLA Sanjay Das Burma criticised the BJP-led state government over the incident.

Youths gang-rape college student near Puri beach; 3 arrested

MI News Service, Puri: A 19-year-old Dalit college student was allegedly gang-raped near the Baliharchandi temple in Odisha's Puri district, prompting the arrest of three persons while a manhunt is underway for one more accused, police said. The incident took place around noon on Saturday when the woman and her male companion were sitting near the temple, a popular tourist spot. A group of local youths allegedly clicked their photos and videos and demanded money to delete them. "When they refused to pay money, two persons in the group raped the female student," Puri Superintendent of Police Prateek Singh told, quoting the survivor's FIR lodged at Brahmagiri police station. Other members of the group assaulted the male companion and tied his hands to a tree before the assault, police said. Although the incident occurred on Saturday (September 13), the FIR was registered on Monday (September 15) evening after the survivor emerged from the trauma.

She has since undergone a medical examination, officials added. Among those arrested are the two men who allegedly raped the woman, the SP said, adding that efforts are on to trace another accused who remains at large. Senior BJP leader and former MLA Sanjay Das Burma criticised the BJP-led state government over the incident. He said, "The government should ensure proper security of the Baliharchandi temple and its surrounding area, which is a popular tourist spot."

The case has drawn parallels to a similar gang-rape on June 15 at Gopalpur beach in Ganjam district, where a college student was assaulted and ten people were arrested. He said, "The government should ensure proper security of the Baliharchandi temple and its surrounding area, which is a popular tourist spot."

BENGAL'S maternal mortality rate worse than national avg: Survey

MI News Service, Kolkata/ New Delhi: More mothers are dying in Bengal compared to the national average. A recent report by the Registrar General of India on maternal mortality puts Bengal at 104, far above the national average of 88 for the years 2021-23, which is in keeping with the trend that the state has witnessed over the last few years. Maternal mortality rate or MMR refers to deaths of mothers per 100,000 live births, due to complications from pregnancy or childbirth. Bengal is on par with Bihar but below states like Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Haryana and Punjab. "It's a shame that West Bengal is now far above the national average," a retired bureaucrat, who had served in the state health department told The Telegraph Online. "In 2007-09, the MMR in Bengal was 145 while the national average was 212. In 2010-12 it was brought down to 117. Bengal started sliding down after the Covid pandemic." Till about seven years ago, the MMR in Bengal was better than the national average, though still far above Kerala that has consistently kept its MMR below 40 for about a decade. In the latest survey, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh have shared the top spot with MMR at 30. The upward surge in the MMR was observed in 2017-19, when Bengal recorded 109 while the national average came down to 103. Since then the MMR in Bengal has stayed above 100, while nationally it has come down. The World Health Organization (WHO) has set a target of reducing global MMR to less than 70 per 100,000 births, "with no country having a maternal mortality rate of more than twice the global average." India is above the ideal mark set by the WHO, but

fares better than the global MMR average which in 2023 was 197. Direct causes like postpartum haemorrhage, pre-eclampsia and hypertensive disorders, pregnancy-related infections, complications arising from unsafe abortion are the major reasons behind deaths during pregnancy or at and immediately after childbirth. Pre-existing medical conditions among pregnant women add to indirect factors. "We have taken institutional deliveries to almost 99 per cent. There are still some grey areas which need to be worked upon," said a senior official in the Bengal health department who requested anonymity. Doctors say often in small towns and rural areas, women from the lower income groups ignore pre-existing conditions like hypertension and high blood sugar that lead to complications during pregnancy and childbirth. Dilip Ghosh, former mission director of the National Rural Health Mission, said that after 2009 the Bengal government had introduced a system of maternal death audit involving officials from the departments of health, women and child development and panchayats. "Teams were sent to the neighbourhoods to talk to the families, the neighbours to identify the factors behind the death other than medical ones. Maternal mortality is a social issue," Ghosh told. In 2007-09, the MMR in Bengal was 145, below the national average of 178. "Though politically 2010 onwards was a tumultuous period but no effort was spared to bring down the maternal mortality rate further down. Quarterly meetings were held in all the districts. Regular conversations were held with the auxiliary nurse midwife to understand the situation on the ground," said Ghosh. From 2010-12, Bengal's MMR showed a steady decline from 117 till the lowest 98 in 2016-18. "I am unaware if the audits are still being held. Something is definitely wrong because in infant mortality rate Bengal has been doing well steadily," Ghosh said. In 2020, the infant mortality rate – number of deaths of children per 1,000 live births – in Bengal was 19 while the national average was 27.

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Fake news: "Serious threat"

MI News Service, New Delhi: A parliamentary committee has called fake news a "serious threat" to public order and democratic process, and recommended amending penal provisions, increasing fine and fixing accountability to deal with the issue. In its draft report adopted on Tuesday, the Standing Committee on Communications and Information Technology has also called for mandatory presence of fact-checking mechanism and internal ombudsman in all print, digital and electronic media organisations.

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HIGH METABOLISM
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According to Karolinska Institutet researchers in a study published in Molecular Psychiatry, a metabolic increase in the hippocampus indicates an early stage in the development of Alzheimer's disease. The discovery opens the door to new early intervention methods. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia and strikes about 20,000 people in Sweden every year. Researchers now show that a metabolic increase in the mitochondria, the cellular power plants, is an early indicator of the disease.

The teams behind the study used mice that developed Alzheimer's disease pathology in a similar way to humans. The increase in metabolism in young mice was followed by synaptic changes caused by disruption to the cellular recycling system (a process known as autophagy), a finding that was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2016.

After a time, metabolism in the Alzheimer brain usually declines, which contributes to the degradation of synapses. This the researchers could also see in the older mice, which had had the disease for longer time.

"The disease starts to develop 20 years before the onset of symptoms, so it's important to detect it early -- especially given the retardant medicines that are starting to arrive," says Per Nilsson, associate professor at the Department of Neurobiology, Care Sciences and Society, Karolinska Institutet. "Metabolic changes can be a diagnostic factor in this."

Maria Ankarcróna, professor at the same department continues:

"Interestingly, changes in metabolism can be seen before any of the characteristic insoluble plaques have accumulated in the brain. The different energy balance tallies with what we've seen in images of the Alzheimer brain, but we've now detected these changes at an earlier stage."

The study was conducted in close partnership between both researchers' groups, who analysed the part of the mouse brain called the hippocampus, a structure that plays an important part in short-term memory and that is affected early in the pathological process.

Applying the technique of RNA sequencing to see which genes are active in the cells of the hippocampus during different stages of the disease, the researchers discovered that one of the early stages of the disease is an increase in mitochondrial metabolism.

The researchers studied the changes that then appeared in the synapses between the brain's neurons using electron microscopy and other techniques, and found that vesicles called autophagosomes, whereby spent proteins are broken down and their components metabolised, had accumulated in the synapses, disrupting access to functioning proteins.

The researchers will now be studying the role of mitochondria and autophagy in the development of Alzheimer's disease in more detail -- for example, in mice whose disease provides an even better model of the Alzheimer brain.

"These findings highlight the importance of retaining functional mitochondria and normal protein metabolism," says Dr Nilsson. "Going forward, we'll be able to do tests on mice to see if new molecules that stabilise mitochondrial and autophagic function can retard the disease."

Sotagliflozin provides kidney, heart-related benefits to patients

CALIFORNIA : Patients with and without diabetes can benefit from sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 (SGLT2) inhibitors, which are drugs that, among other things, reduce blood sugar levels and improve heart and kidney function.

The effects of sotagliflozin, a dual SGLT1 and 2 inhibitor, in individuals with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease were recently discovered through an exploratory analysis.

The study will be discussed at the 2023 ASN Kidney Week.

Data from the phase 3 dou-



ble-blind, placebo-controlled SCORED trial, which randomised 10,584 patients with type 2 diabetes, chronic kidney disease, and cardiovascular risk factors to receive sotagliflozin or placebo, were used in the analysis. Laboratory-derived kidney and cardiorenal composites were among the outcomes evaluated.

Sotagliflozin decreased the risk of the composite of persistent \geq 50 per cent drop in estimated glomerular filtration rate, estimated glomerular filtration rate \leq 15 mL/min/1.73m², dialysis, or kidney transplant by

38 per cent over a median follow-up of 16 months, which resulted in 223 events being detected. In addition, sotagliflozin lowered the risk of a cardiorenal composite outcome (the previous composite plus mortality from cardiovascular disease or kidney disease) by 23 per cent.

"These effects are consistent with what has been reported with other SGLT inhibitors in people with type 2 diabetes at high cardiorenal risk and add to the already reported benefits of sotagliflozin in reducing both

heart failure and ischemic events such as myocardial infarction or stroke," said corresponding author David Cherney, MD CM, PhD, FRCP(C), of the University of Toronto.

"Sotagliflozin is now FDA approved under the name 'INPEFA' to reduce the risk of cardiovascular death and heart failure events with a broad label that includes patients with heart failure or chronic kidney disease, so the drug is now an option for nephrologists and cardiologists, as well as primary care physicians, to prescribe."

Innovative antibody method targets deep-rooted cancer mutations: Research

For far too long, cancer treatment has been a double-edged sword, with treatments designed to target cancer cells sometimes harming healthy cells as well.

A new study published online Oct. 30 in Immunity, a Cell Press publication, reveals a cancer therapy technique that researchers describe as more accurate, long-lasting, and less harmful than current treatments.

The research, led by immunology researcher Jose Ramon Conejo-Garcia, MD, PhD at Duke University School of Medicine, focuses on the novel use of IGA antibodies to target and kill tumor-promoting molecules found deep within cancer cells, which have previously eluded existing treatment options, including IGA antibody treatment.

"This is a proof-of-concept study, but the results are very promising," said Conejo-Garcia, a Duke Science and Technology scholar in the Department of Integrative Immunobiology. "We believe that this treatment could be used to target a wide range of cancer mutations."

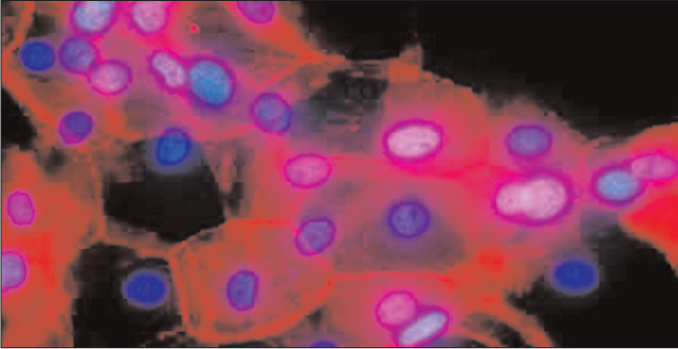
Early experiments on mice with lung and colon cancer revealed notable reductions in tumor growth and minimal side effects.

The study focused on a particular type of antibody called dimer-

ic IgA (digA). Its special structure allows it to target specific mutations linked with PIGR, a protein expressed on the surface of virtually all epithelial cancer cells that contributes to the growth and survival of cancer cells.

One such mutation, KRAS G12D, is a known instigator of the deadliest cancers. The study revealed that digA binds to rogue, mutated proteins then ushers them out of the cell in a process called transcytosis, stopping tumor growth. When tested in mice, the KRAS G12D-specific antibody was more effective at shrinking cancer tumors than current treatments in clinical tests. Small molecule treatments often struggle to reach certain cancer cells, have short-half lives, and can cause side effects. Researchers found similar results with another cancer mutation, IDH1 R132H, found deep inside cancer cells.

Scientists have struggled to target the mutated KRAS protein, but the new findings suggest the uniquely designed antibody can reach these intracellular molecules. According to researchers, IGA antibodies have the potential for use as targeted therapy against stubborn mutations driving common, aggressive cancers, particularly epithelial cancers such as ovarian, skin, colon, cervi-



cal, prostate, breast, and lung cancer. "This is a new way of targeting tumor cells by using an antibody that is exquisitely specific for point mutations or molecules that are truly tumor specific," said Conejo-Garcia. "By neutralizing them and ensuring these tumor-promoting molecules are expelled outside the cell, we can halt tumor growth."

Throughout his career, Conejo-Garcia has researched ways to make our body's defense system, the immune system, better at fighting certain cancers.

Conejo-Garcia worked on the current study with post-doctoral fellows SubirBiswas, PhD; GunjanMundal, PhD; and Carmen Maria Anandon, PhD, co-senior authors of the study, while at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, and finalized

the research after he joined the Duke faculty in 2023.

The results offer a glimpse of future cancer treatments that are more tailored, reducing harm to healthy cells and improving patients' quality of life.

IGA antibodies are just one part of the innovative field of immunotherapy. Treatments like PD-1 inhibitors and CAR T-cells have shown unprecedented durable cancer remissions.

"The immune system is the only system in the body that has two key properties that make it ideal for cancer treatment: specificity and memory," said Conejo-Garcia, a member of the Duke Cancer Institute. The immune system can specifically target tumor cells and it can also remember those cells to mount a more effective attack if the cancer returns.

HEARING RELAXING WORDS IN SLEEP SLOWS YOUR HEART DOWN: RESEARCH

WASHINGTON DC [US] : Researchers from the GIGA - Centre of Research Cyclotron at the University of Liege discovered that the body reacts to the external world when sleeping, which explains how sensory input might alter sleep quality. Researchers at ULiege have collaborated with the University of Fribourg in Switzerland to investigate whether the body is truly disconnected from the external world during sleep. To do so, they focused on how heartbeat changes when we hear different words during sleep. They found that relaxing words slowed down cardiac activity as a reflection of deeper sleep and in comparison to neutral words that did not have such a slowing effect. This discovery is presented in Journal of Sleep Research and sheds new light on brain-heart interactions during sleep. MatthieuKoroma (Fund for Scientific Research - FNRS postdoctoral researcher), Christina Schmidt and Athena Demertzi (both Fund for Scientific Research - FNRS Research Associate) from the GIGA



Cyclotron Research Center at ULiege teamed up with colleagues from University of Fribourg to lead a previous study analysing brain data (electroencephalogram) showing that relaxing words increased deep sleep duration and sleep quality, showing that we can positively influence sleep using meaningful words. By that time, the authors hypothesized that the brain also remains able to interpret sensory information in a way that makes our body more relaxed after hearing relaxing words during sleep. In this new study, the authors had the opportunity to analyze cardiac activity (electrocardiogram) to test

this hypothesis and found that the heart slows down its activity only after the presentation of relaxing, but not control words.

Markers of both cardiac and brain activity were then compared to disentangle how much they contributed to the modulation of sleep by auditory information. Cardiac activity has been indeed proposed to directly contribute to the way we perceive the world, but such evidence was so far obtained in wakefulness. With these results, the ULiege researchers showed that it was also true in sleep, offering a new perspective on the essential role of bodily reactions beyond brain

data for our understanding of sleep. "Most of sleep research focuses on the brain and rarely investigates bodily activity", says Dr. Schmidt. "We nevertheless hypothesize that the brain and the body are connected even when we cannot fully communicate, including sleep. Both brain and body information need then to be taken into account for a full understanding of how we think and react to our environment", explains Dr. Demertzi. "We shared freely our methodology following the principles of Open Science hoping that the tools that helped to make this discovery will inspire other researchers to study the role played by the heart in other sleep functions". Dr.Koroma advocates. This work offers a more comprehensive approach about the modulation of sleep functions by sensory information. By looking into the cardiac responses to sounds, we may, for example, study in the future the role of the body in the way sounds influence emotional processing of memories during sleep.

EXERCISE MAY HELP LOWER AGE-RELATED ANXIETY: STUDY

A positive attitude towards physical activity may be linked to less anxiety about ageing. According to researchers who evaluated findings from a multi-state study, gender, age, marital status, and money influence perceptions of exercise and ageing, but reframing messaging about both can lead to more healthy behaviours.

"As this large demographic ages, it's really important to support health promoting behaviors and have an approach that focuses on prevention -- not just treatment -- when it comes to chronic diseases. To do that, we need to know what their needs are and how best to address those needs," says Sarah Francis.

Francis holds many titles at Iowa State University: professor and Jane Armstrong Endowed Chair of Food Science and Human Nutrition, College of Human Sciences' interim associate dean for Iowa State Extension and Outreach and interim direc-



tor for Human Sciences Extension and Outreach. But Francis introduces herself as a healthy ageing advocate, implementation scientist and registered dietitian.

In 2010, she joined a US Department of Agriculture multi-state project that brought together experts in physical activity, clinical nutrition and community health programming to support healthy aging. Part of their research has focused on identify-

ing factors that influence physical activity, like "aging anxiety."

Francis explains this anxiety encompasses fears and concerns about losing autonomy and relationships, physical and psychological changes, and discomfort or lack of enjoyment being around older people.

"Previous research has shown that if you have high anxiety about aging, you have poor health outcomes. But if you view

it more positively as a life stage, you have better health outcomes. You're more likely to make lifestyle changes that benefit you in the long run," says Francis.

A cross-section of experiences, perspectives

To understand how aging anxiety relates to physical activity and other factors, like age, gender, marital status and income, the team designed a 142-question online survey and recruited participants through Qualtrics.

Francis explains they wanted a cross-section of urban, suburban and rural residents and included people as young as 40 to understand how different aspects of aging anxiety shift with age. In total, 1,250 people from Washington, D.C. and six states, Iowa, Illinois, Maryland, Rhode Island, South Dakota and West Virginia, responded to the survey.

Among the original findings, participants who identified as

African American had a higher interest in health-related programs. The researchers followed up with another study, the results of which were published in September, to focus more closely on the responses of the 178 African-American survey participants. With this subset, the researchers found the highest anxiety about aging was the fear of loss, which was greatest among people with low incomes and those who lived alone. Women who were 40-49 years of age were more concerned about changes to their physical appearance than their male counterparts and participants in older age categories.

While rates of physical activity were lower compared to white survey respondents, African American participants overall had a positive attitude about physical activity, especially strengthening exercises.

"One of the most important findings is that higher positivity

about physical activity relates to lower anxiety about aging," says Francis. "Perhaps this is because the physical, mental and social benefits of staying active contribute to overall well-being and a more favourable perception of the aging process, ultimately reducing anxiety related to growing older."

In the paper, the researchers point to evidence that exercise, especially strength training, helps older adults conserve bone mass and muscle, reduce the risk of dementia and retain motor control. They say the study results "can help to develop educational workshops to control aging anxiety while discussing the health benefits of [physical activity] participation."

Francis adds that many middle-aged and older adults face barriers to exercising. Some are afraid they'll get injured. Others don't have transportation to gyms or live in communities that lack safe sidewalks and parks.

Bangladesh Chief Adviser visits Dhakeshwari National Temple ahead of Durga Puja

MI News Service, Dhaka: Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus on Tuesday visited the Dhakeshwari National Temple in Dhaka to exchange greetings with members of the Hindu community on the occasion of the upcoming Sharadiya Durga Puja.

After visiting the temple, Yunus joined a greeting-exchange meeting with the Hindu devotees and community members there. This year, Durga Puja will be celebrated at 33,576 pavilions, with 255 of those located in Dhaka city.

According to the calendar, the festival will begin with Maha Panchami on Sept 27, followed by MahaShasthi on Sept 28,

Maha Saptami on September 29, Maha Ashtami on September 30, MahaNavami on October 1, and Bijoya Dashami on October 2.

Earlier, Bangladesh decided to allow the export of 1,200 tonnes of Hilsa fish, locally known as ilish, to India ahead of Durga Puja.

"The government has taken a policy decision to conditionally export 1,200 (one thousand two hundred) metric tons of Hilsa to India on the occasion of Durga Puja in the current year 2025," the Bangladesh Commerce Ministry said in a notification last week.

"Applications are invited from interested exporters in hard copy during



office hours until 5 PM on September 11, 2025," it added.

The notification states that the application must be accompanied by relevant documents, including the updated trade licence of the exporting company,

ERC, income tax certificate, VAT certificate, sales contract, and licence from the Department of Fisheries.

"The minimum export price of Hilsa per kg has been set by the government at USD 12.50. It is to be noted that those who ap-

plied before the publication of the notification will also have to submit a new application," the notification said.

The wholesale rate for Hilsa fish at the Howrah wholesale fish market is currently priced at Rs 1,400 to Rs 1,600 per kilogram. This fish, known for its superior taste, crossed the Petrapole-Benapole border and reached the Howrah market, where it was distributed to various retail markets in and around Kolkata.

Since July 2012, Bangladesh has banned the export of Hilsa, but has granted special permissions for exports to India during Durga Puja since 2019.

RPF EAST ZONE SECURES FIRST POSITION IN CAPFS EAST ZONE DEBATE COMPETITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

MI News Service, Kolkata: The East Zone Debate Competition for CAPFS-2025 on the theme "Human Rights" was organised by FTR Headquarters, South Bengal, on 15th September 2025 at the Headquarters of 74 BN/BSF, Digberia, Badu Road, Madhyamgram, Kolkata.

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) team of East Zone actively participated in the competition along with teams from Assam Rifles, BSF, CISF, CRPF, ITBP and SSB. In a remarkable achievement, Shri Satinder Rai, IPF/Malda, and Shri Rupesh Kumar Jha, SIPP/Sealdah of Eastern Railway, secured the 1st



position in the Hindi language category.

Inspector General-cum-PCSC, Eastern Railway, appreciated their

outstanding performance and congratulated them for showcasing their talent in the prestigious debate competition.

HOWRAH DIVISION INTRODUCED NEW HOWRAH-TARAKESWAR-HOWRAH LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE AHEAD OF DURGA PUJA FESTIVAL

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Howrah Division of Eastern Railway has introduced a new local train service on the busy Howrah-Tarakeswar-Howrah route, effective from 16th September, 2025 ahead of Durga Puja, the grand festival of Bengal. The initiative aims to provide greater travel convenience and strengthen daily connectivity on this important suburban section, catering to the regular needs of commuters and residents.

As per the new arrangement, Train No. 37355 Howrah-Tarakeswar Local departs from Howrah at 06:45 AM, offering passengers an early-morning travel option. In the return direction, Train No. 37358 Tarakeswar-Howrah Local leaves Tarakeswar

at 08:50 AM, ensuring a convenient journey back for daily commuters and devotees visiting the holy town.

This initiative reflects the Howrah Division's ongoing efforts to enhance passenger amenities and improve travel facilities across its network. Special emphasis has been placed on ensuring smoother journeys during peak periods, particularly the festive season, when the demand for rail services traditionally rises sharply.

Eastern Railway remains committed to providing reliable, efficient, and passenger-friendly services. The Division thanks all commuters for their cooperation and support and reaffirms its dedication to serving the public with responsibility and care.

YOUR FANCY MAY BE FATAL: DO NOT FLY KITE NEAR RAILWAY OVERHEAD LINE OR HIGH TENSION OVERHEAD ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT (OHE)

MI News Service, Kolkata: It has been observed that incidents of kite flying in the vicinity of 25KV electrified OHE of Railway causing severe operational & safety concerns. Such activities pose the following risks:-

a) Tripping of OHE leading to disruption of train operation and consequent punctuality loss & harassment to lots of passengers due to such unnecessary detention of trains.

b) Serious safety hazards including the risk of fatal electrocution due to accidental contact of live wire.

c) Thread of kites entangled with the high overhead may not only prove fatal for the kite flyer but at the same time other people who may accidentally touch such thread especially in moist weather will get electrocuted.

All, who had a fancy for kite flying, are requested to fly their kites at



a considerable safe distance from the electrified Railway line and also put checks on the teenagers so that even by mistake anybody could not fly their kites in the area adjacent to Railway overhead line.

Eastern Railway seeking cooperation from all sections of people in this respect of restricting kite flying near Railway overhead line, which will not only facilitate seamless movement of train services but at the same time will safeguard the lives of kite flyers.

FOUNDATION STONE LAID FOR SARWADHAM HALT STATION BETWEEN KAKNI & HANSDIHA STATIONS

MI News Service, Kolkata: Marking a significant milestone in the journey toward improved regional rail infrastructure and passenger convenience, the foundation stone laying of New halt station at Sarwadham located between Kakni and Hansdiha stations of Mohanpur -Hansdiha section under Asansol Division of Eastern Railway, was laid by Shri Nishikant Dubey, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, in the esteemed presence of Smt. Vinita Srivasatava, Divisional Railway Manager, Asansol, along with other Senior Railway officials today (16.09.2025).

Shri Nishikant Dubey, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, remarked that the new halt station will not only benefit passengers but also stimulate socio-economic activity, facilitate the movement of local goods and promote regional development and local business. He further added that the halt station, responding to a long-standing demand of local residents, will provide direct and convenient rail access to thousands of passengers, reducing dependency on distant stations and easing daily commutes for students, workers and traders alike.

The proposed Sarwadham Halt Station is to be developed at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.34 Crores. A comprehensive development plan has been prepared for Sarwadham Halt to enhance passenger convenience and accessibility. As part of this initiative, a wide range of modern, commuter-friendly ameni-



ties are being planned for execution. Key infrastructure features including waiting hall integrated with a ticket counter along with separate toilets for men and women to ensure hygiene & convenience. The platform will be developed to a high-level standard with provision of platform shed and sitting arrangements. To ensure a consistent and clean water supply there will be provision of water booth connected with water supply system. The passenger experience will be further improved by the installation of ceiling fans and lighting poles.

The foundation stone laying for Sarwadham Halt Station is not just the start of physical infrastructure—it is the laying of a pathway toward economic empowerment and better connectivity for thousands of residents in and around Sarwadham and nearby villages. After introduction of this Halt station, the improved transport will help in growth of education, health care and business opportunities in this area.

MORE THAN 7.83 LAKH PASSENGERS TRAVELED IN METRO ON 15.09.2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: More than 7.83 lakh commuters have traveled in Metro on 15.09.2025. Large number of commuters preferred to use Metro for comfortable and easy commuting. In Blue Line more than 5.6 lakh passengers were carried yesterday. In Green Line more than 2.04 lakh passengers have traveled. In Purple and Orange Lines more than 6600 passengers and 4700 passengers have traveled. Around 6700 passengers travelled in Yellow Line on 15.09.2025.

Throughout the day most of the train services were run as per the schedule in Blue Line. On Green Line, Yellow Line, Orange Line, Purple Line services were operated smoothly and as per schedule throughout the day.

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. Metro Railway with the help of Eastern Railway have been campaigning to make digital mode of ticketing and Smart Cards popular. As a result, over the last 10 days more than 22000 Smart Cards have been sold. Passengers are also requested to follow the instructions made through the Public Address System by on-duty staff.

We are proud of AAMAR Metro and equally proud of our commuters. We thank our commuters for their continuous co-operation in running Metro services smoothly. At present, only 32 services are being reversed at Mahanayak Uttam Kumar station. Passengers are requested to co-operate with Metro Railway authorities to operate the services by maintaining headway of 5 minutes during peak hours and 7 minutes during non peak hours and holidays in Blue Line.

SPECIAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST TRESPASSING AND MENTAL HEALTH GOING ON IN BLUE LINE OF METRO RAILWAY

MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway has always been concerned about disruptions in its services caused by unauthorized trespassing on tracks. Such incidents not only result in fatal or grievous injuries to trespassers but also lead to serious disruptions of train services until the tracks are cleared. During such occurrences, power blocks become necessary which in turn affects the movement of trains on both UP and DN lines. Trains often need to be short-terminated, rescheduled, or cancelled, causing inconvenience to thousands of commuters and bringing the entire Metro Railway system to a halt.

To spread the awareness on this issue, a Civil Society Organization (NGO) has been organizing a month-long awareness campaign from 10.09.2025. Their initiative involves various IECT (Information, Electronics and Communication Technology) measures across Metro stations, with special focus on Mahanayak Uttam Kumar station. The drive seeks to reach lakhs of daily commuters on the Blue Line through impactful videos, posters, and audio announcements throughout September. It emphasizes recognizing warning signs, prioritizing mental well-being and accessing available support services in Kolkata. This initiative underscores Kolkata Metro's commitment to social responsibility and demonstrates the important role public institutions can play in addressing pressing social concerns.

Inauguration of Taraboi Passenger Halt

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: A new Passenger Halt at Taraboi, located between Khurda Road and Khurda Town Railway Stations on the Khurda Road-Balangir Rail Line under Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway will be inaugurated on 17th September 2025 at 1630 hrs.

The Passenger Halt will be inaugurated by Hon'ble Members of Parliament Smt. Aparajita Sarangi (Lok Sabha) and Smt. Sulata Deo (Rajya Sabha) in the august presence of Shri Bibhuti Bhushan Balabantaray, Hon'ble MLA, Jatni.

Situated close to IIT Bhubaneswar, the new halt station will provide immense convenience to the people of Sialipatna, Khudupur, Taraboi, Baniatangi, Haridamada, Haripur, Korang, Pitapalli, Samapur, Bajapur and nearby areas.

It will particularly benefit students and staff of prestigious educational institutions such as IIT Bhubaneswar, NISER, GIET, Maharaja Polytechnic, Maharaja Institute of Technology, Einstein Academy of Technology, Skill Development Institute, and Temple City Academy of Technology & Engineering. The halt will also serve the upcoming proposed District Medical Hospital and Medical College.

In addition to serving

daily commuters, the halt will boost tourism by improving rail connectivity to Khurda Fort, Barunei Hills, and the historic Barunei Temple. This enhanced accessibility is expected to encourage more visitors, benefiting the local economy and promoting the area's rich cultural heritage. Approved by Railway Board in January 2024, the Taraboi Passenger Halt has been completed in September 2025 at a cost of ₹80 lakhs. It will serve more than five Gram Panchayats in the region. The Passenger Halt has been provided with modern passenger amenities including: Drinking Water (Hand Pump), Waiting Hall, Platform Shelter with 06 Bays, Adequate Lighting, Rail Level Platform, Time Table Board & Fare Chart, Dustbins and Toilets. Four pairs of Trains Including 68443/68444 Bhadrak-Daspalla-Bhadrak MEMU, 68429/68430 Bhubaneswar-Daspalla-Bhubaneswar MEMU, 18423/18424 Bhubaneswar-Daspalla-Bhubaneswar Express and 68449/68450 Puri-Daspalla-Puri MEMU will provide stoppage at the newly provided Passenger Halt.

The opening of this new halt station reflects the commitment of Indian Railways to improving last-mile connectivity, providing ease of travel, and fostering regional development.

STATE GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST: CIRCULAR TRAINS MOVEMENT RESTRICTED FOR TWO DAYS

MI News Service, Kolkata: As requested by the State administration, Eastern Railways' Sealdah Division has planned to regulate the Circular Railway train services on 18.09.2025 (Thursday) & 19.09.2025 (Friday) for immersion of idols of Lord Viswakarma. Consequently, following arrangement in train running has been made:

- 03 (Three) nos. of Circular Railway EMU local (30122, 30312 and 30314) will be short terminated at Kolkata Station and 03 (Three) nos. of Circular Railway EMU local (30331, 30111 and 30313) will be short originated from Kolkata station.
- 01 (One) no of Circular Railway EMU local (30154) will be diverted & short terminated at Sealdah (North) station and 01 (One) no of Circular Railway EMU local (30123) will be short originated from Sealdah (North) station.
- 01 (One) no of Circular Railway EMU local (30711) will be short terminated at Ballygunge station and 01 (One) no of Circular Railway EMU local (30552) will be short originated from Ballygunge station.
- 01 (One) no of Circular Railway EMU local (30332) will be diverted via Kankurgachhi Road Jn-Ballygunge route to Majherhat and 1 (One) no. of Circular Railway EMU local (30353) run via diverted route from Majherhat and 1 (One) no.

Polish Foreign Minister suggests NATO consider no-fly zone over Ukraine

MI News Service, Poland: Poland's Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski has suggested that NATO members should weigh imposing a no-fly zone over Ukraine to protect it from Russian drones, CNN reported.

His comments come after Russian drones violated Polish airspace last week, prompting NATO fighter jets and air defences to shoot them down. Officials confirmed the drones were not armed.

Speaking to German newspaper Frankfurter Allgemeine, Sikorski said, "We as NATO and the EU could be capable of doing this, but it is not a decision that Poland can make alone; it can only be made with its allies."

He added, "Protection for our population – for example, from falling debris – would naturally be greater if we could combat drones and other flying objects be-



yond our national territory. If Ukraine were to ask us to shoot them down over its territory, that would be advantageous for us. If you ask me personally, we should consider it."

According to CNN, the idea of a no-fly zone over Ukraine was first pushed by President Volodymyr Zelensky after Russia's full-scale invasion in 2022, but NATO allies rejected it under the Biden administration for fear it could lead to direct clashes with Rus-

sian aircraft. Sikorski's current proposal appears more limited, focusing only on drones approaching NATO borders.

Poland's interior ministry said that 16 drones were detected across the country during last Wednesday's incursion. Polish and Dutch fighter jets, supported by Italian, German, and NATO multinational forces, intercepted the drones.

Sikorski told Frankfurter Allgemeine that the

scale of the incident was no accident. "Our air force repelled the threat for seven hours. So far, we have heard two explanations from the Russian government: that the drones accidentally flew over the border and that it is impossible for Russian drones to fly that far at all."

Russia's defence ministry, however, said it had targeted Ukraine in overnight strikes, insisting "no targets on the territory of Poland were planned for destruction," and claiming its drones have a maximum range of 700 kilometres (435 miles), CNN reported.

Just days after the Polish incident, Romania also scrambled fighter jets when a Russian drone breached its airspace on Saturday, highlighting the growing regional concern over Moscow's drone activity.

SEALDAH DIVISION ORGANISES CLEANLINESS AND AWARENESS ACTIVITIES ON DAY 47 OF SWACHHATA ABHIYAN – 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing "Swachhata Abhiyan – 2025", Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway, through its Environment & Housekeeping Management (EnHM) Department, conducted an intensive cleanliness drive and public awareness campaign on Day 47 (16th September, 2025). The initiative reaffirmed the Division's commitment towards promoting hygiene, sanitation, and environmental sustainability in alignment with the national mission of a "Cleaner India."

The campaign was carried out across several key stations under Sealdah Division. At Kolkata Terminal Station, intensive cleaning and passenger feedback drives were con-



ducted. At Gobardanga Station, cleaning activities were coupled with sensitization programmes for vendors, passengers, and staff, with active participation from the Railway Protection Force (RPF). At Naihati Station, special focus was placed on educating school children

about Swachhata Abhiyan, fostering awareness among the younger generation.

In addition, awareness campaigns were undertaken at Kanchrapara, Dumdum Jn., Sodepur, Barrackpore, Ranaghat, Baruipur, Lakshmikantapur & other stations high-

lighting the widespread outreach of the initiative.

The activities witnessed enthusiastic participation from railway staff, housekeeping assistants, and various departments, along with positive involvement from passengers at the stations. This collective effort showcased the spirit of cooperation in maintaining a clean and passenger-friendly railway environment.

The EnHM Department of Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway, through its dedicated involvement in "Swachhata Abhiyan – 2025", continues to set an example of civic responsibility, environmental consciousness, and sustained commitment towards cleanliness and public hygiene.

"Leading RCB was tremendous learning": Rajat Patidar ahead of India A captaincy role

BENGALURU (KARNATAKA) : Indian batter Rajat Patidar, who ended Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) team's 18-year-long wait for their maiden Indian Premier League (IPL) trophy, said that leading the Red and Gold franchise gave him "tremendous learnings".

The star batter now looks to draw on those learnings as he leads India A in the opening match of the three-match one-day series against Australia A, beginning September 30. Tilak Varma, India's T20I mainstay, will be leading in other two matches.

"It is a huge honour for me to captain the India 'A' side for the series against Australia 'A'. I feel this is a great opportunity for me and the team to show the level we

are at and be in the reckoning for India call-up with resilient performance," said Patidar as quoted by RCB's press release.

He further added, "In a way, this year has been very special for me, personally, with my on-field abilities being recognised and equally rewarded. It began with the captaincy stint of the MP state team in first class cricket and RCB trusting me with the responsibility of captaining the iconic side. Winning the trophy was only the icing on the cake and along the way, there has been tremendous learnings which will benefit me in the long run."

"As captain of a team, it is about how we come together as a unit and are willing to take a bullet for each other. That's the

camaraderie and belief system we had in RCB this season where each one of us stepped up for each other and worked together towards success. It will be a similar approach that we would like to adapt as a team for the India 'A' outing. I am excited and look forward to the new challenge," Patidar said.

The 32-year-old's credentials as both leader and performer shone this week as he guided Central Zone to the Duleep Trophy 2025 title with a six-wicket victory over South Zone in Bengaluru. Patidar capped the campaign with a stellar 101 off 115 balls in the final and finished as the tournament's top scorer with 382 runs in five innings, including two centuries and two half-centuries at an



average of 76.40, with a strike rate of 96.95.

These last nine to ten months have been ones to remember for

Patidar, having led Madhya Pradesh to the finals of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2024-25 in December last year, where they

lost to Mumbai. He was the second-highest run-getter in the tournament, with 428 runs in nine innings at an average of 61.14 and a strike rate of 186.08, with five half-centuries and a best score of 81*.

For RCB, he had a decent season with the bat, scoring 312 runs in 14 innings at an average of 24.00 and a strike rate of 143.77, with two fifties and a best score of 64. His efforts, tactics and bowling changes led RCB to their maiden IPL in June, beating Punjab Kings (PBKS) by six runs in the final.

In List-A cricket, Rajat has made 2,211 runs at an average of 37.47 with a strike rate of well above 99, with four centuries and 13 fifties in 63 innings and a best score of 158. In 2023, he played

one ODI for India against South Africa in December, scoring a quickfire 22.

India A squad for the 1st one-day match: Rajat Patidar (Captain), Prabhsimran Singh (WK), Riyan Parag, Ayush Badoni, Suryansh Shedge, 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, Prabhsimran Singh (WK), Riyan Parag, Ayush Badoni, Suryansh Shedge, Vipraj Nigam, Nishant Sindhu, Gurjapneet Singh, Yudhvir Singh, Ravi Bishnoi, Abhishek Porel (WK), Harshit Rana, Arshdeep Singh.

CHINA OPEN: SINDHU ADVANCES TO SECOND ROUND, AYUSH CRASHES OUT IN R1

BEIJING [CHINA] : The two-time Olympic medalist PV Sindhu started her campaign at the ongoing China Masters with a win over Denmark's Dawaal Jakobsen in the first round on Tuesday. As per ESPN, Sindhu defeated her opponent Jakobsen in two straight games by 21-5, 21-10 in just 27 minutes. It would be crucial for Sindhu to go far in this competition, as she has had a season to forget so far, suffering six first-round exits in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour this year. Sindhu started really well, racing to a massive lead and wiping off the first game in over 10 minutes. This pattern continued in the second game as well, with Sindhu closing out the game in 17 minutes and defeating Jakobsen for the third time. The veteran shuttler will be aiming to roll back the clock and repeat her heroics in China when she won the China Open in 2016. Her best performances this year have been quarterfinal finishes in the India Open and BWF World Championships. Later, Ayush Shetty had a disappointing outing as he faced a first-round exit at the hands of sixth-seeded Chou Tien Chen 19-21, 21-12, 16-21 in a close battle. The Indian star gave a considerable amount of fight, taking the match to a decider, but could not close it with a win. Ayush is the only Indian to have captured a title in the BWF World Tour scene this year, having won the US Open title back in June, beating Canada's Brian Yang in the finals. The tournament started today and will go on till September 21.



Mandhana back as No. 1 in ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : India opener Smriti Mandhana has reclaimed the top position in the ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings after scoring a fine half-century against Australia in the opening match of their three-ODI series played in New Chandigarh on Sunday, as per a release from the International Cricket Council (ICC).

The stylish left-handed opener, who struck 58 off 63 balls with six fours and two sixes, has leapfrogged England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt to recapture the position she first reached in January 2019 and most recently held in July this year. This is her fourth stint at the top.

Australia won by eight wickets and the emphatic victory reflected in their players' rankings. Left-hander Beth Mooney's 74-ball knock of 77 not out has lifted her three places to fifth position. Annabel Sutherland is up four places to joint-25th after her unbeaten 54 and shares the position with opener Phoebe Litchfield, who has gained 13 places after her Player of the Match effort of 88 off 80.

The Indian batters to gain in the latest weekly update, apart from Mandhana, are Richa Ghosh, who has moved from 39th to 36th after her knock of 25, opener Pratika Rawal, who has gained four positions to reach 42nd after scoring 64 off 96, and Harleen Deol, who is up five places to 43rd after getting 54 off 57.

The bowling rankings see Australia's Kim Garth and Alana King reach career-best positions of fourth and fifth, respectively, while Sutherland has gained



two positions to reach 21st after all of them took a wicket each. India's Sneha Rana has moved up five slots to 16th position.

Also, Mandhana overtook New Zealand's Amy Satterthwaite to become the seventh-highest run-getter in ODIs. Mandhana achieved this milestone during her side's first ODI against Australia at New Chandigarh.

Now in 106 ODIs, Mandhana has scored 4,646 runs at an average of 46.46, with 11 centuries and 32 fifties in 106 innings and a best score of 136, overcoming Satterthwaite (4,639 runs in 145 innings with seven centuries).

At the top of the ODI run-scoring is Indian legend Mithali Raj, with 7,805 runs in 232 matches and 211 innings at an average of 50.68, with seven centuries and 64 fifties and a best score of 125*.

Apollo Tyres replaces Dream 11 as BCCI announces new lead sponsor of India team

MUMBAI (MAHARASHTRA) : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Tuesday announced Apollo Tyres, a leader in the global tyre industry, as the new lead sponsor of the Indian team, succeeding Dream 11.

The sponsorship deal marks Apollo Tyres' first-ever foray into India cricket, a strategic move to align with a sport that resonates deeply with the nation.

The BCCI, in its statement, said that the "new partnership, secured after a rigorous bidding process, represents a substantial increase in sponsorship value, signifying the immense and growing commercial appeal of Indian cricket."

The agreement has been signed for two and a half years, concluding in March 2028. Under the terms of the deal, the Apollo Tyres logo will feature on the jerseys of the Indian men's and women's national teams across all formats.

"The arrival of Apollo Tyres as our new sponsor is a testament to the hard work and consistent per-



formance of our teams. We are excited about this being Apollo's first major sponsorship in India cricket, which speaks volumes about the sport's unparalleled reach and influence. This is more than a commercial agreement; it's a partnership between two institutions that have earned the trust and respect of millions," BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia said in a

statement released by the board.

"We are delighted to welcome Apollo Tyres as our new lead Sponsor. This is a momentous occasion, bringing together two of India's most powerful and enduring legacies: the unwavering spirit of Indian cricket and the pioneering legacy of Apollo Tyres. The competitive nature of the bidding process highlights the strong

market confidence in the BCCI and the global brand of Team India. We are confident that this partnership will be a driving force for mutual growth and success," BCCI Vice-President Rajeev Shukla added.

Apollo Tyres, known for its commitment to performance and safety, sees a natural synergy between its brand values and the attributes of a world-class cricket team. The company markets its products under its two global brands: Apollo and Vredestein, and its products are available in over 100 countries through a vast network of branded, exclusive and multi-product outlets.

"The BCCI's partnership with Apollo Tyres is a reflection of the strong and consistent performance of Team India. We are excited to embark on this new journey with a partner that shares our passion for excellence. We extend our warmest welcome to Apollo Tyres and look forward to a long and fruitful association," BCCI Joint Secretary Rohan Gauns Dessai said.

South African star Brevis excited to represent hometown Pretoria in SA20 season 4

JOHANNESBURG [SOUTH AFRICA] : South African batter Dewald Brevis, who recently became the most expensive player in SA20 history after being picked by Pretoria Capitals, expressed happiness at joining the franchise, saying that he feels excited to be playing for his hometown.

On September 9, when the hammer struck during the SA20 season four auctions, history was made as after months of scoring runs and blasting sixes for fun in T20 cricket, Brevis was picked by Pretoria for R16.5 million or Rs 8.31 crores, marking an end of his three years of association with MI Cape Town, having won the title with them this season.

Speaking to SA20, Brevis said that the three years he spent with MI Cape Town were "special three years, filled with ups and downs".

"I will always remember that. But this is a new chapter for me. To be with Pretoria, I am super excited. It is my hometown. I know SuperSport Park very well—it is very close to my heart. That's the ground where me and my brother grew up watching cricket, running around the field, playing next to the field. To be able to be there now, I am really excited. I



cannot wait to see the team, get together with them, and just make memories and have fun," he said.

From 2023-25 for MI CT, Brevis scored 676 runs in 32 matches and 29 innings at an average of 29.39 and a strike rate of over 145, with four half-centuries and a best score of 73*. His peak with the franchise came in this year, scoring 291 runs in 10 matches at an average of 48.50 and a strike rate of 184.17, with two half-centuries and a best score of 73*.

Brevis also is in scorching form in all of T20s this year, with 1,022 runs in 32 innings at an average of 40.88 and a strike rate of 186.83, with a century and six fifties and best score of 125*. Against Australia, he scored Proteas' second-fastest T20I ton and the highest individual score for his nation in T20Is.

Speaking on the Pretoria Capitals squad, he said, "I think it is great. It is great to have Lungi Ngidi there, we have spent a lot of time together. It started in Bangladesh, and we've got good memories. Then Lizaad Williams, and a lot of our local guys. I am so happy for Connor Esterhuizen as well. He is a great player, and he will do great for us. If you look at

all the overseas players, I think we have got a well-balanced team: a strong batting lineup, power-hitters, guys that will love SuperSport Park. If you look at Rutherford, Andre Russell, it is a great all-round team. I am very excited to see how the boys go and how they enjoy playing there, because it is a beautiful place to bat and play cricket." Brevis also said that SA20 continues to get better every season and during the upcoming season, the competition levels will rise even higher.

"The competition, I think, will be even tighter. The teams are always balanced and competitive, and it's T20 cricket. The conditions in South Africa are some of the best, you get all kinds of conditions. If you play at the coast, Cape Town, everywhere it is different. That variety is very cool, and it is what SA20 has to offer. And I think the crowds, I cannot wait for that again. It is a great time of the year, and it is going to be lots of fun," he added.

Defending champions MI Cape Town will get their title defence underway with a blockbuster clash against Durban's Super Giants on Friday, December 26, 2025, at the picturesque Newlands in the tournament opener. (ANI)

Jonathan Trott challenges Afghanistan for more ahead of T20 World Cup



NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Afghanistan coach Jonathan Trott wants his team to build on their run at last year's T20 World Cup and continue to evolve as a team, as per the official website of ICC.

Trott has lifted Afghanistan to new heights since taking the head coaching role back in 2022, with the side's unforgettable run to the semi-finals of last year's T20 World Cup displaying the capabilities of the emerging nation.

With a must-win clash against Bangladesh at the Asia Cup on the horizon in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday and less than six months until the next edition of the T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka, Trott has challenged his side to continue to evolve and create even more memories on the big stage.

"Since I've been with the side, we've had some memorable moments," Trott recalled, as quoted from the official website of ICC.

"I think back to when we beat Bangladesh in a 50-over series in Bangladesh for the first time (in 2023). It had never been done before, and given how strong Bangladesh have been at home, to

go there and do that gave us a lot of confidence and positivity."

"Then there was the win in St Vincent at the (2024) T20 World Cup, which helped us qualify for the semi-final. That was such a tight, historic game, and it gave us great belief. This group I'm currently working with is not shy about achieving new things or breaking new ground," he added.

"Whenever there's something that hasn't been done before, like a big obstacle or a big challenge,

Irfan Pathan, Debasish Mohanty announced as brand ambassadors of Odisha Pro T20 League

CUTTACK (ODISHA) [INDIA] : The Odisha Pro T20 League, organised by the Odisha Cricket Association, proudly announces two icons of Indian cricket, Irfan Pathan and Debasish Mohanty, as its official brand ambassadors for the inaugural season. This strategic move marks a significant milestone for the league as it seeks to inspire a new generation of cricketing talent and bring greater visibility to the sport in the Odisha region.

Irfan Pathan, a premier fast bowler and one of India's most celebrated cricketers, brings a wealth of international experience and deep regional roots to the league and joining him is Debasish Mohanty, a trailblazer from Odisha for the sport in India. Sanjay Raul, a Former International Cricketer (BCCI Match Referee), will be the match referee for the entirety of the league.

The league will be a single-leg event that will be played from September 17 to September 26, with 2 matches almost every single day. A total of 18 matches will be broadcast live on Star Sports Khel and streamed live on FanCode every day at 2 pm and 7 pm respectively as per the fixtures in both Hindi and English. An exhibition match will be played by the Odisha Women's Cricket Team as well on the final day of the league.

A grand opening ceremony will be held at 5 pm on September 17, right before the league commences at the Barabati Stadium, Cuttack, which will include a performance by Rutaraj Mohanty, Sambalpur Folk Dance, Malkhamb dance, along with a musical performance by Nakash Aziz and a dance performance by Chitragandha Singh. After which, the trophy will be unveiled by the Honourable Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and other dignitaries. The opening ceremony will be followed by the first match of the season between Bhubaneswar Tigers and Cuttack Panthers.

The prize money for the Tournament will be divided into Rs 50,00,000 for the champions and Rs 25,00,000 for the runners-up. The player of the match will be awarded Rs 10,000 each match, and the player of the series will get Rs 1,00,000. The best batsman and bowler of the league will get Rs 50,000 respectively.

The Odisha Pro T20 League, comprising six teams, namely, Cuttack Panthers, Bhubaneswar Tigers, Rourkela Steelers, Puri Titans, Sambalpur Warriors and Keonjhar Miners, aims to showcase local talent, create a competitive and professional cricketing environment, and engage communities across the region.

This was all announced in the Press Meet held today at the Odisha Cricket Association Office, Barabati Stadium, Cuttack. Sanjay Behera, Secretary, OCA, addressed the press meet in the presence of Bikash Pradhan, Treasurer, OCA, Subrat Kumar Behera, CEO, OCA and Salman Khan, Head of Operations, Arivaa Sports.

