

Nabanna Orders Action Over Neglected Sabuj Sathi Cycles

Large number of bicycles under the state government's flagship Sabuj Sathi project are lying under the open sky, many still undistributed. Left exposed to rain, they risk damage and decay. The situation has prompted urgent intervention from Nabanna, which has issued clear directives to all District Magistrates to immediately move the cycles to safer storage facilities. According to sources, district administrations have been asked not only to ensure secure storage but also to submit reports on why such negligence has occurred. The Backward Classes Welfare Department secretary has been instructed to provide a detailed explanation by the 20th of this month. PG 3



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Mamata greets people on Vishwakarma puja, declares govt holiday



MI News Service, Kolkata : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday extended heartfelt greetings to the people of the state on the occasion of Vishwakarma Puja, a festival that honours the skills and hard work of workers across various sectors. The Chief minister in her message also said that the state government has announced a state holiday on this occasion, especially to honour the migrant labourers. "Wish everyone heartfelt greetings on Vishwakarma Puja. This time, to honour the migrant workers, we have declared a

state government holiday on Vishwakarma Puja," Mamata Banerjee posted on X. Lord Vishwakarma is the engineer-architect god of the Hindu pantheon. She has urged migrant labourers to come back and announced a monthly grant of Rs 5,000 for each of them on returning to the state for a period of 12 months or till they get a job. At a public distribution programme held in Jalpaiguri last week, Chief minister Mamata Banerjee stated that around 24,000 migrant families have already returned to the state since she had announced her government's rehabilitation projects. Meanwhile, Trinamool Congress All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee, MP extended Birthday Greetings to Prime minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. In a message through his X handle the TMC Lok Sabha member from Dimonf Haebourtoday said in both Bengali and English " Greetings to Hon'ble PM Shri @narendramodi Ji on his birthday."

GST reforms to inject Rs 2 lakh crore into economy, says Nirmala Sitharaman

MI News Service, Visakhapatnam : Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said the next generation GST reforms will infuse as much as Rs 2 lakh crore into the economy, leaving people with more cash in hand that otherwise would have gone as taxes. Addressing the Outreach and Interaction Programme on Next Gen GST Reforms, she said, following the tax reforms, 99 per cent of goods under the 12 per cent GST slab have now been moved to five per cent. The new rates has also resulted in 90 per cent items under 28 per cent tax slab slipping into the 18 per cent bracket. "With this New Gen Tax regime, with only two slabs (5 per cent and 18 per cent), Rs 2 lakh crore is injected into the economy. People will have cash on hand," she said. She said several companies, including some FMCG giants, are voluntarily coming forward to give rate cuts and pass on the benefit to consumers even before September 22, the implementation date for the new GST regime. The Finance minister said the GST revenues grew to Rs 22.08 lakh

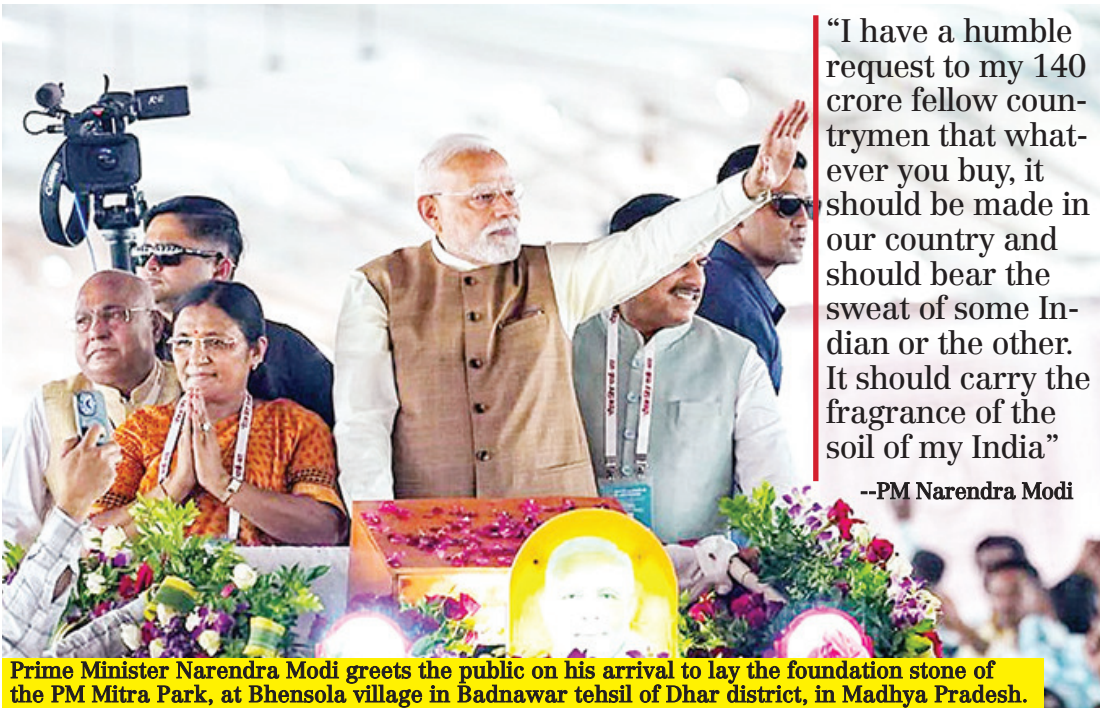
crore in 2025 from Rs 7.19 lakh crore in 2018 when it was introduced. According to her, the taxpayer's number grew to 1.51 crore from the earlier 65 lakh. Sitharaman said before undertaking the rate rejig, the NDA government kept five filters – reduction of rate for poor and middle class, fulfilling aspirations of middle class, benefiting farmers community, pro-MSME and sectors that are useful for the country in creating jobs and export potential. She said the GST Council is a prime example of cooperative federalism, noting it is the only constitutional body created since independence. Flaying the previous UPA regime, she described the earlier tax structures as "tax terrorism" and said a lot of exercise went into the implementation of GST as part of one nation-one tax. "The UPA government went for 10 years. You could not come with GST. You could not convince the states about GST... I could have given a harsh political reply. But not today," she said. The restricted GST rate slabs will

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PM says “Our soldiers brought Pakistan to its knees in a blink”

MI News Service, Dhar (MP) : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said Indian soldiers had brought Pakistan to its knees “in the blink of an eye” during Operation Sindoor. He was addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone for the Pradhan Mantri Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh. Modi also launched the ‘Swasth Nari Sashakti Parivar’ and the ‘8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah’ campaigns, aimed at enhancing women’s health services and promoting nutrition. The visit marked Modi’s second trip to the state on his birthday. On this day in 2022, he released eight cheetahs , brought from Namibia, in the Kuno National Park.

Making a strong pitch for swadeshi goods, PM Modi said, “This is the season of festivals, and we must remember the mantra of Swadeshi and incorporate it into our lives.” “I have a humble request to my 140 crore fellow countrymen that whatever you buy, it should be made in our country and should bear the sweat of some Indian or the other. It should carry the fragrance of the soil of my India,” the Prime minister said. The Prime Minister sharpened his attack on Pakistan, reiterating India’s commitment to national security and re-



calling the military action against terror camps across the border and spoke of the bravery of Indian soldiers during Operation Sindoor. “The security of Mother India is the nation’s highest priority. Terrorists who came from Pakistan attempted to tarnish the dignity of our

daughters and sisters. Responding through Operation Sindoor, we destroyed the terror launch pads,” PM Modi said. “Our brave soldiers brought Pakistan to its knees in the blink of an eye,” he said. “Just yesterday, the nation and the world witnessed another Pakistani terror-

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ist tearfully narrate his ordeal. This is a new India. It fears no one’s nuclear threats... Ghar mein ghus ke maarta hai (it enters the enemy’s house and strikes),” PM Modi added. The Prime Minister, however, did not directly name the terrorist organisation as his remarks came

only a day after a senior Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) commander, in a rare admission, conceded that Indian forces had devastated the family of terror mastermind Masood Azhar during the Bahawalpur strikes under Operation Sindoor. The Prime minister said that on September 17, 1948, the nation witnessed the iron will of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. “Indian army liberated Hyderabad from oppression, safeguarded the rights of its people, and reinstated the pride of India,” he said.

“We have now begun to observe this day as Hyderabad Liberation Day. Today, a grand celebration is being held in Hyderabad to commemorate the occasion,” PM Modi said. At the programme in Dhar district, PM Modi also accepted greetings from the crowd on his 75th birthday. He said the May 7 strikes under Operation Sindoor were jointly executed by the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force in retaliation to the April 22 terror attack in Pahal-gam, Jammu and Kashmir, which left 26 civilians, mostly tourists, dead. In a coordinated overnight of-fensive, Indian forces targeted nine terrorist facilities, hitting key terror hubs of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Hizbul Mujahideen in Bahawalpur, Kotli and Muridke.

President Murmu, Donald Trump, Vaishno Devi pilgrimage in others greet PM Modi as he turns 75 J-K resumes after 3-weeks

MI News Service, New Delhi: President Draupadi Murmu and US President Donald Trump are among the top leaders who greeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi as he turned 75 on Wednesday. In order to celebrate the Prime minister’s birthday in a befitting manner a host of programmes called “Sewa Pakhwada” lauding his leadership, have been organised by the BJP over the next fortnight in honour of its pre-eminent leader. The BJP-run governments at the Centre and states have lined up an array of outreach, welfare, development and awareness programmes, ranging from health camps to cleanliness drive, get-togethers of intellectuals and fairs to promote indigenous products across the country till October 2.

However, PM Modi himself is

travelling to Dhar in Madhya Pradesh today to kick off a nationwide campaign focusing on the health and nutrition of women and children. On his arrival there in the morning the Prime minister launched a slew of development programmes, including one with focus on tribal population, and address a public meeting. President Droupadi Murmu greeted PM Modi, who was born in a poor family in Gujarat’s Vadnagar, and praised him for instilling a culture of setting and achieving great goals in the country. “Today, the global community is also expressing its faith in your guidance,” Murmu said in her birthday greetings to the PM. “Heartfelt birthday greetings and best wishes to the Prime Minister of India, Shri @narendramodi ji. By exemplifying

the pinnacle of hard work through your extraordinary leadership, you have instilled a culture of achieving great goals in the country,” she said. Thanking her, Modi said his government will remain dedicated to building a strong, capable and self-reliant India with the help of its over 140 crore citizens, and described her vision and ideas as inspirational. In a similar message on Tuesday US President Donald Trump said he had a “wonderful” phone call with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during which he extended birthday greetings to his “friend” and thanked the Indian leader for his support on ending the Russia-Ukraine war. The call, which came a day before Modi turned 75, is being seen as a

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MI News Service, Jammu : Amid chants of ‘Jai Mata Di’, the pilgrimage to Mata Vaishno Devi shrine atop Trikuta hills resumed in Jammu and Kashmir’s Reasi district on Wednesday, after a suspension of 22 days due to a devastating landslide that claimed 34 lives and injured 20. The Shrine Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board (SMV DSB) announced the re-opening of the yatra subject to favourable weather conditions from this morning, bringing cheers on the faces of many devotees who were camping in Katra town -- the base camp for the pilgrims visit-

ing the shrine, for the past several days.. Hundreds of pilgrims gathered at Banganga Darshani gate, the starting point of the yatra, in the early hours of Wednesday, expressing immense happiness and relief on the commencement of the pilgrimage. Shrine board officials said the yatra began at 6 a.m. this morning from both the routes leading to the hilltop shrine after a temporary suspension necessitated by inclement weather conditions and essential maintenance of the track leading to the

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US President Donald Trump begins historic second State visit of the UK

MI News Service, Washington (DC) / London : US President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump arrived in London on Tuesday evening for a historic second State Visit to the UK at the invitation of King Charles III, who has laid out a royal reception at Windsor Castle. The Trumps were greeted by US Ambassador to the UK Warren Stephens and Viscount Henry Hood, the King’s Lord-in-Waiting, as Air Force One landed at Stansted Airport. “They’re friends of mine for a long time, long before he was King, and it’s an honour to have him as King. I think he represents the country so well, I’ve watched, he’s such an elegant gentleman,” said Trump, who pointed out that it was the first instance of an American President being “honoured twice” with a State Visit to the UK. President Donald Trump has arrived in the UK for his historic second state visit, which will see a crowded mix of royal pageantry, trade talks and international politics.

Before making the trip from the US on Air Force One, Trump

sent positive signals, describing the visit as an honour and saying: “My relationship is very good with the UK.” “They want to see if they can refine the trade deal a little bit... I’m into helping them,” said Trump, with a multi-billion US technology investment deal being announced as the president’s visit got under way.

But Trump said the main purpose of the visit was to see “my friend” King Charles: “He represents the country so well, such an elegant gentleman.” Landing at Stansted airport, President Trump received an official welcome from a line-up on the runway including Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper. The president is spending the night in the US ambassador’s residence, Winfield House, before a day of royal ceremony and lavish spectacle in Windsor Castle on Wednesday - with the President describing Windsor as “the ultimate” in settings. Hosting him will be King Charles and a full line-up of senior royals, currently including Queen Camilla, who had to miss the Duchess of Kent’s funeral



on Tuesday because she was suffering from acute sinusitis. Prince William and Catherine will be part of a ceremonial welcome, there will be a gun salute, military inspection and President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump will have a carriage procession within the Windsor estate. Such spectacles will be aimed

at pleasing a President who on Tuesday evening at Winfield House once again revealed his enthusiasm for royalty, saying about the King: “He’s been a friend of mine for a long time, and everybody respects him, and they love him.” On his feelings about the UK, President Trump said: “I have a lot of things here that warm my heart. I

want to tell you. It’s a very special place.” A key message from the UK government will be to encourage the United States to maintain its commitment to NATO and to support Ukraine and there will be a much bigger than usual military line-up for the state visit. There will be 1,300 service men and women, from the Army, Royal Navy and RAF taking part in the welcome, creating the largest ever guard of honour for a state visit to the UK. A joint US and UK flypast by F-35 jets and the Red Arrows will fly over Windsor, watched by the British Prime minister Sir Keir Starmer alongside the President, in a display showing the closeness of the military relationship.

The centrepiece of the state visit will be the spectacular banquet in St George’s Hall, where King Charles and President Trump will make speeches, with guests enjoying a menu that’s likely to be a culinary representation of the special relationship, with UK and

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Mobile phone trader robbed of ₹1.25 lakh two injured

MI News Service, Shantipur: A mobile phone trader was allegedly assaulted and robbed of ₹1.25 lakh late on Tuesday night while returning home after closing his shop in Shantipur. The incident has triggered panic among the local business community ahead of the festive season.

Police said the trader, a resident of Naya Hat area, was riding home on his bike with a friend when the attack took place near the health care centre at Shyambazar. A car carrying three miscreants intercepted them, dragged them off the vehicle and assaulted both. The assailants then fled with a bag containing cash.

Both the trader and his friend sustained serious injuries and were rushed to a local hospital. On Wednesday, the trader lodged a written complaint with Shantipur police station.

"We have received a complaint regarding the robbery. CCTV footage from the locality is being examined and raids are being conducted to identify the culprits," said a senior officer of Shantipur police station.

Traders in the town expressed concern over the attack, saying such incidents raise serious questions about safety during the run-up to Durga Puja when large sums of money are usually transacted.

School meeting turns ugly: tension erupts over teacher's behavior

MI News Service, West Midnapur: Basudebpr Vidyasagar Vidyapeeth in Daspur block I on Tuesday after serious allegation of indecent behavior were leveled against a teacher, triggering a heated confrontation that spiraled into hours of unrest within the school premises.

The controversy erupted after several students alleged that teacher Prafulla Kumar Adak has repeatedly language towards them. Acting on written complaint submitted by parents, the school authorities convened a meeting to address the issue. However, the gathering quickly turned chaotic as section of parents and students clashed over the allegations. School Management Committee president Kajal Samanta state, "This is not the first time such allegations have surfaced. The teacher has no multiple occasions used foul language towards students. Today's meeting was convened following a formal complaint, but instead of clarification, the situation escalated." In his defense, the accused teacher denied the allegations, claiming, "I never used incident language. At most, I raised my voice. But in today's meeting, I raised my voice. But in today's meeting, I was insulted and provoked. That is why students and parents came forward in my support."

The situation worsened as the meeting degenerated into verbal altercations that lasted nearly four hours, prompting fears of violence. Finally, officers from Daspur police station intervened late in the evening and brought the situation under control. Headmaster Tara Shankar Das Bairagi confirmed the incident, while police officials assured that the matter is under investigation. The episode left the local community deeply disturbed, with parents and residents expressing shock that such turbulence could unfold inside an institution meant to safeguard and educate children.

21-year-old drowns in Malda floodwaters

MI News Service, Malda: A 21-year-old student lost his life after being swept away by surging floodwaters of the Ganga in Malda's Bhutni block, exposing the vulnerability of residents in flood-hit regions where locals allege the absence of disaster response forces.

The deceased has been identified as Roz Sheikh, a resident of Jubaliditola under Bhutni police station limits. According to local sources, Roz was returning home on his bicycle after meeting friends when floodwaters breached the embankment road. Overpowered by the strong current, he was swept away before he could be rescued. On noticing the incident, villagers launched an extensive search operation. After prolonged efforts, Roz was pulled out of the water and rushed to Manikchak Rural Hospital, where attending doctors declared him dead. The tragedy has triggered outrage in the flood-ravaged locality. Residents allege that despite recurring incidents of drowning and loss of lives, no disaster response team has been deployed in the area.



State Power Minister Aroop Biswas performed Vishwakarma Puja along with officers and staff of the Power Department in attendance, at Bidyut Bhavan on Wednesday.

12 people injured in accident after Gangasagar bound bus with pilgrims hits a parked truck

MI News Service, Hooghly: At least 12 people were injured, majority of them critically, when a chartered maxi-bus carrying pilgrims to Gangasagar Island slammed a stationary truck on Delhi-Kolkata National Highway No 19 at Gurap in the Hooghly district in the early hours on Wednesday.

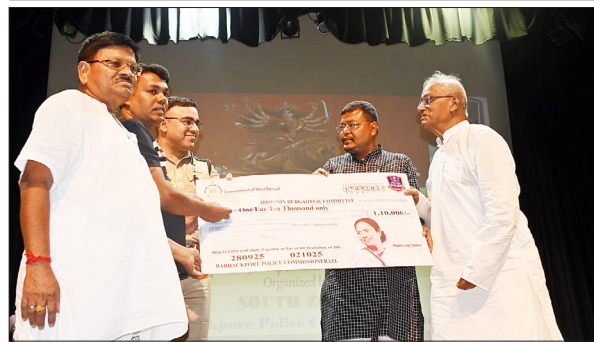
The bus, which was from Deogarh in Jharkhand on a char-dham pilgrimage tour, was heading for Gangasagar in South 24 Parganas with around 56 people on board, lost control and hit the rear of the parked truck at Gurap at dusk, police said.

Police said about 12, who suffered critical wounds, have

been taken to the Bardhaman Medical College and Hospital. The remaining passengers of the bus were taken to a local community hall and provided necessary medicines, food and drinking water by the local people as well as the district police. The arrangements were also being made by the local administration to evacuate them to their destination.

The front portion of the bus was damaged heavily by the impact of the accident.

Police said the driver probably fell sleepy and lost control over the steering as the bus left Deogarh last night on the way to Gangasagar Island.



Dumdum MP Professor Saugata Roy, Barrackpore Police Commissioner Murali Dhar, Uttar Dumdum Municipality Mayor Bidhan Biswas, and other dignitaries handed over a cheque of Rs.10 lakh to Mamata Banerjee's puja committees during the Shradh Arghya ceremony, at Kamarhati Nazrul Mancha, on Wednesday.

Chinese thread strikes again: Ex-Army jawan killed on way to airport

MI News Service, Barrackpore: A day of festivity turned into tragedy in Barrackpore on Tuesday when an ex-army jawan lost his life after his throat was slit by a Chinese man (kite string) while riding to work on his motorcycle. The incident occurred on the Kalyani Expressway near Khardah, coinciding with Vishwakarma Puja, a day traditionally marked by kite flying.

The deceased has been identified as Gautam Ghosh, a former military policeman who had been posted at Fort William. At the time of his death, he was employed as a security guard at Dumdum Airport. According to eyewitnesses, Gautam Ghosh was on his way to the airport when the fatal accident occurred. The razor-sharp nylon string, coated with glass dust, struck his neck as he drove past. Locals rushed him to Bandipur Hospital in Khardah, but doctors declared him dead on arrival, citing excessive blood

loss as the cause. Confirming the incident, Kiranmoy Ghosh, Chief Security Supervisor of Dumdum Airport, said: "He was riding from home to duty when his throat was slit by a Chinese kite thread. Despite being rushed to hospital, he could not be saved. This illegal kite thread must be stopped. It has already claimed many lives." Police sources pointed out that despite repeated awareness campaigns and bans on the sale of Chinese nylon strings, their use continues unchecked during festive kite-flying seasons. The tragedy has once again raised serious questions about the enforcement of existing restrictions. Local residents expressed anger, recalling that similar incidents in the past had failed to trigger decisive administrative action. As the family of Gautam Ghosh grapples with the shocking loss, calls are growing louder for a complete crackdown on the sale and use of Chinese thread in the state.

Student's dismembered body recovered after 20 days

MI News Service, Birbhum: In a chilling incident that has sent shockwaves across Birbhum district, police late night recovered the decomposed and dismembered body of a seventh-grade student, nearly 20 days after she was report missing. The girl's school physics teacher, identified as Manoj Kumar Pal, has been arrested on charges of abduction and murder.

According to police and family sources, the 13-year-old girl had left home on August 28 for tuition classes but never returned. A missing complaint was lodged at Rampurhat police station the same day. Investigations later

revealed that the teacher had allegedly abducted her. Following Manoj Kumar Pal's arrest, police recovered the victim's body from a wetland near Kalidanga village under Rampurhat police station limits. Officials said the body was cut into pieces and dumped in water, making identification and forensic examination extremely difficult. Superintendent of police confirmed that no sexual assault charges have been filed at this stage, but investigators are probing whether the victim suffered abuse before her murder. "Since the remains were severely decomposed, the investigation faces significant challenges.



A man performing rituals for a rickshaw as a part of Vishwakarma Puja in Kolkata on Wednesday

BOI-PUJO turns into a mass movement

MI News Service, Kolkata: In an age when screens dominate our attention and libraries gather dust, one man has dared to dream differently. Pintu Pohan, with a vision as bold as it is simple, has been weaving a new story—where books are not just read, but celebrated, worshipped, and lived.

The statistics are grim. Readers are disappearing, magazines are shutting down, publishing houses are gasping for breath. Even the neighborhood libraries—once the pride of Bengal's cultural landscape—are now silent, their shelves groaning under the weight of neglected books. But instead of lamenting this decline, Pintu Pohan chose to fight it. Not with lectures or campaigns, but with living, breathing festivals of literature.

THE BELL THAT RANG... It all started in October 2023. The movement began at Behala's Madanmohan Tala. For 72 hours straight, book lovers gathered—not for a fair, not for commerce, but for Boipujo. They read aloud, they listened, they celebrated the written word. It was a symbolic yet deeply spiritual act: to honor books as sacred companions in our lives.

WELCOMING BOOKS VIA 'BOI-BORON' When the rest of the world rang in 2024 with firecrackers and parties, Pintu Pohan and his companions welcomed the New Year with books. Boiboron was born—a midnight celebration where readers stepped into the next chapter of time with literature in their hands and minds wide open.

'SRASTABORON' WELCOMES THE CREATOR Books, Pintu realized, cannot exist without creators. In Febru-

ary 2024, at Natun Para Kalabhavan, the movement extended its embrace to the authors—the storytellers, the poets, the thinkers. Srastaboron honored not just books, but the spirits who bring them into being.

A NEW CALENDAR When 1st Baisakh 1431 arrived, Pintu Pohan and his fellow readers declared it "The Book New Year." No rituals, no commerce—just books, a grand procession, and a promise to spread their fragrance into everyday lives. The chain continued through 2024 and 2025, with Boipujo and Boiboron turning into annual traditions.

EVOLUTION OF 'LIVING LIBRARY' Here comes perhaps the Pintu Pohan's most radical step yet. On September 20 and 21, 2025, Behala Chowrasta will transform into a Living Library. Rows of books will line the streets—free for anyone to pick, read, and love. But beyond paper and ink, there will also be living books—people sharing their stories, their lives, their wisdom. It is an attempt not just to connect readers with books, but to connect humans with humans in a time when loneliness and machines have pulled us apart.

A VISION BEYOND MOVEMENT Pintu Pohan's movement is not about nostalgia. It is about survival—of culture, of knowledge, of human connection. It insists that books are not relics, but living companions. That reading is not a hobby, but a way of resisting alienation.

As the president of 'We, the Book Lovers', Rupak Ganguly, and secretary Ajay Pal stand by his side. He carries forward a torch that Bengal has long been proud of: the torch of literature as community.

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BENGAL movie technicians to get pay hike

MI News Service, Kolkata: Film industry technicians in Bengal are on course to get a 30 per cent hike in wages. Swarup Biswas, the powerful chairman of the Federation of Cine Technicians and Workers of Eastern India, has already clinched the deal for the technicians in the television industry. Next is the turn of film producers in Bengal.

The annual general meeting of the Eastern India Motion Pictures Association, which includes producers, distributors and exhibitors, is scheduled for Friday 19 September, after which a decision is likely to be announced.

"The deal is done," Biswas told. He did not clarify whether the deal included both films and television.

Around 7 per cent of the hike will go as "donation" to the federation for a Technicians' Bhawan, multiple sources in the know told.

Some of the 26 guilds – of which all technicians are members – have refused to part with the donation, it is reliably learnt, but fear of the federation hangs so heavy on the industry that some of them even denied the hike.

"I have not received any such notification," said Swapnan Mazumdar, president of the Eastern India Cinematographers' Association.

Producer Saibal Banerjee, who has produced and directed a number of TV series, confirmed the 30 per cent hike in wages.

"It has not been implemented yet though the agreement was signed two to three months ago. We have not been informed when the new wages will come into effect," he said.

Sources in EIMPA said they have heard of the impending hike though officially it is yet to be tabled, discussed and passed. Not many in the approximately 600-member body are likely to raise any objections when it eventually makes it to the talks table.

"The wage hike would be accepted. Problem is not so much with the hikes, but the manner in which it is being decided. We have heard that part of the wages would have to be deposited for the Technicians' Bhawan. Why should the producers pay for it?" asked a producer, requesting anonymity.

When asked about the proposed Technicians' Bhawan, Swarup Biswas replied: "Je bolechhe aapna ke takei jigyes korun [Ask whoever has told you]."

Swarup Biswas, along with his elder brother and state minister Aroop Biswas, has been calling the shots in the Bengali film and television industry since the Trinamool came to

Allegations Surface, Minister's Son Named in Rape Case

MI News Service, East Midnapur: The uproar surrounding the rape of a ward girl at Panskura Super Specialty Hospital is intensifying, with political allegations now adding fuel to the already volatile situation. The accused has been arrested and remanded to eight days of police custody by the Tamluk court. On Tuesday evening, representatives of the Joint Platform of doctors and Tilottama Mancha visited the hospital, where they interacted with temporary staff members and held a protest rally.

The delegation assured the workers of legal assistance and voiced strong condemnation of the incident. In dramatic escalation, delegation member Pavitra Goswami alleged that the accused had grown "arrogant and emboldened" under the protection of Bodhisattva Mohaptra, son for former state minister Soumen Mohaptra Pavitra Goswami claimed, Such incidents have been happening repeatedly because of his Such incidents have been happening repeatedly because of his backing." Responding swiftly, former minister Soumen Mohaptra convened a press conference to refute the charges. He defended his son, stating, "My son was BMOH of the Block Primary Health Center, not of Panskura Super Specialty Hospital. Those making allegations do not even know the difference."

Soumen Mohaptra further asserted that his son was being deliberately targeted, pointing out that similar attempts had been made to implicate him in past cases. "If they can prove my son's involvement, I am ready to accept punishment. If not, I will fight this battle legally," he warned. Meanwhile, the rape allegations have sparked outrage across Panskura, with civil society groups demanding swift justice for the victim and accountability from those in positions of power. Police investigations are underway, even as the political blame game intensifies.

Migrants trapped in Tamil Nadu, scheme in question

MI News Service, Mursidabad: Fresh controversy has erupted over the state government's much-publicised Shramashree project, as a group of migrant workers from Murshidabad alleged that they have been left stranded in Tamil Nadu without food, money, or tickets to return home. The workers, hailing from Bhagangola, Lalgola, Nabagram and other areas of Murshidabad, claimed they were brutally assaulted soon after reaching Tamil Nadu for work. Robbed of their belongings and left injured, many had to undergo treatment in hospital. Now, they say, they are desperate to return to Bengal but have received little to no assistance from either local authorities or their political representatives.

One of the stranded workers, Mustafizur Rahman, voiced his frustration: "No one is helping us. We have been beaten up, our money is gone. The DM said no tickets would be issued, we must buy them ourselves. If we had money, we wouldn't be begging. We don't even have money for food. MP Samirul Islam called us once, but now he doesn't even pick up the phone." The workers alleged that despite promises under the Shramashree scheme to cover train fare for stranded migrants, their Aadhaar details were collected but no tickets were issued. However, Murshidabad District Magistrate Rajarshi Mitra dismissed the allegations, saying: "No such application for ticketing has been received. Neither have we refused to help. The Shramashree scheme has clear guidelines. Some misinformation appears to be spreading." Rajya Sabha MP Samirul Islam also denied neglect, clarifying: "The process requires formal application with documents under Shramashree. That was not done in this case." The deadlock has left the workers trapped in a hostile environment far from home, caught between official denials and their own desperate reality. With Puja season approaching, their plight has thrown uncomfortable questions at the state's flagship welfare project meant to protect migrant labourers.

Abhishek Banerjee greets PM Modi on his birthday



MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal ruling Trinamool Congress national generalSecretary Abhishek Banerjee on Wednesday greeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 75th birthday “Greetings to Hon’ble PM Shri @narendramodi Ji on his birthday,” a one liner message of the Diamond Harbour MP said. Prime Minister Narendra Damodardas Modi turned 75, a milestone celebrated with the launch of several welfare programmes and new schemes in Madhya Pradesh. PM Modi inaugurated the PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Park in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh. He was welcomed with traditional handicrafts and cultural gifts. He received greetings from world leaders, including the US and Russia,as well as from Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama.

As prt of the celebrations, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) launched a special ‘Seva Pakhwada’, featuring blood donation camps and other Welfare activities across BJP-ruled states, including Delhi.

Vaishno Devi pilgrimage in J-K resumes after 3-weeks

From PG 1 shrine. Pilgrims are advised to carry valid identification, follow designated pathways and cooperate with on-ground staff, the officials said, adding Radio Frequency Identity Card (RFID)-based tracking remains mandatory for transparency and traceability. The shrine board expressed its gratitude to all devotees for their patience and understanding during the temporary suspension. “The resumption of the Yatra marks a reaffirmation of our collective faith and resilience, and the board remains committed to up-holding the sanctity, safety and dignity of this revered pilgrimage,” an official said. “We are extremely happy that the yatra has resumed. We reached the base camp from Pune two days ago and it was a difficult wait, but we were sure that we are going to have a ‘darshan’ before returning to our hometown,” said a woman pilgrim, part of a group from Maharashtra. The pilgrims termed the resumption of the yatra as a very special day and said, “visiting the shrine is a blessing, and we thank the officials for making this possible so quickly.” With the path now declared safe, the pilgrimage is expected to see a large number of devotees in the coming days, especially during the upcoming Navratri scheduled to start from September 22 till October 1.

GST reforms to inject Rs 2 lakh crore into economy, says Nirmala Sitharaman

From PG 1 come into effect from September 22. The GST council has reduced rate slabs from four (5, 12, 18 and 28) to just two (5 and 18 per cent). On September 3, the GST Council, chaired by Sitharaman, in its 56th meeting slashed rates on several items ranging from daily-use products like shampoo and hair oil to automobiles and televisions. The council also simplified the structure to three slabs — 5%, 18% and 40%. HT milk, paneer, khakhra, pizza bread, roti and parathas have been exempted from GST altogether. Butter, ghee, cheese, condensed milk, jams, sauces, soups, pasta, namkeens and confectionery items will now be taxed at just 5%, down from 12-18%. Dry fruits such as almonds, cashews, pistachios, dates,



Joint Commissioner of Police (Headquarters) in Kolkata Police, Meeraj Khalid with other officers inspected the Durga Puja pandals to ensure that all work is being done according to the rules, at Mudiali in Kolkata on Wednesday.

State Govt Announces Early Salary, Pension and Grant Disbursement Ahead of Durga Puja

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a festive gesture ahead of Durga Puja, the West Bengal government has announced good news for state employees, pensioners, and beneficiaries of social welfare schemes. Following the Centre’s decision, Nabanna has declared that salaries, wages, and honorariums will be disbursed before the Puja holidays, while pensions and welfare grants will also reach beneficiaries on time. According to an official notification, state government employees will receive their salaries, wages, and honorariums on September 24 and 25. Pensioners will get their dues from October 1. On the same day, funds under key social schemes such as Lakshmir Bhandar and Jai Bangla will also be credited to the accounts of beneficiaries. The announcement comes just a day after the Central Government in-

formed that employees of central establishments in West Bengal would receive their September salaries in advance, on September 26, instead of the usual end-of-month schedule. The Centre said the move was aimed at easing financial pressure during the extended festive break and ensuring employees could celebrate without constraints. Within 24 hours, the state government followed suit, taking a similar decision for its workforce and welfare recipients. Senior officials noted that this early disbursement is intended to bring relief to families ahead of the biggest festival of Bengal. “Employees and pensioners will find it easier to manage household expenses and festive shopping. From new clothes to daily needs, the advance payment will help everyone prepare for the celebrations smoothly,” an offi-

cial source said. The decision also covers welfare beneficiaries. Schemes like Lakshmir Bhandar and Jai Bangla provide crucial financial support to lakhs of families across the state. Receiving the funds before the Puja will allow them to participate in the festivities without financial hardship. Nabanna insiders indicated that the move was primarily aimed at ensuring that no section of the population faces monetary stress during the festive season. By advancing salaries, pensions, and grants, the government hopes to spread the cheer of Durga Puja more widely, allowing employees, retirees, and welfare recipients alike to join the celebrations with ease. With this step, both the Centre and the State have aligned their policies to put people first, marking the festive season with financial assurance and goodwill.

State Tightens Vigil for Second Phase of Banglar Bari Scheme

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has laid down stricter guidelines for the second phase of the Banglar Bari housing scheme, introducing a six-tier monitoring system to ensure that only genuine beneficiaries receive the benefits. Nabanna has made it clear that grievances regarding the beneficiary list can be raised not only at the district and block levels but also directly to the Chief Minister. As per the new framework, social audit teams will be formed to independently verify names on the beneficiary list. These teams will select names randomly and conduct field checks. In addition, a mobile application will be used for cross-verification. Police station officers-in-charge (O-Cs and ICs) and state-level monitoring committees will also carry out random checks.

Mandatory quotas have been set for officials: Block Development Officers (BDOs) and Joint BDOs must verify 15 percent of names, Sub-Divisional Officers (SDOs) five percent, and district officials two percent. Any complaint raised must be resolved within five working days.

To strengthen transparency, complaint boxes will also be placed at the offices of District Magistrates, BDOs, and SDOs, where citizens can lodge objections. Nabanna has already issued detailed guidelines to districts, making six-layer verification mandatory before finalizing the list. The state has set clear deadlines. By October 10, the re-evaluation of beneficiary lists must be completed. Between October 15 and November 3, field inspections will be carried out to confirm eligibility. Draft beneficiary lists for the second phase must be displayed at gram panchayat, block, and district offices by November 3, remaining open to the public until November 10 for objections. Grama Sabhas will then review and approve the names, with the lists to be submitted to BDO offices by November 17. The BDOs will finalize names at their level by November 21, followed by district-level scrutiny.

Nabanna Orders Action Over Neglected Sabuj Sathi Cycles



MI News Service, Kolkata: Large numbers of bicycles under the state government’s flagship Sabuj Sathi project are lying under the open sky, many still undistributed. Left exposed to rain, they risk damage and decay. The situation has prompted urgent intervention from Nabanna, which has issued clear directives to all District Magistrates to immediately move the cycles to safer storage facilities.

According to sources, district administrations have been asked not only to ensure secure storage but also to submit reports on why such negligence has occurred. The Backward Classes Welfare Department Secretary has been instructed to provide a detailed explanation by the 20th of this month. Officials said that the cycles are primarily meant to be stored at DM of-

fices or designated facilities, but the recent visuals of bicycles lying uncared for during monsoon have sparked administrative concern. The Sabuj Sathi scheme, launched nearly a decade ago, was designed to support students in rural and semi-urban areas by providing free bicycles. The initiative ensures that travel to school does not become a barrier for education, particularly for students in Classes IX and XII of government and government-aided schools. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee herself has often highlighted the scheme as one of the state’s most successful welfare models. In a social media post at the end of August, she noted that since its inception in 2015-16, the project has distributed over 1.38 crore bicycles across ten phases, at an expenditure of nearly ₹4,730 crore.

Pandals Under Police Safety Watch Ahead of Durga Puja

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata is already abuzz with the spirit of Durga Puja, the city glowing in festive lights ahead of Mahalaya. As pandals prepare to welcome visitors, police have stepped in to ensure strict adherence to safety protocols. A team led by Joint Commissioner of Police (Headquarters) Meeraj Khalid recently inspected several pandals across the city, checking preparations and issuing clear safety guidelines, with fire safety as the top priority. Inspections continued on Wednesday, while Police Commissioner Manoj Verma may personally conduct

field visits on Friday. Lalbazar authorities directed committees to carry out mandatory fireproof treatment, provide sloping ramps at entry and exit points, keep pathways clear, and maintain pandal heights as per norms. Police also emphasized proper ventilation, crowd management, and adequate lighting inside and outside pandals to prevent hazards. So far, 2,700 Puja committees have registered with police, with 2,000 already cleared. Applications remain open until September 24, and officials expect the number to rise further.

CCC 2025 in Kolkata Charts Future Roadmap for Armed Forces



MI News Service, Kolkata: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh joined the top military leadership in Kolkata for the Combined Commanders’ Conference (CCC) 2025, held from September 15 to 17. The three-day conference, the apex forum of the Armed Forces, set the stage for high-level deliberations on future preparedness, reforms and national security priorities. This year’s theme, “Year of Reforms – Transforming for the Future”, reflected a forward-looking agenda to equip the forces for emerging challenges. Both the Prime Minister and the Defence Minister praised the Armed Forces’ commitment and stressed the need for continuous reforms, innovation, and technological self-reliance through indigenous defence manufacturing. The conference opened with a

demonstration by the Joint Operations Command Centre, followed by an Air Defence display showcasing advanced surveillance, missile defence and counter-drone capabilities. Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan presented a review of reforms implemented in the past two years, highlighting progress in jointness and capability development. Addressing the commanders, the Prime Minister emphasised jointness, innovation and Aatmanirbharta as the pillars of operational readiness. Defence Minister Singh led a crucial session assessing preparedness, capability development and the impact of global and regional shifts on India’s security environment. He urged agility, resilience and foresight in defence planning. Day Two focused on information warfare.

President Murmu, Donald Trump, others greet PM Modi as he turns 75

From PG 1 significant gesture as part of the US’ efforts to reset ties with India amid strain over tariff issues. “Just had a wonderful phone call with my friend, Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I wished him a very Happy Birthday! He is doing a tremendous job. Narendra: Thank you for your support on ending the War between Russia and Ukraine! President DJT,” Trump posted on Truth Social, signing off with his initials to underline the personal tone of the message. The newly elected Vice President C P Radhakrishnan said “India is making a mark on the global stage and moving steadily towards the goal of a developed nation under PM Modi’s visionary leadership”. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in his greetings said PM Modi’s “unparalleled dedication and commitment to the country is an inspiration to every Indian”.

BJP leaders and members of other parties also extended birthday wishes to the Prime minister, who has led his party to unprecedented geographical expansion and electoral success since 2014. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said PM Modi with his “visionary leadership, dedication to the nation and untiring hardwork has given the country new en-

ergy and shown it a new direction”. He has enhanced India’s capability and respect globally, and his commitment to people’s and the poor’s welfare is exemplary, Singh said. Home Minister Amit Shah in his message said Prime minister Modi has been working tirelessly for people’s welfare for more than five decades, and he is a living inspiration of the ‘nation first’ motto for every citizen. In posts on X, Shah described him as a symbol of sacrifice and dedication, and inspiration for crores of countrymen.

The Home minister said from the RSS to the party and the government, PM Modi’s journey in life shows the possibility of extensive transformations when resolve is as unwavering as the Himalayas and vision is as vast as the ocean. “The entire nation takes pride in PM Modi, who has brought unimaginable changes to the lives of crores of citizens and connected them to the journey of building a developed and self-reliant India,” he said. Shah said that “for the past four decades, he has had the opportunity to observe the PM in various roles -- whether as an RSS Pracharak, the BJP’s organisational General Secretary, Chief minister of Gujarat, or as the country’s Prime minister for the past 11 years”.

US President Donald Trump begins historic second State visit of the UK

From PG 1 US food. Along with the royal pageantry and photo-opportunities, there will be efforts to influence the US President over trade and international co-operation. State visits are a form of soft power diplomacy, using the royal charm offensive to build relations with important international partners - with none more important than the US. As the visit got underway, a major technology deal was announced with US tech firms investing 31 billion Pound in the UK, including 22 billion Pound from Microsoft. This will see co-operation in artificial intelligence, quantum computing and nuclear power, in a tech deal which Keir Starmer hopes will begin “creating highly skilled jobs, putting more money in people’s pockets”. Ahead of the visit, the owner of Google, Alphabet, announced a USD 6.8 billion investment in the UK’s artificial intelligence research. And an agreement is to be signed between the US and UK on accelerating the development of nuclear power. But ambitions to remove the current 25% tariff on UK steel exports to the US seem to have been put on hold - although this remains lower than the 50% tariff facing many other countries.

Meanwhile many anti-Trump protestors have also begun to gather in Windsor - and giant images of Donald Trump and sex offender Jeffrey Epstein have been projected on to the walls of Windsor Castle. Thames Valley Police later said four people had been arrested following an “unauthorised projection at Windsor Castle”, with a statement saying they “take any unauthorised activity around Windsor Castle extremely seriously”.

Name Change
I, Nazma Parvin (Old Name) W/o Anowar Raza Khan Residing at Aguri Band Punisol District-Bankura, Pin - 722101, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nazma Pervin (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 30/2025 Dated 17-09-2025. Nazma Parvin (Old Name) and Nazma Pervin (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anowar Raja Khan (Old Name) S/o Amir Ali Khan Residing at Aguri Band Punisol, District- Bankura, Pin - 722101, West Bengal India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anowar Raza Khan (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit no 31/2025 Dated 17-09-2025. Anowar Raja Khan (Old Name) and Anowar Raza Khan (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Abdul Ohid Ali (Old Name), Son Of Moslem Ali,Residing At Chowmoha Dakshinpara, Mudia, Mudiabat, North24parganas - 700128,West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abdul Ohid (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/09/2025. Abdul Ohid Ali And Abdul Ohid Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Durgesh Singh (old name) son of Deo Bhushan Nandkishor Singh, residing at Flat-3A, 3rd Floor, Krishna Mansion, Tarulia 2nd Lane, Kesh-topur, Kolkata- 700102, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Durgesh Deo Bhushan Singh (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Durgesh Deo Bhushan Singh (new name) and Durgesh Singh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Hilaluddin Sarkar son of Abu Sayeed Sarkar residing at Vill- Mamnur, P.O. Maricha, P.S. Murshidabad, West Bengal Hilaluddin Sarkar and Md. Hilal Uddin Sarkar is the same and one identical person by an affidavit in the Court of Ld S.D.E.M (1st class) Magistrate at Berhampur on 12.09.2025.

Name Change
I, Ayessa Khatun (old name) wife of Nafar Ali, residing at Purbha Para, Pirgachha, Duttapukur, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700128, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ayessa Bibi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 17/09/2025. Ayessa Bibi (new name) and Ayessa Khatun (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Munni Khatoon (old name) wife of Imran Ansari, residing at Bhasamjhar Para Bhasa, P.O.- Bish-nupur, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743503, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Zainab Ansari (new name), as declared Before The Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at South 24 Parganas, vide an affidavit No. 3316, dated 16/01/2016. Zainab Ansari (new name) and Munni Khatoon (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ajijul Gazi(Old Name),Son Of Kajimaddi Gazi,Residing At Vill - Ratanpur, Po - Mirpur Daulatpur,Ps - Baruipur, South24parganas - 743610, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Azizul Gazi(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/09/2025. Ajijul Gazi And Azizul Gazi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Hakim Shaikh(Old Name), Son Of Rahan Ali Sekh,Residing At Vill - Makhaltala, P. O- Hotar, Ps - Margahat Diamond Harbour - 743610, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abdul Hakim Sekh (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/09/2025. Abdul Hakim Shaikh And Abdul Hakim Sekh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Hanef Ali Mondal (old name) son of of Ilahibhata Mandal, residing at Puratan Helencha, P.O.- Helencha Colony, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743270, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Hanef Mandal (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Hanef Mandal (new name) and Hanef Ali Mondal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Hakim Shaikh(Old Name), Son Of Rahan Ali Sekh,Residing At Vill - Makhaltala, P. O- Hotar, Ps - Margahat Diamond Harbour - 743610, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abdul Hakim Sekh (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 10/09/2025. Abdul Hakim Shaikh And Abdul Hakim Sekh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ejjah Hussain (old name) son of Sekhawat Hussain, residing at 9/1/, Ganga Ram Bairagi Lane, Near Tikia Para Phari, Howrah-711101, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ejaz Hussain (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Ejaz Hussain (new name) and Ejjah Hussain (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Pabitra Kumar Maity & Pabitra Maity (old names) wife of Abdul Majid Laskar, residing at VILL-PO-BHANGONKHALI, BASANTI, SOUTH 24 PGS- 743329, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pabitra Maity (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Pabitra Maity (new name) and Pabitra Kumar Maity & Pabitra Maity (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, ROUSONARA LASKAR (old name) wife of ABDUL MAJID LASKAR, residing at VILL-PO-BHANGONKHALI, BASANTI, SOUTH 24 PGS- 743329, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as ROSANARA BIBI (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. ROSANARA BIBI (new name) and ROUSONARA LASKAR (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rukshana Khatun (Old Name) W/o Imrajul Haque Laskar Residing at Vill - Danga, P.o - Bonhoghly, P.s - Narendrapur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 700103, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Ruksana Laskar (New Name) as declared before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Baruipur vide affidavit no 7825 Dated 16-09-2025. Rukshana Khatun (Old Name) and Ruksana Laskar (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ambujaksha Mahanty (old name) son of Nakul Chandra Mahanty, residing at Maity Duttarajpur, Brahmandiha, Indpur, Bankura, Pin: 722173, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ambujakshya Mahanty (new name) as declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata dated 16/09/2025. Ambujaksha Mahanty and Ambujakshya Mahanty both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I,Santu Das(Old Name And Gender Male),Son Of Swapan Das, Residing Vikekananda Pally, Bandipur, Po - Titagarh, Ps-Khardah, North24parganas- 700119, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Gender Shally Das(New Name And Gender Female) Daughter Of Swapan Das Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Barrackpore On 16/10/2017. Santu Das, Son Of Swapan Das And Shally Das Daughter Of Swapan Das Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Kader Mohammed (Old Name) S/O Late Kalu Gazi,Residing At Vill-Shankhura,Po-Dakshin Bagundi, Ps-Basirhat, Dist-24 Parganas (North), Pin-743429, West Bengal, India,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kedar Gazi (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 15/09/2025. Kader Mohammed (Old Name) And Kedar Gazi (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I,Yatindray Kumar Jain (Old Name),Son Of Hukam Chand Jain,Residing At 72, Green Park, Block-A,Jessore Road,Ps-Lake Town, North-24 Parganas-700055,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Yatendra Kumar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 16/09/2025.Yatindray Kumar Jain And Yatendra Kumar Jain Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, MD MAHFUZ HOSSAIN (old name) son of SYED MD MONSUR HOSSAIN, residing at BELPARA UTTAR, DAKSHIN DHILI, P.S - JANGIPARA, HOOGHLY- 712706, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SYED MD MAHFUZ HOSSAIN (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. SYED MD MAHFUJ HOSSAIN (new name) and MD MAHFUZ HOSSAIN (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Lawlesh Singh (old name) son of Late Baban Singh, residing at L NO-4B, 4TH FLOOR, LAKSHMI TOWER, 3 JUGIPARA ROAD, DUM DUM, KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL, PIN-700028, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lawlesh Kumar Singh (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Lawlesh Kumar Singh (new name) and Lawlesh Singh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Khadija Bibi (old name) wife of Julfikar Ali, residing at Vill- Khajra, P.O.- Dakshin Chatra, P.S.- Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin- 743247, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Khadija Bibi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 16/09/2025. Khadija Bibi (new name) and Khadija Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ashit Biswas (old name) son of Ajit Biswas, residing at Pratapgargh, Bongaon, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743235, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Asit Biswas (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit No. 26, dated 16/09/2025. Asit Biswas (new name) and Ashit Biswas (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) PANECHHA KHATUN W/O- NAJBUL SEKH Residing at, Vill-Debipur, Post- Kazipara, Ps -Sagarpara, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin-742306, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from PANECHHA KHATUN To PANESA KHATUN (New Name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) PANESA KHATUN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025, PANESA KHATUN and PANECHHA KHATUN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, PREETY GAJGHATE (Old Name) W/O.- AMOL SHIVCHARAN GAJGHATE, Residing at 13A, 13th Floor, Block -5, Merlin,5th Avenue, Mahisbathan, Kolkata Pin-700102,West Bengal, INDIA, have changed my name to shall henceforth be known as (PREETY AMOL GAJGHATE (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 17/09/2025. PREETY AMOL GAJGHATE (Old Name) and PREETY GAJGHATE (Old Name) both are same identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I Deepak Kumar Choudhary, s/o. Kamal Prasad Choudhary, residing at FD-136, Salt Lake City, Sec.-III, Bidhan Nagar IB Market, 24 Pgs. (N),WB-700106 have change my s/o's name.(Bhavya Choudhary-Old Name) and shall henceforth be known as Bhavya Choudhary to Shivansh Choudhary (New Name), declare that Vide Affidavit No.20367, dated 08.09.2025, in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Kolkata that Bhavya Choudhary (Old Name) to Shivansh Choudhary (New Name), both are same and one identical child.

Pujo fest brings along F31 5G Series

MI News Service, Kolkata: With Bengal's very own Durga Pujo knocking the door, and people gearing up to take a dip into the festive celebration with food and snap shots, here is a good news for those folks who want to make this occasion more than colourful.

OPPO India has launched the F31 5G Series, the latest in its popular F line-up. The new series offers three models—F31 Pro+, F31 Pro, and F31 each engineered with stronger builds, long-lasting batteries, improved heat management, and advanced connectivity.

This series features a 360° Armor Body with a multi-layer airbag structure that cushions internal components from impact. The aerospace-grade AM04 aluminium alloy frame is 10% stronger than its predecessor, and the AGC DT-Star D+ glass offers reinforced screen protection. The devices are triple-certified IP66, IP68, and IP69, making them resistant to dust, immersion in water, and even high-pressure water jets at temperatures up to 80°C. The F31 also resists 18 everyday li-

quids including tea, coffee, milk, and detergent water, reflecting its design for Indian environments.

Overheating remains a common complaint; 41% of Indian users report it as a major problem. The F31 5G Series tackles this with advanced thermal design. The Pro+ model uses a 5,219 mm² vapour chamber, while the Pro and base models use 4,363 mm² and 4,300 mm² chambers respectively, each combined with expanded graphite layers. This design maintains performance even in peak Indian summers, where temperatures can reach 43°C.

At the software level, OPPO's Dual-Engine Smoothness System a combination of the Trinity Engine and the Luminous Rendering Engine keeps apps switching fluid. These features support OPPO's 72-Month Fluency Certification, which guarantees consistent performance for six years. In application, this means a delivery partner navigating with Google Maps, receiving a WhatsApp call, and quickly switching to a UPI payment app can do so without lag, flicker, or app crashes.

Govt issues new vegetable oil regulation order

MI News Service, New Delhi: The government has notified a new framework for the edible oil industry, imposing stricter registration and reporting requirements on producers to enhance transparency and oversight, according to an official release.

The 2025 Vegetable Oil Products, Production and Availability (VOPPA) Regulation Order, notified on August 1 by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, amends the Vegetable Oil Products Production and Availability (Regulation) Order, 2011, under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Under the new framework, producers will face stricter registration and reporting requirements. They

must apply for registration certificates through the Directorate of Sugar and Vegetable Oils in New Delhi, providing details such as factory location and production capacity as outlined in Schedule-I.

The amended order mandates monthly reports by the 15th of each month, detailing oil usage, production, sales and stocks to ensure better supply chain tracking and maintain availability of cooking oils at fair prices.

The amendment also strengthens enforcement mechanisms. The Director is empowered to inspect factories, demand information and seize stocks if false reporting is suspected. Non-compliance with orders is explicitly prohibited, with producers required to

follow all directives.

These measures aim to prevent hoarding or misrepresentation and protect consumers from supply disruptions. The amendment introduces clearer definitions for key terms including "Producer," "Vegetable Oil," and "Director (Directorate of Sugar and Vegetable Oils)," aligning them with the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, and the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008. It removes outdated references like "de-oiled meal or edible flour" and scraps Schedule-III and Paragraph 13 to simplify regulations. The term "Clause" has been replaced with "paragraph" throughout, while "Chief Director" has been updated to "Director" for consistency.

GST cuts: Festive fervour to lift car sales

MI News Service, New Delhi: Automobile dealers are gearing up for a strong festive season following the government's decision to cut GST on vehicles from 28 per cent to 18 per cent and remove the compensation cess on SUVs and luxury cars.

Several two-wheeler and four-wheeler manufacturers have announced GST-aligned price benefits, effective September 22, 2025.

Mahindra has gone a step further, offering the benefits from September 6, ahead of schedule, on its internal combustion engine (ICE) portfolio.

The move is expected to boost demand, especially for high-end models, and provide a sales push during the festive season.

Kia India said it is reducing prices of its vehicles by up to ₹4.48 lakh to pass on the GST rate cut benefit to customers. JSW MG Motor India said it has reduced model prices in the range of ₹54,000 to ₹3.04 lakh with effect from September 7. TVS Motor Company said it will pass on the full benefit of the GST rate reduction to customers.

Japanese luxury car maker Lexus on Monday announced the reduction in prices of its entire product range by up to ₹20.8 lakh, while German luxury car maker Audi announced a price cut ranging from ₹2.6 lakh to over ₹7.8 lakh in its vehicles in India across models.

"For auto retail, September will be a two-phase month: a muted first half due to GST wait-and-watch, followed by a sharp surge as policy clarity, festive sentiment, and OEM schemes that mirror upcoming GST reductions converge.

ED not a drone to attack at will on any criminal activity: Madras HC

MI News Service, Chennai: The Madras High Court has observed that the ED is not a "drone" to attack at will, and nor was it a "super cop" to investigate anything and everything which comes to its notice.

A division bench of Justice M S Ramesh and Justice V Lakshminarayanan made the observations while hearing the plea by city-based RKM Powergen Private Ltd challenging the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seizing Rs 901 crore of its fixed deposits in connection with a PMLA case.

The ED action came on the basis of an FIR registered by the CBI in 2014 over the allocation of coal blocks for a power plant in Chhattisgarh earlier.

The agency filed a closure report in 2017 saying it found no irregularities in the allocation of coal blocks.

The CBI court did not agree with the closure report and wanted further probe in some aspects.

In 2023, CBI filed a supplementary final report, which found that there were sufficient incriminating materials warranting prosecution under sections of IPC and Prevention of Corruption Act.

Later, the ED conducted searches in the premises of directors and holding companies associated with RKMP. On January 31,2025 a freezing order was passed wherein the fixed deposit to the tune of Rs 901 crore was frozen by the ED. The company challenged the said order and the court set it aside.

The bench said that a careful perusal of Section

66(2) of PMLA points out that if during the course of investigation, the ED comes across violations of other provisions of law, then it cannot assume the role of investigating those offences also.

It is to inform the appropriate agency, which is empowered by law to investigate that offence. If that agency, on the intimation from the ED, commences investigation and registers a complaint, then certainly the ED can investigate into those aspects also, provided there are "proceeds of crime".

"In case, the investigating agency does not find any case with respect to the aspects pointed out by the ED, then the ED cannot suo motu proceed with the investigation and assume powers. The essential ingredient for the ED to seize jurisdiction is the presence of a predicate offence. It is like a limpet mine attached to a ship. If there is no ship, the limpet cannot work. The ship is the predicate offence and "proceeds of crime". The ED is not a loitering munition or drone to attack at will on any criminal activity," the bench said.

It further said that a perusal of the papers show that no complaint had been lodged with respect to any of the aforesaid alleged criminal activities. "The ED is not a super cop to investigate anything and everything which comes to its notice." There should be a "criminal activity" which attracts the schedule to PMLA, and on account of such criminal activity, there should have been proceeds of crime, it said.

‘SWACHHATA HI SEVA-2025’ CAMPAIGN OBSERVED IN EASTERN RAILWAY



MI News Service, Kolkata:To strengthen voluntarism and collective action for cleanliness, the fortnight-long "Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS)" campaign has been observed nationwide since 2017. This annual initiative embodies a Whole-of-Society and Whole-of-Government approach, bringing together citizens, institutions, and leadership at all levels. Indian Railways, with its vast network, plays a pivotal role in this mission. Like every year, the Ministry of Railways is observing the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign from 17th September to 2nd October 2025.

The "Swachhata Hi Seva-2025" campaign was launched across Eastern Railway today. Shri Milind Deuskar, General Manager, Eastern Railway, administered the Swachhata Pledge at Fairlie Place, Eastern Railway Headquarters. Senior railway officials, staff members, and representatives from various associations and unions

participated in the pledge-taking ceremony. Similar events were also organized across all divisions and workshops of Eastern Railway, led by the respective Divisional Railway Managers and Chief Workshop Managers.

This year's campaign, starting on 17th September under the theme 'Swachhot-sav', will culminate with the celebration of Swachh Bharat Diwas on 2nd October 2025.

Throughout this fortnight-long campaign, a series of activities will be undertaken, including Transformation of Cleanliness Target Units (CTUs), Cleaning of Public Spaces, Safai Mitra Suraksha Shivar, Clean Green Utsav (eco-friendly and zero-waste celebrations), Swachh Sujal Gaon, Waste to Art, Clean Street, Food Hygiene and more. Public awareness drives and announcements will also be conducted to sensitize railway employees and passengers.

PUJA SPECIAL TRAIN TO RUN BETWEEN SEALDAH & GANDHIDHAM

● **More than 9,000 berths to be generated.**
MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear the expected rush of passengers during ensuing Puja, Diwali & Chhath, Railway has decided to run Puja special train between Sealdah & Gandhidham. This special train will offer additional capacity and flexibility to accommodate the extra rush of passengers during the Puja festival period. Additional 9,000 berths will be generated by running this Puja festival special.

09437 Gandhidham – Sealdah Puja Special will leave Gandhidham at 18:25 hrs. on every Wednesday between 17.09.2025 & 08.10.2025 (04 trips) to reach Sealdah at 16:30 hrs. on the 3rd day and 09438 Sealdah – Gandhidham Puja special will leave Sealdah at 05:15 hrs. on every Saturday between 20.09.2025 & 11.10.2025 (04 trips) to reach Gandhidham at 02:00 hrs. on the 3rd day. The train will stop at Bardhaman, Durgapur and Asansol stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction enroute in both directions . The train will have Sleeper class and air-conditioned accommodations.Booking of 09438 Sealdah - Gandhidham Puja Special is available through PRS & Internet.



Under the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, Chairman and CEO, Railway Board administered the Swachhata Pledge to Railway employees in New Delhi.

ADDITIONAL STOPPAGE OF KAMRUP EXPRESS AT GORESWAR AND GOSSAIGON HAT STATIONS OVER NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of 15961 Howrah – Dibrugarh Kamrup Express & 15962 Dibrugarh – Howrah Kamrup Express (both journey commencing on and from 19.09.2025) at Goreswar station over Northeast Frontier Railway and will arrive Goreswar station at 13:55 hrs. & 08:58 hrs. respectively and 15959 Howrah – Dibrugarh Kamrup Express & 15960 Dibrugarh – Howrah Kamrup Express (with immediate effect) at Gossaigaon Hat station over Northeast Frontier Railway and will arrive Gossaigaon Hat station at 09:24 hrs. & 13:36 hrs. respectively. All the trains will stop for 02 minutes at above mentioned stations.

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Sincerely Authorised Officer,
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Coal India Organises Blood Donation Drive Under Raktadan Amrit Mahotsav 2.0



MI News Service, Kolkata: In a spirited display of social responsibility, Coal India Limited (CIL) successfully organised a Blood Donation Camp at its corporate headquarters as part of the nationwide Raktadan Amrit Mahotsav 2.0 initiative. The event, conducted in association with ABTYP, witnessed enthusiastic participation from employees and members of CILOWS, united by the cause of saving lives through voluntary blood donation.

Adding a special dimension to the programme, the occasion also highlighted CIL's commitment to ethical governance and transparency. Functional Directors — Dr. Vinay Ranjan (Director, HR), Shri Mukesh Choudhary (Director, Marketing), Shri Asheesh Kumar (Director, Business Development), and Shri Brajesh Kumar Tripathy (Chief Vigilance Officer) — joined employees in reaffirming the mes-

sage of "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility".

Speaking at the event, senior officials lauded the overwhelming response of staff members who came forward to donate blood and support this noble endeavour. The initiative underscored Coal India's unwavering dedication to the well-being of society and its emphasis on integrity in operations.

A heartfelt appreciation was extended to every donor and volunteer whose contribution made the camp a success. The activity is part of Coal India's year-long programmes celebrating its Golden Jubilee Year, marking 50 years of the organisation's service to the nation.

Coal India continues to pair professional excellence with a deep sense of social responsibility, ensuring its work leaves a lasting, positive mark on people and communities.

71-yr-old Kerala woman skydives from 13,000 ft

MI News Service, Kochi: Age is just a number for Leela Jose. At 71, Leela has set a record by becoming the oldest woman from Kerala to dive 13,000 feet from the sky. She now has her eyes set on space.

A resident of Konnathady in Idukki, Leela had always wanted to experience the thrill of skydiving. "How much fun it would be to do skydiving!" she had told a group of neighbourhood friends a few months ago as she spotted an aircraft flying across the sky. Her friends teased her about her age and dismissed her ambition as being unrealistic. But Leela, a home-maker, knew she could realise her dream. She just didn't know how.

The opportunity landed on her lap during her trip to Dubai last month to visit her son, P. Anish, who works as a civil engineer in Karama.

Leela told Anish about the adventure that she wanted to

undertake. "Initially, Anish thought I had gone senile. But when he realised that skydiving had always been my dream, he immediately called up the team who conducts it. The funny thing is that the team thought it was Anish who was keen on skydiving. They were shocked to see a 71-year-old woman turning up," Leela told.

Anish spent close to ₹2 lakh on the flight charges, a guide who accompanied Leela, and the videographer who recorded the dive.

Leela said when she jumped from the aircraft along with the guide into freefall, she experienced a concoction of emotions ranging from pure joy, excitement and fear. At one point, she felt weightless and decided to let go of all thoughts.

"When the parachute was deployed at 6,000 feet, I knew I would make a safe landing," she said.

On her return to Idukki, the first thing Leela did was show her friends videos and pictures of her accomplishment.

New Passenger Halt on Khurda Road–Balangir Line at Taraboi Inaugurated



MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: A new Passenger Halt at Taraboi, located between Khurda Road and Khurda Town Railway Stations on the ongoing Khurda Road–Balangir Rail Line under Khurda Road Division of East Coast Railway has been inaugurated today. The Passenger Halt was inaugurated by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Smt. Aparajita Sarangi (Lok Sabha).

Gracing the occasion, Smt Sarangi said that, she is delighted to inaugurate the new Passenger Halt at Taraboi on the Khurda Road–Balangir Rail Line today. This much-awaited facility will greatly benefit the people of Taraboi and the surrounding Gram Panchayats and will especially serve the students and faculty of IIT Bhubaneswar, NISER and other reputed educational institutions nearby. With four pairs of trains now halting here, the convenience of daily commuters will increase manifold. She also said that, this halt will not only provide better connectivity to educational hubs, healthcare facilities and nearby villages but will also promote tourism to historic places like Barunei Hills, Khurda Fort, and Barunei Temple. This is yet another step towards fulfilling the vision of Indian Railways

for inclusive growth, last-mile connectivity, and enhanced passenger convenience for the people of Odisha.

Welcoming the Hon'ble dignitaries, public representatives, media and local citizens present on the occasion, Divisional Railway Manager of Khurda Road Railway Division, Shri Alok Tripathi highlighted the importance of Taraboi Passenger Halt which will meet the long-standing demand of the local people and emphasized the role of Indian Railways in bringing inclusive development and improved connectivity to every corner of the region.

Approved by Railway Board in January 2024, the Taraboi Passenger Halt was completed in September 2025 at a cost of ₹80 lakhs. It will serve more than five Gram Panchayats in the region. The 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 now provide stoppage at Taraboi Passenger Halt from today onwards.

Towards Daspalla from Taraboi, 68443 Bhadrak Daspalla MEMU will arrive at 0918hrs and will leave at 0919hrs; 68429 Bhubaneswar-Daspalla MEMU will arrive at 1019hrs and will leave at 1020hrs; 18423 Bhubaneswar-Daspalla Express will arrive at 1900hrs and will leave at 1902hrs and 68449 Puri-Daspalla MEMU will arrive at Taraboi at 1925hrs and will leave towards Daspalla at 1926hrs. Similarly, Towards Khurda Road from Taraboi, 18424 Daspalla-Bhubaneswar Express will arrive at Taraboi at 0755hrs and will leave at 0756hrs; 68450 Daspalla-Puri MEMU will arrive at 0818hrs and will leave at 0820hrs; 68430 Daspalla-Bhubaneswar MEMU will arrive at 1725hrs and will leave at 1726hrs and 68444 Daspalla-Bhadrak MEMU will arrive at Taraboi at 1808hrs and will leave at 1809hrs towards Khurda Road.

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

INDIAN FORCES destroyed Masood Azhar's family: JeM Commander

and Kandhar. After sacrificing everything, on May 7, Indian forces struck in Bahawalpur, tearing apart the family of Maulana Masood Azhar."

The man speaks in a high-pitched tone on a microphone with several gun-wielding bodyguards standing in the background.

Sources in the Indian security establishment said the person giving the speech could be one of the commanders of the JeM.

Terror launchpads deep inside Pakistan and in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir had been targeted during Operation Sindoor on May 7. The assault is the strongest punch India has landed on mainland Pakistan

since the 1971 war.

The assault lasted for nearly 25 minutes and struck four locations within Pakistan's territory and five targets in PoK — all linked to banned outfits including the JeM, Lashkar-e-Taiba and the Hizbul Mujahideen.

Reports had claimed that those killed in the attack on the Jaish's Jamia Masjid Subhan Allah camp in Bahawalpur included Azhar's elder sister and her husband, a nephew and his wife, a niece, and five children from Azhar's extended family.

Reports also claimed that several top Pakistani military and civil officials attended the funerals of the designated terrorists killed during Operation Sindoor.

Azhar, a UN-proscribed terrorist, is on India's most-wanted list and has been the mastermind of several terror attacks in the country. He was released by India in exchange for passengers of the hijacked Indian Airlines plane IC-814 in 1999.

The elusive Azhar, who has not been seen in public since April 2019, is believed to be hiding in a "safe place" in Bahawalpur. The JeM has been involved in a series of terror attacks in India, including the one on Parliament in 2001, the strike on the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly in 2000, the attack on the IAF base in Pathankot in 2016 and the Pulwama suicide bombing in 2019.

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Delhi HC asks UPSC, centre regarding quota for blind candidates

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Wednesday sought the response of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on a plea seeking 1 per cent reservation of seats for blind candidates in the combined medical services examination in all recruitment cycles.

A bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela issued notice to the UPSC and Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Depart-

ment of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on a petition by organisation Mission Accessibility.

The court directed the authorities to file replies within four weeks and posted the matter for December 3.

Advocate Rahul Bajaj, appearing for the petitioner, sought direction to the UPSC and DoPT to reserve 1 per cent seats for the blind and low vision candidates in the Combined Medical Services Examination (CMSE) under the mandate of Section 34(1)(a) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act.

He said the petition has been filed one of the members of the petitioner organisation sat for CMSE-2024 as a blind/low vision candidate.

Despite securing the minimum qualifying marks for the Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) category, he was not called for the interview for want of reservation for this category of disability.

The plea, filed through advocates Amritesh Mishra and

Sarah, said Section 34 of the Act mandates that all government establishments should reserve not less than 4 per cent of the total number of vacancies for PwBD, of which a minimum of 1 per cent must be specifically reserved for persons with blindness and low vision.

The petition said the UPSC, which conducts CMSE for recruitment to various posts under Central Health Services, Indian Railways, and other government establishments, has failed to comply with the said statutory obligation.

"In a country where there is a well-acknowledged shortage of medical professionals, there is no rational basis to exclude doctors with blindness or low vision—especially those who have duly completed their MBBS degrees and compulsory internships—from service opportunities," it added.

With appropriate accommodations, the plea said, such professionals are fully capable of performing various essential duties

associated with public healthcare roles.

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US tariffs hit exports from South India

MI News Service, New Delhi: Southern states are reeling under the weight of US tariffs, with Kerala's traditional exports in crisis, Andhra Pradesh seeking urgent relief for its aqua sector, and Tamil Nadu warning that lakhs of jobs in textiles, leather, auto and machinery are at risk. Kerala's finance minister K.N. Balagopal has warned that new penalty tariffs could slash revenues, disrupt supply chains and throw thousands of workers... many of them women, out of jobs.

Replying to a calling attention motion in the Assembly on Tuesday, Balagopal said the impact is already rippling across marine products, spices, cashew, coconut, and rubber, sectors that remain the backbone of Kerala's economy.

"These tariffs are not just trade barriers. They are creating major economic shocks in Kerala," Balagopal told legislators.

A preliminary estimate suggests losses between Rs 2,500 crore and Rs 4,500 crore annually, he said.

Marine exports are among the first casualties.

Kerala accounts for 12–13 per cent of India's seafood exports, with shrimp as its biggest earner. Washington has raised anti-dumping duties on Indian shrimp from 1.4 per cent to 4.5 per cent, added countervailing duties, and imposed an addition-

al penalty tariff of up to 25 per cent.

"The effective tariff burden now exceeds 33 per cent, making Indian shrimp significantly more expensive in the US market," Balagopal said. "Orders are being cancelled, stocks are piling up in cold storages and the utilisation of processing plants has slumped below 20 per cent," he warned.

Women form the majority in shrimp processing units and jobs are now at risk.

The spice trade, which is synonymous with Kerala for centuries, is reeling too.

More than 80 per cent of India's pepper exports originate from the state, along with cardamom, ginger, spice oils and oleoresins.

Balogopal said the US imports spice products worth over \$ 700

million annually. "But duties that could rise in stages to 50 per cent threaten to wipe out Kerala's competitiveness. Exporters report a six per cent fall in orders since the tariffs were announced, while rivals such as Vietnam and Indonesia are eyeing a larger share of the market," he said.

Tea, worth about Rs 700 crore in annual exports to the US and rubber are also vulnerable to the shock.

Kerala's migrant population plays an indirect role in sustaining export industries, and trade disruptions could ripple into migration patterns.

"Income losses in traditional industrial and agricultural sectors may also weaken the state's human development indicators," the minister cautioned.

Metro Railway tourist smart cards for visitors for Durga Puja

MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway Kolkata carried more than 9 lakhs passengers daily during the Durga Puja days last year. The current year the passenger figure may likely cross 11 to 12 lakhs daily during Puja days due to expansion of Metro Network in different Corridors. In order to facilitate travel of large number of tourists/visitors during ensuing Durga puja, Metro Railway, Kolkata is extending the facility of unlimited journeys for Tourist Smart Card owners for 3 and 5 days at a cost of Rs 250 and Rs 550 respectively. These cards are now available at all booking counters of Metro stations. In order to avoid

rush at the booking counters, the commuters are requested to use Tourist Smart Cards/Smart Cards and book tickets through Aamar Kolkata Metro app to save time and money as Metro Railway is providing 5% rebate/discount on fare on value of Smart Cards and Mobile QR tickets.

Commuters are gradually switching over to Smart travel in Metro Railway Kolkata by buying Smart Cards and booking smart mobile QR tickets. In last 11 months total 24170 smart cards have been sold and more than 4.56 lakhs passengers have booked smart mobile QR tickets in this month.

More than 8 lakh passengers traveled in Metro on Tuesday

MI News Service, Kolkata: More than 8 lakh commuters have traveled in Metro on 16.09.2025. Large number of commuters preferred to use the Metro for comfortable and easy commuting. In the Blue Line around 5.65 lakh passengers were carried yesterday. In the Green Line around 2.17 lakh passengers have traveled. In Purple and Orange Lines more than 6700 passengers and 4400 passengers have traveled. Around 7000 passengers travelled in Yellow Line on 16.09.2025.

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. They are also requested to follow the instructions made through the Public Address System by on-duty staff. Metro Railway with the help of Eastern Railway has been campaigning to make Digital mode of ticketing and Smart Card popular. As a result, in the last 11 days 24170 Smart Cards have been sold.

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.

Khalistani group threatens 'historic siege' of Indian Consulate

MI News Service, New Delhi/Vancouver: The banned Khalistani outfit Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) has announced a 12-hour siege of the Indian Consulate in Vancouver.

"Indo-Canadians planning routine visits to the Vancouver Indian Consulate on 18 September are advised to refrain and choose another date. Pro-Khalistan Sikhs Shaheed Nijjar-will lay a historic 'SIEGE' of the Consulate to demand accountability for Indian state-directed espionage and intimidation on Canadian soil," the group said in a notice.

The outfit also released a poster featuring India's high commissioner-designate Dinesh K Patnaik with a target drawn on his face. The text below read: "New face of India's Hindutva terror in Canada."

In the same notice, SFJ claimed that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had offered "witness protection" to Khalistani

leaderINDERJEET GOSAL, who serves as one of its coordinators, reports said.

Gosal was arrested last year in connection with a violent attack at a Hindu temple in the Greater Toronto Area.

The fresh threat comes over a year after diplomatic relations between India and Canada soured following Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations of Indian involvement in the 2023 killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar. India had dismissed the charges as "absurd" and retaliated by recalling six of its diplomats, including the high commissioner, while expelling six Canadian envoys.

In a bid to reset ties, both countries recently appointed new high commissioners. Dinesh K Patnaik, currently India's ambassador to Spain, will soon assume charge in Ottawa, while Christopher Cooter has been named as Canada's envoy to New Delhi.

LEANDER PAES to be President of Bengal Tennis Association

MI News Service, Kolkata: Iconic tennis player, a true legend in the Indian sporting fraternity, Kolkata boy Leander Paes is all set to become the President of Bengal Tennis Association (BTA).

On September 17, Wednesday at the prestigious DKS Club at Deshopriyo Park, South Kolkata, Leander Paes was felicitated for his enormous contribution to Indian tennis and his unimaginable achievement in the game he played for ages.

Amid celebrities from different spheres of life like State Minister Aroop Biswas and MIC of KMC Debashish Kumar, Usha Uthup, Dr. Subodh Sarkar and countless dignitaries, he was felicitated at the DKS Club, Kolkata.



At the programme itself the current President of the Bengal Tennis Association, H Chatterjee (popularly known as Sonada) handed over the baton to Leander Paes and declared that the latter is going to take up the post of President of Bengal Tennis Association (BTA). Leander subsequently and graciously accepted the post.

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Notice Inviting e-Tender
e-Tender is hereby invited from the resourceful and experienced bidders for execution of 4 nos. development works vide NIT No.: 03/428/25. **Call/P-1/25-26 & 04/427/P-1/25-26. Date: 15.09.2025. Bid Submission Start Date (Online): 17.09.2025 at 04:00 PM. Bid Submission End Date (Online): 25.09.2025 up to 05:00 PM. Technical Bid Opening Date (Online): 08.10.2025 at 02:00 PM.** For details visit website **www.wbtenders.gov.in** & undersigned GP Office. **Sd/-**
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EASTERN RAILWAY
Abridged Tender Notice No. : EL-ASN-CON-GENL-172-2025-NIT, dated 16.09.2025. Open tender is invited through E-tendering procedure by Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer (Con), Eastern Railway, Asansol Division, Asansol, Station Road, Paschim Burdwan, Pin-713301 from experienced Electrical contractors, Partnership firms etc. with adequate financial capability and sufficient experience for the following work: **Tender No. EL-ASN-CON-GENL-172-2025. Name of work :** "Electrical (G) works in connection with multi tracking DFCCIL work from New Andal DFCC Chaining 189.992 (Andal - KM 189.65) to Pradhankhunta DFCC Chaining 261.135 (Pradhankhunta - KM - 260.2) on Asansol Division of Eastern Railway. **Tender Value:** ₹ 8,70,98,620.40; **Cost of Tender Document:** Nil. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 5,85,500.00; **Completion Period :** 30 (Thirty) Months. **Date and Time of Closing :** 09.10.2025 at 15.00 Hrs. Tender documents can be downloaded and bids can be submitted at **www.ireps.gov.in** after online payment of "Cost of Tender Document" and "Earnest Money" as mentioned above against this tender on or before the tender closing date and time mentioned above. Tenders complete in all respects and with all documents as stated above should be uploaded at **www.ireps.gov.in** against this tender. Bidding for the tender is to be submitted through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected. Tender Documents, details of tender notice, corrigendum(s) issued from time to time (if any) and other basic information are available at **www.ireps.gov.in**. This tender notice can also be seen in the notice board of Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer/Con, Paschim Burdwan, Asansol-713 301. **CON-38/2025-26**
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2.	Srabanti Paul/ Anirban Ghosh/ No. 1/72, Baghajatin Hospital (Jaduvpur, Near Baghajatin Hospital West Bengal Kolkata- 700092/ LBCAL00005571580	"Swan Green", Unit No. 4304, 3rd Floor, Block 4, R.S. Dag No. 1842, 1843, 1844 And 1898, L.R. Dag No. 1251, 1253, 1254 And 1309, L.R. Khation Nos. 4416, 4484, 4482, 4477, 4479, 4493, 4478, 4483, 4475, 4481, 4490, 4491, 4487, 4489, 4494, 4496, 4495, 4488, 4485, 4492, 4486, 4480 And 4476, J.L. No. 15, Police Station Bishnupur, Raspujia Gram Panchayat, Mouza Raspujia, District South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Admeasuring An Area of Super Built Up Area of 968 Square Feet (Carpet Area 658 Sq. Ft.) More or Less Together With Right To Park One Car In The Covered Car Parking Space Being No. C-08 Together With Proportionate Undivided Undemarketed Indivisible Impartible Share In The Land, North: Flat No. 4303 South: Street East: Road West: Flat No. 4301/ Date of Physical 12/09/2025	December 07, 2024 Rs. 23,99,188.54/-	Kolkata

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Date: September 18, 2025
Place: Kolkata

Prabir Kumar Roy Advocate

Most advanced chips used in AI servers, drones, mobile phones chips of 2 nm will be designed here: Ashwini Vaishnaw on launch of new office of ARM in Bengaluru

● Current Indian Electronics Industry is worth of ₹11.5 Lakh Crore: Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw

MI News Service, Bengaluru : Hon. Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated the new office of ARM, a company that is involved in semiconductor design, in Bengaluru today. The minister said that the “most advanced chips used in AI servers, drones, mobile phones chips of 2 nm will be designed here”.

Speaking after the inauguration, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the new Bengaluru unit of ARM will design chips including 2 nm chips for various electronic products, including mobile phones. He called this a significant milestone in India's semiconductor journey.



The minister said, “Our objective is to design and manufacture semiconductors, along with the equipment and materials required for them.” This is a very long vision process and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has provided clear guidance on this. With a vision for the next 20 years in the semiconductor sector, our youth and talented engineers will get the best opportunities in the world.”

The minister added that the growth in electronics manufacturing is doubling the demand for semiconductor chips. Highlighting India's achievements in the semiconductor sector, the minister stated that electronics manufacturing has increased six-fold in the last 11 years. It is currently an industry worth of ₹11.5 lakh crore. Exports have increased eight-fold.

Electronics are becoming major export products for India. This journey, which began with the assembly of mobile phones and laptops, is now moving towards the production of their models, components, and finished products. He said that we are moving forward in this journey in a very systematic way. The semiconductor sector is growing into a trillion-dollar industry and the need for talent is equally important. This is an opportune time. For this, 278 institutions and universities are working and their students are engaged in the design and innovation of semiconductor chips. Currently, 28 chips designed by students from 25 institutions have been taped out. We have practically completed the first version of India's Semiconductor Mission and are now heading towards the second version.

This will focus on the production of equipment and materials required for semiconductor chips. Earlier during the day, the minister held a discussion on the manufacturing of high precision components used in semiconductor manufacturing equipment. Carborundum Universal Ltd (CUMI) showcased some of the materials which go into the making of equipment for manufacturing the semiconductors.

At Howrah, DRM Shri Vishal Kapoor inaugurated the campaign with a women's health check-up camp offering blood tests, PAP smears, and specialist consultations. Similar programs will be held in other health units.

At Sealdah, DRM Shri Rajeev Saxena and Dr. Debashish Guha inaugurated the event at B.R. Singh Hospital. Doctors addressed women's health topics including cervical cancer, an-

“SWASTH NARI, SASHAKT PARIVAR ABHIYAN” LAUNCHED ACROSS EASTERN RAILWAY Campaign to Empower Women through Health, Nutrition, and Hygiene Awareness

MI News Service, Kolkata : Eastern Railway has launched the “Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan (SNSPA)” across its Divisions and Workshops to strengthen women's health, crucial for family and social well-being. The campaign focuses on preventive healthcare, nutrition, lifestyle awareness, and menstrual hygiene, ensuring medical support and health education for women employees and beneficiaries.

At Asansol, DRM Ms. Vinita Srivastava and CMS Dr. Bina Mardi inaugurated the camp, which featured a nutrition session and health check-up for women employees.

At Malda, the program was chaired by Smt. Manisha Gupta, President/ERWWO, with lectures on maternal health, lifestyle disorders, and menstrual hygiene. At Kanchrapara,



tenatal care, and menstrual hygiene, followed by screening and vaccination.

Liluah, and Jamalpur Workshops, ERWWO members and senior doctors inaugurated health check-up camps covering screenings for hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and awareness sessions on hygiene and nutrition.

The SNSPA campaign across Eastern Railway marks a meaningful step to empower women through health, nutrition, and hygiene awareness, highlighting women's vital role in building stronger families and society.

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“India's success also contributes to global development,” says Dalai Lama in his birthday note to PM Modi

MI News Service, Dharamasala: Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama on Wednesday extended warm greetings on the 75th birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, wishing him good health and appreciating India's development in recent years.

“As India's longest staying guest, I have witnessed firsthand the far-reaching development and prosperity that have taken place over the years. I congratulate you on the growing confidence and strength that has occurred in recent times. India's success also contributes to global development,” the Dalai Lama wrote.

The Tibetan spiritual leader described himself as a “proud messenger of

India,” highlighting the country's democratic values and religious pluralism.

“I regularly express my admiration for India, the world's most populous and largest democracy, for its remarkable and deeply rooted religious pluralism. India presents an example of harmony and stability to the world,” he said.

He also expressed gratitude for India's support to Tibetans. “For us Tibetans, India has not only been the source of our spiritual heritage, but for more than sixty-six years, has also been our physical home. I would like to once again extend our deep gratitude to the Government and people of India for their warm and generous hospitality.”

Ukrainian MP alleges Zelenskyy's role in Charlie Kirk Assassination

MI News Service, Moscow: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's government was involved in the assassination attempt on US President Donald Trump and in the killing of right-wing American activist Charlie Kirk, Ukrainian MP Artem Dmitruk claimed in an opinion piece for TASS.

“Zelenskyy has a hand in the attempt on Trump's life and in the assassination of Charlie Kirk, both ideologically and practically,” Dmitruk wrote in the Russian state media outlet. “Kyiv's authorities are capable of killing anyone, from an ordinary citizen in Ukraine to the president of the United States.”

Trump has survived two assassination attempts in less than a year. In July last year, a sniper's bullet grazed his ear during a campaign rally in Pennsylvania. More recently, a gunman described as a supporter of Ukraine opened fire near Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida, TASS reported.

Kirk, 31, a conservative activist and close ally of Trump, was shot dead on September 10 while addressing students at a university in Orem, Utah. Known for opposing US military aid to Ukraine, he was seen as an important figure in mobilising pro-Trump voters during the last presidential election, TASS reported.

Dmitruk said Kyiv's silence after Kirk's killing showed tacit approval. “They do not condemn such murders. Sometimes, they even rejoice in them, as was the case with Charlie Kirk,” he wrote, as per TASS.

The suspect, 22-year-old Tyler Robinson, was arrested on September 11 after his father told police his son had confessed. Trump later said Robinson should face the death penalty.

Utah County Attorney Jeff Gray has charged Robinson with aggravated murder, obstruction of justice, witness tampering, and other offences. Robinson is being held without bail at Utah County Jail. Gray confirmed he will seek the death penalty, as per CBS News.

REVISED TIMINGS OF 05064 MAU-KOLKATA PUJA SPECIAL

MI News Service, Kolkata : Railway has decided to revise the timings of 05064 Mau – Kolkata Puja Special as under:

05064 Mau – Kolkata Puja special will leave Mau at 13:30 hrs. on every Wednesday between 24.09.2025 & 12.11.2025 (08 trip) to reach Kolkata at 08:50 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop with revised timings at Jasidih (Arr./Dep.-01:26 hrs./01:28 hrs.), Madhupur (Arr./Dep.-01:52 hrs./01:54 hrs.), Chittaranjan (Arr./Dep.-02:35 hrs./02:37 hrs.), Asansol (Arr./Dep.-03:35 hrs./03:45 hrs.), Durgapur (Arr./Dep.-04:15 hrs./04:17 hrs.), Bardhaman (Arr./Dep.-05:36 hrs./05:38 hrs.), Bandel (Arr./Dep.-06:28 hrs./06:30 hrs.) and Naihati (Arr./Dep.-07:28 hrs./07:30 hrs.) stations over eastern Railway jurisdictions.

GENERAL MANAGER, SER ADMINISTERS SWACHHATA PLEDGE TO SER OFFICIALS

MI News Service, Kolkata : South Eastern Railway (SER) has launched the observance of Swachhata Hi Sewa (SHS) 2025 Campaign with administration of the Swachhata Pledge at its Headquarters, Garden Reach on 17.09.2025. The SHS Campaign will be observed by SER from 17th September to 2nd October, 2025.

Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway, administered the pledge to the Officers and Staff of SER Headquarters. In unison, all officials resolved to remain committed towards cleanliness, to devote time for maintaining hygiene, and to keep India neat and clean.

The programme was also attended by Additional General Manager, Principal Heads of Departments, Senior Officers and Staff of South Eastern Railway. The pledge-taking marked the



Shri Anil Kumar Mishra, General Manager, South Eastern Railway administering Swachhata Pledge to Officers and Staff at SER Headquarters, Garden Reach, Kolkata on 17.09.2025.

beginning of a series of intensive cleanliness activities to be undertaken across SER Headquarters and its four Divisions. All Officers and Staff will actively participate in these drives.

During the Swachhata Hi Sewa fortnight, a number of events and awareness programmes will be organized including Safai Mitra Suraksha Shivir, Walkathon, Marathons, Cyclothons, SBM Sports

Leage, Plantation Drive, Reduce-Reuse-Recycle (RRR) activities, Waste to Art, Eco friendly and Zero waste celebration, Sale of recycled products, awareness programmes, Webinar, Door to Door awareness campaign, Shram-daans, drawing competition, Nukkad Nataks etc.

The Swachhata Hi Sewa 2025 will be observed at SER Headquarters as well as at all four Divisions of South Eastern Railway.

Gourangalal Das appointed India's next ambassador to South Korea

MI News Service, Delhi: Senior diplomat Gourangalal Das has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Korea, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced on Wednesday.

Das, a 1999-batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service, is currently serving as Joint Secretary in the ministry. “He is expected to take up his new assignment in Seoul shortly,” the MEA said in a statement.

The Indian Embassy In South Korea also announced on X.

“Gourangalal Das appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Korea”, said the Embassy.

At present, Amit Kumar is serving as India's Ambassador to South Korea.

Earlier this month, South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun visited New Delhi and held bilateral talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. During his visit, Cho recalled his tenure in Delhi as Ambassador from 2015 to 2017, noting that India had undergone a significant transformation under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

“I feel great to be back in Delhi.

Ten years ago, I landed in the city and was humbled by the depth of India's culture and the warmth of its people. I was very proud to serve as the Korean Ambassador to India, during which time I witnessed the significant changes made under Prime Minister Modi's leadership. Now I see even more good changes in the past ten years. So I am very glad to be back here and meet my friends,” Cho told ANI.

He also recalled his earlier meetings with Jaishankar, who served as India's Foreign Secretary from 2015 to 2018, saying the two discussed ways to enhance bilateral cooperation and address regional and global challenges.

India and the Republic of Korea established diplomatic relations on December 10, 1973, while consular ties were set up in 1962. The relationship was elevated to a “Strategic Partnership” in 2010, and further upgraded to a “Special Strategic Partnership” during Prime Minister Modi's visit to Seoul in 2015.

In 2023, both nations commemorated 50 years of diplomatic relations with a series of events marking the milestone, according to the MEA.

Chinese military activity near Taiwan as Taipei detects 31 aircraft, 14 vessels near its territory

MI News Service, Taipei: Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence (MND) on Wednesday reported heightened Chinese military activity around its territory, with 31 PLA aircraft and 14 PLAN vessels detected up until 6 am.

In a post on X, the MND said that 26 out of the 31 sorties crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's northern, southwestern and eastern ADIZ. Defence Identification Zone (ADIZ). “We have monitored the situation and responded,” it added.

The latest movements come a day after Taiwan recorded the presence of 24 Chinese aircraft, 11 PLAN vessels and six official ships around the island. At that time, 15 out of the 24 sorties had crossed the median line into Taiwan's ADIZ.

24 PLA aircraft, 11 PLAN vessels and 6 official ships operating around Taiwan

were detected up until 6 a.m. (UTC+8) today. 15 out of 24 sorties crossed the median line and entered Taiwan's northern, southwestern and eastern ADIZ. We have monitored the situation and responded,” the MND on X.

On Monday, the ministry also reported 26 PLA aircraft, nine PLAN vessels and one official ship operating near Taiwan by 6 am. Of these, 23 sorties had crossed the median line into Taiwan's northern, southwestern and eastern ADIZ.

The frequent incursions and maritime operations reflect rising tensions between Taiwan and China, a relationship long fraught with geopolitical strain. Taiwan, officially known as the republic of China (ROC), governs itself independently with its own distinct political and economic systems.

However, China continues to claim Taiwan as part of its

territory under the “One China” principle, insisting there is only one China with its capital in Beijing. The dispute's roots trace back to the end of the Chinese Civil War in 1949, when the ROC government fled to Taiwan after the Communist Party, led by Mao Zedong, took control of mainland China.

Since then, Beijing has maintained its goal of reunification, using military, diplomatic, and economic means to apply pressure on Taiwan and diminish its international space. Despite these efforts, Taiwan maintains its de facto independence, backed by strong public support, and continues to assert its sovereignty amid ongoing external pressures.

The MND regularly monitors and publicly reports such military movements to ensure transparency and national security awareness.

Floods ravage Pakistan's breadbasket, over 2.2-million-acre farmland hit

MI News Service, Lahore: Devastating floods in Pakistan have destroyed over 2.2 million acres of farmland in Pakistan's Punjab, with rice crop being hit the hardest, Samaa news reported on Wednesday.

The floods have hit Pakistan's agricultural economy hard, as over 2.2 million acres of farmland in Punjab have been submerged.

Rice crop losses have been estimated at over 1 million acres of standing production. Citing the provincial authorities, Samaa reported that the floods have caused extensive damage to rice, sugarcane, corn, and cotton across Punjab. Standing sugarcane crops spread over 2.5 million acres were damaged, while corn and cotton fields also faced destruction. In



Sindh, despite the impact being limited, up to three per cent of the onion crop has been damaged, with the Kachha areas being affected.

To identify the recovery needs and assess the scale of damage, the federal government has decided to involve

international organisations, including UN agencies.

Samaa reported that Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal chaired a high-level meeting with the finance minister and NDMA officials, and said an initial assessment of losses will be

completed within ten days. He emphasised that final figures would only be possible once floodwaters fully receded.

According to The Express Tribune, the floods, which have been ongoing since late August, have dis-

placed over two million people in Punjab, submerged 2,000 villages, and washed away vast tracts of farmland. Thousands of acres of crops, including rice, cotton, and sugarcane, have been destroyed, further exacerbating food insecurity in the region. The provincial government claims to have rescued nearly 1.9 million people, set up more than 1,000 relief camps, and deployed mobile health units. But reports from the field indicate that many villages remain cut off, with relief measures reaching them only sporadically.

Health records show more than 15,400 cases of dengue, diarrhoea, malaria, and skin diseases were detected across Punjab in the past month.



Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO) celebrated the first anniversary of its “Sewing Center” at Gholshapur Railway Colony, Behala, Kolkata. The Sewing Center, initiated by ERWWO, has been providing skill development opportunities to women, helping them attain financial independence and contribute to their families' well-being. On this occasion, certificates and token gifts, along with small food packets were distributed to the students who successfully completed the Basic Sewing Course (Level – I). A total of nine students were awarded certificates by Smt. Seema Deuskar, President/ERWWO. Other executive members of ERWWO were also present and extended their best wishes to the participants. The teacher of the center and the supporting staff of IOW, Gholshapur were also felicitated for their dedicated contribution to the initiative.