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Iconic MAHALAYA sets stage for festive splendour

MI News Service, Kolkata: At least one day in a year, almost all the Bengalis in Bengal will conquer their slumber to get up at 4 am to listen to the whistle blower of the Durga Pujo, the iconic age old 'Mahalaya'. The mesmerizing voice and deepened emotion of legendary Birendro Krishno Bhadra and the entire team with its magical music and vocal contribution have been setting the stage set for Durga Puja for ages. This year it was no exception. Traditional early morning Mahalaya presentation followed by another unforgettable ritual, 'Torpon' at different ghats of Ganga and other riverside sets the stage for ideal 'Sharodutsov'.

This phenomenon is followed by host of Pujo inauguration at different parts of Bengal. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee also ushered in the festive fervour of Durga Puja 2025 by inaugurating different Pujo mandaps at different points of Kolkata and Bengal. The grand occasion marked the official flag-off of one of Bengal's most celebrated festivals, with the streets buzzing with excitement and devotees eagerly anticipating the coming celebrations.

"Today is about initiating the festivities and honouring the creativity and devotion of the community," she remarked, ensuring that the sanctity of the rituals remained intact. The inauguration set the tone for the upcoming festival, promising a blend of tradition, artistry and community spirit as the city prepares to celebrate Durga Puja with unparalleled grandeur. Banerjee took to social media to extend her heartfelt wishes, praying to Goddess Durga for peace and prosperity to grace every household in Bengal. "Let humanity and love win and hatred, jealousy must disappear. We believe that unity and humanity are our foundations. Humanity knows no religion. Humanity is the best religion and it is the culture of Bengal," Banerjee wrote on X.

SEBI simplifies securities transfer from nominee to legal heir

MI News Service, New Delhi: Markets regulator Sebi on Friday simplified the process of transferring securities from a nominee to the legal heir. When a nominee transfers securities to a legal heir, the transaction is sometimes treated as a "transfer" and assessed for capital gains tax.

However, under Section 47(iii) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, such a transmission is exempt and should not attract tax. While the nominee can claim a refund later, this causes unnecessary inconvenience. To resolve this, a working group consulted the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and recommended the use of a new reporting code "TLH" (Transmission to Legal Heirs). This code will help ensure such transfers are correctly reported and not taxed as capital gains. "A standard reason code shall be used by the reporting entities while reporting the transmission of securities from a nominee to a legal

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee released the 'Sharodia' issue of JAGO BANGLA Magazine at Nazrule Mancha in Kolkata on Sunday. Host of TMC top brass can also be seen at the propitious occasion.

SINDOOR IMPACT: Pak terror groups shift bases to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from PoK

MI News Service, New Delhi/Washington: Pakistan-based terror groups Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) and Hizbul Mujahideen (HM) have begun relocating their bases to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) province from Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir in the wake of India's Operation Sindoor, sources in the defence and military establishment said.

The decision reflects a significant "tactical adaptation" by these groups, which now view Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK) as vulnerable to Indian strikes, while KPK offers greater depth due to its proximity to the Afghan frontier, they said.

Under Operation Sindoor, India destroyed terrorism centres in Bahawalpur, Muridke, Muzafarabad and several other places. In response to the Pahalgam terror attack, India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, targeting terrorist infrastructure in territories controlled by Pakistan. The strikes triggered four days of intense clashes that ended with an understanding on stopping the military actions on May 10.

"The inputs indicate that this movement by the terror groups is being conducted with full awareness and direct facilitation of Pakistan's state structures," said one of the sources. The sources also cited holding of JeM gatherings in certain places in Pakistan recently under police protection and the "tacit involvement" of political-religious outfits like Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI). These details are part of a dossier prepared jointly by several Indian security and intelligence agencies. The most significant development uncovered occurred in Garhi Habibullah town of Mansehra district in KPK, where JeM staged a public recruitment drive roughly seven hours before the start of the India-Pakistan cricket match on September 14, the sources said.

Hindu devotees perform 'Tarpan' on 'Mahalaya' on the banks of the River Ganges in Kolkata on Sunday.

ISRAEL offensive at Gaza kills 34

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Israeli strikes killed at least 34 people in Gaza City overnight, including children, said health officials on Sunday, as Israel presses ahead with its offensive in the famine-stricken city and several countries prepare to recognise a Palestinian state. Health officials at Shifa Hospital, where most of the bodies were brought, said the dead included 14 people killed in a late-night strike, which hit a residential block in the southern side of the city. Health staff said a nurse who worked at the hospital was among the dead, along with his wife and three children.

The latest Israeli operation, which began this week, further escalates a conflict that has roiled the Middle East and likely pushes any ceasefire further out of reach. The Israeli military, which says it wants to "destroy Hamas' military infrastructure" and has urged Palestinians to leave, hasn't given a timeline for the offensive, but there were indications it could take months. Strikes come as some prominent Western countries prepare to recognise



Smoke rises from an evacuated residential building which was housing displaced Palestinians, after it was hit by an Israeli air strike, in Gaza City.

Palestinian statehood at the gathering of world leaders at the United Nations General Assembly on Monday. They include the UK, France, Canada, Australia, Malta, Belgium and Luxembourg. Portugal's Foreign Affairs Ministry said it will recognise a

Palestinian state on Sunday. Ahead of the UN assembly, peace activists in Israel have hailed the planned recognition of a Palestinian state. On Sunday, a group of more than

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New set of GST reforms coming into force from Sept 22

MI News Service, New Delhi: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said with the slew of GST reforms set to come into effect from September 22, a total of Rs 2 lakh crore will be in the hands of the people, boosting domestic consumption.

With the simplification of the Goods and Services Tax from the earlier four slabs to 2 slabs, Sitharaman said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is keen to ensure that the poor and downtrodden, middle class families and the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) largely benefit out of the GST reforms. The new set of GST reforms with a revised tax structure is set to come into force from September 22. "With the proposed GST reforms, there will be an increase in consumption in the domestic market. The Finance Ministry does not receive the Rs 2 lakh crore as taxes from the public, but it goes back into the economy aiding domestic consumption," she said.

Elaborating, she said, because of the two slab structure, the price of a product which a customer normally buys gets reduced. "For example, when you buy the same product, say a soap in larger quantities, the manufacturer increases the production. To increase production, he recruits a lot of people, and when there are a lot of people, they pay tax to the income. And there will be revenue to the government as indirect taxes. When this virtuous cycle keeps on happening, it is good for the economy," she said. To keep it simple,

Sitharaman said when there is more spending from the public, there is higher demand. When there is higher production to meet the demand, there will be more jobs. And when there are more jobs, there will be a wider tax base. To support her point, the finance minister said when the number of entrepreneurs who were paying taxes stood at 65 lakh before GST was introduced in 2017, it did not get reduced to 10 lakh. "But, entrepreneurs understood the benefit and in the last 8 years it has only increased to 1.5 crore," she said. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi termed the GST as a Gabbar Singh Tax, but it was not a Gabbar Singh Tax. "It (GST) only increased the tax base from 65 lakh entrepreneurs to 1.5 crore in the last 8 years," she remarked. PM Modi has been insisting that the GST reforms should largely benefit the poor, middle class families and MSMEs in particular, she said. Sitharaman also took a dig at a political comment whether the government was levying higher taxes for those products all these eight years and now it has been staging a drama that the rates have been cut or completely removed under the GST 2.0 reforms.

"One senior person asks whether the government was levying higher charges for all these eight years (since GST was introduced in 2017). I wish to state here that neither the NDA government nor the Prime Minister is inclined to do that," she said without divulging further.

EC prepares for nationwide SIR rollout

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Election Commission has asked its state election officers to be ready for the SIR by September 30, in an indication that the poll authority could launch the voter list cleanup exercise as early as October-November.

According to officials, at a conference of state chief electoral officers (CEOs) here earlier this month, the EC top brass asked them to be ready for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) rollout in the next 10 to 15 days. But for the sake of greater clarity, the deadline of September 30 was set. The CEOs have been told to keep voter lists of their states, published after the last SIR, ready. Several state CEOs have already put up the voter lists published after their last SIR on their websites. The website of the Delhi CEO has the voter list from 2008, when the last intensive revision took place in the national capital. In Ut-

tarakhand, the last SIR took place in 2006 and the electoral roll from that year is now on the state CEO's website. The last SIR in states will serve as the cut-off date, just as the 2003 voter list of Bihar is being used by the EC for intensive revision. Most states had the last SIR between 2002 and 2004 and have nearly completed mapping of current electors with those as per the last intensive revision. The EC has said that after Bihar, SIR will be carried out in the entire country. Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal are due in 2026. The primary aim of the intensive revision is to weed out foreign illegal migrants by checking their place of birth.

The move assumes significance in the wake of a crackdown in various states on illegal foreign migrants, including from Bangladesh and Myanmar.



Project Vijayak of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated its 15th Raising Day at Kargil, Ladakh.

Pujo in Frames with Additiya



Little Additiya Sarkar, a bright young student with a love for modelling and dance, steps into the spirit of Pujo through a photoshoot ideated by Tapash Roy. Draped in the aura of the Goddess, her innocence blends with quiet strength, evoking the timeless power of Shakti. Just as she excels in her studies, Additiya shines in embodying the grace and confidence of the divine feminine.

An evening of words and worship



On the eve of Mahalaya, new edition of 'Taal Katha' by Guru Sraboni Roy along with four other books of Classic Publishers was released at Kolkata Press Club. The event was graced by eminent personalities—Dr. Krishnendu Dey, Dr. Partha Halder, Shantanu Chatterjee, Dr. Debudut Ghosh Thakur and many other dignitaries. It was at this event that the puja parikrama "Dugga Dugga 2025" was inaugurated. The entire organization was spearheaded by Dr. Tapas Kanti Ghosh.

Nrisingha Prasad Bhaduri's 'Chaitanyadev' book English translation published



Nurul Islam Khan: Recently, the official launch of the English book 'Chaitanyadev' by renowned writer and mythologist Professor Nrisingha Prasad Bhaduri was held at the Oxford Book Store. The original version of the book was published in Bengali 13 years ago. This original book has now been translated into English by Upamanyu Majumdar. It is a rare addition, to say the least. The author says that this English translation has been made keeping in mind the countless non-Bengali readers. He further says that Chaitanyadev cannot be known only through television serials or films, he must be known through his revolutionary religious consciousness.

The translated book was released today by renowned art and literary critic Shamik Banerjee. Present at the book launch ceremony today were Asiatic Society Director General Lieutenant Colonel Ananta Sinha, West Bengal Self-Employment Corporation Limited Chairman Tanmoy Ghosh, Calcutta University History Professor Kingshuk Chatterjee, Bookpeckers Publishers CEO Bashundhara Ghoshal, renowned orator Sudipta Mukherjee and other dignitaries. The selling price of the approximately 240-page book is only 499 taka. The national festival of Bengalis is ahead. Numerous readers received the book as a unique gift on this biggest festival.

Another schoolgirl murdered in Nadia over rejected proposal

MI News Service, Taherpur: Barely weeks after the murder of 18-year-old student Ishita Mallick in Krishnanagar, Nadia has been shaken again by another brutal killing of a teenage girl and this time she was hacked to death allegedly over a spurned love proposal.

The victim, Anushka Mandal (16), a Class X student from Birnagar Ichhapur, was found dead in the early hours of Saturday, her body lying near a cattle shed in a mango orchard close to her home. Police said she had been attacked with a sharp weapon.

The accused, identified as Shubho Mondal (19), a local resident, has been arrested. According to investigators, Mondal had allegedly been stalking and harassing Anushka for months, pressuring her into a relationship despite repeated refusals. He had even been warned by the girl's family around 6 months back.

On Friday evening, Anushka left home around 7 pm. for private tuition via the home of her maternal uncle. But amid a local power outage, she was allegedly abducted, a little away from her own home.

Her uncle, Mrinal Sarkar, said, "She was dragged

away in the dark and taken towards the cattle shed in a mango orchard. One of her slippers was found near the house, and marks of dragging were visible on the ground."

When she did not return home, her family and neighbours began searching. Around 1 am., her blood-soaked body was discovered in the orchard. Police sent the body for autopsy.

Villagers, suspecting Shubho, confronted him at his residence and reportedly found bloodstains and fresh bandages on his hands. He was handed over to the police, who noted incon-

sistencies in his statements during questioning before placing him under arrest.

Preliminary investigation revealed deep wounds on Anushka's throat, along with multiple cut injuries on her hands, face, and other parts of the body.

The killing has triggered outrage in the area, with residents demanding the strong punishment for the accused. This case comes in the wake of the shocking murder of Ishita Mallick (18) last month, who was shot dead by her former boyfriend Deshray in Krishnanagar after she ended their relationship.



Med commission advisory on rabies management to colleges

MI News Service, Kolkata: With timely administration of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) immediately after an animal bite rabies is 100 per cent preventable and at the same time it's also 100 per cent fatal, the National Medical Commission (NMC) states while issuing an advisory for medical colleges and institutions across the country on how to prevent the disease.

As rabies remains a major public health concern in India, primarily transmitted to humans through dog bites, the Union min-

istry of health and family welfare has directed all 780 medical colleges and institutions to play a pivotal role in ensuring timely case management, surveillance, training, and community awareness.

Research showed that Bengal contributed highest 43 per cent of total rabies cases between 2005 and 2020 in the country.

The NMC, sole regulatory body that monitors medical education and research in teaching hospitals across states and union territories (UTs), in its advisory issued on 16 September states:

"100 per cent fatal, but also almost 100 per cent preventable with timely administration of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) immediately after an animal bite."

The teaching hospitals have been instructed to ensure the sustained availability of Anti-Rabies Vaccine (ARV) and Anti-Rabies Serum (ARS) for timely and effective management of animal bite victims.

The WHO report shows, India is endemic for rabies and accounts for around 36 per cent of the world's human rabies deaths transmitted by dogs.



Mahalaya's Grand Tarpan Ceremony in Sundarban

MI News Service, Sundarban: On the auspicious morning of Mahalaya, a grand tarpan ceremony was held on the banks of the Kalnagini River in the Sundarbans of South 24 Parganas. The event was organized at the confluence of the Gundakata Trimukhi

River under the guidance of Manmathpur Pranab Mandir and initiated by the Swami Pranabananda Matri Suraksha Manch.

Local women, after circumambulating the sacred Shiva lingam at Gundakata, performed tarpan rituals for the peace of their an-

cestors' souls. From early dawn, both banks of the Kalnagini River witnessed a significant gathering of people, who came to watch this unique ritual performed by the women of the region.

At the end of the ceremony, prasad was distributed among all those present.

dog bite management and rabies PEP as per the latest national guidelines.

The commission was prompted to issue the advisory after the health ministry in a letter written to the former on 28 August to take steps on how to prevent rabies in the country.

Medical colleges have been asked in ensuring timely case management, surveillance, training and community awareness.

Medical colleges and institutions are advised to undertake a few of the key activities under the National Rabies Control Programme (NRCPP).

"Medical colleges and their associated hospitals/peripheral centres should actively promote rabies awareness by displaying IEC materials and videos in OPDs, emergency areas, and waiting halls," the advisory also stated.

India has rolled out a National Action Plan for Dog Mediated Rabies Elimination from India by 2030 (NAPRE), which was conceptualised and jointly launched by the ministry of health and family welfare and the ministry of fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying on 28 September 2021.

Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha organized 43rd anniversary of Prabhat Samgiita Divas



MI News Service, Kolkata: To mark the 43rd anniversary of Prabhat Samgiita Divas, Renaissance Artists' & Writers' Association (RAWA), the cultural wing of Ananda Marga Pracharak Samgha organized the Pre-final and Final competitions in

this occasion. Dr. Druba Roy Choudhry, Assistant Professor, Rabindra Samgiita, Rabindra Bharati University and Smt Kankana Bhattacharya, Gold medalist in Kathak Dance from Rabindra Bharati University were also present as a Judge. Acharya Vikashananda Avadhuta in his inaugural speech explained the importance of Prabhat Samgiita. He said that Prabhat Samgiita is the collection of 5018 songs composed by Shri Prabhat Rainjan Sarkar, the great Seer and Philosopher of 20th Century. The songs are mostly in Bengali, but also in seven other languages like Hindi, Urdu, Sanskrit, English and songs were composed between September 14th September 1982 - October 20th 1990. The songs are devotional in nature and express different feelings of devotee about his/her Lord. According to Shrii Anandamurtiji, "Prabhāta Samgiita is the feeling of the heart, and the expression of the heart, and it has been written with the ink of the heart."

Coordination meeting in Jangipara



Nurul Islam Khan On Sunday, a coordination meeting was held with garage owners at the community hall of the Jangipara police station in Hooghly. It was said that various CCTVs should be arranged in the garage area. It has been ordered

to register the documents of every person who comes to repair cars there. The meeting was attended by Circle Inspector Chanditla Shri Sandeep Ganguly and Officer-in-Charge of Jangipara Police Station Nazir Uddin Ali among others.

SAIL-ISP signs Rs 300 crore agreement for new sinter plant

MI News Service, Burnpur: The first major component of the upcoming Rs 35,000 crore integrated steel plant at Burnpur has been awarded to a consortium for Rs 300 crore. The IISCO Steel Plant (ISP) of the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) will be expanded into a state-of-the-art green steel facility, marking the largest single investment by the central government in West Bengal to date.

On Thursday, a significant agreement was signed between ISP, Burnpur, and a consortium comprising Metso India Pvt. Ltd., Kolk-

ata, and Outotec, Germany. The contract pertains to the construction of a 2.673 MTPA (Million Tonnes Per Annum) Sinter Plant Complex—the first major project sanctioned under ISP's expansion initiative.

Surjeet Mishra, director-in-charge of ISP and Durgapur Steel Plant (DSP), confirmed that the agreement includes the installation of a 252-square-metre sinter machine, which is expected to be fully operational within 40 months of signing.

SAIL-ISP is advancing its brownfield expansion through the Blast Furnace-

Basic Oxygen Furnace route, aiming to increase crude steel production capacity by 4.08 MTPA. As part of this plan, a new blast furnace with a capacity of 5,650 cubic metres will be installed. To meet approximately 33 per cent of its sinter requirements, the new Sinter Plant Complex (SP-3) will feature a 252-square-metre sinter machine and associated auxiliary facilities, with an annual output capacity of 2.673 million tonnes of gross sinter.

The plant will incorporate Emission Optimised Sintering (EOS) technolo-

gy, significantly reducing solid fuel consumption and stack emissions. This marks a key step in ISP's commitment to environmental sustainability, energy efficiency, and green development.

Separately, Czech firm Hutni has secured the Rs 800 crore contract for the by-product plant project, part of ISP's coke oven plant initiative.

"We expect between 10,000 and 15,000 construction workers will gain employment through this landmark steel plant project in Burnpur. It will bring substantial socio-economic

transformation to the region," said Sushil Kumar Suman, president of the IISCO Officers' Association (IOA).

The foundation stone for the project is expected to be laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the coming months.

In another stride towards sustainable energy, a 3.6 KW capacity solar tree was inaugurated at the ISP sinter plant. The event was attended by Anil Kumar, chief general manager (sinter), and Pradeep Kumar Mishra, Chief general manager (electrical, A&I & C&A).

Addressing the gathering, Anil Kumar stressed the importance of embracing renewable energy and reducing the carbon footprint. He urged employees to actively support the green initiative.

The solar tree project was led by Nikunj Bihari Sutar, deputy general manager (Sinter Electrical), who oversaw its execution. He noted that the installation will meet the entire electricity demand of the Sinter Plant canteen while also providing shade and a pleasant environment for employees to unwind during work breaks.

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MI News Service, Kolkata: As Bengal gears up for its grandest festival, Durga Puja 2025 will carry a unique cultural imprint from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who has stepped into the festive limelight not only as a political leader but also as a poet, composer, and voice of Bengali heritage. Seventeen new songs—written and composed by the Chief Minister herself—are being released as part of this year's Puja festivities. These compositions celebrate the Bengali language, culture, and the enduring spirit of unity, blending tradition with a deeply personal artistic expression. Among the new works is the powerful piece "Otho Vajra Kanthe, Gao Banglar Gaan, Eso Raksha Karo Bhashar Samman", a call to uphold linguistic pride and cultural harmony. The song has been rendered by state minister and singer Indranil Sen, with other prominent Bengali singers including Nachiketa, Raghav Chatterjee, Sriradha Bandyopadhyay, and Trisha Parui lending their voices to the albums. Two CDs containing the 17 songs are being formally released today. Speaking at the inauguration of the iconic Sribhumi Durga Puja pandal, the Chief Minister reflected on how Puja music traditions have evolved over time. "Earlier, albums of Puja songs would come out. Now they have practically disappeared. Everyone only makes theme songs," she remarked, recalling her long-standing association with Puja music, particularly her contributions to Suruchi Sangha under the guidance of Minister Aroop Biswas. Mamata Banerjee, who has written around 1,500 poems, emphasized the purpose behind her musical pursuits. "I write songs to spread the message of joy and hope among people. Durga Puja is our universal festival—it carries the spirit of unity, harmony, and joy. I want that message to spread further through my songs," she said. Among her notable compositions this year is "Jakhn Tomar Ghum Bhangbe Sethiya Tomar Sakal", sung by Nachiketa,



and another heartfelt track performed by Raghav Chatterjee, which pays tribute to workers and artisans: "That person is the real person who builds society, that talent is the real talent that lives in the house of clay." Both songs highlight the often-overlooked contributions of laborers and craftsmen who are the backbone of the Puja celebrations. Banerjee will inaugurate over 3,000 Puja pandals across the state this year, although she acknowledged that it is impossible to attend every event personally despite numerous invitations. Extending her heartfelt Mahalaya greetings to the people of Bengal on Sunday via her official X handle, Banerjee wrote: "Jago Durga, awake, Jao Dashapraharanadharini. On the occasion of Tan, Agomoni, and Abahan, I convey my heartfelt Mahalaya greetings to all. On this occasion, I am sharing with all of you a new Puja song written and composed by me." This message, coupled with the release of her new song, underscores her deep-rooted engagement with Bengali culture. Her compositions, often infused with messages of devotion, cultural pride, and social unity, are expected to resonate widely with devotees and add a new emotional dimension to this year's Durga Puja celebrations. In seamlessly blending political leadership with creative expression, Mamata Banerjee continues to position herself not just as a statesperson, but as a cultural icon of modern Bengal—ensuring that the spirit of Puja is as much about heritage and identity as it is about celebration.

NIA busts trafficking racket: 2 held in North 24 Pgns

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major breakthrough against organized human trafficking, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested two individuals from North 24 Parganas for their alleged role in a cross-border trafficking racket that spans from Bangladesh to multiple Indian states. The arrests follow an extensive probe that began after Odisha police rescued a minor girl from Bhubaneswar earlier this year. The victim, trafficked across the Bangladesh border, was first taken to Kolkata and then moved to Cuttack. Based on her statement, investigators unearthed leads pointing to an international trafficking network operating through the porous borders of North 24 Parganas. Acting on this intelligence, the NIA team from Bhubaneswar, with the assistance of West Bengal's Special Task Force (STF), conducted coordinated raids on Saturday at multiple locations in Bongaon's Petrapole landport area and Gaighata's Dinga Malik. Two suspects—Amir Ali Sheikh, a Bongaon-based foreign currency trader, and Amal Krishna Mondal, a cloth merchant from Gaighata—were detained and interrogated for over 14 hours before being formally arrested. Investigators believe Krishna Mondal was responsible for arranging safe accommodation for trafficked victims after they crossed into India, while Sheikh handled the financial side of the operations through foreign exchange transactions.

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From PG 1 heir to the CBDT so as to enable proper application of the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961," Sebi said. From January 1, 2026, all reporting entities, including RTAs, listed companies, depositories, and depository participants, would use the "TLH" code. To promote transparency in the Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) ecosystem, Sebi also proposed that AIFs should regularly update the net asset value (NAVs) of their units in the depository system. The markets regulator has permitted more charitable entities to raise funds through the Social Stock Exchange (SSE), in a bid to broaden access to the platform. In its latest circular, the regulator has widened the definition of not-for-profit organisations eligible to list on the SSE.



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TMC forms core committees to resolve local factional conflict

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a strategic organizational revamp ahead of upcoming elections, the Trinamool Congress (TMC) is reportedly extending the "Birbhum model" of internal administration to districts across the state. The approach, which emphasizes the formation of core committees at block levels to manage factional conflicts, aims to strengthen party cohesion and streamline leadership structures. The model, first successfully implemented in Birbhum, replaces traditional block leadership with smaller core committees. Each committee, typically comprising six to eight members, is headed by a convener appointed by the district leadership. For instance, in Siuri Block 2 of Birbhum, a core committee has been established, while similar committees have been formed in Sagardighi and Lalgola blocks, with MLA Byron Biswas and Ruma Banerjee appointed as conveners respectively. In Baharampur town, an eight-member core committee replaces the town president, with Naru Gopal Mukherjee serving as convener. Meanwhile, the core committee framework is being mirrored in Hooghly, where Arambagh and Serampore organizational districts have also adopted this structure. In Balagarh, a seven-member committee

Charu Market shoot-out sparks panic on MAHALAYA

MI News Service, Kolkata: The festive atmosphere of Mahalaya was jolted on Sunday afternoon when unidentified miscreants opened fire inside a gym in Kolkata's densely populated Charu Market area, triggering chaos and fear among residents. According to police and eyewitness accounts, the incident occurred around 12:30 p.m. at a gym located on Deshpriya Sasmal Road, barely 280 meters from Charu Market Police Station. The facility, situated on the ground floor of a residential building, was crowded with members at the time of the attack. Investigators said four armed assailants arrived on two motorcycles, all wearing helmets and raincoats. While two remained outside with the engines running, the other two entered the gym reportedly in search of its owner, identified as Joy. They questioned the receptionist about his whereabouts and, upon not finding him, fired two rounds inside the premises before fleeing. Eyewitnesses described scenes of panic as the gunfire echoed through the gym packed with members and the surrounding residential neighborhood. "The gym was full, and people outside on the street also rushed for cover when the shots were fired," one resident said. Although no one was injured, the brazenness of the daylight attack in a residential locality has left the community shaken.

"How can armed men move freely with weapons and fire in such a crowded place, right next to a police station?" asked a local resident, reflecting the growing anxiety over security in the area. Police officers from Charu Market station rushed to the spot immediately and cordoned off the area. Forensic teams have collected evidence, and CCTV footage from the vicinity is being scanned to track the assailants. As of late Sunday evening, no arrests had been made. Senior officials confirmed that the firing appeared to be a targeted attack, though the gym owner was not present at the time.

Ravindra Chamaria Receives Honorary Doctorate from ASBM



MI News Service, Kolkata: Ravindra Chamaria, Chairman and Managing Director of the Infinity Group, was recently awarded an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Management by ASBM University at its 5th Convocation held on the university campus. The recognition was given for his notable contribution to entrepreneurship, institution-building, philanthropy, and business leadership. Under his guidance, Infinity Group played a key role in developing IT infrastructure in Kolkata's Salt Lake Sector V, positioning it as a major technology hub in eastern India. Chamaria also spearheaded Krishna Bhumi in Vrindavan, a residential township built around what will be the tallest Krishna temple in the world. He has been actively associated with social initiatives including the Akshaya Patra Founda-

tion, The Jaipur Foot, Udayan Care, Round Table India, Vidya Bharati, Ramakrishna Mission, and Jagriti Dham Senior Living. Expressing gratitude, Chamaria said, "I am humbled by this honour from ASBM University. This recognition belongs to the Infinity family, whose efforts have made the journey meaningful. I dedicate it to building institutions that serve society while striving for business excellence." ASBM University, established in 2019 by the Odisha Government and rooted in the Asian School of Business Management (founded 2006), has earned recognition in India and abroad. The convocation was attended by academicians, students, and leaders from diverse fields, making it a landmark event for the institution.

124 years in making: PRITI SUREKA makes history at MCCI

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a landmark move, the Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) has elected Priti A. Sureka as its President for the year 2025-26, making her the first woman to assume this prestigious position in the Chamber's 124-year history. The appointment was officially formalized during the Annual General Meeting held on Friday, 19 September 2025, at the Taj Bengal.



Priti Sureka, currently serving as Executive Director of Enami Limited, is an alumna of Harvard Business School and is widely recognized for her strategic vision and leadership in the corpo-

rate sector. Her election signals a progressive shift within the MCCI, underscoring its commitment to gender inclusivity and modern business values.

YES BANK, Satyam Roychowdhury Foundation and Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East Celebrate the Success of the 3rd Edition of 'Sobar Pujo, Durga Pujo' Initiative

MI News Service, Kolkata: YES BANK, India's sixth largest private sector bank, in association with the Satyam Roychowdhury Foundation and the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East, today hosted the distribution ceremony of the 3rd edition of its flagship CSR initiative 'Sobar Pujo, Durga Pujo' at G.D. Birla Sabhaghar, Kolkata. The event was graced by Mr. Satyam Roychowdhury, Founder & Managing Director of Techno India Group, as Chief Guest, along with principals, teachers, students, NGOs, commu-

nity leaders, Rotary members, and partner organizations. This year, the campaign reached a significant milestone by distributing over 9,000 brand new clothes to underprivileged children, double the number from the previous edition, making it one of the Bank's largest community-driven CSR programmes in Eastern India. Contributions poured in from customers, employees, schools, corporates, residential communities, and local organizations, reflecting the collective spirit of inclusivity.



State Minister Aroop Biswas playing 'Dhak' at SURUCHI SANGHA Pujo Mandap in Kolkata on Sunday.

Kolkata Artist Swati Ghosh Delivers Message of Peace at WORLD PEACE SUMMIT in South Korea

MI News Service, Kolkata: At the 18th World Peace Summit held in Cheongju, Seoul, South Korea, from 16th-20th September organised by International Organisation Heavenly Culture, World Peace and Restoration of Light (HWPL), International women peace group (IWP) & international youth peace group (IPYG) Kolkata-based painter Swati Ghosh delivered a message of peace. Over 770 delegates, heads of state, ministers, speakers of national assembly, spiritual leaders, and members of women's and youth organizations from across the world participated in this grand summit. Representing India, Swati attended as a special guest and judge. She spread the message of peace through art and education. The summit was organized by the international organization Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL), dedicated to the establishment of peace in collaboration with organizations included the International Women's



Peace Group (IWP) and the International Youth Peace Group (IPYG). The central focus of the discussions was women's leadership, peace education, cultural exchange, and strategies for es-

tablishing world peace through the "Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War." Swati Ghosh said, "I am proud to represent India on such an international platform.

ISRAEL offensive at Gaza kills 34

From PG 1 60 Jewish and Arab peace and reconciliation organisations, known as It's Time Coalition, called for an end to the war, the release of the hostages and the recognition of a Palestinian state. "We refuse to live forever by the sword. The UN decision offers a historic opportunity to move from a death trap to life, from an endless messianic war to a future of security and freedom for both peoples," said the coalition in a video statement.

Yet a ceasefire remains elusive. Israeli bombardment over the past 23 months has killed more than 65,000 people in Gaza, destroyed vast areas of the strip, displaced around 90 per cent of the population and caused a catastrophic humanitarian crisis, with experts saying Gaza City is experiencing famine. Israel didn't respond to the strikes. In a statement Sunday, the military said it killed Majed Abu Selmiya, who it said was a sniper for Hamas' military wing and was preparing to carry out more attacks in the Gaza City area, without providing evidence. The alleged militant is the brother of the director of Shifa hospital, Dr. Mohamed Abu Selmiya, who called the allegations a lie and said Israel was trying to justify the killing of civilians. Dr. Selmiya told The Associated Press that his brother, 57, suffered from hypertension, diabetes and had vision problems. As the attacks continue, Israel has ordered hundreds of thousands of Palestinians sheltering in Gaza City to move south to what it calls a humanitarian zone and opened another corridor south of the city for two days this week to allow more people to evacuate. Palestinians were streaming out of Gaza City by car and on foot, though many are unwilling to be uprooted again, too weak to leave or unable to afford the cost of moving. Aid groups have warned that forcing thousands of people to evacuate will exacerbate the dire humanitarian crisis. They are appealing for a ceasefire so aid can reach those who need it.

Name Change
I, Kazi Mahadi Hasan, S/O Lt. Kazi Abdul Rajjak, residing at Vill & P.O. Katihaat. P.S Baduria, Dist - North 24 Parganas, Pin 743427, West Bengal, India, I have changed my daughter name Moriyam Parvin (daughter old name) to (shall henceforth be known as) Sabnam Sultana (new name), as declared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Basirhat, North 24 Parganas, vide an affidavit Sl. No. 18355, dated 04/09/2025. Sabnam Sultana (new name) and Moriyam Parvin (old name) both are same and one identical person (mydaughter).

Name Change
I, Md Naushad S/o Md Israil residing at 42/8, K.B.M Road, Fesubangan, Champani, P.O. Baidyabati, P.S. Bhadreswar, Dist - Hooghly declare that my name and my daughter's Name has been wrongly written as Md Nausad and Aaina Parveen respectively in place of actual name Md Naushad and Anaya Parveen respectively in my daughter's Birth Certificate issued by S.D. Hospital at Chandannagar, Being Regn Certificate no. B/2024/0809565 dated 19.06.2024. That Md Nausad and Md Naushad as well as Aaina Parveen and Anaya Parveen both are same and one identical person vide affidavit dated 16.09/2025 before the court of Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Chandernagor.

Name Change
I, Rasanara Bibi (Old Name) D/o Abdul Hamid Molla Residing at Vill - Kumarijole, P.O. - Kumarijole, Ps - Minkhan, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743425, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Roshenara Begam Molla (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 19-09-2025. Rasanara Bibi (Old Name) and Roshenara Begam Molla (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Swadesh Jana alias Swadesh Ranjan Jana (Old Name) S/o Ashutosh Jana Residing at Vill+P.O - Maharajganj, Ps - Namkhana, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin - 743357 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Swadesh Ranjan Jana (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 19-09-2025. Swadesh Jana, Swadesh Ranjan Jana (Old Name) and Swadesh Ranjan Jana (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, RANGILA BIBI W/o- ROHID SK Residing at, Vill- Barakhanha, Post- Roshanbagh, Ps & Dist - Murshidabad, West Bengal. That my original name RANGILA BIBI Residing in my Son's Birth Certificate Vide Reg No- 3703. That my name RAHIMA BIBI & RANGILA KHATUN is Recorded in my Aadhaar, Voter, Pan, and my School Certificate. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as RANGILA BIBI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) RANGILA BIBI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the Executive magistrate at lab bag Murshidabad Court On 09 Sept 2025. RANGILA BIBI and RAHIMA BIBI & RANGILA KHATUN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Golam Murselim S/o- ketab Ali Residing at, Vill- Ghoshola, Post- Charianantpur, Ps - Kaliachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732201, West Bengal, declare that Golam Murselim (Car-rect name mentioned in my Madhyamik Admit Roll - 205361N, No-0047) & Morsalim Minya (Wrongly recorded in my Aadhaar card No-9857 4331 8460) is the same & one identical person vide affidavit (No-553) Sworn before the Executive magistrate malda date 12/09/2025.

Change of Name
It has been declared that **Malati Saren & Malati Murmu (Saren)**, W/o - Padmalochan Murmu, who is a resident of Turipara, Rabindrapally, P.O- Hijli, Kharagpur, Paschim Medinipur are the names of the same, one & identical person by swearing an affidavit in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class), Kharagpur vide affidavit No- 11574 dated 20 Sep 2025 & henceforth she will be named & identified as **Malati Saren**.

Name Change
I, Nozrul Islam Mandal, s/o Late Ayub Hossain Mondal residing at Vill+P.O. Pashchimulia, P.S.- Bidhanagar, Dist-24 Pgs.(N)-743251 WB, declare that my & Parents actual name is Nozrul Islam Mandal/ Ayub Hossain Mondal & Nabichan Mondal, but my & Parents name has been wrongly recorded in my International Passport as Nozrul Islam Mandal/Nozrul Islam Mondal & Late Ayub Ali Mondal & Nabichan Mondal declared that vide Affidavit No-1954, dated 20.08.2025, in the Court of Ld. 1st Class, Judicial Magistrate at Bongaon, 24 Pgs.(N) that Nozrul Islam Mandal & Ayub Hossain Mondal & Nabichan Mondal & Nozrul Islam Mandal/ Nozrul Islam Mandal, Late Ayub Ali Mondal & Nabison Mondal all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Riya Roy Debnath, W/O Jaydeep Debnath, D/O Late Bijoy Roy, residing at Thakur Kolyan Doperia, Khardah, P.O. Rahara, District North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700119, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my name Riya Roy Debnath has been written in my Voter identity card being No. UV1165505 and in my Pan Card being No. CDRPR87691, and in my Old Certificate issued by SDO Barrackpore vide No. WB 110208C201802763, issued date 25/07/2018 and also in my B.Ed certificate of The West Bengal University of Teachers' Training, Education Planning and Administration, That my name Riya Roy, daughter of Late Bijoy Roy, has been written in my Aadhaar Card being No. 5087 6821 2580, and in my Ration Card being Id No. SPHH 41792612, and in my all educational qualifications certificate (Documents) of West Bengal Board of Secondary Education and West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education and West Bengal State University and Certificate of Rabindra Bharati University and in my Marriage Registration Certificate. That I, Riya Roy Debnath and Riya Roy is the same and one identical person. I have an affidavit (Sl. No. 96) sworn before in the court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate 1st class at Barrackpore, District North 24 Parganas, dated on 14/08/2024.

Name Change
I, Mohammed Soheb Alam (old name) son of Sohil Alam, residing at 1D, Ibrahim Road, Khidripore, Kolkata-700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammed Sheyeb Alam (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Mohammed Sheyeb Alam (new name) and Mohammed Soheb Alam (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Abdul Alim (old name) son of Late Monajal Ali Mondal, residing at Vill & P.O. - Tilpi, P.S. - Joy nagar Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743337, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Abdul Alim Mondal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Md Abdul Alim Mondal (new name) and Md Abdul Alim (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Prabitra Dey (old name) son of Late Pradip Dey, residing at 18/1, PURBA SINTHEE BYE LANE, GHUGHU-DANGA, SOUTH DUM DUM, NORTH 24 PARGANAS, WEST BENGL., PIN-700030, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pabitra Dey (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Pabitra Dey (new name) and Prabitra Dey (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Hadiuzzaman (Old Name), Son Of Sk Hamidel Haque, Residing At Vill- Kultaia, Po-Prithiba, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sk Hadiyut Zaman (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 18/08/2025. Sk Hadiuzzaman And Sk Hadiyut Zaman Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, LAXMI MONDAL (old name) wife of JOGENDRA MONDAL, residing at 77/32, SHYAMNAGAR, PIRTALA ROAD, BHATPARA, NORTH 24 PGS- 743127, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as LAKSHMI MONDAL (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. LAKSHMI MONDAL (new name) and LAXMI MONDAL (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, JOGENDRA MONDAL (old name) son of CHANDRA KUMAR MONDAL, residing at 77/32, SHYAMNAGAR, PIRTALA ROAD, BHATPARA, NORTH 24 PGS- 743127, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as JOGENDRA MONDAL (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. JOGENDRA MONDAL (new name) and JOGENDRA MONDAL (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ambat Sardar (Old Name), Son Of Kesham Ali Sardar, Residing At Rajapur, Rampur Bhatpara, Gohata, North 24 parganas - 743241, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ambat Ali Sardar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/09/2025. Ambat Sardar And Ambat Ali Sardar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Priyanka Kumari (Old Name), Wife Of Durgesh Deo Bhushan Singh, Residing At Flat No-3a, 3rd Floor, Krishna Mansion Tarulia 2nd Lane Rajarhat Gopalpur(M), North 24 Parganas-700102, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Priyanka Singh (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/09/2025. Priyanka Kumari And Priyanka Singh Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Anna Begum (old name), residing at 1E/17, Ibrahim Road, Khidderpore, Pin- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anna new name), as declared Before The 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Anna (new name) and Anna Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Sobhan (old name) son of Late Md Hossain, residing at Bidhan Gara, P.O.- Bidhanagar, P.S.- Rabindranagar, Dist.- Diamond Harbour, Pin- 700066, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mohammad Sovan (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Mohammad Sovan (new name) and Mohammad Sobhan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Siddik Mandal (old name) son of Golam Bari Mondal, residing at Vill- Joyputl Met Hopara, P.O.- Joyputl, P.S.- Duttapukur, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743234, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Siddik Ali Mondal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Siddik Ali Mondal (new name) and Siddik Mandal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Dehibatpur Gram Panchayat
Dehibatpur, Alati, Pursurah, Hooghly

Notice Inviting e-Tender
e-NIT vide NIT No: 03/DGP/25-26 (Sl. no. 1 to 7), Dated 19.09.2025, Fund : APAS are invited by the Prodn Dehibatpur Gram Panchayat, from reliable and bonafied Tenderer for work. Online EMD & Tender fees through ICICI Bank Payment Gateway in e-procurement portal for deposit from 19/09/2025 to 07/10/2025. Bid submission closing online on 07/10/2025 at 17:30 Hrs. Date of Bid Opening 10.10.2025 (11:30 O'Clock). For details contact the above office or visit <https://tbtenders.gov.in>

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All eyes on India in GLOBAL CLIMATE SUMMIT- COP30

MI News Service, New India: India is expected to play an important role in the success of the next global climate summit, COP30, to be held in Belem, Brazil, the president of the upcoming Conference of the Parties, Andre Aranha Correa do Lago, told.

"India is an important partner for Brazil, and now ironically, we are the two countries being united by the 50 per cent tariffs imposed by the US. So, everything unites Brazil and India, and we look forward to India's contribution in the COP30," said Correa, former high commissioner of Brazil in India, who was in the country recently. He met Union environment minister Bhupender Yadav.

On being asked about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's presence in Belem, the ambassador said: "We would love to have Prime Minister Modi at the COP30. We had the privilege of having him at the Brics summit

and then on a state visit to Brazil last month, and I could see the wonderful personal understanding that President Lula and Prime Minister Modi enjoy."

The official hoped that the Belem COP would be a turning point after relative failure in the Baku climate summit, where developed countries agreed to less than one-fourth funds demanded by the developing world and emerging economies, and cautioned that the latest reports suggest that the world is on course to "an around 2.7-degree temperature rise". According to the Paris Agreement in 2015, it should remain within 2 degrees centigrade, preferably within 1.5 degrees.

The COP 30 president confirmed that all nationally determined contribution (NDC) reports would be submitted on time, but accepted that there would still be a huge gap between the

amount of emission cuts promised and required to keep the temperature rise in check. "There are strong indications that the numbers will not be able to take us closer to 1.5 degrees centigrade as we would like it to be, as we are currently on track to a 2.7 degree rise or something like that."

On the possibility of Donald Trump's anti-climate stand influencing the Belem negotiation, Correa shared concern but also expressed hope that the emerging climate market would take care of the situation. On Wednesday, in a meeting held in Calcutta, experts pointed out the need to highlight the climate vulnerabilities of Sundarbans, financial support required for the region and the combined impact of air pollution and climate change, at Belem. The meeting was organised by the Brazilian consulate with several non-profits.

Freedom of speech not for hurting communities': SUPREME COURT

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court asked five social media influencers, including "India's Got Latent" host Samay Raina, to display their unconditional apology on their podcast or show for ridiculing persons suffering from disabilities and rare genetic disorders.



A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joyymalya Bagchi, which asked the Centre to frame guidelines to curb speeches offending or ridiculing disabled, women, children and senior citizens, said freedom of speech and expression can't be applicable to commercial speech hurting sentiments of other communities.

It said the court would consider imposing a penalty for offending disabled persons by social media influencers, including Raina at a later stage.

The five are accused of making fun of disabled and those suffering from Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) and visual impairment.

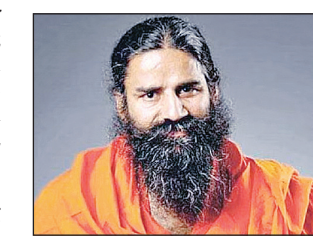
Except Sonali Thakkar alias Sonali Aditya Desai, who was exempted from physical appearance subject to her undertaking that an unconditional apology will be aired in her programme, the rest of the social media influencers were present in the court.

The bench told Attorney General R Venkataramani that the guidelines for social media regulations should not be a knee-jerk reaction to one incident but based on broad based parameters incorporating views of all stakeholders. The top court also pulled up Raina for his affidavit giving an apology and said he initially tried to defend himself and tried to look innocent.

On July 15, the top court asked the five social media influencers, including Raina, to appear before the court in a case seeking action against them for ridiculing persons suffering from disabilities.

Complaints against RAMDEV was sponsored: Centre tells SC

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court was on Tuesday informed that a closure report has been filed by Chhattisgarh Police in a case over yoga guru Ramdev's alleged remarks against the use of allopathic medicines during the Covid pandemic.



Solicitor General Tushar Mehta brought the development to the notice of Justices M M Sundresh and Satish Chandra Sharma.

Mehta said the complaints against Ramdev appeared to have been "sponsored" by some interested groups.

Senior advocate Siddharth Dave, representing Ramdev, said in line with the previous directions, Chhattisgarh filed its response but Bihar was yet to do it. The bench then adjourned the matter for December. Previously, the complainants were asked to be impleaded as parties in his plea seeking stay of the criminal proceedings.

The Patna and Raipur chapters of the Indian Medical Association (IMA) lodged complaints in 2021 alleging Ramdev's remarks were likely to cause prejudice to Covid control mechanism and may dissuade people from availing proper treatment.

Ramdev impleaded the Centre, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and IMA as parties.

Dave earlier said his client made a statement in 2021 that he does not believe in allopathic medicines to which some doctors took offence and

lodged multiple cases against him.

As an interim relief, Ramdev sought a stay on investigation on the criminal complaints.

The IMA lodged complaints in Bihar and Chhattisgarh over Ramdev's remarks against the use of allopathic medicines during the pandemic.

The yoga guru was booked under various provisions of IPC and the Disaster Management Act, 2005. Ramdev, whose statements stirred a nationwide debate on Allopathy versus Ayurveda had, however, withdrawn them after receiving a letter from then Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan, who called his remarks "inappropriate".

The Delhi Medical Association (DMA), meanwhile, sought permission to become a party to the case, alleging that Ramdev insulted Allopathy and "instigated" people to disregard vaccines and treatment protocols.

The DMA, having 15,000 doctors as members, claimed Ramdev's Patanjali earned over Rs 1,000 crore by selling "Coronil" kits which were not approved by the competent authority.

Intensive Ticket Checking Drive at Howrah Station Yields Significant Results

MI News Service, Kolkata: An intensive magistrate ticket checking drive was conducted at Howrah Station under the supervision of the Railway Magistrate on 20.09.2025.



A team comprising 48 ticket checking staff, supported by 10 Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel and 1 Government Railway Police (GRP) official, participated in the operation. The joint effort ensured stringent checks and effective monitoring of passenger movement.

The results were remarkable — a total of 689 cases of ticket irregularities were detected, including 437 passengers found travelling without tickets. The drive resulted in a penalty collection of ₹2,29,430, underscoring Eastern Rail-

way's commitment to curbing ticketless travel and safeguarding legitimate passenger revenue.

Eastern Railway appeals to all passengers to travel with valid tickets

and cooperate with railway authorities in ensuring a fair and efficient transport system. Ticketless travel is a punishable offence, and strict action will continue to be taken against violators.

TREE PLANTATION AND CLEANING DRIVE UNDER SWACHHATA HI SEVA 2025 IN ASANSOL DIVISION

MI News Service, Asansol : As part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 campaign, Asansol Division of Eastern Railway carried out a series of environmental and cleanliness activities including tree plantation, intensive platform washing and sanitation drives. These initiatives aimed to promote a clean and green railway environment through the active participation of staff.

The Multi Disciplinary Training Institute (MDZTI), Bhuli, organized a plantation drive in the presence of the Principal. At Jamtara Station, a Shramdaan program was conducted along with the plantation of 50 saplings. At Siuri Railway Station, tree plantation was carried out under the theme "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam". Staff from all departments actively partic-

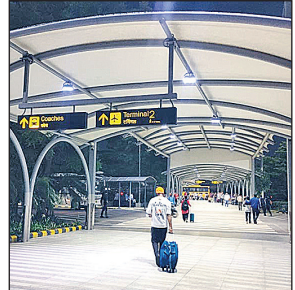
ipated in these programs. In addition, another Shramdaan program was conducted at Siuri Railway Station which further strengthened the cleanliness mission.

Tree plantation was also undertaken at Panagarh Station, reflecting the Division's focus on environmental protection and sustainable practices.

At Madhupur Station, a cleanliness drive covering platform washing and sanitation of the station premises was organized, ensuring improved hygiene and a more passenger-friendly environment.

These initiatives highlighted the proactive involvement of railway staff in protecting natural resources and maintaining cleanliness across railway premises.

Delhi airport's revamped Terminal 2 to be operational from Oct 26



MI News Service, New Delhi: Delhi airport's upgraded Terminal 2 will be operational from October 26, which will take the overall annual passenger handling capacity to 100 million.

The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in the national capital, also the country's busiest airport, has three terminals - T1, T2 and T3.

T2, which was built 40 years ago by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), was shut down for upgradation in April this year.

The upgraded Terminal 2 at the IGI airport is set to become operational from October 26, coinciding with the beginning of the winter schedule, airport operator DIAL said in a release.

"From the intervening night of October 25-26, 2025, approximately 120 daily domestic flights operated by Air India and Indigo are set to shift operations to the upgraded Terminal 2," the release said. Currently, T1 and T3 are operational. IGIA, operated by the Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), has four runways and handles around 1,400 flight movements daily.

Malda Division observes "Swachhata Hi Seva – 2025" with Tree Plantation Drive

MI News Service, Malda: As part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva – 2025 campaign with the theme "Swachhotsav", Eastern Railway's Malda Division organized a large-scale Tree Plantation Programme today under the national initiative "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam."

At Malda Town, the programme was organized by the Environment and Housekeeping Management (EnHM) Department at the Railway Sports Complex. The drive was led by Shri Manish Kumar Gupta, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Malda, along with Branch Officers, members of ERWWO, railway staff, and their families. DRM/Malda planted tree saplings on this occasion.

Similar tree plantation activities were also carried

out across the Division at several important locations, including Jamalpur Station, Crew Lobby and Railway Consumer Depot (RCD) at Jamalpur, Bhagalpur Crew Lobby, and Jharna Colony Park at Sahibganj. These events saw enthusiastic participation from railway officials, staff, families, and local organisations.

Speaking on the occasion, DRM/Malda stated: "This plantation under 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' is our contribution to environmental protection under Swachhata Hi Seva – 2025. Planting more trees means planting happiness, health, and hope for the coming generations." The initiative highlighted Malda Division's strong commitment to building a cleaner and greener environment for the future.

RPF Rescues Injured Passenger at Sealdah under "Mission Sewa"

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a prompt and humanitarian response under the banner of "Mission Sewa", Railway Protection Force (RPF) officials of Sealdah Main Post, Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway, came to the aid of an injured female passenger at Sealdah Railway Station on 20.09.2025.



On spotting the woman in an injured condition, RPF personnel swiftly extended assistance, ensured immediate first aid, and arranged her transfer to the nearest Government hospital for urgent medical treatment.

This act of timely inter-

vention by RPF not only ensured the passenger's safety but also reaffirmed Eastern Railway's unwavering commitment towards passenger care, safety, and welfare under the "Mission Sewa" initiative.

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Place: Kolkata & Howrah

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Indian Minorities Federation and New India Development Foundation come to aid of disaster-affected families

MI News Service, Nangal: A mega multi-speciality health camp was jointly organised by the Indian Minorities Federation (IMF) and the New India Development (NID) Foundation at Nangal in Punjab as part of Sewa Pakhwada (Fortnight of Service) dedicated to the celebrations of PM Modi's 75th birthday to provide under-privileged communities access to essential health services in line with the Modi government's goal for ensuring quality healthcare for every citizen.

This was the first major health camp organised in the Nangal area after floodwater receded, which is the first major town in Punjab along the banks of the Sutlej River from where the river water enters after flowing from the neighbouring state of Himachal Pradesh.

More than 5,000 residents from the Nangal area, mostly flood-affected families including men, women, elderly and children, availed free medical services during the camp.

As water has receded now and the risk of vector-borne diseases is high, this health camp has played a crucial role in providing succour for the flood-affected families.

The Governor of Punjab and Administrator of UT Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria, presided over the event as Chief Guest, and Convener IMF and MP Satnam Sandhu and multi-faith leaders were also present on the occasion.

As part of 'Swasth Nari, Sashtakti Parivar Abhiyaan', which was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 17, marking the largest ever health outreach for women and children in India, special screening and health check-ups of women and children were done during the camp.

The Governor of Punjab and Administrator of UT Chandigarh, Gulab Chand Kataria, said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi, from the starting days of his political journey when he was just a party worker, has given utmost importance to the Sewa (service) of people the nation and it is out of that chaste thought process, today Sewa Pakhwada is being organized to mark celebrations of PM Modi's birthday. The preachings of Sikh Gurus have shown us the path of Sewa and inspired by these very teachings, our honourable Prime Minister has been performing social service today."

The Governor added, "This health camp as part of Sewa Pakhwada to celebrate PM Modi's birthday is indeed a praiseworthy initiative that has converged doctors and patients on single platform; unlike in the past when health was a neglected subject, PM Modi has made it an integral part of his governance. PM Modi's new health-linked governance model has ensured the effective delivery of all health scheme benefits to the last mile. Under PM Modi every healthy Indian will unite to transform the nation into Sashakti Bharat."

"Today, every Indian feels proud of PM Modi, as no Prime Minister in the history of independent India has elevated the nation's stature to such great heights on the global stage as he has," added the Governor. Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and IMF Convener Satnam Singh Sandhu said, "In the past 11 years, India's healthcare system has undergone a profound transformation under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who believes that every life matters and a healthier India is a stronger India," he said.

MP Sandhu added, "Guided by the vision of Health for All, the government has brought quality and affordable medical care closer to the people even in rural and underserved regions of the country. As the health sector budget has increased by 200 % in the last 11 years, from Rs 33,278 crore in 2013-14 to Rs 99,958 crore in 2025-26, huge investments have been made in infrastructure, digital health, immunisation, maternal and childcare and medical education across India."

"For tackling rising cancer cases in India, over 58.35 crore persons have been screened for oral cancer, breast cancer and cervical cancer under the Ayushman Bharat scheme in the last three years," Sandhu said.

Sandhu further added, "PM Modi shares a deep connection with the people of Punjab, and

the state is benefitting from AIMS Bathinda, PGI Satellite Centre Sangrur, and the Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (Tata Memorial Centre) in New Chandigarh, which have been set up in the state during his tenure to provide healthcare services to the people of Punjab."

More than 150 doctors, assisted by over 500 paramedical staff and medical volunteers, examined patients in 17 different medical specialties, including Cardiology, Gynecology & Obstetrics, Orthopedics, General Medicine, Unani or Chiropractic, Physiotherapy, Ophthalmology, Dentistry, Diabetics & Nutrition, Mental Health (Psychiatry), Dermatology (Skin), ENT (Ear, Nose & Throat), Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Immunization (Vaccination), Pediatrics (Children) and Orthotics (Prosthetics) during the camp.

Apart from free screening, treatment and consultations, free medical tests, free medicines and free spectacles were also distributed among needy patients during the camp. A blood donation camp supported by BBMB and Red Cross was also organised where donors participated enthusiastically, which resulted in the collection of 100 units of blood.

Expressing gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for ensuring easy accessibility to affordable and quality healthcare for all sections of society, the people who availed healthcare services at the camp said since Independence, no Prime Minister before PM Modi has given healthcare a priority of governance other than PM Modi.

The doctors and health experts present at the Health Camp said PM Modi has ensured easy access to quality and affordable healthcare for every Indian during the last 11 years.

They added that after introducing transformative healthcare initiatives like Jan Aushadhi Kendras and Ayushman Bharat, the Modi government has now implemented GST reforms, reducing GST on essential health products and exempting 33 life-saving medicines from tax.

The doctors said that by extending coverage of Ayushman Bharat, the world's largest publicly funded healthcare programme, to nearly 62 crore beneficiaries who get free health coverage of Rs 5 lakh every year, PM Modi has made quality healthcare a fundamental right for underprivileged sections of society. Out of the total cards created under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, approximately 49 per cent of Ayushman cards have been created for women.

A whopping Rs 4.49 lakh crore has been designated for women's welfare in the current budget, marking a significant 37.25 per cent increase from the previous year, reflecting the government's strengthened commitment to women's empowerment and inclusive growth.

Under PM Modi's leadership, the government has announced that premiums for health and term insurance will be fully exempt from GST. This reform is expected to reduce policy costs by up to 18 per cent, making insurance more affordable for citizens and expanding financial protection, said health experts.

They added that by reducing the tax on medicines, PM Modi has done the greatest service to the nation; as per the new norms, GST on 33 life-saving medicines has been reduced from 5 per cent to nil, while medicines previously taxed at 12 per cent remain unchanged. Moreover, GST on medical devices has been lowered from 18 per cent to 5 per cent, making essential healthcare products more affordable and accessible for all Indians.

Under PM Modi's leadership, India's healthcare system has transformed into a pioneering model of universal, technology-driven care that the world now follows.

The introduction of apps such as ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) for storing and accessing medical records securely in one place, eSanjeevani telemedicine for remote doctor consultations, push for use of AI-driven solutions in diagnostics and digital health startups, PM Modi has ushered in a new era of healthcare in India, according to Doctors.



People gather in masses on the occasion of Shradh Amavasya at Prachin Mandir Shri Narayani Sheela, in Haridwar on Sunday.

Vision of 'self-reliant' India would be fulfilled when people buy Made in India goods: Ramdas Athwale

MI News Service, New Delhi : Ahead of the introduction of the newly introduced Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms, Union Minister Ramdas Athwale on Sunday stated that the vision of a self-reliant India would be fulfilled when people would buy Made in India goods.

Further, Athwale applauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address to the nation, stating that light had been shed on several important topics.

"He (PM Modi) has told the people of the country about 'Made in India'. Whatever goods people want to buy, they should buy Made in India goods, and not the goods that are made outside. If we resolve to make everything here, it will provide employment to crores of people, and the vision of a self-reliant India will be fulfilled... He has tried to shed light on many topics... We are going to win Bihar... Even if he hadn't decided on this, we

would still have won (in the Bihar Elections)..." Athwale told ANI.

He further stated that the decision of the GST reforms was taken at the right time, and mocked the Opposition, stating that the more they spoke, the more the ruling government benefited.

"PM Modi has taken this important decision at the right time... Opposition can say anything... The more they speak, the more it benefits us..." he further added.

Meanwhile, Congress criticised the PM's address on the GST reforms and stated that the party had long argued that GST was a Growth-Suppressing Tax and that the current reforms were inadequate.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh criticised the PM, claiming ownership of the recent amendments to the GST regime.

In a post shared on X, Ramesh said, "The Prime Minister addressed the nation today to claim sole own-

ership of the amendments made to the GST regime by the GST Council, a constitutional body." The Congress leader also argued that the current structure is burdened with too many tax brackets, punitive rates on mass-consumption items, large-scale evasion and misclassification, high compliance costs, and an inverted duty structure that discourages output.

"The Indian National Congress has long argued that the GST has been a Growth Suppressing Tax. It is plagued with a high number of tax brackets, punitive tax rates for items of mass consumption, large-scale evasion and misclassification, costly compliance burdens, and an inverted duty structure (lower tax on output as compared to inputs). We have been demanding a GST 2.0 since July 2017 itself. This was a key pledge made in our Nyay Patra for the 2024 Lok Sabha Elections," he said.

ED raids premises of Imperial Group in Himachal Pradesh and Delhi for FEMA provisions

MI News Service, Shimla: Directorate of Enforcement (ED) conducted search operations at six premises located in Himachal Pradesh and Delhi belonging to Imperial Group owner Manavinder Singh, his wife Sagri Singh and related entities as part of a foreign exchange violation probe linked to alleged undisclosed foreign assets, a release said. The search operations on Friday and Saturday were conducted under the provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) 1999 in connection with an investigation related to undisclosed assets held outside India, undisclosed foreign investments and the financial interests of Sing, his wife and the entities under the Imperial Group, the release said.

The Imperial Group is a group of companies operating inter alia in the aerospace and real estate sectors and is chaired by Singh.

The Auramah Valley luxury residential project in Himachal Pradesh's Naldehra is also a part of the aforesaid group.

Additionally, according to the seized financial statements and records pertaining to the undisclosed foreign entities and undisclosed assets held outside India, the value of those located outside India in Singapore, Dubai, British Virgin Islands and Thailand is more than Rs 80 crore.

Earlier, ED provisionally attached immovable properties valued at Rs 696.21 crore located in Haryana's Panchkula in connection with its ongoing probe in the case of Pearl Agro Corporation Limited (PACL) and others under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

ED said its investigation stems from the Central Bureau of Investigation's First Information Report registered on February 19, 2014, against PACL Ltd, PGF Ltd, late Nirmal Singh Bhango, and others.

The case pertains to massive fraudulent collective investment schemes floated by PACL, through which the company and its associates deceitfully raised and misappropriated around Rs 48,000 crore from unsuspecting investors, which constitutes Proceeds of Crime (POC).

ED's investigation has revealed that the funds mobilised from lakhs of investors were layered and diverted through multiple transactions to conceal their illicit origins.

"Part of the tainted funds were utilised for the acquisition of 11 immovable properties, valued at Rs 696.21 crore, in the names of entities such as DSS Megacity Pvt Ltd, Saramati Realtors Pvt Ltd, Saramati Techno Build Pvt Ltd, Shiv Megacity Project Pvt Ltd, and Roseco Builders Pvt Ltd. The layering was deliberately structured to project the assets as legitimate, thereby attempting to mask the Proceeds of Crime," said the agency in a statement.

HYDRAA demolishes illegal constructions in Telangana's Gajularamaram, frees land worth Rs 15,000 cr

MI News Service, Medchal-Malkajgiri: The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) has undertaken a demolition drive against illegal constructions in Gajularamaram, Medchal-Malkajgiri district, on Sunday.

The operation targeted unauthorised structures on 300 acres of government land valued at approximately Rs 15,000 crore.

According to the HYDRAA official, "Today, early morning hours in Gajularamaram in Quthbullapur Mandal of Medchal-Malkajgiri district, HYDRAA carried out demolition on illegal constructions in survey No: 307 in 300 acres of land worth 15 thousand crores. We will take action against people who constructed illegally."

Earlier, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Friday announced that the state government is building Bharat Future City in Hyderabad, projected as one of the most advanced urban centres in India, designed to match global standards, said an official.

According to a release by the Chief Minister's office, to be built over 30,000 acres in its first phase, the city would have nine zones, including AI City, Health zone, and Education zone, among others.

Elaborating on the details of the Telangana Rising 2047, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said, "I want to make Telangana a \$1 trillion state economy by 2034, and \$3 trillion by 2047. For this, we have a strategy to zone the entire state - inside the Outer Ring Road (160 kms) would be Core Urban, between the ORR and the new Regional Ring Road (360 kms) would be semi-urban dedicated as a Manufacturing zone, and outside the RRR, would be

rural economy."

Addressing several questions from the panel moderators and the audience, CM Revanth Reddy stated that the future would belong to cities that can best manage the water and climate crisis.

"We are creating an Urban Water Grid through River Musi rejuvenation, restoration and rejuvenation of lakes, and nullahs. Only cities that can mitigate climate crisis risks have a future. We will make Hyderabad India's first city to mitigate risks from the Climate Crisis, including drought and urban flooding," he said as per the release.

Speaking of zones in detail, Chief Minister Reddy told the public affairs professionals from the top 100 global and Indian corporations that Hyderabad would be made a knowledge hub, for which he was reaching out to top educational institutions in the world to build their offshore campuses in Telangana.

These will support basic thrust to education and skills through Young India Skills University, YI Sports Residential Schools, among others.

Speaking of other benefits of gamechanger projects, including Bharat Future City, Regional Ring Road, Regional Ring Rail, Musi rejuvenation and Manufacturing Zone, he said, "We are creating opportunities for the future. We are going to set the new standard for an Indian city. We will also build a China +1 alternative in manufacturing for the world."

Inviting all companies and professionals to become supporters of the Telangana Rising vision, CM Reddy said, "Join me in creating this amazing state and economy, with opportunities for everyone."

'Bargach Foundation' started free coaching classes for the Docra artisen children in Dwariapur



MI News Service, Aushgram: A voluntary organization called 'Bargach Foundation' has organized free coaching classes for the children of artists in Dwariapur Dokra Para, Ausgram in Purba Bardhaman. It was formally inaugurated by Superintendent of Police of Purba Bardhaman Sayak Das on Sunday. The Superintendent of Police cut the ribbon of a white board for teaching. He also handed over educational materials to the students. At the same time, a filter was handed over to the students so that they could drink filtered drinking water. On behalf of the organization, former police officer Kalyan

Mukherjee said, "First, this class will start in Dokra Para with thirty-five students from pre-primary and primary levels. Two teachers will teach them five days a week." The organization is also working on providing filtered drinking water and health to the Dokra artists. Earlier, they installed a pipeline of filtered drinking water in the neighborhood. The Superintendent of Police said, "The Dokra art has a reputation. However, the standard of living of the Dokra artists can be improved better." Chairman of Bargach Finance and Trustee of Artisan Soul Mr. Soumik Mukherjee, District Police DSP (Discipline and Training) Subrata Mondal, and Shantanu Adhikari Inspector of Police, Ausgram Police Station were present at the event. The SP formally inaugurated the rooms of the investigating officer and inspector at Ausgram Police Station on this day. District Police DSP (Discipline and Training) Subrata Mondal was present there.

Indian Navy's Rs 80,000 crore tender for four amphibious warships to be issued soon

MI News Service, New Delhi: Seeking to expand its amphibious warfare capabilities, the Indian Navy is likely to issue a tender soon for building four large-sized warships known as the Landing Platform Dock (LPD) at a cost of around Rs 80,000 crore.

The Indian Navy is also looking to have the capability of operating fixed-wing naval drones from the warships and also use them as command and control centres for carrying out operations on shore from sea for prolonged durations.

"The Defence Ministry is expected to soon take up the Indian Navy proposal, expected to be worth around Rs 80,000 crore, at a high-level

meeting. The project would be one of the biggest for building surface warships in the country," defence officials told ANI.

The Indian shipbuilders would be the lead in this contract, which is likely to see the participation of major players, including L&T, Mazagon Dockyards, Cochin Shipyard and Hindustan Shipbuilders Limited.

The Navy has been pushing for expanding its amphibious warfare capability for many years now.

International shipbuilders such as Navantia, Naval Group, and Fincantieri are likely to be the design partners for the warships to be built and fully integrated within the country.

What are the symptoms of paralysis ? Know its causes and treatment

Poor lifestyle, changing eating habits, and stress are the leading causes of illness in today's fast-paced life. Paralysis is a disease that people often don't know about beforehand and can cause problems suddenly. Let's explore the symptoms and remedies for paralysis, what foods cause paralysis, and the home remedies for paralysis.

What is paralysis?

Paralysis is a respiratory disease, also known as paralysis, paralysis, and paralysis. It affects muscle function. In this condition, muscles in a particular part of the body become inactive. This condition means that a person with paralysis is unable to move more than one muscle. This condition occurs when communication between the muscles and the brain is impaired. Paralysis can occur in a single area of ??the body or throughout the body, meaning it can occur on one side or both sides.

How many types of paralysis are there?

There are several types of paralysis, which can be understood based on the affected area:

Monoplegia - When paralysis affects only one part of the body (leg or arm), it is called monoplegia.

Hemiplegia - In hemiplegia, one side of the body is affected. This can include one arm, one leg, the abdomen, shoulder, or chest.

Paraplegia - This type of paralysis affects the lower part of the body, i.e., the part below the waist, which can include both legs.

Cardioplegia - Cardioplegia is also known as tetraplegia. In this condition, all four arms and legs are affected.

Bell's palsy - Sometimes, when the muscles of a part of the body stop working, it is called palsy. In Bell's palsy, the facial muscles are affected. In this case, facial parts, such as the mouth, become distorted, caus-



ing problems with speaking and eating. A very common question is how long it takes for facial paralysis to heal. Facial paralysis usually resolves within 3 to 6 months. In severe cases, this time may be longer.

What are the symptoms of paralysis?

Generally, the symptoms of paralysis are very easy to recognize. The patient loses feeling in a specific area. Sometimes, symptoms like tingling or numbness appear before the paralysis occurs. Paralysis involves loss of muscle control in the paralyzed parts of the body.

You may experience the following symptoms during paralysis:

Sometimes, muscle cramps and pain
Muscle weakness
Drooling
Headache
Decreased thinking ability
Weakness on one side of the face
Changes in vision and hearing

Changes in mood and behavior
Difficulty breathing

Why does a paralysis attack occur?

What causes paralysis? There are several possible causes that can cause a person to become permanently or temporarily paralyzed. In many cases, it's caused by injury or damage to the spinal cord. Other causes include:

Any type of attack or stroke
Polio
Deep bone, back, or head injury
Trauma
Multiple sclerosis
Hypokalemia
Feeling of weakness in one side of the body, in an arm or both arms and legs
Neck injury
Autoimmune disease (Guillain-Barré syndrome)
Parkinson's disease See also - What causes body heat? See how to prevent it

Does eating cause paralysis?

Paralysis isn't caused by eating anything specific, nor is it directly related to food or drink. However, poor eating habits or poor diet can increase the risk of long-term paralysis. This is a condition that can have many causes, which are explained in detail in the sections above.What happens before a paralysis attack?

A paralysis attack is a serious health condition. Before an attack, some people may experience behavioral changes, such as difficulty speaking, vision problems, sudden numbness and weakness in the arms, legs, or face, headaches, etc. Furthermore, in some people, paralysis attacks can occur without any prior warning.

What is the home remedy for paralysis? Paralysis is a fatal disease in which the paralyzed limbs are unable to perform any function. The following are some home remedies that you can easily perform at home:

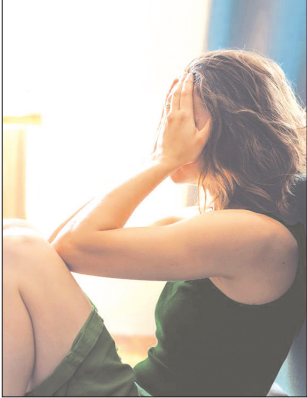
Applying wet mud - A wet mud paste is considered very useful for paralysis. You can apply a wet mud paste to paralysis patients regularly. If you can do this daily, you can take a one-day break. After applying the mud paste, the patient must take a hip bath. This remedy proves very beneficial for paralysis patients.

Oil - To apply oil to paralyzed limbs, you will need to prepare a type of oil. For this, take half a liter of mustard oil and add 50 grams of garlic. Then, cook it in an iron pan until the water evaporates. Let it cool and then strain it into a container. Massage the paralyzed limbs with this oil daily to see benefits.

Bitter gourd - Bitter gourd is considered very beneficial for paralysis. In such cases, patients should consume bitter gourd vegetable or bitter gourd juice. It improves the condition of the affected body parts. Keep in mind that this home remedy is safe for the patient.

Study finds body temperature is linked to depression

WASHINGTON : A study from UC San Francisco revealed that individuals with depression may benefit from lowering their body temperatures, as they tend to be higher. The study, published in Scientific Reports, does not clarify whether depression causes increased body temperature or vice versa. People with depression may have a higher body temperature due to impaired self-cooling, increased heat output from metabolic processes, or a combination of the two. Researchers analyzed data from more than 20,000 international participants who wore a device that measures body temperature and also self-reported their body temperatures and depression symptoms daily. The seven-month study began in early 2020 and included data from 106 countries. The results showed that with each increasing level of depression symptom severity, participants had higher body temperatures. The body temperature data also showed a trend toward higher depression scores in people whose temperatures had less fluctuation throughout a 24-hour period, but this finding didn't reach significance. The findings shed light on how a novel depression treatment method might work, said Ashley Mason, PhD, the study's lead author and associate professor of psychiatry at UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences. A small body of existing, causal studies has found that using hot tubs or saunas can reduce depression,



possibly by triggering the body to self-cool, for example, through sweating.

"Ironically, heating people up actually can lead to rebound body temperature lowering that lasts longer than simply cooling people down directly, as through an ice bath," said Mason, who is also a clinical psychologist at the UCSF Osher Center for Integrative Health.

"What if we can track the body temperature of people with depression to time heat-based treatments well?"

"To our knowledge, this is the largest study to date to examine the association between body temperature - assessed using both self-report methods and wearable sensors - and depressive symptoms in a geographically broad sample," added Mason.

"Given the climbing rates of depression in the United States, we're excited by the possibilities of a new avenue for treatment."

Study reveals key protein that helps prevent excessive bone loss in osteoporosis

Tokyo : Osteoporosis, a disorder characterised by porous and weak bones, is a major hazard to skeletal health. As the foundation of the human body, bones provide critical structural support. When bone mass decreases, it not only weakens this support but also lowers general function, resulting in a lower quality of life.

With an ageing population and a rise in osteoporosis cases, the burden on healthcare resources for long-term care is clear. As a result, there is a need to understand the mechanisms that cause osteoporosis and develop effective targeted therapeutics to mitigate its long-term effects. Osteoblasts and osteoclasts are two types of cells that play critical roles in bone tissue maintenance and remodelling. Osteoblasts are bone-forming cells that synthesise and deposit new bone tissue, whereas osteoclasts break down and remove old or damaged bone tissue. Increased proportion of osteoclasts causes bone mass loss in situations such as osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis (joint inflammation), and bone metastases (cancer that has spread to the bones). Osteoclasts develop from the development of macrophages or monocytes, two types of immune cells. Suppressing osteo-

clast differentiation could thus be used as a therapeutic technique to prevent bone loss. However, the precise molecular pathways driving the complicated process of bone remodelling are unknown.

In a new groundbreaking study, Professor TadayoshiHayata, Mr. Takuto Konno, and Ms. HitomiMurachi from Tokyo University of Science, along with their co-workers, delved deeper into the molecular regulation of osteoclast differentiation. Receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa B ligand (RANKL) stimulation induces the differentiation of macrophages into osteoclasts. Further, bone morphogenetic protein (BMP) and transforming growth factor (TGF)-b signaling pathways have been implicated in the regulation of RANKL-mediated osteoclast differentiation. In the current study, the researchers sought to investigate the role of Ctdnep1 - a phosphatase (an enzyme that removes phosphate groups) that has been reported to suppress BMP and TGF-b signaling.

Giving further insight into their work set to be published on July 30, 2024, in Volume 719 of Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications, Prof.

Hayata states, "RANKL functions as an 'accelerator' for osteoclast cell differentiation. Driving a car requires not only the accelerator but also the brakes. Here, we find that Ctdnep1 functions as a 'brake' on osteoclast cell differentiation." First, the researchers examined the expression of Ctdnep1 in mouse-derived macrophages treated with RANKL and untreated control cells. They noted that Ctdnep1 expression remained unchanged in response to RANKL stimulation. However, it localized in the cytoplasm in granular form in the macrophages and differentiated into osteoclasts, distinct from its normal peri-nuclear localization in other cell types, indicating its cytoplasmic function in osteoclast differentiation. Further, Ctdnep1 knockdown (downregulation of gene expression) resulted in an increase in tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase-positive (TRAP) osteoclasts; wherein TRAP is a marker for differentiated osteoclasts. Additionally, Ctdnep1 knockdown led to an increase in the expression of crucial differentiation markers including 'Nfatc1', a RANKL-induced master transcription factor for osteoclast differentiation. These results support the 'brake function' of

Ctdnep1, whereby, it negatively regulates osteoclast differentiation. Moreover, Ctdnep1 knockdown also led to increased absorption of calcium phosphate, suggestive of the suppressive role of Ctdnep1 in bone resorption. Lastly, while, Ctdnep1 knockdown did not alter BMP and TGF-b signaling, cells deficient in Ctdnep1 showed elevated levels of phosphorylated (activated) proteins downstream of the RANKL signaling pathway. These findings suggest that the suppressive effect of Ctdnep1 in osteoclast differentiation may not be mediated by BMP and TGF-b signaling, but, through the negative regulation of RANKL signaling and Nfatc1 protein levels.Overall, these findings provide novel insights into the process of osteoclast differentiation and reveal potential therapeutic targets which can be pursued to develop treatments that address bone loss due to excessive osteoclast activity. In addition to diseases characterized by bone loss, Ctdnep1 has also been reported as a causative factor in medulloblastoma - a childhood brain tumor. The authors are, therefore, optimistic that their research can be extended to other human diseases beyond bone metabolism.

Hotter weather due to climate change could lead to more mosquitos: Study

VIRGINIA [US] : A recent study conducted by Virginia Commonwealth University scientists found that a warmer environment may result in more mosquitos as predators struggle to maintain their number.

As the cover feature in Ecology, a journal published by the Ecological Society of America, the study -- "Warming and Top-Down Control of Stage-Structured Prey: Linking Theory to Patterns in Natural Systems" -- found that rising temperatures, often linked to climate change, can make predators of mosquito larvae less effective at controlling mosquito populations.

Warmer temperatures accelerate the development time of larvae, leading to a smaller window of time for dragonflies could eat them.

This means there could be nearly twice as many mosquito larvae that make it to adulthood in the study area. The researchers looked at riverine rock pools at Belle Isle along the James River in Richmond and found that warmer temperature pools had more aquatic mosquito larvae, even when their predators that naturally control the populations were present. The native rock pool mosquito is not an important disease vector, but it is one of the few local mosquitos that doesn't have to feed as an adult to lay eggs. So the findings might apply to similar taxa, like the invasive Asian rock pool mosquito.

"We might see larger populations of everyone's least favorite bug, mosquitos. While the mosquito larvae we studied here [are] the North American rock pool mosquito, these findings likely apply to species of mosquito that do act as vectors for diseases like West Nile or even Zika virus," said Andrew T Davidson, PhD, lead researcher on the



study. He conducted the research through the PhD program in VCU's Center for Integrative Life Sciences Education. Predators help stabilize ecosystems and food webs, and the study looked at predator-prey interaction between dragonfly nymphs and mosquito larvae. Before fieldwork, the research was rooted in concepts of thermal physiology and short-term lab experiments that yielded predictive models of the relationship between predators, prey and temperature in the field. The field study then tested the models in a completely natural environment.

The study builds on Davidson's earlier research in Functional Ecology as well as work by lab mate C. Ryland Stunkle and the rest of the VCU rock pool team. The team also acknowledges the collaborative support of professor Brian Byrd of Western Carolina University's College of Health and Human Sciences. The recent work led by Davidson was part of a larger National Science Foundation grant that has involved scientists from VCU, the University of Richmond, Radford University, Western Carolina University and Eastern Carolina University. The collaborative award of nearly USD 1 million has included nearly USD 400,000 for VCU.

Adjuvants, pesticides disrupt honey bee's sense of smell: Study

WASHINGTON : Pesticide sprays have long been recognised as a threat to honey bees. In a new study, researchers uncovered the influence of such sprays on bees' sense of smell, which could disrupt their social signalling.

Honey bees live in dynamic communities and constantly communicate with each other using chemicals that serve as social cues. For example, nurse bees--who are responsible for taking care of larvae that ultimately become queens and worker bees--constantly monitor the larvae in the dark using pheromones.

The larvae emit brood pheromones to indicate that they need food. There are also alarm pheromones that workers produce to warn the other bees of danger. If these cues are dampened or not perceived properly, the colony may fail to thrive.

Since 2007, scientists have known that honey bees have been in trouble. One of the stressors that have raised concerns is insecticides, which affect honey bee health. Because these are usually used in combination with other chemicals, the resulting mixture can become unexpected-

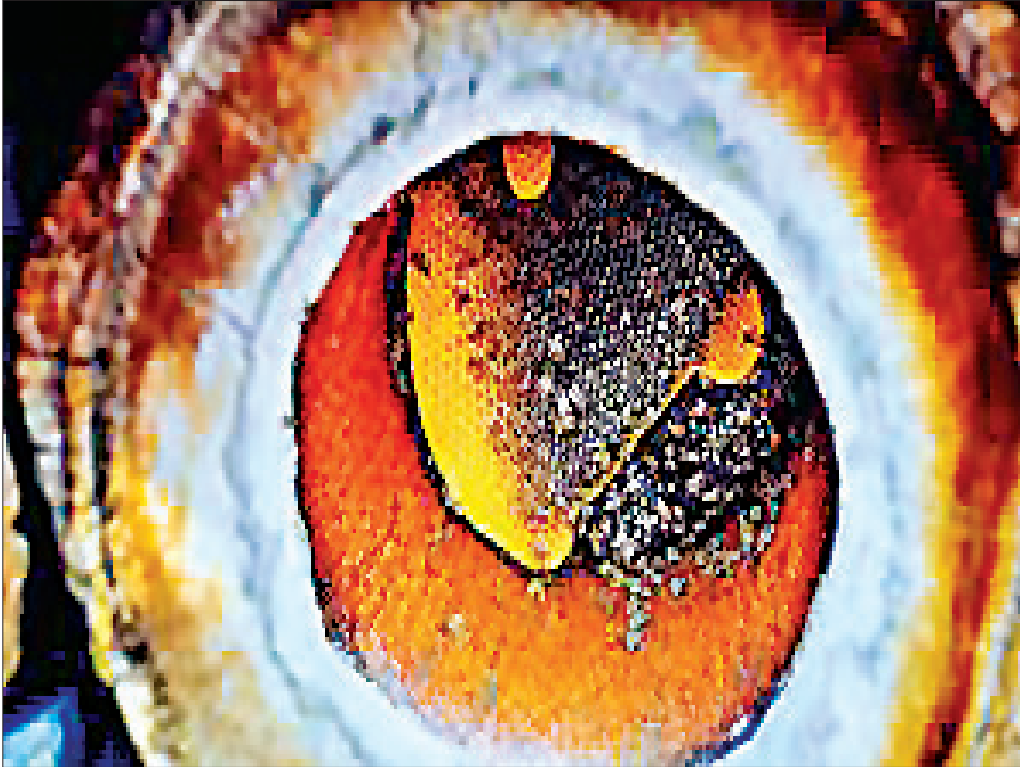
ly toxic to bees. "For many years, it was assumed that fungicides do not have an adverse impact on insects because they are designed for fungal targets," said May Berenbaum (GEGC/IGOH), a professor of entomology.

"Surprisingly, in addition to insecticides, fungicides also have an adverse effect on bees and combining the two can disrupt colony function."

For more than a decade, reports originating from almond orchards, where two-thirds of the US honey bees are transported every year when the flowers are in bloom, implicated pesticide spray mixtures. In particular, the problem lies in the use of supposedly inactive chemicals called adjuvants, which increase the "stickiness" of the insecticide so it stays on the plants.

Because adjuvants have long been considered to be biologically benign, they are not subject to the same level of safety testing as other insecticidal agents.

"Recently, researchers have shown that adjuvants alone or when used in combination with fungicides and insecticides are toxic to bees," Berenbaum said.



Nurse bees are especially vulnerable to these combinations.

"The health of the queens is paramount," Berenbaum said. "If

healthy queens are not produced, the colony can suffer." To under-

stand how combinations affect nurse bees, the researchers tested their effect on the olfactory system of honey bees using the adjuvant Dyne-Amic, the fungicide Tilt, and the insecticide Altacor.

The researchers divided bees into four groups of ten bees and for a week exposed them to either untreated commercial pollen or to pollen that had been treated with either Dyne-Amic, or Tilt and Altacor, or all three together.

The bees were then anesthetized on ice and one antenna was carefully removed from each bee. The researchers then exposed the antenna to chemical mimics of brood and alarm pheromones and recorded the antenna's response using a technique called electroantennography.

With this method, Ling-Hsiu Liao, a research scientist, and Wen-Yen Wu, a graduate student, in the Berenbaum lab, found that when nurse bees had consumed pollen contaminated by the three chemicals, their antennal responses to some brood pheromones and alarm

pheromones were altered.

Their finding suggests that these commonly-used pesticides can interfere with honey bee communication.

How these chemicals interact and influence the bees is still unclear. "There are many possible explanations for how consuming these chemicals can affect the sensory responses of bees," Liao said. "The antenna detects and triggers the response to olfactory signals. In this study we did not look at what other changes are triggered, particularly changes in behavior."

In addition to parsing out the underlying molecular pathways that are affected, the researchers are also interested in testing other mixtures of commonly used pesticides as well as looking at the response of bees in other populations. They hope that their work can help beekeepers rethink how they manage and protect their colonies.

The study "Effects of pesticide-adjuvant combinations used in almond orchards on olfactory responses to social signals in honey bees (Apis mellifera)" was published in Scientific Reports.

Historic Milestone: Major Tunnel breakthrough achieved in Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project

► Comfortable ride with a middle-class fare structure to ensure accessibility for a broad section of society

Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, India has achieved a historic engineering milestone in the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (HSR) project.

A major breakthrough in the construction of a 4.8 km tunnel section was achieved today. Excavation was carried out simultaneously from the Ghansoli and Shilphata sides. The teams had advanced toward each other through challenging underwater terrain.

The breakthrough moment came when the two teams successfully connected today, a remarkable engineering feat. The Railway Minister congratulated the project team, stating: "This is a landmark moment as we construct India's first under-sea tunnel, connecting Mumbai and Thane through this challenging creek".

Multiplier effect on economy

The bullet train project will reduce travel time between Mumbai and Ahmedabad to just 2 hours and 7 minutes. It will connect and integrate the economies of major commercial centers.

The world's first bullet train, connecting major centers like Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka, created a multiplier effect on Japan's entire economy. Similarly, this project will unite Anand, Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, Vapi, and Mumbai into a single economic corridor. It will create



unified markets & accelerate industrial growth along this corridor.

It will also facilitate knowledge transfer and economic integration. The economic gains will far exceed the initial investment through higher productivity and business expansion.

Union Minister mentioned that this project will meet the aspirations of middle class. This project will ensure a comfortable ride with fares structured for the middle class.

Project Progress and Innovation

The Mumbai-Ahmedabad HSR project continues to demonstrate remarkable progress across multiple fronts:

- 320 km of viaduct (bridge) portion completed
- Station construction work progressing at great pace across all locations
- River bridges being constructed systematically
- Sabarmati tunnel nearing completion

Sh Ashwini Vaishnav also mentioned that every effort is being undertaken to over-

come the delays caused by previous state government in Maharashtra.

Technical innovation

The project showcases cutting-edge engineering innovations that have earned international recognition. The use of single tunnel technology to accommodate two bullet trains and the deployment of 40-meter girders in viaduct construction represent significant technical achievements.

Japanese partners have notably praised this technological innovation for its efficiency and design excellence.

India has gained substantial technological knowledge through this project. It has been continuously working closely with Japanese experts.

Latest train technology and operational plans

Yesterday, the Union Minister met the Japanese delegation led by the Vice Minister to review the High-Speed Rail project. Both sides expressed satisfaction at the progress of the project. The first section is expected to be operational by 2027.

The discussions were also

held on introducing the latest E10 Shinkansen (Japan's next-generation bullet train) in India. Japan has agreed to provide India with this advanced train system.

Operational Framework:
● Initial frequency: Every 30 minutes during the peak hour
● Phase 2: Every 20 minutes as operations stabilize
● Future expansion: Every 10 minutes to meet growing traffic demands
● Target opening: First section operations between Surat to Billimora to begin in 2027

A comprehensive training program is also underway to ensure world-class operations. Hands-on training for loco pilots, and for maintenance staff is currently underway in Japan. Loco pilots are being trained on advanced simulators to uphold the highest standards of safety and efficiency.

Engineering Excellence Under Challenging Conditions

The project employs the advanced New Austrian Tunneling Method (NATM) with comprehensive safety measures. It includes ground settlement markers, piezometers, inclinometers, and strain gauges to ensure safe construction.

Special emphasis has been laid on ensuring that nearby structures and marine ecology are not disturbed.

Strategic importance

This landmark project aligns with Hon'ble Prime Minister Modi's vision of creating world-class infrastructure. This corridor will serve as a model for future high-speed rail networks across India.

JAMALPUR - HOWRAH – JAMALPUR VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS: A NEW DAWN FOR BIHAR'S CONNECTIVITY AND GROWTH

MI News Service, Kolkata : The prestigious Vande Bharat Express, inaugurated between Howrah and Bhalgalpur by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 15th September 2024 and introduced for regular service from 17th September 2024, has recently extended up to Jamalpur. The service of 22309/22310 Howrah-Jamalpur-Howrah Vande Bharat Express marks a remarkable leap forward in strengthening regional connectivity of Bihar with West Bengal and Jharkhand. This service is aimed at catering to the growing passenger demand while ensuring faster, more comfortable and efficient travel between these important regional hubs.

The train stops at eight stations enroute between Howrah and Jamalpur, of which three (3) key stations are in Bihar i.e. Mandar Hill, Barahat & Bhalgalpur, seamlessly weaving places of tourist attractions as well as of industrial and business importance. These stoppages serves thousands of passengers across Bihar every day, providing a modern, fast and convenient mode of travel.

Boosting Bihar's Connectivity: The Vande Bharat Express is serving as a lifeline for passengers in Bihar. Jamalpur, known for its historic railway workshop and growing educational and industrial significance, is now directly connected to Howrah with world-class train service. This enhanced link will not only reduce travel time but also bridge Bihar more closely with Kolkata, an important metropolitan hub, thereby supporting business, education and tourism.

Modern Comfort Meets Regional Needs:

The Vande Bharat Express is equipped with state-of-the-art features such as plush seating, modern interiors, automatic doors, onboard catering, bio-vac-



uum toilets and advanced safety systems. These facilities make it a preferred travel option for those who seek both comfort and speed. The train journey between Howrah, Bhalgalpur and Jamalpur offers scenic views while fulfilling the daily commuting needs of traders, students and professionals.

Economic and Social Impact for Bihar:

The service of this prestigious Vande Bharat Express train is expected to yield transformative benefits for Bihar.

Trade & Industry:

Jamalpur's industrial and railway hub status has been strengthened with faster access to Kolkata's markets.

Education: Students traveling between Bihar and West Bengal are enjoying reduced travel time, opening up better opportunities.

Tourism: The route encourages religious and cultural tourism, particularly for devotees visiting the sacred sites of Bihar.

Local Economy: Improved connectivity has boost local businesses and open new avenues for development in districts along the route.

Eastern Railway continues to reaffirm its commitment towards enhancing passenger convenience, reducing travel time and contributing to the socio-economic development of the region. With the extension of the Howrah-Jamalpur Vande Bharat Express, Bihar now finds itself more closely connected to major industrial and academic hubs, unlocking new opportunities for growth and prosperity.

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MORE THAN 7.08 LAKH PASSENGERS TRAVELED IN METRO ON 20.09.2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway is witnessing the rush of passengers as Puja is approaching. On 20.09.2025, a weekend Saturday, more than 7.08 lakh commuters travelled in the Metro, underlining its popularity as the most comfortable and convenient mode of transport in the city. This passenger count on a holiday reflects commuters' preference for Metro's reliable and seamless services. Metro authorities are also ensuring smooth operations to meet the rising demand during the festive season.

Out of this passenger count, over 5.23 lakh passengers travelled in the Blue Line, while the Green Line recorded a footfall of more than 1.79 lakh passengers. On the Yellow Line, 5,466 passengers availed services on the same day.

Throughout the day most of the train services were run as per the schedule in Blue Line. On Yellow Line and Green Line, services were operated smoothly and as per the schedule throughout the day. To avoid long queues at counters due to pre-puja rush, 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 download 'AAMAR KOLKATA METRO' app to book their tickets or recharge Smart Cards anytime to save time. More and more commuters are opting for digital mode of ticketing and as a result 224643 commuters have downloaded this app in the period 25.08.25 to 17.09.25. From 1st to 20th September, 45284 Smart Cards have been sold.

Howrah Division Conducted Tree Plantation Drive under Swachhta Hi Seva 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata : As part of Swachhta Hi Seva 2025, under the theme "Swachhotsav", Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organised extensive tree plantation drives on 21st September, 2025, across stations, colonies, and railway establishments. The initiative promoted environmental conservation, sustainability, and the importance of greenery in ensuring cleanliness and healthy living.

Plantation programmes were held at Telkal Ghat Railway Colony, Howrah Railway Colony, Bamangachi, Azimganj, Kamarkundu, Bolpur, Shrirampur, Bardhaman Colony, Bandel, Pakur, Bainchi, Bardhaman Station, C&W/Bardhaman, Mankundu, Bandel Station, Madhusudanpur, Gosaingram, Sainthia, Rampurhat, Bhadreswar, and Katwa West Colony. Staff, families, and local residents actively participated, ensuring wide outreach.

The main venue was Telkal Ghat Railway Colony, where the Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah, along with the President, Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO), Howrah, led the drive by planting saplings. Senior officers and officials also participated, reinforcing the message of collective responsibility.

Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organization Organizes All India Drawing Competition – 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata : Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organization (ERWWO) organized the All India Drawing Competition – 2025 on 21st September 2025 at Arunodaya Gholshapur School, Gholshapur Railway Colony, Behala, Kolkata, exclusively for the wards of non-gazetted staff of Eastern Railway. A total

of 60 participants enthusiastically showcased their artistic talents in the competition, which was divided into three groups. The topics for the drawing contest were announced on the spot by Smt. Seema Deouskar, President, ERWWO, in the presence of other executive members. At the conclusion of the programme, all participants were presented with token gifts as a mark of encouragement, followed by the distribution of food packets. The event highlighted the creativity and imagination of young participants and reflected ERWWO's commitment to promoting talent, cultural engagement, and the welfare of railway families.



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The Divisional Railway Manager urged sustained efforts in environmental protection and stressed the importance of nurturing trees, while the President, ERWWO/Howrah, encouraged family and community participation in such eco-friendly initiatives.

Through this drive, Howrah Division reaffirmed its commitment to cleanliness, sustainability, and community welfare, reflecting the vision of Swachh Rail – Swachh Bharat.

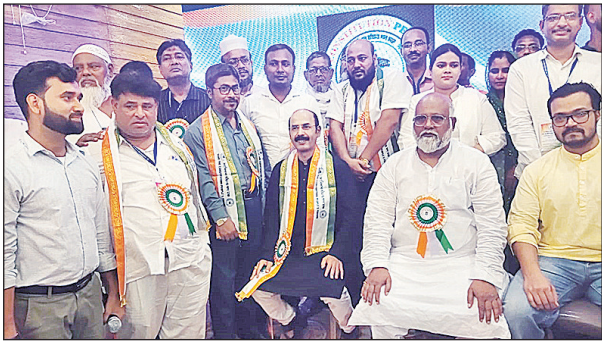
METRO RAILWAY CONDUCTING SWACHHTA HI SEVA CAMPAIGN

MI News Service, Kolkata : Joining with the rest of the country Metro Railway has also been conducting the Swachhta Hi Seva 5.0 campaign to make Metro premises clean and green. During this campaign, intensive cleaning and sanitization drives at stations, trains and other railway establishments are being carried out. Metro staff took part in cleaning drives at different Metro stations as part of this campaign. Commuters are also being sensitised and requested to keep the Metro premises clean. In order to spread the message of awareness tree plantation drives were organised at Central Park Depot, Noapara and Mahanayak Uttam Kumar stations of Metro Railway today, i.e. on 21.09.2025. Officers and staff of Engineering, Electrical and Traffic Departments took part in these drives.

In order to make passengers aware about the importance of Swachhta, a cultural programme was organized at Shahid Khudiram station. With the help of this programme Metro staff sensitised the Metro users and requested all to maintain the highest level of cleanliness of Aamar Metro stations. To avoid long queues at counters due to pre-puja rush, 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 download 'AAMAR KOLKATA METRO' app to book their tickets or recharge Smart Cards anytime to save time.

People need to be made aware of protecting the Constitution: Dr. Abdus Sattar

Nurul Islam Khan: The Constitution of India is the largest written constitution in the world, which was written by Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. This constitution is the foundation of our democracy and the guide of civic life. Therefore, protecting the Constitution from destruction and insult is not only our responsibility, but also our moral duty. These words were spoken by Mamata Banerjee's chief advisor Dr. Abdus Sattar on Saturday. A two-day workshop of 'Save the Constitution Gan Manch' was held at a hotel in Kolkata on this day. Sattar said that recently the fundamental rights of the common man are being taken away all over India. The democratic secular power is being destroyed. The value of pluralistic India is being destroyed. As a result, the common man needs to be made aware of this organization. He said that a fundamentalist force is constantly targeting and killing minorities. He advised the organization to work at the block and state levels in these difficult



times. The leadership of this non-political social organization has been selected from different levels. From educationist Nurul Salam, journalist Debarun Roy, president Haji Shamsul Huda and general secretary Firoz Ahmed Molah, prominent figures of the society were present. Swami Parmanand, Pirzada Ammar Siddiqui and Sikh leader Jagjit Singh delivered meaningful speeches. Treasurer Rajab Ali Khan and secretary Sajidur Rahman were present. Lawyer Anirban Banerjee, Dr. Zakir Hossain Naskar, Shyamadas Banerjee, Mohammad Rafay M Siddiqui gave a message of communal harmony. The aim and objective of the concerned organization is to save the constitution, which means saving democracy, rights and justice. We are responsible for fulfilling this sacred duty. And to protect and maintain the supremacy of the Constitution of India. Their main objective is to protect and defend the fundamental rights of the Constitution.

Their main goal is to raise awareness among citizens about their fundamental rights and duties and to maintain and strengthen the ideals of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity.

MI News Service, New Delhi :

Indian Railways has taken a significant step in freight logistics by launching scheduled, commodity-specific, time-tabled cargo services, connecting key production and consumption centres across the northern region. These services aim to improve customer satisfaction, ensure reliable transit times and provide industry-aligned logistics solutions.

The newly introduced services include the Annapurna Service from Ludhiana to Varanasi, transporting foodgrains over 704 km in an average of 17 hours; Gati-Vahan Service from Farrukhnagar (Haryana) to Lucknow for automobiles, covering 557 km in 28 hours, down from the earlier 70-hour transit; Niryat Cargo Service from Garhi to Mundra Port for containers, covering 1061 km in 32 hours; and Anantnag Cement Cargo Service from Roopnagar to Anantnag, transporting cement over 586 km



in 31 hours.

Extensive planning and coordination were undertaken with freight stakeholders, including FCI, automobile operators, container train operators and adjacent railway zones, to chart suitable paths across inter-divisional and inter-zonal networks. Initially introduced as trial services, these time-tabled cargo trains have now stabilised and are operating efficiently.

The feedback from customers has been highly encouraging. FCI appreciated the Annapurna Service for improving the dispatch of sponsored foodgrains from surplus areas of Punjab and Haryana to deficit regions in Uttar Pradesh, allowing better labour and truck planning at unloading points. Maruti Suzuki Ltd. highlighted the Gati-Vahan Service's reduction in transit time from 70 hours to 28

hours, helping ensure delivery commitments comparable to road transport. Exporters using the Niryat Cargo Service reported transit times of less than 40 hours to Mundra Port, enabling timely coordination with ports and shipping companies. Cement firms welcomed the Anantnag Cement Cargo Service and the opening of the Anantnag goods shed, which streamlined labour and truck operations, boosting rake dispatches despite weather disruptions.

With scheduled timings and advance information on train arrivals and departures, these services are enabling better logistics planning for both consignors and consignees, enhancing predictability and efficiency. Indian Railways remains committed to strengthening freight connectivity and providing world-class, reliable services that support industry, trade and regional development.

Beth Mooney predicts special outing for Australia in Women's Cricket World Cup

NEW DELHI : Australian opener Beth Mooney believes that there is no limit to what their team can achieve in the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 with a fully fit squad, according to an ICC statement.

In their final outing before the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025, defending champions Australia overcame a feisty Indian batting effort to seal a series win with a record outing in Delhi.

This win was possible on the back of Beth Mooney's 138 off 75 balls, a knock during which she equalled the third-fastest century in Women's ODIs.

Speaking after the contest, the Player of the Match, Mooney, believed the result boded well for her side going into the World Cup.

"To win World Cups, you need to be the most adaptable team and the most composed team," Mooney said, as quoted by the ICC. "We showed that a lot tonight, when Smriti was obviously coming quite hard (at us), and building some partnerships with Harman (HarmanpreetKaur), and then Deepti (Sharma) coming in at the end," she added.

While Australia posted a record 412 after Mooney's effort, their joint-best total in ODIs, equalling 412/3 made in the 1997 World Cup against Denmark, India gave them a fright with a blazing start.

SmritiMandhana's sensational 125 led the chase, with the batter scoring the second-fastest ton in the format. She was ably supported by Deepti Sharma and HarmanpreetKaur's quick fifties. However, Australia managed to keep their cool, with Megan Schutt (2/53) and Kim Garth (3/69) leading the way with the ball. Schutt reached the landmark of 300 international wickets, just the second Australian to achieve the feat in women's cricket apart from Ellyse Perry.

Mooney was pleased with Australia's bowling effort, and added that once the likes of Annabel Sutherland and Phoebe Litchfield, who had both missed the game, returned to the XI, there was no limit to what the side could do at the World Cup.

"It's been nice to see the girls come up with different ideas on the field, and the fliers back it up. Obviously, Belsy (Annabel Sutherland) and Phoebe (Litchfield) have been on the sidelines. So, when they get their opportunity in the side, once they are fit and firing, there's absolutely no ceiling for this group. I think we can really put a marker out there for this World Cup," she noted. Mooney showered her praise on Mandhana, who went on to win the Player of the Series award for her 300 runs.



Spectators cheer during the India vs Pakistan match in the Super Fours match of the Asia Cup 2025, at Dubai International Cricket Stadium in Dubai on Sunday. (ANI Photo)

China Masters Final: Satwiksairaj, Chirag go down in straight games, settle for runner-up spot

BEIJING : India's highly rated men's pair SatwiksairajRankireddy and ChiragShetty once again saw the gold medal slip out of their grasp after they came up short in the final at the China Masters on Sunday.

At Shenzhen Arena, Satwik and Chirag faced a stern test against world number one and recently crowned World Champions Kim Won Ho and SeoSeung Jae of South Korea. Despite putting in the hard yards, the Indian duo failed to complete the quest and went down with a 19-21, 15-21 defeat in a contest that lasted for 45 minutes.

Last week, the duo settled for a runner-up spot at the Hong Kong Open 2025 after fumbling against China's Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang. At the end of August, Satwik and Chirag had to make do with a bronze medal at the BWF World Championships after suffering a heartbreak in the semi-final against Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi of China. The pattern once again continued for the duo.

In a final that was decided in straight games, the South Korean pair raced to a 0-3 lead in the opening game, but Satwik and



Chirag chopped down the deficit to restore parity at 3-3. In the fast-paced rallies, the Indian pair thrived with their attacking intent and quickly gained a 10-7 lead.

The Indian pair went from strength to strength and established a handy 14-7 advantage. The unforced errors came back to haunt them as the South Korean's mounted an imposing comeback.

Kim and Seo relentlessly pursued their opposition and caught up to them at 15-all. The world number one pair reclaimed their lead at 18-19 and eventually wrapped up the game to go 1-0 ahead.

The second game bore a resemblance to its predecessor, with Satwik and Chirag enjoying a slender advantage at 8-6.

However, once again, the South Korean shuttlers turned the tide after the halfway mark. With precision and a delightful drop shot, the path for gold was clear. Satwik pushed his return serve long, handing the crown to Kim and Seo. The Indian pair was forced to reflect on another silver lining finish in the quest for the top honours.

CPL 2025 final: Guyana Amazon Warriors Face Trinbago Knight Riders in high-pressure showdown

NEW DELHI : The stage is set for a blockbuster final in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) as Guyana Amazon Warriors lock horns with Trinbago Knight Riders (TKR) on Sunday at Providence. With two old rivals meeting again, the build-up has been charged with excitement among both players and supporters. Coaches Lance Klusener and Ottis Gibson believe that keeping emotions under control will be crucial in deciding the champion, as per ESPNcricinfo.

TKR's assistant coach Ottis Gibson highlighted the importance of experience in big games, pointing to the likes of Nicholas Pooran, Kieron Pollard, Andre Russell and Sunil Narine, stalwarts of T20 leagues across the world.

"Emotions - that's the beauty of sport, isn't it? I guess the team that handles those emotions the best will most likely come out on top," Gibson said, as quoted from ESPNcricinfo.

"This is the CPL final - it's a big day in the Caribbean. (These are) two of the best teams over a number of years now in the final. Guyana will have home advantage and a lot of crowd support behind them," he added.

"But we, as Trinbago, will also carry a lot of travelling support. We've got a lot of experienced players that have won big finals before - IPL (Indian Premier League), World Cups - and we've been leaning on that experience throughout the tournament. And we will be doing that tomorrow night as well," he noted. "It's just (about) controlling those emotions and trying to make sure they don't get in the way of making cricket-



ing decisions on the move," Amazon Warriors' Klusener said. "Not really much more to add to that (from Gibson)," he added. Trinidad has long been regarded as the heartbeat of T20 cricket, producing global stars year after year. Pollard, now nearing the end of his illustrious playing career and already stepping into coaching roles in the IPL, remains a towering presence. Pooran, meanwhile, has taken over as the new

face of Caribbean batting, a six-hitting powerhouse. Yet, despite playing in 12 CPL seasons, the left-hander is still chasing his maiden CPL title. According to Gibson, the hunger to finally lift the trophy in his home league has given Pooran added motivation this year. For TKR, their last title came in 2020, when Pollard led the side to an unbeaten season. Since then, however, consistency has eluded them. "Look, Trinidad,

for a number of years, saw itself as the gold standard for T20 cricket in the Caribbean," Gibson said, as quoted from ESPNcricinfo.

"The number of world-class players that they've produced... (but) we haven't won it (CPL title) since 2020. And that's the main motivator really; we haven't won it for so long. So the opportunity to do that is a massive driver for everybody. So, Andre especially; Nicholas Pooran has never won the CPL. So there's a lot of reasons why everybody is really motivated for tomorrow night. We can't wait to get started," he added.

On the other side, the Warriors will be banking on youthful firepower. Among their standout performers this season has been Quentin Sampson, a 25-year-old local talent who rose from tape-ball cricket to the CPL stage. Opening the innings, Sampson has smashed his way into the limelight with back-to-back fifties against St Lucia Kings and Barbados Royals, playing a key role in Guyana's journey to the final. "Sampson has taken his opportunity," Klusener said, as quoted from ESPNcricinfo. "Sport is about taking those little opportunities that come along. So he's responded to that, and I'm thoroughly happy for him. The ball is in his court now as to where he goes with that talent and with those performances he's shown," he noted. This competition will finish, and he will go back to his country, and it's up to him to make those changes that he needs to make and grow. As coaches you can only do so much; a lot of it comes from the person inside. So watch this space and let's see how he goes," he said.

ALICANTE : Indian golfers HitaasheeBakshi and PranaviUrs ensured weekend action at the La Sella Open in Spain as they became the only two Indians to make the cut, while teenager Anna Huang of Canada continued her fine run to grab the halfway lead.

Hitaashee added a steady 1-over 73 to her opening 72, finishing on a 36-hole total of one-over-par that placed her tied for 36th. Pranavi carded back-to-back rounds of 73 to lie tied for 47th. While they progressed, several other Indian hopefuls fell agonisingly short.

RidhimaDilawari (75-72) missed the cut by just one stroke, while AvaniPrashanth (78-70), DikshaDagar (73-75), VaniKapoor (78-71) and Tvesa Malik (71-78) also exited after 36 holes. The cut came at two-over, with 61 players advancing.

Pranavi's round featured three birdies against two bogeys and a costly double bogey. Hitaashee also mixed two birdies with a bogey and a double. Both players will now look to build momentum ahead of their home event, the prestigious Hero Women's Indian Open, scheduled in less than three weeks.

At the top, 16-year-old Huang remained flawless as she followed her bogey-free opening round with another sparkling 66 (-6). Starting from the 10th, she birdied the 12th and 13th before picking up another at the 18th to turn in three-under. Her hot putter stayed alive on the front nine with birdies on the fourth, seventh, and ninth, giving her a commanding three-shot lead at 14-under-par.

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Ram Gopal Kothari becomes first Indian to complete marathon at Geographic North Pole



NEW DELHI : Kolkata-born entrepreneur and explorer Ram Gopal Kothari etched his name in history by becoming the first Indian to complete a full marathon at the Geographic North Pole -- a feat achieved by only a rare few worldwide.

The North Pole Marathon is a race like no other, held on drifting sheets of sea ice only a few metres thick, floating above frigid Arctic waters. Athletes face temperatures around minus 8-degree Celsius, piercing winds that cut through layered clothing, and even the possibility of polar bears straying near the course. With an icebreaker ship on standby, armed patrols for safety, and a dedicated medical team, the event feels less like a marathon and more like a true Arctic expedition.

This edition saw participants depart from Longyearbyen, Svalbard, aboard the French icebreaker Le Commandant Charcot. The voyage spanned from 78°N to 90°N across dense sea ice, providing remarkable wildlife sightings of polar bears, seals, walrus, and blue whales along the way, as per a press release.

For Kothari, who was attempting his first-ever full marathon, the race was a trial of willpower. The first 21 kilometres went smoothly in two hours and 45 minutes. But from the 28th kilometre onwards, slushy melting ice caused his legs to sink with every step, soaking his shoes and sparking severe cramps. He suffered nine muscle cramps and an injured toe, but refused to stop. "I was not just running on ice," he later said.

"I was running on a promise, and on the belief that India has a place everywhere -- even at the top of the world." He finished in just over eight hours," he added.

What makes Kothari's feat even more inspiring is the story behind it. Growing up in Burrabazar, Kolkata, in a modest two-room home with an asbestos roof, he shared a single toilet with his extended family. He studied at

Shree MaheswariVidyalaya, where his success is now a source of pride for the community. Though he calls himself an average student, he acknowledges that the strength and determination instilled by his parents became the foundation of his extraordinary journey.

In 2012, his world seemed to collapse. Crushed by financial losses and mental strain, he came close to ending his life. Then came a call from his wife, Shipra, asking him to hold on for their children - a moment that changed everything. Picking himself up, he restarted with door-to-door insurance sales on the footpath. Slowly, grit turned into growth, and today his enterprise spans five offices across India. Travel gradually became central to Kothari's pursuits. He completed his first half-marathon at the Tata Mumbai Marathon in 2018 and, by 2022, had visited all seven continents, including Antarctica, reached via the challenging Drake Passage.

Kothari's explorations cover some of the most extreme destinations on the globe. They include staying in an igloo in Greenland, experiencing the Polar Night in Svalbard with its 24 hours of darkness illuminated by the northern lights, visiting Yakutia, the coldest inhabited city, and sky-diving in Empuriabrava, Spain. He has also been to Ushuaia, the southernmost settlement on Earth, and swum with whale sharks and humpback whales in the Pacific Ocean, even making physical contact while scuba diving. Closer to danger, he once fell nearly 100 metres while attempting Mount Elbrus in Europe, yet survived to continue climbing and running. Following his North Pole achievement, Kothari has outlined ambitious future goals; completing the World Marathon Challenge of seven marathons on seven continents in seven days, summiting the highest peaks on each continent, and travelling to 100 countries by 2027. He has currently visited 70 nations.



duced a 67 (-5) to move into second place at 11-under, while Singapore's Shannon Tan is outright third on seven-under after a solid 68. Spain's Nurialturiz, the 2023 inaugural champion at La Sella, fired a 66 highlighted by five straight birdies to climb into a share of fourth with Australia's Kirsten Rudgeley, who went bogey-free for her 67. Both sit at

six-under. A pack of four players, including Italy's Alessandra Fanali and Slovenia's PiaBabnik, are tied sixth at five under, while another group featuring Ireland's Lauren Walsh sits a stroke further back. With two rounds to play, Huang holds a strong advantage, but the chasing pack promises a competitive weekend at the La Sella Golf Resort.