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Skull, ribs and a bicycle found in Kalna

MI News Service, Kalna: Tension gripped Kalna on Sunday after villagers stumbled upon scattered skeletal remains in a wetland, sparking suspicions of possible murder.

According to sources, a villager had gone to the forest in Rajbanshi Para under Satgachhia Panchayat on Sunday afternoon to cut bamboo poles when he first spotted human bones, including a skull and ribs, strewn across the ground. A bicycle was also recovered near the remains. Police from Kalna police station immediately reached the spot and recovered the bones, which were later sent to Burdwan Medical College and Hospital for autopsy. Preliminary observations suggest the skeleton may have remained buried under waterlogged soil during the monsoon, surfacing only after the waters receded. However, locals strongly suspect the body was dumped in the area after being murdered elsewhere. The discovery has reignited concerns about the disappearance of Aniket Roy (25), a resident of Bandhagachhi in Hooghly district, who has been missing since July. Family members of Aniket claim the recovered bicycle belongs to him, though they have not yet confirmed whether the remains are indeed his. Police have launched an investigation but remain cautious in their statements. "Only after the autopsy will we be able to confirm the cause of death and identity of the victim," said an investigating officer. The chilling find has left the area on edge, with locals demanding a thorough probe into how the skeletal remains and bicycle surfaced in the wetland. The unanswered question remains—was this a tragic death, or the silenced evidence of a cold-blooded crime?

Child's death sparks violent family feud

MI News Service, Asansol: A seemingly trivial over bursting firecrackers turned into a violent clash between two families in North Asansol on Sunday night, leaving a child allegedly strangled and several people injured. According to police and local sources, members of Singh family complained that children from the neighboring Yadav household were repeatedly setting off firecrackers in front of their residence.

Despite repeated warnings, the fireworks continued—some even allegedly being ignited under the Singh's parked diesel vehicle, raising fears of fire. Matters escalated when the elders of the Yadav family allegedly encouraged the children's behavior. The confrontation spiraled out of control, culminating in an attack on the Singh family. At least 20 members of the Yadav family allegedly stormed into their residence, armed with sticks. Five members of the Singh family sustained injuries; two were released after preliminary treatment, while three remain under medical care at Asansol district hospital. The head of one Singh family member was reportedly fractured in the assault. In a shocking counter-allegation, the Yadav claimed that the Singhs had strangled their five-year old child under the pretext of disciplining him for bursting firecrackers.



On September 21, 2025, Councillor Mausami Dey organized a program at Santosh Mitra Square, Ward No. 50, to distribute sarees among needy women on the occasion of Mahalaya. National Spokesperson of the All India Trinamool Congress Party Kunal Ghosh, Riju Dutta, Shakti Pratap Singh, Biswajit Deb, Mala Saha, Babun Banerjee, along with former INTTUC North Kolkata President and social activist Ashok Kumar Chakraborty alias Mana Chakraborty, were present at the event.

Freshers' welcome and farewell reception at Indian Institute B.Ed. College in Shyampur



MI News Service, Howrah: The 'Nabin Baran' (newly arrived) and farewell reception for the outgoing students of the Indian Institute of Education B.Ed College in Shyampur Naul, Howrah, was held at the Begum Rokeya Auditorium of the college on Saturday. Starting at 10 am, the program "Tomar Holo Shuru Amar Holo



Artist paints a sculpture, giving final touches to the preparations ahead of Durga Puja, at Bidhan Sangha in Kolkata on Monday.

6 students injured as Toto collides with gas-filled vehicle

MI News Service, Murshidabad: A tragic accident involving a Toto vehicle and a gas-filled dumper has left seven people, including six school students, seriously injured. The incident, which occurred on Monday afternoon in the Manoharpur village of the Kandi police station area in Murshidabad's Berhampur district, has sparked serious concerns about the safety of children traveling to and from school in unregulated private vehicles.

The accident took place around 12 noon when a Toto, returning from a private school exam, was struck by a dumper truck. The collision resulted in severe injuries to all seven occupants of the Toto. The injured students have been identified as Arnab Mondal, Tausif Mondal, Toton Mondal, Arghya Mondal, Shivam Mondal, and Kaushik Ghosh. The driver of the Toto was also injured. All victims were rushed to Kandi Sub-district Hospital for urgent medical care. Unofficial School Transportation The incident has brought to light the prevalent

use of private Toto vehicles as unofficial "pullcars" for students. According to school representative Subir Ghosh, the school does not provide its own transport. Instead, parents arrange for their children to travel in these unregulated Totos. This practice, common in the region, lacks any safety oversight and has now led to a serious accident. Parents of the injured students confirmed that their children regularly use the Toto for their daily commute. Investigation Underway Local authorities have initiated an investigation into the accident. The driver of the gas-filled dumper fled the scene and remains at large. Police at the Kandi station have stated that they are actively searching for the absconding driver and the vehicle. The condition of the injured victims is currently stable, and they are all receiving treatment at the hospital. This incident serves as a grim reminder of the dangers posed by inadequate and unsafe transportation for school-going children in the region.

9 fishermen rescued after boat hull splits in Bay of Bengal

MI News Service, South 24 Pgs: Nine fishermen from Kulti had brush with death after their fishing trawler began sinking in the Bay of Bengal while they were out catching fish. The timely intervention of the Maipith Coastal intervention and local fishermen's union saved their lives late Sunday night. According to sources, the fishermen—all residents of Nagenabad Molla Para under Maipith Coastal police station limits—had ventured out.

According to sources, the fishermen — all residents of Nagenabad Molla Para under Maipith Coastal Police Station limits — had ventured out to sea on the trawler FB Masuna. While fishing near Jinjira Island, the vessel struck a submerged obstacle. The impact ruptured the boat's hull, allowing river water to gush inside. Within moments, the trawler began listing dangerously, leaving the fishermen stranded in the middle of the sea. Panic spread among the crew, who

quickly contacted members of the Maipith Fishermen's Union and informed their families. The Coastal Police were also alerted. Acting swiftly, police personnel and union members launched a separate rescue vessel. After several tense hours at sea, all nine fishermen were brought back to shore alive. One of the rescued men, Morselim Sheikh, recounted the harrowing experience: "We were fishing at night when the boat suddenly hit a cliff-like structure. The hull cracked and water started flooding in. We thought we would sink. Thankfully, we managed to inform others, and they came in time. Otherwise, we would not be alive today." The incident has once again highlighted the risks faced by fishermen venturing into the rough waters of the Bay of Bengal, particularly during the ongoing Hilsa season. Local authorities are expected to conduct checks on the safety conditions of fishing boats operating in the region.

Turmoil in Murshidabad over controversial block President

MI News Service, Mursidabad: A fresh storm has erupted with TMC in Murshidabad after the appointment of a block president accused in murder case triggered open dissent between two party MLAs. The controversy centers on Manju Sheikh, recently named block president of Beldanga East. Rejinagar MLA Rabiul Islam has raised strong objections, arguing that her appointment has caused "negative public reaction" given her pending criminal case. "She is accused in a murder case, is absconding, and her bail was rejected in the Supreme Court. If such a person is made block president, it sends the wrong message. I will raise this with the leadership and All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee," Rabiul said.

However, Bharatpur MLA Humayun Kabir countered his colleague's criticism, questioning the timing of the objections. "Manju Sheikh has been functioning as block president for the past two years. If there was an issue, it should have been raised earlier. The decision on who holds the post rests solely with the top leadership," Kabir stated. While the fresh confrontation has once again highlighted factional tensions in Murshidabad, observers note that such disputes have surfaced repeatedly in the district in recent years. Humayun Kabir himself has previously been at odds with other leaders and was even summoned before the party's law and order committee. So far, Manju Sheikh has not issued any public response to the controversy. Party insiders say the matter is expected to be taken up at higher levels of leadership in the coming days.

Shibpur hosts Nation's first Antarctic gallery

MI News Service, Howrah: The Shibpur Central Botanical Laboratory under the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) has added a historic feather to its cap by inaugurating the country's first-ever Antarctic Gallery and Research Centre. The initiative, unveiled in Howrah, marks a new milestone in India's scientific engagement with the frozen continent.

India has been conducting botanical research in Antarctica since 1996, with permanent stations established at Bharati, Maitri, and Dakshin Gangotri. Unlike lush vegetation, the icy terrain sustains only algae — microscopic and macroscopic species that often remain invisible to the naked eye, yet play a pivotal role in maintaining ecological balance. Scientists estimate that nearly 50 percent of the Earth's oxygen originates from algae, making their study vital amid rising concerns over global warming. The newly inaugurated Antarctic Gallery seeks to replicate the icy ecosystem, offering a window into the fragile world of algae thriving in extreme polar conditions.

MI News Service, Kolkata: Once again, the stage of Durga Puja in Bengal has turned into a race to crown the very best. On Monday, one of the state's most prestigious awards, the "Utkarsha Arohan Sharad Samman", was officially launched. Out of a total of 550 pujas, the best will be judged on parameters such as innovative themes, creativity of idols, brilliance of lighting, and the effectiveness of social messages.

To mark the occasion, judges gathered in Kolkata and cut a cake to flag off the puja selection journey. Traveling in a specially designed vehicle under the Utkarsha Arohan banner, the jury began their visits to identify the finest pujas. Among them were eminent sculptor Bimal Kundu, noted painter Subrata Gangopadhyay, art critic Madhuchhanda



Preparation underway at Ultadanga Yuba Brinda Durga Puja pandal in Kolkata on Monday.

School gets a robot as a helping hand, school claims it is first ever in any school in Bengal

MI News Service, Kalyani: A Government school on Monday inaugurated a robot named as Sunanda which will act as a helping hand to work like a group D worker. They demanded that it is the first ever in any Government school in West Bengal. It also will attract students to remain present in school, Headmaster, Ramen Bhawal said.

Kalyani Pannalal Institution (HS), a Government school, which was established in 1956 in Nadia's Kalyani has a good fame and many alumnis are established throughout the world.

However, one of the alumnis, Sandipa Mukherjee, who works in Dubai now has donated Rs. 46.5 lakh to his school. He said, "School had proposed me for funding and I have done it. But the planning was developed by the school authority."

The school authority has devel-



oped 'Sandip Mukherjee Classroom', in memory of his father late Basudeb Mukherjee, including a new 75 inch TV, 58.5 KVA 3 phase generator and a humanoid robot, Souidip Das, Asst. Headmaster and Project Coordinator, said.

"The humanoid robot will help in moving to teachers room with notice book, will help in providing drinking water to the students in examination halls during school examinations and during competitive examinations for outside candidates. It also will do some more works like as a group D worker," Souidip Das said. However, the school has a plan to set up a lift

for the under construction 3 storied building.

While the school has 2 group D staff in place of 5, this will immensely help in various works, said Headmaster Ramen Chandra Bhawal.

Sandip Mukherjee said, "If someone suddenly enters our school, may assume that it is a private school because of well maintained environment in this Government school."

According to HM, the local industries co-operate in various development. Side by side he has called the ex students to step forward to fund in development of the institution.

The students were enthusiasts. A student Roni Bala of class nine said, "I have seen rare school with smart class rooms and having humanoid robot that is consisted by our school. Most of the students find interest to appear school for the facilities and it is good for students."

BSF Jawan returns home in coffin instead of Puja Celebration

MI News Service, Krishnanagar: What was meant to be a festive homecoming turned into a heart-breaking tragedy for a family in Nadia. BSF Jawan Subrata Biswas (36), who was expected to return home on Mahalaya to celebrate Durga Puja with his wife and children, came back instead in a coffin.

A resident of Hudo Digambarpur village in Krishnanagar near the Indo-Bangladesh border, Subrata was serving with the 183rd Battalion of the BSF, Echo Company, in Meghalaya. After missing last year's puja, his family had been eagerly waiting to celebrate together this year.

On September 19, he boarded a train with two colleagues, informing his wife Shulekha over the phone that he would alight at Malda the next morning and reach home by



evening. Those words turned out to be his last.

Hours after the train's departure, his body was recovered near the railway tracks close to New Cooch Behar station. Railway staff on duty first noticed the incident, suggesting

that he might have fallen from the moving train.

The shocking news spread quickly, plunging his native village into grief. On Monday afternoon around 4 pm, his coffin reached the family home escorted by BSF officials. The scene turned heart-wrenching as wife Shulekha fainted at the sight of her husband's body, while their Sumit (13) and Nahi (5) were left stunned by the sudden loss of their father.

BSF personnel paid Subrata Biswas a Guard of Honour before the body was taken to Nabadwip crematorium for the final rites.

The family's joyous anticipation of Durga Puja celebrations has now been replaced with inconsolable sorrow,"He did return home, but in a coffin."

Goat Trespass Sparks Gruesome Attack in Nadia

MI News Service, Kalyani: A petty dispute over a goat spiraled into a brutal assault on Monday, leaving a 45-year-old woman battling for life in hospital.

The victim, identified as Asiya Sheikh, a resident of Jhikpota under Kotwali police station, was allegedly attacked with a sharp weapon by her neighbour, Sajidul Khan alias Saji, following an old quarrel.

According to police, the feud began about six weeks ago when

Asiya's goat strayed into Khan's house and damaged some plants. Though the matter was reportedly settled at the time, tension had been simmering ever since.

On Monday morning, while Asiya was standing by the roadside, Khan allegedly approached her from behind and hacked her repeatedly with a sharp weapon. Eyewitnesses raised an alarm, and her family members rushed to the spot. The grievously injured woman was taken first to Kotwa-

li police station and later shifted to Shaktinagar District Hospital, where she remains in a critical condition.

Asiya's son claimed this was not the first incident. "My mother runs a small grocery shop by the roadside. Earlier, they had even set fire to it. Today, they tried to kill her," he alleged.

Khan fled the scene immediately after the attack. Police have launched a manhunt and initiated a probe into the incident.



Deshpriyo Park Pujo Mandap recently witnessed a historic invocation of Goddess Durga where 5672 women played 'Shankha' at a time in the Mandap arena. It was organised by Keya Seth for 'Shakti Aradhana.' The unique event that created mass appeal has already entered into the Asia Book of Records and India Book of Record.

'Utkarsha Arohan' Sharad Samman: The journey to find the most exceptional pujas begins

Sen, renowned mountaineer Debashish Biswas, and organizer Anupam Majumdar.

One of the key organizers, Anupam Majumdar, informed that the 15-member jury has been divided into nine teams, who will collectively visit around 150 puja pandals each day.

He said, "The Sharad festival is not just about joy—it is a grand platform for creativity and artistic pursuit. The 'Utkarsha Arohan Sharad Samman' has, for several years, been striving to recognize and encourage that artistic vision."

Sculptor Bimal Kundu highlighted the social importance of Durga Puja, remarking:

"If art is to truly reach people, then there can be no better opportunity than a festival like Durga Puja, which is so deeply rooted in the collective consciousness."

What sets this award apart is that it recognizes not only large-scale pujas but also those with modest budgets. The judging process is transparent, ensuring that every creative initiative—big or small—receives due appreciation.

Durga Puja in Bengal today is no longer just a religious festival; it has become a vast social and cultural emotion. Awards like Utkarsha Arohan honor that emotion while carrying forward the current of art. The winners' names are announced before the end of

Car crushed at Paskura fair, 2 dead & several injured

MI News Service, East Midnapore: A horrific road accident during the Vishwakarma Puja fair left two dead and at least ten injured on Sunday night, spreading panic among fair-goers on National Highway 16 near Mechgram. According to police and eyewitnesses, a Kolkata-bound traveler's car was struck from behind by a speeding trailer around 11:30 pm, causing it to overturn in front of the fairgrounds. Several people present at the fair were crushed as the vehicle flipped. Among the deceased are Bijoy Bera, secretary of the fair committee, and Riya Jana (30), a resident of Shyampur, Howrah, who had come to visit the fair.

Ten others sustained injuries in the accident. Five of the critically injured were referred to Tamluk Medical College and Kolkata hospitals, while one was admitted to Pitpur Hospital. The remaining four were treated and discharged after primary care. ASI Vijay Mandal, who was on duty at the fair, was also injured in the incident. The Panskura police and traffic authorities have seized both vehicles involved. The driver of the trailer responsible for the collision is currently absconding, with efforts underway to apprehend him. Local residents described chaotic scenes as the accident unfolded, noting that the crowd had gathered at the fair since Sunday evening. Police are investigating the circumstances that led to the collision, including allegations of speeding and negligence. The incident underscores concerns over traffic safety during public fairs on national highways, especially when large crowds and heavy vehicles share the road.

2 workers die from toxic gas while digging well

MI News Service, East Burdwan: A tragic accident claimed the lives of two labourers on Sunday morning after they were overcome by poisonous gas while digging a well for a septic tank at a private residence in Uttar Kailashpur village. According to local sources, a group of five workers had gathered at the home of Debashish Singharai to dig a well. Two of the labourers, identified as Sabir Ali Pradhan (Dhatrigram, East Burdwan) and Samu (Pandua, Hooghly), entered the well first and were immediately affected by toxic gas emanating from the confined space.

In an attempt to rescue their colleagues, the remaining three workers entered the well but were also overcome. Quick action by neighbours and family members allowed the three to be pulled out and given first aid. Unfortunately, Sabir Ali Pradhan and Samu could not be saved. Police and fire brigade personnel rushed to the scene, retrieved the bodies, and sent them to Burdwan Medical College Hospital, where doctors confirmed death due to inhalation of poisonous gas. The incident has left the local community and fellow workers shaken. Authorities are investigating the circumstances of the accident and cautioning about the dangers of confined-space work, particularly in wells and septic tanks where toxic gases can accumulate quickly. This tragic event highlights the persistent risks faced by labourers in informal construction and excavation work, emphasizing the need for stringent safety measures and preventive protocols.



Unidentified Youth's Body Found In New Town

MI News Service, Kolkata: A dramatic scene unfolded in Newtown on Monday afternoon, when the body of an unidentified youth was discovered lying near Tank No. 11 under the jurisdiction of Eco Park Police Station. The shocking sight drew crowds of onlookers and created a stir in the area, with many struggling to comprehend what had happened in broad daylight. According to local sources, several workers employed in the vicinity were carrying out routine duties in the morning when they noticed the young man. On closer inspection, they were alarmed to see him lying motionless in a pool of blood. They immediately alerted the police, who soon arrived at the scene and recovered the body. At present, investigators are probing the circumstances behind the death. While it is unclear whether the man's demise resulted from an accident or foul play, police are actively examining all angles. Nearby, there is a labor room where several mobile phones were reported stolen on Sunday night. Officers are investigating whether the deceased was in any way connected to the theft. Speculation is also rife that the youth may have been assaulted. Forensic tests and autopsy reports are expected to provide clarity. Police sources, however, indicated that preliminary assessments suggest the possibility of an accidental death. CCTV footage from the surrounding area is also being reviewed for leads. One local worker recounted, "We are all residents of Burdwan and currently working here. Last night, four of our mobile phones were stolen from our quarters. We don't know if this boy was the one who did it."

Congress used to abandon difficult development work in NE : PM Modi

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from these areas. He claimed that the Congress also overlooked Arunachal Pradesh, as it has only two Lok Sabha seats. "When I was given the opportunity to serve the nation in 2014, I resolved to free the country from the mindset of Congress. Our guiding principle is not the number of votes or seats in any state, but 'nation first'. Our only mantra is 'Nagrik Devo Bhava' (the citizen is God)," he said. "Modi worships those whom no one has ever asked about. That is why Arunachal Pradesh, which was neglected during Congress rule, has since 2014 become a centre of developmental priority," he added. The PM said the projects he unveiled were an example of "double benefits" of the "double-engine" government. "Arunachal got Rs 1 lakh crore from Centre in the last 10 years, which is 16 times more than what it got during Congress rule," he said.

GST cut to save up to Rs 1.5 lakh cr in renewable energy

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2030. "Today, I am proud to say that we have already achieved over 50 per cent of our installed power capacity from non-fossil fuel sources, and we have done it five years ahead of the timeline. We have also crossed 50 per cent of the 500 GW target (252 GW)," he said. He informed that nearly 20 lakh homes have benefited from solar power under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. He further said in a recent clean energy auction, Madhya Pradesh secured India's lowest-ever price for solar power with battery storage at just Rs 2.70 per unit. He said the transmission system has been planned for about 537 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030.



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee interacts and addresses people after the inauguration of Kidderpore 74 Pally Durga Puja pandal ahead of the Durga Puja festival, in Kolkata on Monday. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

Tangra High-Rise Tragedy Woman Falls to Death from 25th Floor

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata has once again been rocked by a shocking death in Tangra, barely days after the triple murder case that had left the city shaken. On Monday morning, the lifeless body of a 29-year-old woman, identified as GarimaLoth, was recovered from beneath a high-rise building in the Canal South Road area. According to local sources, Garima had been residing on the 25th floor of the upscale residential complex along with her parents and sister for the past year. Around 7:30 am, residents and security staff were startled by a loud thud. Rushing to the spot, they discovered Garima lying in a pool of blood, having apparently plunged from the 25th floor. The gruesome sight left the entire complex in shock. She was immediately

rushed to the hospital, but doctors declared her brought dead. Police later sent the body for post-mortem to ascertain the exact cause of death. Preliminary investigations suggest suicide, though officers are not ruling out other angles. Family members told investigators that Garima had dinner with them on Sunday night before going to bed. Nothing unusual had been noticed in her behavior. However, on Monday morning she reportedly jumped out of the window of her room. CCTV footage from the building confirms that the young woman fell from her own apartment. During the search of her room, police recovered a half-empty bottle of liquor and some scattered belongings. These findings have led investigators to suspect that she consumed alcohol before taking the extreme

step. The police have registered a case and initiated further inquiry. The tragedy comes close on the heels of another disturbing incident in Tangra, where two brothers recently attempted to kill their wives and children before trying to take their own lives. One child miraculously survived, while another succumbed to injuries. The back-to-back incidents have triggered unease among residents of the Tangra locality. While the motive behind Garima's death remains unclear, police are awaiting the autopsy report and statements from her family members to piece together the circumstances leading up to the incident. The sudden death of the young woman has cast a pall of gloom over the Canal South Road neighborhood, where residents are demanding a thorough investigation.

Mini Firoz Arrested in Delhi, Kolkata Gang Shootout Case

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata police on Sunday night arrested Mini Firoz, the prime accused in the Gulshan Colony shootout, from Delhi, bringing an end to his 10-day absconding period. Firoz, also known as Mohammad Firoz, is a local strongman in eastern Kolkata whose gang had wreaked havoc in the residential area near the Eastern Metropolitan Bypass on September 11. Firoz has been booked under sections 109/3(5)/324(2)/351(3) of the BNS, sections 25/27 of the Arms Act, and section 9 of the West Bengal Maintenance of Public Order Act, Kolkata Police officials confirmed. "He is being brought to Kolkata on transit remand," they added. Four other accused in the case are already in police custody. A special team of Kolkata Police traced Firoz to Delhi following a credible tip-off and apprehended him at his hideout in the national capital. Among those already arrested in connection with the case are Mohamad Amber, alias Mohamad Nafis; Md. Sajid; Ahmed Hossain, alias Md. Madhur; and Raja Khan. Sources said Md. Sajid is a close aide of Firoz. Police recovered multiple weapons from the accused during the arrests. CCTV footage from September 11 shows Firoz and his gang vandalizing bikes, assaulting shopkeepers, and hurling crude country-made bombs.

DNA Confirms Monojit Mishra's Role in South Calcutta Law College Case

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata Police have stated in their chargesheet that DNA evidence links Monojit 'Mango' Mishra to the alleged sexual assault of a student at South Calcutta Law College. The chargesheet, submitted to the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Alipore, names Mishra, an alumnus of the college and the prime accused, along with three others implicated in the case. According to police officials, DNA tests confirmed the presence of both the survivor and Mishra at the crime scene, which has been identified as the college guard room. "The DNA report appears to be one of the most crucial pieces of evidence in this case," an officer said. Investigators have also highlighted the role of CCTV footage collected from the college premises, as well as from two nearby shops, in corroborating the allegations. The recordings show that the crime took place inside the guard room. The actions of the other accused, Pramit Mukherjee and Zaib Ahmed, who were reportedly stationed outside the room, along with that of the security guard, are also visible on the footage.

Professor and 2 Others Held for Minor's Kidnapping in Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata was left stunned on Monday after police arrested a college professor on charges of kidnapping a minor girl. The accused, identified as Arunima Chand, is a physics lecturer at the reputed Dinabandhu Andrews College in Garia. Her alleged involvement in such a crime has shocked not only the public but also the investigating officers themselves. According to police, three people were taken into custody in connection with the case: Professor Arunima Chand, her daughter Anushka Chand Choudhury, and her brother Anubhava Chand. The trio were arrested from the Kasba police station area and are expected to be produced before court. Sources revealed that the abducted minor is a resident of the Chatala area near Dum Dum Metro Station. She went missing on Friday, September 19. After frantic searches throughout the day failed, her family lodged a missing complaint at the Sinthee police station. Investigators began combing through CCTV footage from the locality, which ultimately provided crucial leads.

The footage showed that the minor was lured by Arunima's daughter, Anushka, who offered her a coconut drink. At the time of the abduction, the professor was also present but made no attempt to intervene. Subsequent footage revealed the group boarding the Metro and travelling to Garia, where the victim was confined inside their residence. Police kept the suspects under close surveillance before launching a rescue operation. On Monday morning, officers successfully recovered the kidnapped minor from the Garia house and immediately arrested the three accused. Investigators are now interrogating the professor and her family to determine the motive behind the abduction, which remains unclear. Officers admitted that the case is unusual and disturbing, given the professional and social standing of the accused. Local residents expressed disbelief, questioning how an educator associated with a prestigious institution could be involved in such an offence. Police have filed formal charges, and further inquiry is underway to establish whether any additional individuals were connected to the crime.

Youth Dies by Suspected Suicide in Port Area

MI News Service, Kolkata: A gunshot victim was found early in the port area, triggering a flurry of questions about whether the death was a homicide or suicide. By mid-morning police established the identity of the young man: ShreshthaDurka, a resident of Hastings. Officers probing the case said the body bore a single gunshot wound to the right temple. The bullet did not exit the skull, investigators added, and forensic teams were summoned to process the scene. After recovery of the body, police traced Shreshtha's address in the Hastings police district and informed his elderly parents, who were unaware of their son's death. The couple described Shreshtha as their only child; he was unmarried. Neighbours told detectives that Shreshtha had left his home early claiming he was going out for tea. He was later found in the port area with a revolver nearby. Police suspect he shot himself in the head, and a suicide note recovered from his house appears to support that theory.

Traditional Boat Race at Kanmari



MI News Service, N. 24 pgs: In Kanmari, under the Hatgachhi Gram Panchayat area of North 24 Parganas, a traditional boat race was held on the ancient Bidyadhari River, organized by the Bharat Sevashram Sangha. This decades-old heritage competition took place on Monday. On the occasion, Bharat Sevashram Sangha also distributed clothes to underprivileged families of the locality and organized various cultural programs, which brought great enthusiasm among the villagers.

Taratola Flyover Height Bar Crashes After Truck Hits, Traffic Snarls

MI News Service, Kolkata: Traffic chaos gripped South Kolkata on Monday morning after a goods vehicle rammed into the height bar at the Taratola flyover, causing a section of the iron structure to collapse onto the road. The incident led to massive congestion along Diamond Harbour Road, leaving commuters stranded for hours at the start of the workweek. According to police sources, the mishap occurred around dawn when a heavy goods carrier struck the height bar that had recently been installed to regulate oversized vehicles and prevent heavy trucks from accessing the flyover. The impact caused part of the iron beam to crash onto the road below. Fortunately, no casualties were reported, though the truck's windshield and upper portion were damaged. Authorities explained that the height bar had been erected only a short while ago by Kolkata Police to control the entry of large vehicles onto the busy

flyover. However, Monday's incident revealed lapses in enforcement. Many commuters questioned why no civic volunteers or traffic officers were present at the spot to prevent such a violation. As the collapsed structure blocked a key stretch of the arterial road, a serpentine queue of vehicles built up quickly. Office-goers and daily commuters bore the brunt of the disruption, some expressing anger at the lack of traffic management. One motorist remarked, "Police installed the height bar to restrict heavy vehicles, but if truck drivers ignore it, what's the point? Who is ensuring compliance?" Another commuter added, "It's shocking that such a large lorry managed to get through undetected. Isn't it the responsibility of traffic police or civic volunteers to monitor this stretch, especially at night?" Police have since deployed personnel to manage traffic and oversee removal of the damaged structure.

Abhishek Banerjee extends greetings on Navratri



MI News Service, Kolkata: All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Monday extended his greetings to the people of India on the occasion of Navratri, the auspicious nine-day festival dedicated to Goddess Durga. Hindus across the country are preparing to celebrate Shardiya Navratri, which begins on September 22, 2025, and will culminate with Dussehra on October 2, 2025. The festival holds immense cultural and religious significance, symbolising the victory of good over evil and the triumph of righteousness over darkness. In his message, Banerjee said, "As we step into the sacred days of Navratri, I extend my warmest greetings to everyone across the country. This festival is a celebration of Shakti, the eternal power of the divine feminine and a reminder that truth, courage, and righteousness always triumph over darkness." He further added,

"May the divine grace of MaaDurga dispel all shadows, strengthen our collective resolve, and illuminate our path towards peace, prosperity, and justice for all." Abhishek Banerjee, who represents Diamond Harbour in the Lok Sabha, highlighted the festival's role in fostering unity, devotion, and moral strength among communities. Navratri is observed with great fervour in temples, homes, and public spaces, featuring rituals, prayers, and cultural performances. Devotees engage in fasting, chanting, and worship of Goddess Durga in her nine forms, each day symbolising a different aspect of divinity and virtue. The festival also inspires social and cultural gatherings, including traditional dance forms like Garba and Dandiya, which bring communities together to celebrate the spirit of devotion and joy. Across India, various regional customs mark the days leading up to Dussehra, reflecting the diversity and vibrancy of Indian culture. Banerjee's message comes at a time when celebrations are set to attract large crowds, with devotees participating in both spiritual and cultural activities while observing Covid-19 safety guidelines. Leaders and public figures across the country often extend greetings during this period, reinforcing the values of faith, resilience, and harmony that Navratri embodies.

PM unveils mega infra projects of Rs 5,100 crore in Arunachal, visits Tripura too

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second visit to the Tripura Mata Sundari temple since he became the Prime Minister in 2014. He visited and offered puja to the temple earlier on April 7, 2019, and his last trip to Tripura was on April 17, 2024, in connection with the Lok Sabha elections. Tripura Chief Minister Manik Sahataking to his official X account, CM Saha had earlier said: "The enchanting nighttime supernatural view of the new infrastructure of Mother's Abode, built under the Prasad Project! The mesmerizing complex, blessed by Mother's grace, reflects the deep reverence and gratitude of the current government towards Mother. The entire population of Tripura is eagerly awaiting the grand inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji on September 22." The 524-year-old Tripura

Sundari temple has been redeveloped at a cost of over Rs 52 crore. The Tripura government also contributed Rs 7 crore to this project. The Tripura Sundari temple in southern Tripura's Gomati district is an iconic temple and is a symbol of the state's rich cultural heritage. The temple, built in 1501 by the state's erstwhile king Maharaja Dhanya Manikya in Udaipur, is one of the 51 Shakti Peethas in the country and the third such shrine in eastern India after the Kali temple in Kolkata's Kalighat and the Kamakhya temple in Guwahati. At the end of the 517-year rule by hundreds of kings, on October 15, 1949, the erstwhile princely state of Tripura became a part of India after a merger agreement was signed between Kanchan Prabha Devi, then regent Maharani, and the Governor General.

Donald Trump and the new era of McCarthyism

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rying signs of a McCarthyist revival in the early days of the second Trump administration. After Trump ordered the dismantling of public Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) programmes, civil institutions, universities, corporations and law firms were pressured to do the same. Some were threatened with investigation or freezing of federal funds. In Texas, a teacher was accused of guiding Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) squads to suspected non-citizens at a high school. A group called the Canary Mission identified pro-Palestinian green-card holders for deportation. And just this week, the University of California at Berkeley admitted to handing over the names of staff accused of antisemitism. Supporters of the push to expose those criticising Kirk have framed their actions as protecting the country from "un-American", woke ideologies. This narrative only deepens polarisation by simplifying everything into a Manichean world view: the "good people" versus the corrupt "leftist elite". The fact the political assassination of Democratic lawmaker Melissa Hortman did not garner the same reaction from the right reveals a gross double standard at play. Another double standard: attempts to silence anyone criticising Kirk's divisive ideology, while being permissive of his more odious claims. For example, he once called George Floyd, a Black man killed by police, a "scumbag". In the current climate, empathy is not a "made-up, new age term", as Kirk once said, but appears to be highly selective. This brings an increased danger, too. When neighbours become enemies and dialogue is shut down, the possibilities for conflict and violence are exacerbated. Many are openly discussing the parallels with the rise of fascism in Germany, and even the possibility of another civil war. The parallels between McCarthyism and Trumpism are stark and unsettling. In both eras, dissent has been conflated with disloyalty. How far could this go? Like the McCarthy era, it partly depends on the public reaction to Trump's tactics.

Bengal govt, Kolkata Police & CINI join hands to support children & women

MI News Service, Kolkata: Bondhu Kolkata—a special initiative for child and women protection—is once again being launched this year, continuing its successful journey of the last eight years.

The initiative is being led by the Department of Women & Child Development and Social Welfare, in collaboration with the Kolkata Police, and Child in Need Institute (CINI), which has been a consistent partner in protecting vulnerable women and children in the city.

Alongside CINI, District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Child Welfare Committee (CWC) - Kolkata, Child Helpline, HIVE India, All Bengal Women's Union, and Hope Kolkata Foundation are working together to create a strong protective network that will remain active throughout the festive days,



from Panchami to Nabami. During this period, mobile rescue vans will operate across Kolkata's police divisions, each staffed with police officers, volunteers, and civic police personnel. The vans will be equipped with walkie-talkies, first aid kits, and dry food, ensuring that immediate assistance can be provided to missing

women and children. The Kolkata Police will operate a dedicated control room to coordinate these rescue operations, while government- and NGO-run shelter homes will remain open around the clock to provide safe spaces.

Alongside rescue and protection, Puja Committees, police stations, and NGOs are being oriented on protective response measures. Recognising that girls are particularly vulnerable in crowded festive environments, the initiative ensures that they are shifted to safety without delay, while boys are sheltered appropriately until reunited with their families. Kolkata Police and CINI will work together to protect the dignity and rights of all children and women, ensuring that they are returned home safely and with due legal process.

Over the years, Bondhu Kolkata has not only reduced the risks of missing persons during Durga Puja but has also raised public awareness on the shared responsibility of protection. This year too, as Kolkata welcomes the Goddess who embodies Shakti, the initiative reaffirms its commitment to safeguarding the safety, dignity, and rights of women and children during the celebrations.

Metro railway conducting Swachhata Hi Seva campaign

MI News Service, Kolkata: Joining with the rest of the country, Metro Railway has also been conducting the Swachhata Hi Seva 5.0 campaign to make Metro premises clean and green in order to make India clean. 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 a tree plantation drive was organised at Tapan



Sinha Memorial Hospital today i.e. 22.09.2025. Senior Medical Officers and staff of Medical Department took part in these drives.

In order to make passengers aware about the importance of Swachhata, a cultural

programme was organized at Esplanade station of Green Line. With the help of this programme Metro staff sensitized 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.

AI CRASH: SC wants 'fair' probe, says AAIB report 'irresponsible'

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court said certain aspects of the AAIB preliminary report on the June 12 Air India crash indicating lapses on the part of pilots were "irresponsible", and issued notices to the Centre and the Director General of Civil Aviation on a plea seeking an independent, fair and expeditious probe.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kottiswar Singh took note of certain aspects of the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) preliminary report issued on July 12.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the NGO 'Safety

Matters Foundation', alleged that in the probe panel constituted after the crash, three members were from the aviation regulator and there may be an issue of conflict of interest involved.

He sought release of the information from the flight data recorder of the airplane that would clear the air over the cause of the accident.

The bench, which battled for the final report on the crash, said there is an issue of confidentiality and aspects of privacy and dignity involved in the matter.

While cautioning that the release of particular kinds of information may be exploited by rival

airlines, the bench said that it is only issuing notice on the limited aspect of free, fair, independent and expeditious investigation of the crash.

The plea has been filed by an aviation safety NGO led by Captain Amit Singh (FRAES), alleging that the official probe violates citizens' fundamental rights to life, equality and access to truthful information.

The plea says the AAIB issued its preliminary report on July 12, attributing the accident to "fuel cutoff switches" being moved from "run" to "cutoff", effectively suggesting a pilot error.

SC to decide on Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam on Oct 7

MI News Service, New Delhi: The Supreme Court Monday pushed the hearing on the bail plea of JNU scholar Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam and others in the Delhi riots greater conspiracy case to October 7.

A bench of Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice N.V. Anjaria issued notice to the Delhi police seeking their response and posted the matter for October 7.

When the matter came up for hearing on Monday, senior advocate Kapil Sibal had requested the court to hear the matter before Diwali, which will be celebrated on October 21.

"Please hear this before Diwali so that we can be out before Diwali," Sibal pleaded.

the February 2020 Delhi riots case.

On September 2, Delhi High Court rejected the bail pleas of Khalid and eight others, citing that the allegations against the accused were grave and it would not be proper to release them on bail at this point of time.

Challenging the bail rejection, in his appeal before the apex court Khalid argued that the high court had erroneously rejected his bail plea although there is no material evidence to connect him with the riots.

On Friday the Supreme Court had deferred the hearing stating that it had received the files few hours earlier and needed more time to study.

Another hardcore Naxalite leader killed in Chhattisgarh

MI News Service, Narayanpur: In yet another fierce gun battle with the security forces, one heavily armed hardcore Naxalite leader was gunned down in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district on Monday, police said.

Earlier on Thursday at least 10 Naxalites were killed in another encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Gariaband district.

In that encounter the Police sources said Modem Balakrishna, a senior leader and Central

Committee Member (CCM) of the outlawed CPI (Maoist), was among the deceased.

The gunfight broke out in the forest under Mainpur police station limits when security personnel were out on an anti-Naxalite operation, Raipur Range Inspector General of Police Amresh Mishra said.

Similarly, today's gun battle broke out in the morning at a forest in Abhujmaad area, adjoining Maharashtra, when a team of security forces was out on a search

operation, a police official here said.

The operation was launched based on inputs about the presence of Naxalites in the area, he said.

So far, the body of a male Naxalite was recovered from the spot, and the intermittent exchange of fire was still underway, till late in the night, he said.

With this latest anti-Maoist operations, a total of 248 Naxalites have been eliminated in separate encounters in Chhattisgarh so far this year.

Patharpratima Panchayat Samiti Rangganga, South 24-Parganas.

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MI News Service, Asansol: Asansol Division of Eastern Railway organised a health awareness programme and medical check-up camp under Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan (SNSPA) at RPS-F/16BN, Asansol. The initiative focused on women's health, preventive care and family well-being.

The programme included sessions on menstrual hygiene, cervical cancer, breast self-examination, women's mental health and nutrition across age groups. Emphasis was placed on prevention of lifestyle diseases and the importance of early detection through regular health screening.

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ducted for female employees and beneficiaries, covering height, weight, BMI, ECG, blood pressure and blood sugar. Participants also received guidance on preventive care and maintaining a balanced diet for long-term wellness.

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More than 1.5 crore passengers traveled in Metro in September,2025 so far

MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway is witnessing increased patronage of passengers as Puja is approaching. Up to 21st September,2025 more than 1.5 crore commuters travelled in the Metro, underlining its popularity as the most comfortable and convenient mode of transport in the city. This passenger count reflects commuters' preference for Metro's reliable, safe and seamless services. Metro authorities are also ensuring smooth operations to meet the rising demand of passengers during the festive season.

On 21.09.2025, a Sunday, more than 5.21 lakh commuters travelled in Metro. Out of this, over 4.04 lakh passengers travelled in the Blue Line, while the Green Line recorded a foothold of more than 1.11 lakh passengers. On the Yellow Line, more than 4800 passengers availed services on the same day.

This figure is notably much higher than around 3.93 lakh passenger count recorded on the last Sunday (14.09.2025).

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.

আমমোক্তরনামা সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সকলকে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, ১) শ্রীমতী সুনীল সিংহরায় সাহা স্বামী ৩৩৩৩৩৩ সিংহরায়, ২) সুনীল সিংহরায় পিতা ৩৩৩৩৩৩ সিংহরায়, উভয়ের সাক্ষিক সুবিধাপত্র প্রত্যয় বাজার, এন.এস. রোড, চুচুড়া, হলী-১১১০১০, মহানগরীয়া বিপদ ইং ১০/০৩/২০১৫ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.- ১, হলী, চুচুড়া, অফিস রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ১-০২০৩৩৩/২০২৫ নং আমমোক্তরনামা দলিল মূলে আমার মক্কেল সৌকর্য সরকার, পিতা সাজেদ সরকার, সাক্ষিক কল্যাণ, মাদারপুর, দাদপুর, হলী-১১১০১০, মহানগরীয়া রাস্তাওয়ার আমমোক্তরনামা দলিল মূলে আমার মক্কেল নিম্নোক্ত তপস্বী বণিক সম্পত্তি বিপদ ইং ১০/০৩/২০১৫ তারিখে ডি.এস.আর.- ১, হলী, চুচুড়া, অফিস রেজিস্ট্রিকৃত ১-১১১১১১/২০২৫ নং বিজ্ঞপ্তি কোলা দলিল মূলে শ্রী বিজ্ঞপ্তি দপ্তর পঞ্চানন দত্ত, সাক্ষিক কামার কুন্ড, সিঁদুর, হলী-১১১০১০, মহানগরীয়া ০২ শতক পরিমিত সম্পত্তি বিক্রয় করিবে। তপস্বী - জেলা হলী, থানা দাদপুর, মৌজা কল্যাণ, ৩৩ নং জে.এল.ডুজ, হাল এল.আর. ৭৬০ নং খতিয়ান, আর.এস. ৫০০ তথা হাল এল.আর. ৯৬৫ নং দাপে পুরুরপাড় বোল আনার ১৪৪ শতকের মধ্যে ০.০৭২১ অংশে ১১ শতক ভদ্রা ০২ শতক সম্পত্তি আর দলিল আমমোক্তরনামা বলে বিক্রয়কৃত সম্পত্তি 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The PremRawat Foundation Signs MoU with Department of Secondary Education, Haryana

Chandigarh : The Department of Secondary Education, Haryana, led by its Director, Sh. JitenderDahiya, IAS, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The PremRawat Foundation (TPRF) to implement the globally recognized Peace Education Program (PEP) across all government schools in Haryana.

As per National Education Policy 2020, this collaboration marks a significant step toward strengthening teacher development and well-being in the state. Under the MoU, the Peace Education Program will be made available to all government school teachers in Haryana, empowering them with tools of self-awareness, inner strength, dignity, and hope.

The Peace Education Program, an initiative of TPRF, is a series of 10 innovative video-based workshops designed to help individuals reflect on their inner resources and discover personal peace. Each workshop focuses on universal themes such as appreciation, inner strength, self-awareness, clarity, understanding, dignity, choice, hope, and contentment.

Since its inception, the program has been conducted in more than 84 countries, reaching over 550,000 participants in 40+



languages, and has consistently earned praise for enhancing personal well-being, resilience, and professional effectiveness.

Speaking on the occasion, Sh. JitenderDahiya, IAS, Director of Secondary Education, said: "Teachers play a central

role in shaping the future of society. Through this collaboration with The PremRawat Foundation, we are bringing a program that not only enriches their professional lives but also nurtures their personal growth, helping them inspire

students more effectively."

TPRF has committed to providing free access to the Peace Education Program's materials, ensuring inclusivity and accessibility for all educators.

This MoU reflects the shared commitment of both parties to promote holistic teacher development and strengthen the culture of peace in Haryana's education system. This MoU represents a shared vision for empowering teachers and, through them, impacting millions of students across the state.

The signing ceremony was graced by dignitaries from the Department of Secondary Education, Haryana, including ShriJitenderDahiya (IAS), ShriKuldeep Mehta (Assistant Director, Academic Cell), Dr. Rajiv Vats (Assistant Director, Academic Cell), Dr. Pramod Kumar (Program Officer), and Dr. Avinasha Sharma (PGT English & Nodal Officer, Peace Education Program). Representing The PremRawat Foundation were Dr. Suresh Gupta, ShriRohitashChahal, and ShriRajdeepTyagi, whose presence added great significance and inspiration to the event.

Axis Bank Unveils 'Dil Se Open Celebrations 2025' with Season-Long Festive Offers for Customers Across India

September : Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India, announced the launch of 'Dil Se Open Celebrations 2025', a pan-India campaign designed to redefine the festive experience of millions of customers. Starting from September 2025, the campaign brings months of uninterrupted festive cheer, packed with exciting discounts, cashback offers, rewards, and exclusive partner deals. Staying true to its Dil Se Open philosophy, the campaign is built around the proposition "Sirfek festival nahi, poore festive season chalega", positioning Axis Bank as a trusted and dependable partner during the festivities, bringing in a seamless blend of festive cheer, value and benefits for customers throughout the season, not limited to a single festival. From Navratri and Diwali to Christmas and beyond, every moment of festivity will be enriched with rewards and benefits, ensuring that the celebrations continue uninterrupted.

Through this campaign, customers will gain access to a wide array of exclusive benefits, including discounts, cashback offers, partner deals, and reward programs across Axis Bank Credit Cards and other banking products. The offers span multiple categories, featuring top brands in E-commerce (Amazon,

Flipkart), Electronics (Haier, LG, Samsung, Sony), Mobiles (OnePlus, Motorola, Xiaomi), Quick Commerce (Blinkit, big-basket, Instamart), Shopping (Jack&Jones, Vero Moda, ONLY, Selected, Shoppers Stop, Tira, Reliance Brands including Coach, Michael Kors, Mothercare, Hamleys), and Travel (Cathay Pacific, Cleartrip, ITC Hotels Limited, Ixigo, MakeMyTrip, SriLankan Airlines). In addition to these offers, the campaign features a host of other leading brands, making it one of the most rewarding experiences for Axis Bank customers.

Commenting on the campaign Arnika Dixit, President & Head - Cards, Payments and Wealth Management, Axis Bank, said, "At Axis Bank, our customers remain central to every initiative. Through Dil Se Open Celebrations 2025, we are introducing an extended festive campaign that offers enhanced value across shopping, travel, and lifestyle. In collaboration with leading brands, we are providing exclusive credit card benefits including cashback, curated discounts, and easy EMIs on high-value purchases. This initiative underscores our customer-first philosophy and reinforces our leadership in cards and payments by combining innovation with meaningful rewards."

Electricity demand in India set to grow at 4.6% CAGR during FY26-30: Report

New Delhi: The electricity demand in the country is projected to register steady growth in the coming years, with YES Securities forecasting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of about 4.6 per cent during FY26-30.

This translates into an addition of nearly 424 billion units (BUs) of demand over the period. To meet this rising requirement, the country is expected to add more than 250 gigawatts (GW) of power capacity in the same timeframe, according to the report.

It stated, "As per our projections, we foresee power demand growth at a CAGR of approx. 4.6 per cent (adding 424BUs) for period FY26-30 and a capacity addition of over 250GW for the same period."

According to the report, India's power consumption has seen a significant and consistent increase in recent years.

Electricity demand rose from 1,002 BUs in FY14 to 1,695 BUs in FY25. Over the last decade, covering FY15-FY25, the demand grew at a CAGR of nearly 4.9 per cent. The pace has been faster in the more recent five-year period, FY20-FY25, when electricity demand expanded at around 5.6 per cent CAGR. The report attributed this acceleration to multiple factors, including the rapid economic recovery after the pandemic, higher manufacturing activity, and the continued electrification of both rural and urban areas.

The report also highlighted that this marks a clear upward shift in India's power consumption trajectory, reflecting the growing energy intensity of the economy.

Sectoral trends show that the industrial segment continues to consume the largest share of electricity, followed by the domestic,

agriculture, and commercial sectors. Renewable energy additions have also played a critical role in supporting demand growth.

With renewables now making up a substantial portion of installed capacity, the energy transition is helping India balance rising demand while promoting sustainability.

The report also highlighted that power outages in the country have drastically reduced in recent years, enabling more reliable supply and uninterrupted demand growth.

As per data, electricity consumption in India has nearly tripled since 2000, reflecting the combined impact of industrialization, urbanization, and wider electrification. Per capita consumption has climbed from around 400 kilowatt-hours (kWh) in 2000 to nearly 1,400 kWh in 2024.

Delay in implementation of mandate for use of Recycled Plastic Content Undermining Livelihoods, Industrial Investment & Ease of Doing Business: APR Bharat

Kolkata: The Association of PET Recyclers of Bharat (APR Bharat) has expressed grave concern over the continued delay in implementing the mandatory recycled content requirement under India's Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules. This delay is harming the livelihood of rag picker community, rendering capacities set up by the recycling

industry idle, and damaging investor confidence - all of which are counterproductive to India's stated vision of a circular economy and ease of doing business. It is to be noted that over 2 million people are a part of the rag picker community for collection of post-consumer PET bottles, forming the very base of the plastic waste value chain and have, for decades, silently con-

tributed to India's recycling and environmental goals.

But due to the delay in enforcing the recycled content mandate - which was to come into effect from April 1, 2025, as per the PWM Rules - the demand for recycled PET (r-PET) has collapsed. This has resulted in a steep drop in prices, making it unviable for rag pickers to earn even basic daily wages.

Hyundai CEO Munoz unveils Europe-focused EV rollout

New Delhi : South Korea's Hyundai Motor Co. has announced an ambitious mid-to long-term strategy to expand its hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) lineup and launch region-specific electric vehicles (EVs) for Europe and India, as per a report by Pulse, the English service of Maail Business Newspaper Korea.

With these moves, the automaker aims to boost annual sales by more than 30 per cent, from 4.14 million units in 2024 to 5.55 million units by 2030, while achieving an operating margin of up to 9 per cent.

The company highlighted its commitment to overcoming the twin challenges of a 25 percent U.S. tariff on imported EVs and the global "EV chasm" of stalled demand with stronger green technology.

Speaking at the 2025 CEO Investor Day held in Manhattan, New York, on Thursday, Hyundai Motor President and CEO Jose Munoz Jose Munoz unveiled the company's strategic roadmap before global investors, analysts, and credit rating officials.

Hyundai Motor plans to more than double its HEV lineup from eight models today to 18 by 2030, spanning entry-level to mid-size, large, and luxury vehicles. Its premium Genesis brand will launch its first luxury HEV next year, followed by a more afford-



able entry-level hybrid.

The company also intends to release new EVs tailored to regional markets to overcome demand stagnation. In Europe, Hyundai Motor will roll out the Ioniq 3 next year.

The vehicle was previewed earlier this month at IAA Mobility 2025 in Munich, where Hyundai Motor showcased its first small EV concept, "Concept Three."

In China, the world's largest EV market, Hyundai Motor will follow this year's launch of the

Ellexio compact SUV with a compact electric sedan next year, both produced locally. In India, the automaker will debut a mini electric SUV in 2027, supported by a localized supply chain.

Hyundai Motor will also introduce an extended-range EV (EREV) in 2027, leveraging high-performance battery and motor technology. Unlike standard EVs, EREVs feature an internal combustion engine that generates electricity to recharge the battery, addressing range concerns.

The company said it will continue developing software-defined vehicles (SDVs) and hydrogen-powered fuel cell EVs as part of its broader mobility portfolio. By 2030, Hyundai Motor aims to sell 5.55 million vehicles globally, 60 percent--or 3.3 million--of which will be eco-friendly models. To support this, Hyundai Motor will expand its overseas manufacturing footprint. Hyundai Motor Group Metaplant America (HMGMA) in Georgia will increase annual

capacity from 300,000 units to 500,000 by 2028, while the Pune plant in India will add 250,000 units annually upon completion in the fourth quarter of this year. Domestically, the Ulsan Innovation Plant will open next year, equipped to flexibly produce 12 different models.

In the United States, Hyundai Motor will add a mid-size pickup truck to its portfolio by 2030, building on the success of the Santa Cruz compact pickup launched in 2021.

To achieve these goals, Hyundai will invest 77.3 trillion won (USD 55.7 billion) between 2025 and 2030, including 30.9 trillion won in R&D, 38.3 trillion won in facilities, and 8.1 trillion won in strategic ventures--7 trillion won more than its previous plan. The company has also raised its profitability targets, aiming for a consolidated operating margin of 6-7 percent this year, 7-8 percent by 2027, and 8-9 percent by 2030.

"Hyundai has risen to the ranks of the world's top three automakers by global sales volume, localized operations, diversified portfolios, and group synergies," Munoz said. "We face another period of uncertainty, but just as we have overcome challenges in the past, we will once again lead change and emerge as a future mobility company." (ANI)

Dalmia Cement Honours Over 400 Veteran Contractors Across Eastern India

Patna: Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited (DCBL), one of India's leading cement manufacturers, celebrated the skill and dedication of 431 senior contractors across Eastern India through its flagship initiative, 'AapHainSachcheViswakarma'. Of these, 110 veteran contractors from Bihar were specially recognized for their decades-long contribution to building homes, communities, and mentoring the next generation of construction professionals. As part of the celebrations, each honouree received a shawl, a memento, a wall clock, and a specially curated photo album chronicling their remarkable journey of building homes and nurturing communities. The events were attended by senior representatives of Dalmia Cement, alongside dealers, families, and members of the contractor community, creating a sense of pride and camaraderie. Commenting on the occasion, company spokesperson said: "At Dalmia Bharat, we deeply value the expertise and dedication of our senior contractors who have, for decades, been the torchbearers of quality construction. Their craftsmanship has turned aspirations into lasting realities, while their mentorship has shaped a new generation of skilled professionals."

Through the 'AapHainSachcheViswakarma' initiative, we honour not only their contributions to building homes and communities but also their role as teachers and leaders in the trade. We are committed to continuing this tradition each year, celebrating their legacy and strengthening the bonds that unite the construction fraternity."

AI boom, upcoming IPOs to drive Indian investors toward US markets: Neev Finance founders

New Delhi : As Artificial Intelligence (AI) continues to reshape global markets and more high-value AI firms gear up for IPOs, Indian investors -- particularly the mass affluent -- are increasingly eyeing the US for the next wave of generational wealth creation, according to the Co-founders of Neev Finance.

"There will be a lot more hunger for US-based markets. There is a lot more money made here, like just in the last 10 years, the likes of Tesla, Nvidia, Netflix, Twilio, all the big companies came, even Amazon, Microsoft, all these doubled. The Meta and blue chip like four or five times it (returns) happened. And now with the AI wave coming in, you will see a lot more AI IPOs coming in. The whole AI is being played out of San Francisco. So the Anthropic of the world, OpenAI, all this will go public IPO. So a lot more value generation will happen, and it will attract Indian investors to the US markets," said NiravKamdar, Co-Founder of US-based alternative investments platform Neev Finance.

The company, founded by former tech and analytics professionals, is positioning itself as a bridge for Indian-origin investors -- both in the US and abroad -- to access high-growth US-based investment opportunities in public equities, private markets, and tokenised assets. Executives said that the depreciation of exchange rates is prompting many affluent Indians to allocate 10-20 per cent of their portfolios in US dollar-denominated assets. "People want to hold part of their wealth in a stronger currency. It's not just about returns anymore -- it's also about preserving global purchasing power," they added.

Beyond investing, lifestyle trends are also influencing portfolio decisions. "Many Indian professionals are planning global travel, higher education abroad, or even overseas retirement. They're starting to budget in dollars -- and that's where platforms like ours come in," said Soumyadeep Roy, CoFounder and CIO, Neev Finance. Investment preferences in India have always been influenced by various factors. Many platforms have emerged that allow investors to invest even in foreign stock markets, making it accessible to a broader audience.

According to a report by industry body PHDCCI, before the pandemic, many Indian investors favoured traditional investment options, such as fixed deposits, real estate, and gold, as stock markets were considered relatively risky by these investors; thus, they often adopted a long-term perspective when investing in stocks.

Blue-chip stocks with a history of stable performance are popular choices among retail and institutional investors. The report added that the pandemic highlighted the importance of sectors like technology and healthcare, and investors showed increased interest in stocks related to these sectors due to the accelerated digital adoption and healthcare advancements.

H1B visa fee hike may slow India's IT exports growth to below 4%: Report

New Delhi : Growth in India's IT services exports could slow to below 4 per cent due to fresh risks from the sharp hike in H-1B visa fees, according to a report by Emkay.

The report noted that it had earlier estimated 5 per cent growth in FY26 and a 7 per cent CAGR over the next five years.

It stated, "Indian IT/software gross/net exports stood USD 181bn/160bn in FY25 and we had assumed 5 per cent growth in net IT services exports for FY26E, with a 7 per cent CAGR growth for next 5 yrs. This could reduce to sub-4 per cent depending on sustained H1B visa-led risks and GCC evolution". India's IT and software exports stood at USD 181 billion gross and USD 160 billion net in FY25. Global capability centres (GCCs) already contribute more than USD 65 billion in gross exports.

The report noted that GCC evolution and adoption of new growth models by IT firms will be key in shaping the sector's outlook.

As per experts the near-term impact on revenues and margins may remain limited. However, if the higher fees sustain, it could disturb traditional export models.

MadhaviArora - Chief Economist, Emkay Global stated, "Near-term impact may be limited on IT revenue/margins. However, if sustained, it could disturb Indian IT exports, companies' traditional models, pressurise project margins, disrupt Indian IT supply chains and on-site projects. That said, shift in delivery and export model over time towards offshoring could also provide IT export offsets".

The U.S. recently raised H-1B visa fees to USD 100,000 for new visas, from the earlier USD 1,500-4,000 range. The change does not affect existing visa holders or renewals, but could weigh heavily on Indian IT companies' dependent on new on-site visas.

Nilesh Shah, MD Kotak Mahindra AMC stated, "US restrictions on H 1 B visa will hurt Indians more than Indian IT services companies. We have to create ecosystem in India so that our talent doesn't have to go abroad. Hand cuffing Korean workers, abruptly changing H 1 B visa kind of steps will have adverse effects on US economy over a period of time". Over time, companies may try to offset the pressure by shifting more delivery offshore, though risks could rise further if the proposed HIRE Act is passed. (ANI)

PoGB traders' protest enters critical phase; students caught in deadlock

MI News Service, PoGB: Protests at the Sost border point of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor continue, as traders stage a sit-in demanding policy reforms. The ongoing demonstration has completely halted cross-border movement. Among the affected are students bound for China, now stranded with their academic deadlines fast approaching.

Tanveer Zia, one of the affected students, said, "We have been stuck here for the past two days, and the deadline for our university is also approaching. Due to this protest, we are facing a lot of difficulties. Our appeal to the government is to take some action so that we can reach our university."

Another student, Shazad Hussain, expressed frustration saying, "The problem right now is that we've already booked our tickets and taken advances. Now the situation is that I have to leave tomorrow no matter what. The road is currently blocked, and I don't know what to do or how to get out. This issue needs to be resolved. It should also be solved in a way that the students can leave from here easily."

Malda Division Observes Eco-Friendly initiative & Awareness Activities under Swachhata Hi Seva – 2025

MI News Service, Malda: As part of the ongoing "Swachhata Hi Seva – 2025" campaign (being observed from 17th September to 2nd October 2025) under the theme "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR), Waste to Art, Eco-Friendly and Zero Waste Living," Malda Division of Eastern Railway organized a series of eco-friendly and awareness activities under the guidance of Shri Manish Kumar Gupta, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Malda.

At the Coaching Depot, Bhagalpur, a special "Waste to Art" exhibition was held, where discarded and unused materials were creatively transformed by railway employees into decorative items. An elephant crafted entirely from waste stood out as a symbol of innovation and sustainability.

At the Jamalpur Diesel Shed, railway employees showcased their creativity by preparing two unique artifacts from shed waste materials – a sunflower

“India has a geopolitical stake here”: Finnish President on Russia-Ukraine conflict

MI News Service, Helsinki: Finland's President Alexander Stubb has urged that India should play a role in addressing the Russia-Ukraine conflict as "India has a geopolitical stake."

"I've been speaking to PM Modi recently about the situation in Ukraine. India has a geopolitical stake here. So we need to get them involved," Stubb said at the Helsinki Security Forum 2025.

Highlighting the steps needed to move toward peace, the Finnish president said, "First, we need a ceasefire; only then can we begin peace negotiations. We also need a formal date for bilateral meeting between Zelenskyy and Putin and only after that Zelenskyy can reach out to Putin by phone to discuss on what the agenda could possibly."

He added that pressure on Moscow must continue alongside support for Kyiv. "Meanwhile, we need to continue ramping up economic sanctions on Russia, and we also need to ramp up the military capabilities of Ukraine by providing them



with all necessary defence means," he said.

Responding to a question on the outcome of last month's meeting between European leaders and US President Donald Trump in Washington, Stubb said work was ongoing on long-term security commitments. "We are working on the idea of European security arrangements or security guarantees, and on the military side, they are pretty much ready," he stated.

In August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also received a telephone call from

the President of Finland, Stubb, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had said in an official statement.

According to the MEA, President Stubb had shared his assessment of the recent meetings held between the leaders of Europe, the United States and Ukraine in Washington on the resolution of the conflict in Ukraine. Prime Minister Modi also reiterated India's consistent support for a peaceful resolution of the conflict and the early restoration of peace and stability.

The leaders also re-

viewed progress in the India-Finland bilateral relationship and reaffirmed their commitment to enhance partnership in emerging fields, including quantum technologies, 6G, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and sustainability.

The MEA added that President Stubb reiterated Finland's support for an early conclusion of a mutually beneficial India-EU Free Trade Agreement. He also affirmed support for the success of the AI Impact Summit to be hosted by India in 2026. Prime Minister Modi invited President Stubb to visit India soon, and both leaders agreed to remain in touch.

Reflecting on the conversation, PM Modi posted on X, "Had a good conversation with President Alexander Stubb. Finland is a valued partner in the EU. Discussed ways to strengthen cooperation in key sectors such as trade, technology and sustainability. Exchanged perspectives on the ongoing efforts for peaceful resolution of the conflict in Ukraine."

Over 1000 people dead due to floods in Pakistan

MI News Service, Islamabad: Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has reported that at least 1,006 people have died and 3.02 million have been rescued across Pakistan amid severe rains and flash floods since June 26, The Express Tribune reported.

In a statement on Sunday, the NDMA said a total of 5,768 rescue operations were conducted nationwide, during which 273,524 relief items were distributed. Medical treatment was provided to 662,098 individuals at 741 camps set up through coordinated efforts of the NDMA, Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMAs), the Pakistan Army, and other emergency services. Punjab recorded the highest fatalities with 304 deaths, including 110 children, 143 men, and 51 women. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) reported 504 deaths, comprising 90 children, 338 men, and 76 women. Sindh saw 80 deaths, Balochistan 30, Pakistan-occupied Gilgit-Baltistan (PoGB) 41, Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) 38, and Islamabad nine. Nationwide, 1,063 people sustained injuries, with Punjab accounting for 661, K-P 218, Sindh 87, PoGB 52, PoJK 37, Balochistan five, and Islamabad three.

Rescue efforts were concentrated in Punjab, where 2.81 million people were evacuated through 4,749 operations. Sindh followed with 184,011 people rescued in 753 operations, and K-P with 14,317 people rescued in 211 opera-



tions, The Express Tribune reported.

The floods have caused widespread property and infrastructure damage. Nationwide, 12,569 homes were affected, including 4,128 destroyed and 8,441 partially damaged, while 6,509 livestock were lost. At least 239 bridges and 1,981 kilometers of roads were destroyed or damaged. K-P lost 52 bridges and 437 km of roads; PoJK 94 bridges and 201 km of roads; and PoGB 87 bridges and 20 km of roads.

Relief distributions included tents, blankets, hygiene kits, ration bags, food packs, and equipment such as solar panels, de-watering pumps, and generators. A total of 1,690 camps were established, comprising 741 medical camps that treated over 662,000 people and 949 relief camps that sheltered 152,252 individuals, The Express Tribune reported.

The NDMA said coordinated operations to deliver relief, restore infrastructure, and support rehabilitation efforts are ongoing.

SWACHHATA HI SEVA -SWATCHHOTSAV CAMPAIGN AT BERHAMPORE COURT STATION



● Vendors at Berhampore Court Station counselled to maintain cleanliness at station premises

MI News Service, Kolkata: As a part of Swachhata Hi Seva – Swatchhotsav programme, the campaign continues over different stations of Sealdah Division for maintaining cleanliness of Railway station premises and tracks. Persuasive communication by direct interaction with the vendors & passengers are continuing at different stations for building the habit of maintaining cleanliness. In continuation with this endeavour, the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign – 2025

conducted at Berhampore Court station jointly participated by Public Relations Department, Environment & Housekeeping Management Department and Commercial Department staff.

During this campaign at Berhampore Court station on Krishnanagar – Lalgola section, all the vendors at platforms & station premises of Berhampore Court station were counselled to maintain cleanliness at station premises and also to act as a responsible person by throwing the waste at the designated places only. All the vendors are advised to keep a waste bin of their own and also at the same

time they should request the passengers to throw the waste materials like food wrappers, orange peels, banana peels, used exhausted water bottles only at the waste bins provided at the stalls or the waste bins provided by the Railways at different corners of the Railway station and not on station platforms or Railway lines.

SEALDAH DIVISION OBSERVES SWACHHATA HI SEVA – 2025

MI News Service, Malda: As part of the nationwide Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) Campaign 2025 under the theme "Swachhotsav", Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division organized various activities on September 22, 2025, to promote sanitation, waste management, and reduction of single-use plastics. Highlights included Waste to Art exhibitions at Sealdah, Naihati ROH Depot,



Sonarpur, Ranaghat, Narkeldanga, Barasat, and New Alipore; a Swachhata

Selfie Booth at Sealdah; awareness campaigns on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR) practices at multiple stations; demonstrations of Plastic Bottle Crushing Machines (PBCMs); and cleanliness drives at Majherhat, Kolkata, Habra, Ranaghat, and Krishnanagar Jn. These initiatives reflect Sealdah Division's commitment to fostering cleanliness, sustainability, and public awareness.

MODELS AND ENSURES SMOOTH OPERATION OF FESTIVE SPECIAL TRAINS DURING DURGA PUJA

MI News Service, Asansol: In a remarkable display of creativity and dedication, Asansol Division of Eastern Railway has welcomed the festive spirit of Durga Puja. As part of this programme, the Scrap Art models installed at the DRM Building, Asansol, have been meticulously revitalized and adorned with vibrant colours and traditional motifs by the committed staff of the Division, bringing cultural grandeur and festive

cheer to the premises. Crafted entirely from discarded railway materials—including nuts, bolts, scrap iron and unused spare parts—these artistic installations embody the visionary "waste to wonder" concept, transforming industrial waste into magnificent pieces of public art. The initiative not only enhances the aesthetic appeal of the railway campus but also underscores the Division's commitment to sustainability

and environmental stewardship. The programme also highlights the exceptional artistic capabilities of railway personnel, whose talents extend beyond their official roles to contribute meaningfully to community engagement and campus beautification. It stands as a testament to the harmonious blend of heritage, creativity and innovation within the railway ecosystem.

In addition to these deco-

rative efforts, the Asansol Division is operating special festive trains during the Durga Puja season to ensure seamless and convenient travel for passengers. These trains connect Asansol and neighbouring stations to major cities and pilgrimage centres, providing additional berths and helping alleviate congestion, enabling devotees and travellers to reunite with their families and partake in the celebrations comfortably.

Super Typhoon Ragasa: Thousands evacuated in Philippines; HK airport to shut for 36 hours

MI News Service, Taiwan: Ahead of the landfall of Super Typhoon Ragasa, authorities in the Philippines have evacuated over 5,000 families, while flights have been cancelled and ferry services suspended on various routes in Taiwan, local media from the two countries reported on Monday.

A Reuters report cited a statement by Qantas Airways stating that Hong Kong International Airport will suspend all passenger flights for 36 hours from 8 pm (1200 GMT) on September 23 to 8 am on September 25.

Cathay Pacific is waiving rebooking and rerouting fees on flights in and out of Hong Kong from September 23rd to 25th due to the arrival of Super Typhoon Ragasa.

Thailand also issued an advisory for Passengers travelling with Thai Airways International to Kaohsiung in Taiwan and Hong Kong from Monday to Wednesday to keep their flights updated, according to the Bangkok Post. As of 2 pm (local time) the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration said that a Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal No. 5 was hoisted over Babuyan Islands due to the Typhoon 'Ragasa' which is locally being called 'Nando', Philippines News Agency (PNA) reported.



The super typhoon packing 295km/h wind gusts, is moving westwards and is forecast to make landfall over the thinly populated Babuyan group of islands off the northern coast of Luzon in the Philippines between 2pm and 5pm today before heading towards southern China, authorities said as per the state media outlet.

An estimated 5,000 families, equivalent to 14,000 individuals have been preemptively evacuated in four regions in Luzon amid the threat of Super Typhoon 'Nando', the Office of Civil Defense in Philippines said according to PNA.

Schools and government offices in many parts of Philippines, PNA reported, have been shut and authorities have warned of flooding and landslides and damage to homes and infrastructure. Meanwhile, according to local carriers and transportation authorities

in Taiwan, Super Typhoon Ragasa disrupted domestic transport today, forcing the cancellation of all flights to outlying islands after noon and the suspension of 88 ferry services on 13 routes according to a news report in Focus Taiwan.

Taiwan's Central Weather Administration (CWA) has issued both sea and land warnings for Typhoon Ragasa. Its storm circle reached the Hengchun Peninsula at 11 am today.

Ragasa is expected to come closest to Taiwan from Monday afternoon and have its greatest impact on the island through Tuesday, Taiwan's Central News Agency reported.

Meanwhile, authorities in Guangdong Province in south China on Monday raised its wind emergency response to Level II, with two cities announcing a series of suspension measures ahead of the approach of Typhoon Ragasa.

Chinese state media Xinhua said classes will be suspended in schools in the cities of Zhuhai and Jiangmen – while work, production, public transport and business operations will also be suspended later on Tuesday, according to the local flood, drought and wind control headquarters. All passenger ferry services to the Chuanshan Islands in Jiangmen will be suspended starting Tuesday, it said.

Regulation of Trains for Non-Interlocking work over Howrah Division

In connection with Ladder shifting work, **Pre-Non-Interlocking** work for **04 days** from 02.12.2025 to 05.12.2025 & **Non-Interlocking** work for **03 days** from 06.12.2025 to 08.12.2025 will be undertaken at **Khana** station in Bardhaman-Khana section over Howrah Division. Consequently, following arrangement have been made in train running :

CANCELLATION OF MEMU

• **From Bardhaman :** (1) 63505 Bardhaman - Asansol MEMU and (2) 63507 Bardhaman - Asansol MEMU on **05.12.2025, 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025.** (3) 63511 Bardhaman - Asansol MEMU on **06.12.2025.** (4) 63513 Bardhaman - Asansol MEMU, (5) 63549 Bardhaman - Asansol MEMU, (6) 63517 Bardhaman - Asansol MEMU, (7) 63523 Bardhaman-Asansol MEMU, (8) 63583 Bardhaman - Rampurhat MEMU and (9) 63011 Bardhaman - Rampurhat MEMU on **06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025.** • **From Asansol:** (1) 63506 Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU and (2) 63508 Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU on **05.12.2025, 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025.** (3) 63512 Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU, (4) 63516 Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU, (5) 63522 Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU, (6) 63526 Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU and (7) 63524 Asansol - Bardhaman MEMU on **06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025.** • **From Rampurhat:** (1) 63584 Rampurhat - Bardhaman MEMU and (2) 63012 Rampurhat - Bardhaman MEMU on **06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025.**

CANCELLATION OF MAIL / EXPRESS

• **UP trains :** (1) 13187 Sealdah - Rampurhat Maa Tara Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (2) 12337 Howrah - Bolpur Shantiniketan Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (3) 12347 Howrah - Rampurhat Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (4) 13011 Howrah - Malda Town Intercity Express (JCO 05.12.2025, 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (5) 22321 Howrah - Siuri Hool Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (6) 12383 Sealdah-Asansol Intercity Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025) and (7) 13179 Sealdah - Siuri MEMU Express (JCO 05.12.2025 & 06.12.2025). • **Down trains :** (1) 13188 Rampurhat - Sealdah Maa Tara Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (2) 12338 Bolpur - Howrah Shantiniketan Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (3) 12348 Rampurhat - Howrah Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (4) 13012 Malda Town - Howrah Intercity Express (JCO 06.12.2025, 07.12.2025 & 08.12.2025), (5) 22322 Siuri - Howrah Hool Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (6) 12384 Asansol - Sealdah Intercity Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025) and (7) 13180 Siuri - Sealdah MEMU Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025).

DIVERSION OF MAIL / EXPRESS

• **UP trains :** (1) 12343 Sealdah - Haldibari Darjeeling Mail (JCO 05.12.2025, 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025) will be diverted via Naihati Link Cabin - Bandel - Katwa -Azimganj - New Farakka with stoppages at Bandel, Katwa, Azimganj, Jangipur Road & New Farakka stations. (2) 13017 Howrah - Azimganj Ganadevta Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025) and (3) 13027 Howrah - Azimganj Kaviguru Express (JCO 05.12.2025, 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025) will be diverted via Bandel - Katwa - Azimganj with stoppages at Bandel, Ambika Kalna, Nabadwip Dham, Katwa, Salar, Bazarsau, Khagraghat Road & Azimganj stations. (4) 12377 Sealdah - New Alipurduar Padatik Express (JCO 05.12.2025, 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (5) 13153 Sealdah - Malda Town Gour Express (JCO 05.12.2025, 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (6) 12363 Kolkata - Haldibari Intercity Express (JCO 06.12.2025), (7) 13161 Kolkata - Balurghat Tebhaga Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (8) 13147 Sealdah-Bamanhat Uttarbanga Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (9) 13149 Sealdah - Alipurduar Kanchankanya Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (10) 13175 Sealdah - Silchar Kanchanjungha Express (JCO 07.12.2025) and (11) 13173 Sealdah - Sabroom Kanchanjungha Express (JCO 06.12.2025) will be diverted via Naihati Link Cabin - Bandel - Katwa - Ahmadpur with stoppages at Bandel, Nabadwip Dham & Katwa stations. (12) 12345 Howrah - Guwahati Sarighat Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (13) 13015 Howrah -

Jamalpur Kaviguru Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (14) 13053 Howrah - Radhikapur Kulik Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (15) 13031 Howrah - Jaynagar Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025) and (16) 13159 Kolkata - Jogbani Express (JCO 05.12.2025) will be diverted via Bandel - Katwa - Ahmadpur with stoppages at Bandel, Nabadwip Dham, Katwa stations. • **Down trains :** (1) 12344 Haldibari - Sealdah Darjeeling Mail (JCO 05.12.2025 & 06.12.2025) will be diverted via Azimganj - Katwa - Bandel - Naihati Link Cabin with stoppages at Azimganj, Katwa, Nabadwip Dham & Bandel stations. (2) 13018 Azimganj - Howrah Ganadevta Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025) and (3) 13028 Azimganj - Howrah Kaviguru Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025) will be diverted via Azimganj - Katwa - Bandel with stoppages at Khagraghat Road, Bazarsau, Salar, Katwa, Nabadwip Dham & Ambika Kalna stations. (4) 12378 New Alipurduar - Sealdah Padatik Express (JCO 05.12.2025 & 06.12.2025), (5) 13154 Malda Town - Sealdah Gour Express (JCO 05.12.2025, 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (6) 13148 Bamanhat - Sealdah Uttarbanga Express (JCO 05.12.2025 & 06.12.2025), (7) 13150 Alipurduar - Sealdah Kanchankanya Express (JCO 05.12.2025 & 06.12.2025), (8) 13176 Silchar - Sealdah Kanchanjungha Express (JCO 05.12.2025), (9) 13174 Sabroom - Sealdah Kanchanjungha Express (JCO 06.12.2025), (10) 12364 Haldibari - Kolkata Intercity Express (JCO 07.12.2025) and (11) 13162 Balurghat - Kolkata Tebhaga Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025) will be diverted via Ahmadpur - Katwa - Bandel - Naihati Link Cabin with stoppages at Katwa, Nabadwip Dham & Bandel stations. (12) 12346 Guwahati - Howrah Sarighat Express (JCO 05.12.2025 & 06.12.2025), (13) 13016 Jamalpur - Howrah Kaviguru Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025), (14) 13054 Radhikapur - Howrah Kulik Express (JCO 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025) and (15) 13032 Jaynagar - Howrah Express (JCO 05.12.2025 & 06.12.2025) will be diverted via Ahmadpur - Katwa - Bandel with stoppages at Katwa, Nabadwip Dham & Bandel stations.

SHORT TERMINATION / SHORT ORIGINATION

• 63519 Bardhaman - Bokaro Steel City MEMU will be short originated from Asansol instead of Bardhaman and will go upto Bokaro Steel City and 63520 Bokaro Steel City - Bardhaman MEMU will be short terminated at Asansol instead of Bardhaman on **06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025.** • 13503 Up Bardhaman-Hatia MEMU Express will be short originated from Asansol instead of Bardhaman on **06.12.2025, 07.12.2025 & 08.12.2025.** • 13504 Dn Hatia-Bardhaman MEMU Express will be short terminated at Asansol instead of Bardhaman on **05.12.2025, 06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025.**

RESCHEDULING

(1) 63063 Bardhaman -Tinpahar MEMU will be rescheduled at **07.00 hrs.** instead of 06.20 hrs. on **06.12.2025** and at **08.00 hrs.** instead of 06.20 hrs on **07.12.2025** from Bardhaman. (2) 22301 Howrah - New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express will be rescheduled at **07.05 hrs.** instead of 05.55 hrs. on **07.12.2025** from Howrah.

CONTROLLING

(1) 12510 Guwahati-SMVT Bengaluru Superfast Express (JCO 01.12.2025) will be controlled suitably for 30 minutes enroute and 12510 Guwahati-SMVT Bengaluru Superfast Express (JCO 02.12.2025) will be controlled suitably for 01 hour 15 minutes enroute. (2) 13160 Jogbani-Kolkata Express (JCO 02.12.2025) will be controlled suitably for 40 minutes enroute. (3) 22504 Dibrugarh -Kanniyakumari Vivek Superfast Express (JCO 06.12.2025) will be controlled for 01 hour 50 minutes enroute. N.B. : 13427 /13428 Howrah - Sahibganj - Howrah Intercity Express will stop at all station between Jhapater Dhal and Rampurhat stations on **06.12.2025 & 07.12.2025.** SPECIAL NOTE: Special or Late Running Train & any further newly introduced train/Parcel train/TOD during the block period, if any, will be controlled/diversed suitably enroute during block. Passengers are requested to follow the public Address System of stations. Inconvenience is regretted.

Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah

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TATA PLAY
DISAPPOINTS
INDIAN
CRICKET
FANS... AGAIN!!

KOLKATA, SEPTEMBER 2025 :Despite the sweet taste of victory in the much-anticipated India-Pakistan clash at the Asia Cup 2025 in the UAE on Sunday, September 14th and subsequently on Sunday Sept,21st, it has left a bitter aftertaste for thousands of Tata Play subscribers across the country as many of them missed the live telecast that was broadcast on multiple Sony channels.

Over the last few months, Tata Play has kept Sony channels out of its core subscription packs, forcing viewers to purchase them separately. However, for a high-voltage encounter like India vs Pakistan, fans rushed to add these channels, only to face glitches or reactivation snags on match day. Many Tata Play users were unable to watch the game despite making payments.

In Chennai, a homemaker voiced her frustration, "Because an India-Pakistan match is so rare, the whole family and friends circle make their plans around it. We knew Sony Channels are not part of Tata Playpacks; hence, we willingly paid to reactivate Sony TEN 4. But the reactivation didn't happen instantly as we thought it would, and we missed it. We feel cheated."

Social media platforms, too, were flooded with complaints, with several customers accusing the service provider of ruining what should have been a festive cricket evening celebrating a comprehensive India win.

What is the online betting app case in which Robin Uthappa appeared before ED? Yuvraj Singh, Sonu Sood too summoned

After former cricketers Suresh Raina and Shikhar Dhawan, ex-India star Robin Uthappa appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with a money laundering case linked to an online betting app.

Uthappa (39) reached the agency's office in New Delhi around 11am. The ED, reportedly, questioned him and recorded his statement under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The case is linked to a platform named 1xBet.

What is the 1xBet online betting case? 1xBet is, reportedly, a global bookmaker with 18 years in the betting industry, and its customers can place bets on sporting events, with the company's website and app.

ED is probing tax evasion and duping charges against betting platforms, which includes the 1xBet betting app.

The agency is questioning celebrities to understand how the betting company approached them for endorsements, and also to find out their point of contact in India for the deals. Investigators are looking into how celebrities received payments, too - whether the money was paid in cash, through illegal hawala transfers, or via regular bank accounts. The agency is also checking if these payments happened in India or abroad.



The key question posed to the cricketers and actors is that whether they



knew that online betting and gaming is illegal in India. The agency has requested copies of all contracts, and are checking if



relevant emails were sent and documents signed between the celebrities and 1xBet.

The ED is also examining what the

celebrities did with the money they got, and whether any of these funds are "proceeds of crime" under the PMLA, that is, whether the money came from illegal activities.

The Union government recently banned real money online gaming in India by bringing a legislation.

The online betting app market in India was estimated to be worth over \$100 billion.

1xBet online betting case: Who have been questioned so far, and who have been summoned by the ED?

ED has probed ex-India star cricketers Suresh Raina and Shikhar Dhawan. Former cricketer Yuvraj Singh will appear before the ED in the same case, on September 23.

Former TMC MP and actress Mimi Chakraborty and Bengali actor Ankush Hazra, too, have been questioned over the past few weeks as part of the probe. While Bollywood actor Sonu Sood has been summoned on September 24, actress Urvashi Rautela, the India brand ambassador of 1xBet, is yet to appear before the ED despite summons.

Other celebrities, including sportspersons, actors, and social media influencers, are expected to be questioned by the ED soon.

India vs Pakistan Asia Cup match: Sahibzada Farhan's AK-47 gesture against Indian players sparks outrage

India on Sunday pulled off a thumping six-wicket victory over Pakistan in an Asia Cup Super 4 match, riding on opener Abhishek Sharma's fiery knock of 74 off 39 balls.

Abhishek and Shubman Gill (47) formed a formidable opening partnership as the men in blue chased down the competitive target of 172 runs with seven balls to spare.

Sent to bat first, Pakistan posted a total of 171/5 with Sahibzada Farhan scoring 58 off 45 balls. Despite being the highest run-scorer for his side, Farhan sparked an outrage among Indian fans in the middle of his innings when he mimicked firing an AK-47 rifle with his bat.

Farhan's wild celebration was in the 10th over of Pakistan's innings when he hit a spectacular sixer to finish his half-century.

Many of the Indian fans took to X to express their

anger over Farhan's gesture that came amid heightened tension between New Delhi and Islamabad following Operation Sindoor and the boycott calls from opposition parties. India launched air strikes against the terrorist hubs in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in May in retaliation to the Pahalgam terrorist attack. India's action sparked a two-day-long military confrontation between the two nuclear-armed neighbours, which ended on May 10 following a ceasefire deal. Meanwhile, Sunday's ill-tempered match, played amid the no-handshake policy row, had also its share of skirmishes.

After being hit for a boundary, Pakistan pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi had a word for Gill, who showed him where the ball went.

Similarly, when Haris Rauf was given a belt treatment by Abhishek, he tried to get into a physical altercation, only to be stopped by the umpires.

Manchester City ready to sell Erling Haaland for £150 million? Striker's transfer value revealed amidst Barcelona interest

FC Barcelona are planning to replace Robert Lewandowski with Bayern Munich's Harry Kane in what is seen as a short-term deal. While Polish captain Lewandowski is 37, his English counterpart is 32, meaning he can't be around for very long either. Raphinha and Ferran Torres are scoring goals in plenty, keeping the plan of signing a veteran striker a reliable model for Hansi Flick's team as things stand. But what about the long run?

Earlier reports had said that Barcelona were looking to sign Erling Haaland from Manchester City. The 25-year-old goal machine, who is breaking scoring records at ease, joined Pep Guardiola's team in 2022 from Borussia Dortmund. In his debut Premier League season, Haaland scored 36 goals, making him the player to score the most goals in a single campaign. He also became the fastest player to 10 Premier League hat-tricks after 48 games. On the European stage, the Norwegian scored 5 goals against RB Leipzig in a single Champions League knockout match, becoming only the third player to do so. He also became the fastest to score 30 goals in the competition when he reached the mark in just 25 appearances.

Will Manchester City sell



Haaland?

Erling Haaland, not long after his arrival from Dortmund, had confirmed that he was interested in fresh challenges as his career progressed. This meant that he was not planning to spend his best years as a Citizen and may consider a switch when an interesting prospect was available despite having signed a long-term deal that is meant to keep him at the Etihad until he is 34. There were also theories of Real Madrid combining Haaland with Kylian Mbappé in the future with the Los Blancos in the process of building another 'Galacticos' era.

It was very much later that Barcelona started to emerge as a serious contender to sign Haaland. While his interest in

joining the Catalans is largely unknown, many had ruled out Barca having the financial muscle to get Haaland. They were struggling financially in recent years although the La Liga win under Flick had helped them improve their situation.

If Haaland is determined to leave, City will have to ensure the sale of their talismanic striker brings in some real contributions to their coffers. According to Football Insider, the Manchester City higher-ups have set a price tag of over £150 million for any team interested in signing the player next season.

FC Barcelona, for their part, will have to carefully evaluate whether it's feasible to pursue his signing next summer.

Transfer news: Florentino Perez wants Liverpool's Ryan Gravenberch at Real Madrid ASAP, says report

23-year-old Dutch midfielder Ryan Gravenberch has impressed the Los Blancos so much that they may consider him a priority in the summer, the report said. The sporting directorate, headed by Florentino Perez, has manager Xabi Alonso's approval to try and sign Gravenberch who played for Ajax and Bayern Munich before arriving at Anfield. His balance of physical strength and creativity is the factor that has reportedly impressed the Los Blancos.

Perez sees the former Jong Ajax star as a strategic investment and is not going to wait too long to make a call, Fichajes said in a

report. Gravenberch is valued at around 65 million which is cheap considering his age and quality. However, the challenge will be to get him from Liverpool where he enjoys a near "untouchable" status. When Slot's side won the Premiership in the 2024-25 season, Gravenberch started all 34 Premier League games up to the point of glory. He played the most minutes during the campaign after captain Virgil van Dijk and Mohamed Salah.

Since joining Liverpool, Gravenberch has made a total of 75 appearances across all competitions, managing 11 goals and 14



assists. Despite his physical style of play, he has only received 10 yellow cards and boasts a passing accuracy of 87% in addition to his great ball retention skills.

Real Madrid will bank on their brand value and the player's ambition to grow on the Champions League stage to boost a possible transfer deal, the Fichajes report added. Gravenberch's current contract will only run out in 2028 and even if the La Liga giants manage to find a way around to rope him in, it is definite that they will have to shell out a lot more than 65 million.

Bavuma ruled out with calf injury; de Kock back in white-ball squads for South Africa

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : South Africa's Test captain Temba Bavuma has been ruled out of the team's first assignment in their World Test Championship (WTC) title defence, against Pakistan, after suffering a calf strain. Bavuma picked up the injury during the recent white-ball tour of England and is expected to be sidelined for six to eight weeks. In his absence, Aiden Markram will lead the Test side, as per ESPNcricinfo.

The squad has also seen a recall for offspinner Simon Harmer, who last played a Test in March 2023. He joins Senuran Muthusamy and Preenelan Subrayen in the spin attack. First-choice spinner Keshav Maharaj, recovering from a groin injury sustained in England, will only be available for the second Test.

In another big development, wicket-keeper-batter Quinton de Kock has reversed his retirement from ODI cricket and has been named in both the ODI and T20I squads for the Pakistan tour. De Kock's last international appearance was in the T20 World Cup final in Barbados in June 2024.

South Africa have opted to rest most of their all-format players, barring Corbin Bosch and Dewald Brevis, for the white-ball leg of the Pakistan tour. David Miller will captain the T20I squad, while Matthew Breetzke will lead the ODI squad.

Ahead of the Pakistan Tests, South Africa will also play a T20I in Namibia to inaugurate the new stadium in Windhoek. That fixture will feature a second-string squad led by Donovan Ferreira, which includes de Kock, Nandre Burger, Gerald Coetzee, Reeza Hendricks, Lhuan-dre Pretorius, and Rivaldo Moonsamy.

Ferreira has also earned a place in the ODI squad to face Pakistan, alongside Burger, Coetzee and de Kock. Left-arm spinners George Linde and Bjorn Fortuin have been brought back into



the mix, legspinner Ngaba Peter has been also included. Notably, Tabraiz Shamsi, who declined a national contract, has been left out, as has pacer Anrich Nortje, who has also not signed a deal.

The Test squad retains most of the core that clinched the WTC mace against Australia in June. Brevis, Subrayen and Zubayr Hamza are the fresh additions, while there is no space for Dane Paterson or Lungi Ngidi, who has been included in the white-ball squads. Kagiso Rabada, Marco Jansen and Wiaan Mulder lead the pace unit.

"Temba's calf strain will unfortunately keep him sidelined for six to eight weeks, but the focus is on giving him the best chance to be fully ready for the India tour in November," Proteas head coach Shukri Conrad said, as quoted from ESPNcricinfo.

"Naturally, we are disappointed not to have Temba available. He has been such an important leader and batter for us in the Test side, and his pres-

ence on and off the field will be missed," he noted.

"At the same time, the majority of the Test squad have experience of playing in the subcontinent and understand the demands that come with it, so I'm confident they will embrace the challenge. Pakistan is one of the tougher places to tour, and with spin-friendly conditions expected and Keshav only available from the second game, it was important to have an experienced campaigner like Simon in the squad to provide extra depth in the spin department," he added.

De Kock's comeback follows months of speculation about his international future. While he never formally retired from T20Is, he had not been picked since the 2024 T20 World Cup and his long-term commitment was unclear. Head coach Shukri Conrad confirmed that discussions with the wicketkeeper-batter have now ensured his availability for the national team again.

"Quinton's return to the white-ball space is a major boost for us," he said, as quoted from ESPNcricinfo.

"When we spoke last month about his future, it was clear that he still has a strong ambition to represent his country. Everyone knows the quality he brings to the side, and having him back can only benefit the team," he noted.

On the appointments of stand-in captains for the white-ball series, Conrad explained that Breetzke's domestic experience and Ferreira's growth have justified their selections for the temporary roles.

"Matthew has really come into his own in the 50-over space and has led SA A and the Warriors in this format before, and I have no doubt he'll captain the ODI side with that same character and composure which he brings to his game. During the T20I series against England, I was impressed by Donovan's maturity, his understanding of the game, and the way he connects with the younger players in the squad.

PRANAVI, HITAASHEE
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ALICANTE [SPAIN] : Pranavi Urs and Hitaashee Bakshi were tied for 47th place with one more round to go in the 2025 La Sella Open. Pranavi carded an even par 72, while Hitaashee shot 1-over 73.

Pranavi had two birdies and two bogeys all on the back nine of the course and between the 13th and the 18th.

Hitaashee had four birdies, but she also gave away three bogeys and a double bogey on Par-5 ninth.

The other Indians, Diksha Dagar, Tvesa Malik, Avani Prashanth, Ridhima Dilawari and Vani Kapoor had missed the halfway cut.

Canada's Anna Huang continued her fine form at the 2025 La Sella Open, producing a round of 69 (-3) on day three to hold a three-stroke lead heading into the final day. The 16-year-old has held the lead since the start of the tournament and began well with a birdie on the second at La Sella Golf Resort. Huang sits at the top of the leaderboard with a score of 17-under-par.

Huang, who is in her rookie season on the Ladies European Tour (LET), made another birdie on the ninth before back-to-back birdies on 11 and 12.

After back-to-back bogey-free rounds, the teenager dropped her first shot of the week on her 15 - she had not made a bogey in her previous 62 holes in competition on the LET.

If she were to win on the LET on Sunday, Huang would join an elite club of players to win on Tour before their 17th birthday - the last player to do so was Germany's Chiara Noja at the Aramco Team Series - Riyadh in 2022.

36th East Zone Junior Athletics Meet:
JHARKHAND ATHLETES DOMINATE
DAY ONE WITH 16 MEDALS

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RANCHI : Jharkhand athletes made a flying start on the opening day of the 36th East Zone Junior Athletics Championship at Birs Munda Football Stadium, Morabadi, Ranchi, clinching a total of 16 medals - 5 gold, 6 silver, and 5 bronze - to assert their dominance over the regional competition.

The three-day championship (September 22-24), organized under the directive of the Athletics Federation of India, New Delhi, is being hosted by the Jharkhand Athletics Association. A total of 621 athletes from 10 states - West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Assam, Mizoram, Sikkim, Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya, and Arunachal Pradesh - are competing in various track and field events.

The athletes were guided by a team of coaches - Vinod Kumar Singh, Ashu Bhatia, Yogesh Yadav, Alok Singh, Neeraj Kumar, Naresh Kujur, and Anubha Khakha - who played a key role in preparing the young talents for this major regional meet.

With a medal tally of 16 on the very first day, Jharkhand has set the tone for the championship, strengthening its position as a powerhouse in junior athletics in the eastern region.

- Gold Medal Winners
- Preeti Lakra (Hazaribagh): Girls U-20 Long Jump
 - Vivek Yadav (Sahibganj): Boys U-20 Javelin Throw
 - Mamta Mary Murmu (East Singhbhum): Girls U-16 60m
- Sprint
- Girls U-18 Medley Relay Team: Putul Baskey (Ranchi), Anamika Oraon (Bokaro), Khushi Kumar (Ramgarh), Poonam Kumari (Ranchi)
 - Mixed Relay Team: Prateek Oraon (Ranchi), Jackline Khess (Bokaro), Manish Kumar (Giridih), Shivani Kumari (Ranchi)
- Silver Medal Winners
- Asha Kumari (Chatra): Girls U-20 5000m
 - Hemant Kumar (Palamu): Boys U-18 Javelin Throw
 - Anit Oraon (Latehar): Boys U-16 80m Hurdles
 - Nidhi Tirkey (Bokaro): Girls U-16 80m Hurdles
 - Boys U-18 Medley Relay Team: Shubham Ekka (Ranchi), Vicky Lohra (Bokaro), Akashdeep Kindo (Gumla), Vishal Kumar (Ranchi)
 - Santosh Murmu: Boys U-14 Kids Javelin
- Bronze Medal Winners

