# CM urges 2-day work-from-home as rains cripple Kolkata

The city of Kolkata continues to reel under the impact of a cloudburst-like downpour that left streets submerged and transport services severely disrupted. At least nine people have died in rain-related incidents across Kolkata and its adjoining districts since Monday night. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, reviewing the situation, has appealed to private companies to allow employees to work from home for the next two days. She also declared an early Puja vacation in schools from Tuesday, citing both the severity of the situation and the forecast of more showers. Universities have been advised to conduct online classes wherever possible. PG 3



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#### Time has come to decriminalise defamation law: SC



MI News Service, New Delhi : The Supreme Court has observed that the time has come to decriminalise the defamation law, while agreeing to examine a plea by the Foundation for Independent Journalism seeking to quash the summons issued to it in a criminal defamation case. A bench of Justices M M Sundresh and Satish Chandra Sharma issued notice to former Jawaharlal Nehru University professor Amita Singh. The apex court passed the remark while hearing the plea of the organisation, which runs The Wire news portal, and its political affairs editor Ajoy Ashirwad Mahaprashasta. The Apex Court has signaled that it may be time to decriminalize defamation as both the Judges observed, that "time has come to decriminalize all this. How long will you go on dragging these cases?" Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing The Wire, agreed with the bench's remarks, citing the prolonged nature of such proceedings.

The complainant, former JNU professor Amita Singh, had stated that an article published in April 2016 titled "Dossier Calls JNU 'Den of Organised Sex Racket" alleged that a team of professors led by Prof. Singh had submitted a dossier to the JNU administration claiming the existence of sex rackets in the nied any involvement in preparing or submitting the dossier. Her lawyer had said that the article attributed her name without verification, which sparked violent protests, including the burning of her effigy and daily demonstrations outside her office. The lawyer also claimed that the controversy led to her being isolated in academic bodies and committees, both in India and abroad, affecting her post-retirement career. A trial court first issued summons to the portal in 2017. The Supreme Court had earlier set aside the summons and directed a reassessment after reviewing the content of the article. In January 2025, the magistrate again issued summons, which were upheld by the Delhi High Court in May 2025. The Wire then approached the Supreme Court challenging the renewed summons. Sibal supthe ported bench's observations and cited several instances, including multiple defamation cases filed against Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, which had reached the apex court. The bench has tagged The Wire's petition with a batch of similar cases including those filed by Rahul Gandhi and said it would hear the matter after Prof Singh submits her reply. Criminal defamation remains punishable under Indian law and was upheld as constitutional by the Supreme Court in a 2016 ruling, which cited the protection of reputation under Article 21 of the Constitution. However, the remarks by the bench indicate a will-

ingness to reconsider

whether defamation cases

should continue to be

treated as criminal offences.



# Ten die of electrocution as heavy rain lashes Kolkata

# Mamata blames dredging, (

MI News Service, Kolkata; Torrential overnight rain left Kolkata completely paralysed on Tuesday, claiming at least ten lives due to electrocution and bringing life in this Eastern metropolis to a grinding halt as large areas were submerged, transport services crippled, and traffic movement thrown out of gear.

Describing today's "unprecedented' downpour as a massive "cloudburst" of sorts, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee lashed out at poor dredging of the Farakka barrage and lapses by private power utility CESC, while appealing to people to stay indoors for their own safety. "I have never seen heavy rain like this in my life. I feel so bad and has full sympathy for the people who have lost their lives in the cloudburst. I heard 7– 8 people have died due to electrocution by open or unattended



wires. It is so unfortunate... Their families must all be given jobs by the CESC. I am saying this clearly.

people have died due to electrocution by open or unattended wires. It is so unfortunate... Their families must all be given jobs by the this clearly. We will also do whatever is possible to help,"

I heard 7–8

-CM Mamata Banerjee

We will also do whatever is possible to help," Mamata Banerjee said when asked for her reaction to this unprecedented deluge.

Heavy overnight rains brought Kolkata to its knees since early Tuesday morning as the city was preparing for its biggest festival, Durga Puja, which is only five days away with people eagerrly awaiting the four day extravaganza from later this week. Squarely blaming the utility, she said, "Electricity is supplied by CESC, not us. It is their duty to ensure people do not suffer because of this. They will do business here, but not modernise here? They should send people to the field and fix this." "Even our houses are submerged; we are all suffering. I am feeling so bad for the Pujo pandals as well. Schools have been asked to declare their Puja holidays from today itself and office-goers have been advised to work from home

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## Rupee depreciation against US dollar set to help Indian exporters

MI News Service, New Delhi : Indian rupee slipping below the record 88.75 level against the US dollar will help enhance price competitiveness of Indian products in the international markets. but exporters cautioned that fluctuations could pose challenges at import front. Import-dependent sectors such as gems and jewellery, petroleum and electronics may see lower benefits due to a rise in input costs, they said.

The rupee depreciated 47 paise to hit an all-time low of 88.75 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday, amid sustained outflow of foreign funds on the back of a steep hike in US H-1B visa fee that is expected to give a big blow to Indian IT services exports. "The depreciation will definitely help exporters in the short run. But we need stability in the value against the USD," Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) President S C Ralhan said. Sharing similar views, Mumbai-based exporter and Technocraft Industries Founder Chairman S K Saraf said this will benefit the country's exports as domestic goods will become little competitive at a time when the US has imposed

high tariffs. "Our hardships

will get mitigated to a cer-

tain extent. I expect that the rupee will reach 100 per dollar in the next 4-5 months. I think 100 will be the new normal," Saraf said. Another trader said that the development would make imports of items from crude oil to electronic goods, overseas education and foreign travel costlier. The primary and immediate impact of a depreciating rupee is on the importers who will have to shell out more for the same quantity and price.

However, it is a boon for the exporters as they receive more rupees in exchange for dollars. India is 85 per cent dependent on foreign oil to meet its needs for fuels, such as petrol, diesel and jet fuel. The basket of Indian imports includes crude oil, coal, plastic material, chemicals, electronic goods, vegetable oil, fertiliser, machinery, gold, pearls, precious and semiprecious stones, and iron and steel. According to Mumbai based Growmore International MD Yadvendra Singh Sachan, a balanced rupee value helps both exporters and importers." Any volatility in the value is not good for both," Sachan said. The country's merchandise exports rose 6.72 per cent to USD 35.1 billion in August.

# **Operation Sindoor and women empower**ment are prime focus in Kolkata Durga Puja



MI News Service, Kolkata: With a view to rekindling the memory of Operation Sindoor and bring about a sense of nationalism and pride among the pandal hoppers, a prominent Durga Puja pandal in central Kolkata's Tara Chand Dutta Street - the Young Boys Club's pandal – has designed by artist Debshankar Mahesh, features replicas of tanks, missiles and several other aspects of the May 7 midnight operation of the Indian Armed forces. "The centrepiece of this tribute is the inclusion of two decorated women officers — Colonel Sophia Qureshi and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh. Their replicas stand as powerful symbols women's strength and leadership in the military," said Rakesh Singh, chief organiser of the puja. Around 10 km from the Young Boys Club in central Kolkata which is paying tribute to armed forces India's through the theme 'Operation Sindoor', Banerjeepara Puia Mandir Samity in Shyamnagar on the northern fringes of the city has recreated the ghats of Varanasi to highlight the issue of river pollution. Reflecting the diversity of themes among community pujas, Arjunpur Amra Sabai in Baguiati has set up an installation titled 'Mukhomukhi' (Face to Face) where devotees entering the marquee will see their mirror images in hundreds of stainless-steel frames and sheets. Tracing back to Au-

to prevent troublemakers from disturbing peace in the Hindustan Park-Purna Das Road-Lake area. Nearly eight decades later, Samajsebi Sangha has revisited its first Durga Puja of 1946 through flexes and models. 'During those turbulent days of August 16, 1946, when violence gripped many parts of the city, our locality was like an oasis that stood out to spread the message of togetherness and amity by holding hands, not daggers. The Samajsebi Sangha was born on the advice of well-wishers and freedom fighters like Leela Roy, who were touched by our unity. That very year, we organised our first Durga Puja, and it continues to this day," Arijit Moitra, senior functionary of Samajsebi, said. Roy was a leftist Indian woman politician, reformer and a close associate of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. He said this year's theme is a tribute to the founding members who resisted mindless violence in 1946. "A replica of the truck

gust 16, 1946, when large

parts of Kolkata were en-

gulfed in communal frenzy,

residents of a south Kolkata

neighbourhood stood firm

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# TMC slams BJP for "weaponising pain to spread hate" during people's distress

MI News Service, Kolkata: was nature's wrath. We also Lambasting the opposition BJP for allegedly finding faults of the ruling Trinamool Congress in tackling the people's woos after last night's unprecedented heavy rain, inundating large parts of the city on Tues-day,West Bengal Finance minister Chandrima Bhattacharya in a sharp retort accused the BJP of playing politics with people's distress."Yesterday, Kolkata faced the fury of a rare cloudburst. Nearly 300 mm of rain fell within hours, a scale that overwhelms any city, no matter how efficient are its infrastructure the woos cannot be prevented. Scientists have said the same thing had happened in Mumbai in 2005, Chennai in 2015, Delhi in 2023. No city could escape when the skies open without pause," Bhattacharya wrote on X.

"Yet what does BJP do? They ignore science, they ignore compassion, they ignore climate realities. Their only obsession is to weaponise pain and spread hate. They think people do not understand the difference between a natural calamity and their propaganda," she added. But Bengal can, the minister said, We know that vesterday

know that BJP's attempt to inject hatred during Durga Puja is strategic and will fail miserably," she declared.

Women and Child Development minister Sashi Panja claimed that officials of both the KMC and the state government were working relentlessly round the clock on the streets to ease the people's distress. "Amid calamity, leadership is measured in compassion and action. BJP offers neither. Instead, they mock Bengal while their own governments fail their people year after year at the first sign of heavy rain. "Empathy? That's beyond their vocabulary," she wrote on X.

Panja accused the BJP of selective targeting of opposition governments. ' Gurgaon gets flooded, the BJP stays mum. And at a time of calamity, instead of showing compassion for people all BJP does is mock the Bengal government," she said. Earlier in a post on the same social media platform, leader of opposition in Bengal Suvendu Adhikari squarely laid the blame for people's distress on the civic bodies concerned and the state power department. "A procession of deaths in an inundated city!'

# PM to inaugurate 'World Food India' to boost investment in food processing sector



Union Minister Chirag Paswan along with other officials at the launch of the publication "Frequently Asked Questions on Different Concepts of Food Processing" ahead of World Food India 2025 in New Delhi.

MI News Service, New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the fourth edition of World Food India on September 25, aimed at attracting greater investments in the domestic food processing sector and positioning India as a global

hub for food innovation. The mega event, to be held at Bharat Mandapam in the national capital, will witness participation from Russian Federation Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Patrishev alongside Union Ministers Nitin Gadkari (Road Transport), Chirag Paswan (Food Processing Industries), and Minister of State Ravneet Singh Bittu. "World Food India is not merely a trade show, but a transformative platform to position India as a global hub for food innovation, investment, and sustainability," Paswan said while briefing the media about the upcoming event.

The government expects a significant leap in investment commitments this vear, building on the success of previous editions, he said. During the 2023 edition, MoUs worth Rs 33,000 crore were signed, while the 2024 edition focused on technol-

ogy transfer agreements. Minister Paswan also highlighted the untapped potential in India's food processing sector, noting that despite being among the world's top five producers of key crops, the country's food processing levels remain suboptimal. "Despite huge production, we have not been able to reach higher processing levels. There is concern about postharvest losses, which can be addressed through processing," he said. To address misconceptions processed foods, the ministry released a booklet titled "Frequently Asked Questions on different concepts of food processing." "There are misconceptions and misleading advertisements and social media narratives that processed foods lead to weight gain and cause several diseases. These concerns are addressed in the booklet," Paswan explained. The booklet, prepared in consultation with industry stakeholders, provides science-based information to help consumers make informed choices while

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Howrah Car Shed Flooded Following Record-Breaking Rainfall in Kolkata on Tuesdav

#### Prisoner creates Ruckus with iron rod in Hospital

Behar: Panic gripped the premises of Cooch Behar MJN Medical College and Hospital late Monday night when an undertrial prisoner created chaos inside the facility. The 32-year-old accused, identified as Naveen Kallu, a resident of Hyderabad, allegedly locked himself inside a hospital bathroom armed with an iron rod, threatening violence and sparking fear among patients and their families.

Police sources said Kallu had been arrested on Sunday from the Rail Ghumti area of Cooch Behar town. On Monday, he was taken to the hospital for a routine medical examination.

entered a bathroom and bolted the door from inside, brandishing the rod and behaving aggressively. Witnesses described the situation as tense, with relatives of patients fleeing the area in panic. Alarmed hospital staff immediately alerted police, prompting a swift response from Cooch Behar police personnel. Additional Superintendent of Police Krishna Gopal Meena, along with a large force, reached the spot and led the effort to bring the situation under control. After prolonged persuasion, the police finally managed to rescue Kallu from the bathroom and take him back into custody. ASP There, under the pretext Meena later told report-

appears to be suffering from mental health issues. Necessary arrangements for his psychiatric evaluation and treatment will be made after consultation with medical experts." The incident has raised serious questions about prisoner security and hospital safety, with many pointing out the risks posed to ordinary patients and staff when high-risk detainees are not properly restrained during hospital visits. What was intended to be a routine medical check-up turned into a night of high drama in Cooch Behar—one that exposed glaring lapses in security protocols and left a busy hospital campus

#### Drunk driving turns deadly in Malda

Malda: Festive cheer ahead of Durga Puja was shattered in Malda on Tuesday evening after a speeding car, allegedly driven under the influence of narcotics, ploughed into a passenger-laden Toto on National Highway 34 near Jalalpur Danga in Kaliachak. The violent impact left two people dead on the spot and four others grievously injured, including occupants of the

According to eyewitness accounts, the four-wheeler was traveling at dangerously high speed when it rammed the Toto from behind, overturning the smaller vehicle within seconds. Three passengers, including the Toto driver, were inside at the time. Two of them— an official ban. Residents al-

and Bamangram in Sujapur—succumbed instantly to the crash impact. Locals rushed to the spot before police arrived and, along with personnel from Kaliachak police station, rescued the injured. They were immediately shifted to Malda Medical College and Hospital. Law enforcement later recovered narcotic substances from inside the car, strengthening suspicions that the driver was intoxicated while at the wheel. The tragedy has reignited debate on two persistent dangers plaguing Bengal's highways-reckless, substance-influenced driving and the unchecked movement of passenger Totos on national highways, despite

residents of Brahmattar lege that enforcement failures have turned NH-34 into a corridor of daily risk, with frequent accidents claiming innocent lives. "This isn't just an accident, it's murder in slow motion," fumed a local resident, pointing to the rise in drugged and reckless driving during festive seasons. Community anger is palpable, with locals demanding stronger highway patrolling, random intoxication checks, and a crackdown on both unauthorized totos and intoxicated motorists. With Bengal stepping into the biggest festival of the year, the Kaliachak accident has cast a grim shadow over celebrationsreminding once again how unchecked lawlessness on the roads continues to exact a deadly price.

#### Just Twelve Remedies To Heal, Ashutosh Dutta shares insights



MI News Service, Coch Behar: Rooted in the principles of biochemistry and beginning with just twelve simple remedies, Biochemic Therapy has carved a distinctive niche as an unconventional yet profoundly effective system of healing. What began as a modest experiment has blossomed into a celebrated medi-

its elegant simplicity and innovative approach. On September 20, eminent biochemic practitioner Dr. C. Bhattacharya reflected on the therapy's origins, tracing it back to 1873, when German medical scientist Dr. W. H. Schuessler first introduced the method. Over time, Indian pioneers such as Dr. K. Bhowmik and Dr. cal discipline, admired for Ashutosh Dutta brought

the discipline into contemporary practice, shaping it into the form in which it is applied today

Highlighting its academfootprint, Dr. Ashutosh Dutta shared that several state-recognised councils now include Biochemic Therapy in their curricula. Among these, the Biochemic Education Cell Association in Khagrabari, Cooch Behar, stands out as a premier centre, nurturing the next generation of practitioners in this distinctive field of medicine — as observed and reported by Tapash Roy.As testament to his lifelong dedication, Dr. Dutta presented a book authored by him to Dr. Himadri Kumer Ari, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Cooch Behar District - a gesture that symbolises the seamless bridge between pioneering research and institutional healthcare.

#### A glimpse of theatre will be seen at Khidderpur Yuvo Shangh



MI News Service, Kolkata: The use of puja pandals as stage sets is common during Kolkata's Durga Puja celebrations, where organizers create a stage area inside or adjacent to the pandal to stage plays and performances. These pandals are not limited to religious rituals, but are designed to provide a vibrant cultural experience, showcasing traditional art and contemporary themes. The 88-year-old Yova Shangh

in Ward 76 of the Khidirpur area has transformed its pandal into a stage setting this time, using old tali, bichali, village-made fishing nets, and Tera Kot dolls. Dhiman Sutar, who designed the theme, said that after traveling through rural areas, the decision was made to create a puja pandal based on stage.

The idols are painted in simple colors. He said that a stage has been set up outside the pandals to showcase traditional plays, jatra (folk theatre), and other cultural programs, offering visitors a unique

Club Secretary Abhijit Bardhan said that each year the pandals are based on different themes, some reminiscent of ancient theatre, while others are dedicated to popular literature or local art. He added that all safety arrangements have been made in accordance with the guidelines issued by the state government. He also mentioned a medical camp and a separate room where

the sick can rest. Arts and Crafts Display

Many pandals also serve as art galleries, where visitors can view elaborate craftsmanship and artifacts, often inspired by a specific theme. Club President Dipendu Hazra, members Chetan Shaw, Nabin Chandra Das, Arindam Adak, Suman Das, Saurav Das, and Sanjib Pandey are contributing their labor to make the puja a

#### Son convicted in mother's murder case

Jalpaiguri: In a chilling case of familial betrayal, the Jalpaiguri court on Tuesday sentenced Vijay Panna to life imprisonment for the brutal murder of his mother, Shidni Panna, nearly two years after the crime shocked the Dooars region. The court also imposed a fine of ₹20,000 on the convicted son.

The incident took place in May 2023 at the Goyerkata tea garden in Bigha Line, where the retired tea worker lived in workers' accommodation with her younger son. According to police, Vijay Panna, the elder son, allegedly killed his mother in the absence of the younger mum sentence under law."

concerning her pension money. The case came to light after the younger son lodged a complaint with the local police, prompting an investigation that led to Vijay's arrest. During the trial, prosecutors presented testimony from ten witnesses and multiple pieces of corroborating evidence, including forensic reports and circumstantial evidence linking Vijay to the crime. Assistant Public Prosecutor Subhankar Chanda said, "The court, after examining the evidence and witness statements, found the accused guilty of premeditated murder and handed down the maxi-

# **Civic Volunteer Dies After Falling From Train**

Chakdaha: A tragic accident claimed the life of a civic volunteer on Sunday night when he fell from a moving train while returning home

The deceased has been identified as Subhash Barman (37), a resident of Madanpur under Chakdaha police station limits. Police sources said Barman was attached to Chakdaha police station as a civic volunteer and was responsible for monitoring the CCTV surveillance system there.

According to officials, after completing his duties around 10 pm on Sunday, he boarded a train from Chak-

daha station to return home. Shortly after the train left the station towards Madanpur, he accidentally fell off.

Locals rushed him to Chakdaha State General Hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead. The body has been sent to Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Hospital in Kalyani for post-mortem to ascertain the exact cause of death.

On Monday morning, the mortal remains were brought to Chakdaha police station, where the officer-in-charge Arindam Mukhopadhyay, along with other police officials and personnel, paid floral trib-

Police sources revealed that

### Jealously turns deadly! Man kills wife's lover

Service, Canning: A tale of betrayal, jealousy, and revenge culminated in a brutal murder in Canning on the morning of Mahalaya. Police recovered the bloodied body of a 26-year-old man, Shamim Pailan, from a fishpond near Baitarani crematorium. Within 24 hours, investigators cracked the case, arresting a married couple allegedly behind the killing.

According to police, the victim, a resident of Sangrampur under Usthi police station, had been in an extramarital relationship with Devi Sardar for the past six months. Her husband, Soumen Sardar, soon discovered the affair and allegedly plotted to eliminate Shamim.

Soumen hatched a plan using his wife as bait. On Sunday, Devi allegedly called Shamim and lured him to a secluded spot near the crematorium grounds. When Shamim arrived, Soumen ambushed him and began assaulting him mercilessly. As the victim tried to flee, he stumbled into a fishpond. Investigators say Soumen then dragged him underwater and strangled him to ensure his death. After the crime, the couple attempted to cover their tracks. However, police, tracing call records from Shamim's mobile phone, tracked down Soumen and Devi and arrested them from the Canning area

#### Vi-John unveils new campaign

Vi-John, India's Koikata: leading shaving cream brand, has launched a new integrated campaign, "Photocopy Nahi, Original Dikfeaturing brand ambassador Ranbir Kapoor. The campaign emphasizes grooming as a reflection of individuality and authenticity, rather than imitation.

MI News Service, The campaign, conceptualized by Havas Creative India and executed with Dentsu Media, spans TV, print, digital, and social media. Vi-John's premium shaving range, including sulphate-free and dermatologically tested products, is expected to resonate with young professionals and students in Kolkata.

#### Trailer of "Nabadurga Maatrirupen Sthita" Released Ahead of Durga Puja



MI News Service, Kolkata: According to mythology, the influence of demonic forces has plagued society across ages. Even today, when violence, greed, superstition, and falsehood overshadow humanity, only the light of compassion and education can show the path to liberation. This very philosophy forms the core of the new Bengali film "Nabadurga

Maatrirupen Sthita." On Tuesday, the muchawaited trailer of the film was launched at Kolkata Press Club.

The film's director, Satyabrata Kumar—who has also contributed to the screenplay, dialogues, songs, and acting—said at the event:

"We want this film to be more than just entertainment; we wish it to spark a new consciousness in society. Audiences will return from the theatres carrying a

profound message about the

true values of life. Presented by Krishti Creation, the film highlights the importance of moral values, social harmony, and the unifying power of Goddess Durga in her maternal form. Special guests at the launch expressed that the film is a unique attempt to pierce through the darkness of society and spread the light of

The film is set to release in theatres on October 10, and excitement among audiences is already building ahead of the festive season.

The cast includes Papia Adhikari, Billdal Chattopadhyay, Arpan Kumar Sharma, Anirban, and Nivedita Sen. On the musical front, Anup Jalota, Pandit Tushar Dutta, Shweta Gupta, and devotional singer Shubha Dasgupta have showcased their art-

# From classrooms to Mall: Police make Puja special for kids

najpur: In a heartening gesture ahead of Durga Puja, the Balurghat GRP Police Station has ensured that children from underprivileged families get to wear new clothes and shoes for the festive season. The initiative, aimed at spreading joy and inclusivity, allows students to select garments of their own choice—a rare opportunity in contrast to traditional charitable distributions where sizes are often pre-assigned.

On Sunday, around 40 students enrolled in the Police Winners Education Classes, conducted at the GRP station on Sundays, visited a prominent shopping mall in the city

MI News Service, South Di- to pick out clothes and footwear of their preference. The event was met with unbridled excitement from the children, who were thrilled to select outfits that reflected their own tastes. "This initiative is aimed at bringing smiles to children from distressed families and ensuring they can enjoy Durga Puja like any other child," said Ratan Sarkar, OC of Balurghat GRP. "Alongside buying clothes and shoes, we also plan to take them for a visit to the Thakur Man-dapam during the festivities." The clothing drive was funded through contributions from police personnel themselves, supplemented by assistance

from a few local supporters. The gesture has been widely appreciated by residents of Beeline area, who lauded the police for going beyond their routine duties to support education and festive cheer for local children. For the past two years, the Police Winners Education Classes have been providing educational support to young students in the area. With this festive initiative, the GRP has not only reinforced its commitment to community welfare but also strengthened the bond between law enforcement and local residents, leaving a lasting impression on the children and their fam-

# **Artificial Limb Camp Gives New Life to 50 Needy People**

Kolkata: Mahavir Seva Sadan's MSS Research and Rehabilitation Centre organized an artificial limb camp at its Pailan premises. In this camp, 50 beneficiaries received free prosthetic limbs (artificial legs/hands). The camp was held under the spirit of social cooperation, with support from Oscar Equipments Pvt. Ltd. and the student group Kaleidoscope. The camp was inaugurated by State Transport Minister Dilip

Veer Prakash Jain, Director of Oscar Equipments Pvt. Ltd., said that since its establishment in 1988, the company



has been working towards innovation and social empowerment under the 'Make in India' vision. Through such camps under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), the company is continuously striving society.

to give new life to the needy. This initiative not only brought new hope into the lives of the beneficiaries but also set an example of empathy and cooperation in

# Migrant worker shot dead amid land disputes

Alipurduar: Tensions ran high in Latabari, Alipurduar, on Monday evening after a migrant worker visiting from Delhi was gunned down in a shocking attack. The deceased, identified as 40-year-old Subhash Kujur, was shot multiple times by two assailants on a motorcycle, collapsing at the scene before being declared dead at Alipurduar District Hospital.

According to eyewit-nesses, the attackers fired three rounds at Kujur, one of which struck him in the head. They fled immediately after the attack. Police confirmed that an investi-

gation has been launched, though no arrests have been made so far. Sources indicate that the murder is linked to a land dispute involving the deceased and his relatives. Family members allege that the perpetrators were relatives of Subhash Kujur. The victim's wife claimed that the killing was orchestrated by those relatives, describing it as a premeditated attack. Local political tensions also surfaced following the incident. While the family and some BJP leaders have claimed affiliations between the accused and political parties, Alipurduar Superintendent of Police Y.

Raghuvanshi clarified that there is currently no evidence of political involvement. BJP leader Shankar Sinha visited the hospital and expressed solidarity with the family, noting that the deceased was reportedly associated with their party. The case has sent shockwaves through the local community, raising fears over the safety of returning migrant workers and highlighting lingering disputes over land ownership in the region. Police have intensified their investigation, interviewing witnesses and reviewing leads, but the culprits re-

#### Panskura hospital in turmoil: Bribe-for-Job racket exposed

MI News Service, East Medinipore: Explosive allegations of large-scale corruption have rocked Panskura Super Speciality Hospital, with multiple temporary staff accusing the rape-accused facility manager of running a bribe-for-jobs racket inside the government hospital. Workers claim they were forced to pay between ₹3.5 and ₹4 lakh each to secure contractual employment, under the accused's direct or indirect

Hospital insiders allege that the man, though officially employed as a facility manager by a private company, had positioned himself as the de facto superintendent—exercising unchecked power over hiring and daily operations. Workers further claim he subjected them to sustained mental and physical harassment, creating a climate of fear. According to testimonies, out of the 133 temporary workers currently employed at the hospital, nearly all except the earliest recruits were compelled to pay hefty sums to secure their positions. In many cases, the payments were reportedly handed directly



to the accused; in others, to his close associates. "Even candidates without relevant skills were appointed if they could pay," one worker alleged. The revelations have surfaced only after the man's recent arrest on rape charges. Emboldened by his detention, several hospital workers have now begun to come forward with accounts of extortion, intimidation, and abuse of power. One complainant confirmed paying ₹3.5 lakh through an intermediary to obtain his job. The unfolding scandal has raised serious questions about oversight and accountability in government hospitals outsourced

to private contractors. What began as a criminal case of sexual assault is now snowballing into allegations of systemic corruption and exploitation—painting disturbing picture of how a critical public health facility was allegedly turned into a hub of illegal profiteering. Authorities are expected to widen the scope of investigation as more testimonies surface. For now, the shocking charges have not only tainted Panskura Super Speciality Hospital but have also intensified public scrutiny of the nexus between private contractors and public healthcare insti-

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Gobardanga District North 24 Parganas West Parganas West Bengal Kolkata - 743273/ LBCAL00006718503/ TBCAL00006681625  Municipality Road South: House of Bishnu Sadhukhan East: Municipality Road West: House of Suniti Bala Biswas/ Date of Symbolic 19/09/2025	North 24 Parganas

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: September 24, 2025

Sincerely Authorised Officer, Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd. Place: North 24 Parganas

#### Kolkata airport hit by heavy rains, flights delayed and diverted

MI News Service, Kolkata: A night of torrential downpour left large parts of Kolkata and its adjoining areas waterlogged, severely affecting both air and road transport. The impact was also felt at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport (CCU), where several parts of the premises were submerged. Though the runway itself remained safe from flooding, access roads, aprons, and parts of the parking bays were waterlogged, causing major disruption for passengers, airport staff, and aircrew. authorities confirmed that heavy rains began late Monday night and intensified into the early hours of Tuesday. Waterlogging was reported in multiple pockets of the airport premises, including the apron area used by passengers to board flights. Portable pumps were deployed, with at least six units working through the night to drain accumulated water. Fortunately, no structural damage to the runway was reported. Flight operations, however, suffered delays and diversions. An IndiGo flight from Pune to Kolkata was forced to divert to Bhubaneswar around 3 a.m. following turbulence and poor weather conditions. Aviation sources said parts of the hangar and parking bays were waterlogged, prompting precautionary measures. Several other flights faced delays as crew members, ground staff, and passengers struggled to reach the airport on time due to flooded roads. Passengers reported waiting for hours as airlines issued repeated advisories. IndiGo and SpiceJet both cautioned travelers to check flight status before leaving for the airport, urging them to stay updated through airline websites and mobile apps. Some flights departed late from Kolkata to their destinations, while others were

#### rerouted to nearby airports. **Devastating fire at Man**davilla Gardens, Mayor monitors the situation

MI News Service, Kolkata: As the city struggled under the impact of recordbreaking rainfall and severe waterlogging, a fresh disaster struck on Tuesday fire broke out at a shop in Mandavilla Gardens market in central Kolkata. Even as civic workers and officials toiled to drain waterlogged streets, firefighters rushed to battle towering flames in the con-

gested market area. According to reports, thick black smoke was first spotted rising from one of the shops in the market on Tuesday morning. Within minutes, the blaze spread rapidly to an adjacent shop. Local traders alerted the fire brigade, and four fire tenders were pressed into service. However, heavy rains, flooding, and the cramped nature of the market made firefighting operations extremely challenging. Mayor and Urban Development Minister Firhad Hakim, who was already supervising water removal efforts in different parts of the city, rushed to the fire site after receiving the alert. He spoke with fire department officials and monitored the situation closely. Hakim later admitted that firefighters faced additional hurdles due to waterlogged lanes and narrow passages, which delayed access to the flames Eyewitnesses described scenes of panic as residents and traders tried to move goods and valuables away from nearby shops while thick smoke engulfed the locality. The fire raged for several hours before being brought under control after a prolonged operation by firefighters Preliminary investi gations suggest that a short circuit may have triggered the blaze, though officials said the exact cause can only be confirmed after a

full inquiry.









Picturesque snapshots across Kolkata display the magnitude of damage being done to the city life as torrential overnight rain brings ' record' rainfall to Kolkata. As the government deals with this tough situation in its own way, the Kolkatans struggle to cope with this unprecedented natural calamity.

# CM urges 2-day work-from-home as rains cripple Kolkata



MI News Service, Kolkata: The city of Kolkata continues to reel under the impact of a cloudburst-like downpour that left streets submerged and transport services severely disrupted. At least nine people have died in rain-related incidents across Kolkata and its adjoining districts since Monday night. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, reviewing

owned by my father's

Swadeshi Chemical Com-

pany, which had transported

the idol in 1946, will be sta-

tioned near the marquee.

The idol itself will resemble

the quintessential elderly In-

dian woman who runs the

women's empowerment,"

Moitra said. "Please note that

our theme has no relation or

references to any film made

in the past about the issue

and only talks about human

resilience, amity, and har-

mony," he added. At Baguiati's Arjunpur Amra

Sabai, sculptor Shovin Bhat-

tacharya has used hundreds

of stainless-steel frames and

symbolising

household,

the situation, has appealed to private companies to allow employees to work from home for the next two days. She also declared an early Puja vacation in schools from Tuesday, citing both the severity of the situation and the forecast of more showers. Universities have been advised to conduct online classes wherever possible. "Unless absolutely necessary, people should not step out of their homes," Banerjee said, stressing that even after the water recedes, normalcy may take at least two days to return. She also pointed out that fresh spells of rainfall could worsen conditions. The Chief Minister said she had directed the Education Department to declare immediate holidays in all schools. She urged ICSE and CBSE-affiliated institutions to follow suit, while requesting universities to opt for online classes wherever possible.

response, Nabanna has launched a control room to address emergency situations. Citizens can directly call regarding electricity probor waterlogging at 1070, 8697981070, 22143526, 22535185. Authorities have assured prompt action if any live electric posts are reported. Following the Chief Minister's instructions, the state electricity department has been directed to immediately coordinate with CESC to ensure employment for one family member of each electrocution victim.

# **Mayor Hakim takes charge** on the ground as Kolkata reels under heavy rainfall

Tuesday left large parts of Kolkata submerged, crip-pling daily life and throwing Kolkata Waterlogged by Continuous Rain and High Tides: Bharat Sevashram Sangha Launches Relief Operations. Despite flooding at its Ballygunge headquarters, monks and volunteers prepare and distribute khichuri to stranded residents, with General Secretary Swami Viswatcivic authorities into an emergency mode. In a rare gesture of hands-on leadership, Mayor Firhad Hakim mananda Maharaj personally overseeing the efforts. was seen stepping onto the streets of Chetla, clearing **Operation Sindoor and women empowerment** garbage with his own hands to facilitate the draining of are prime focus in Kolkata Durga Puja

bamboo-wooden poles in its

installations, creating an ef-

fect of reflection and dy-

namism. "As you step on the

road leading to the pandal,

you will first cross an artifi-

cial waterbody and then see

your own mirror images on

the hundreds of stainless

steel installations and metal

sheets. On the one hand, you

face your own self and on the

other, the reflections of so

many visitors walking along-

side will give an impression

of mobility, dynamism, and

identification," Bhattacharya

said. "We have tried to use

and explore the concept of

space in our work," he said,

adding that the pond re-

flects the flow of life.

water. Since dawn, Hakim remained stationed at the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) headquarters, monitoring real-time updates with his team, including the Mayor-in-Council drainage. By afternoon, he visited his home turf, Chetla, where the sight of the mayor personally removing plastic bottles and debris from clogged drains caught the attention of residents. Holding an umbrella and ankle-deep in water, he appealed to citizens not to litter recklessly, stressing that blocked drains were worsening the city's

MI News Service, Kolkata:

Unprecedented rainfall on

"This kind of rain I have not seen since 1978," Hakim remarked, recalling the devastating floods that hit

Kolkata nearly five decades ago. He explained that while KMC had activated drainage pumps across the city,  $\ensuremath{t\bar{h}e}$ overflowing Ganga posed a unique challenge. "The canals of Kolkata drain into the Ganga. But today, the river itself is overflowing with water from neighboring states. As a result, even when canal water is released, it flows back. That is our biggest problem." He said, "If there is no fresh spell of rain, the water will recede by tonight. But there is no point in fighting against nature. We must remain patient." The Mayor issued a warning to citizens, stating, "No one should step out of their homes today. Reports of electrocution are coming in from several areas. It is not advisable to risk lives by going outside." Despite the severity of the situation, Hakim expressed cautious optimism, assuring that if no further heavy rain occurred, most of the water would drain by Tuesday night. However, he warned that more showers, as forecast by the Meteorological Department, could ag-

#### **Bratya Basu Announces Holiday for Schools and Colleges Amid Heavy Rainfall**



grant at least a two-day

closure, taking into ac-

count the severe weather

conditions.

MI News Service, Kolkata: **Education Minister Bratya** Basu announced that all schools and higher education institutions across West Bengal will remain closed on September 24 and 25 in view of the ongoing record rainfall and severe waterlogging in the city. The decision comes after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee instructed the Education Department to ensure the safety of students and staff during the unprecedented flooding. Originally, the Puja holidays for schools and colleges were scheduled to begin on September 26. he said. He said KMC officers However, with heavy rains disrupting academic activities on Tuesday, the holiday has been advanced, effectively starting the festive break early. Students From PG 1 will now have a two-day reprieve to stay safe and avoid potential accidents caused by the waterlogged streets. The Chief Minister has also urged CBSE and ICSE-affiliated schools to

#### Ten die of electrocution as heavy rain lashes Kolkata

From PG 1 today and tomorrow," the Chief minister said, adding she was in constant touch with Mayor Firhad Hakim, Chief Secretary Manoj Pant and senior police officials to know all details . Among those who lost their lives

have so far been identified as Firoz Ali Khan (50) of Beniapukur, Pranatosh Kundu (62) of Netaji Nagar, and Mumtaz Bibi (70) of Ekbalpur, besides an unidentified person in Gariahat, all in Southern part of the city. Among the others are three youths and one woman. . Also commenting on the situation, Mayor and Urban Development Minister Firhad Hakim said, "So far, we have received information of six deaths due to electrocution in different parts of the city, but later official tallies placed the figure at ten. Hakim said that most parts of the city were waterlogged and teams of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) were working round the clock to drain out water. "If there is no further rain, the situation is expected to be near normal by late tonight",

are working hard. But the canals and rivers are full of water and every time water is drained out, more is getting inside the city because of the high tide in the river Ganges.. "We fear that the high tide in the rain fed river later this afternoon might further complicate the situation and create problem in our efforts to drain out the excessive water. It would be only around the midnight when the situation could improve, provided there is no further rain ," Hakim said. Across the city, hundreds of vehicles lay stranded on arterial roads, commuters waded through waist-deep water at several intersections, and Metro services were suspended on a long stretch of the Blue Line following shipage of rain water on to the tracks. Traffic movement was severely affected at key intersections such as Park Circus, Gariahat, Behala, Southern Avenue, Anwar Shah Road, Golf Green and College Street areas, while long snarls were reported on EM Bypass, AJC Bose Road and Central

#### PM to inaugurate 'World Food India' to boost investment in food processing sector

Edispelling myths surrounding processed foods. Covering an expansive 1,00,000 square meters, World Food India 2025 will be the largest congregation of stakeholders in India's food processing sector. Over 21 countries, with New Zealand and Saudi Arabia as partner countries,

and Japan, Russia, the UAE, and Vietnam as focus countries, are participating in the event. Around 21 Indian states/union territories, 10 central ministries, and 5 allied government organisations with 1,700 plus exhibitors are expected to participate in the four-day

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The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the belowmentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch	
1.	Drolia & (Guarantor) Sandeep Drolia & (Mortgagor ) Krishna Drolia/ Represented By Proprietor Krishna Drolia Bl 404, 237, G T Road, Belur, Axis Bank	Flat No. 201, 2nd Floor, R.S. Dag No. 1792, Khatian No. 897, Mouza Belur, J.L. No. 15, Premises No. 237, Holding No. 237, G.T. Road, (Zone Belur Bazar- Jaisweel Hospital), Ward No. 56, Howrah Municipal Corporation (Previously Ward No. 11, Bally Municipality), P.S. Belur (Previously Bally), Sub- Registration and District Registration Howrah, District Howrah, West Bengal. Admeasuring An Area of Super Built Up Area Measuring 1295 Sq. Ft. Together With Proportionate Undivided Impartible Share of Land) Bounded By: On The North By: Flat No. 202 & Holding No. 236, G.T. Road, On The South By: By C37. Road, On The West By: By 237A, G.T. Road/ Date of Symbolic: 18/09/2025	Rs. 36,29,482.22/-	Howrah	
The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/quarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount,					

else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: September 24, 2025 Sincerely Authorised Officer For ICICI Bank Ltd.

gravate the crisis.

Name Change

Mohammad Zahar Ali Molla(Old Name) S/O Late Osman Molla,Residing At Vill-Chhoto Ajgara,Po-F.S. Hat, Ps-Nazat, Dist-24 Parganas (North), Pin-743329, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Johor Ali Molla (New Name) As De clared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 23/09/2025.Mohammad Zahar Ali Molla(Old Name) And Johor Ali Molla(New Name Both Are Same And One Identical

#### Name Change

Mohammad Abdul Alim Molla And Abdul Alim Molya(Old Names) S/O Johor Ali Molla,Residing At Vill-Chhoto Ajgara,Po-F.S. Hat, Ps-Nazat, Dist-24 Parganas(North), Pin-743329,West Bengal,India,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abdul Alim Molla (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 23/09/2025. Mohammad Abdul Alim Molla And Abdul Alim Molya(Old Names) And Abdul Alim Molla (New Name) All Are Same And One Identical Person.

#### Name Change

I, Prabir Kumar Das S/o. Late Ban-shidhar Das, R/o. 55 Khan Road Mankundu, Mankundu, Bhadreswar, Hooghly-712139, W.B., declared that my father's name has been recorded as Banshidhar Das in my Secondar Admit Card, my father's Death Certifi cate (Regn. No. DH-214/2014, Dt 15/02/2012) & his Legal Heir's (Ref No. 261/Deb/13-14) instead of my fa ther's correct name Banshidhar Das. Banshidhar Das & Bansi Dhar Das is the same and one identical person.

#### Name Change

Saikat Kanrar S/O Sisir Kanrar Re siding at Dakshin Jhapardaha,shib-tala,P.O. & P.S.-Domjur, Dist-Howrah (W.B), Pin-711405. That My passport No.N4559813 my Father nam wrongly recorded as Sisir Karar(Old name) instead of Sisir Kanrar(New Name) vide an affidavit before the learned 1st class Executive magistrate howrah.Dated-19.09.2025.That Sisir Karar(Old name) and Sisir Kanrar(New Name) both are the same and one identical person.

#### Name Change

Ashura Khatun D/o Late Abdur Rashid Residing at Vill - Pukurati Subarnapur, P.o - Chakla, P.s - Deganga, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin-743424, West Bengal India that my deceased father who previously known as Md Abdur Rashid (Old Name) shall henceforth be known as Abdur Rashid (New Name) as de clared before the Notary public vide affidavit 23/09/2025. I declare that my deceased father Md Abdur Rashid (Old Name) and Abdur Rashid (New Name) s same and one identical person.

#### Name Change

I, Kanu Adhikary S/o Late Kamal Adhikari Residing at Vill - Mondalpara, P.o - Matuadham, P.s - Gaighata, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin-743245, West Bengal India that my deceased father who previously known as Kamal Adhikary (Old Name) shall henceforth be known as Kamal Adhikari (New Name) as declared be fore the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit dated 23/09/2025. I declare that my deceased father Kamal Adhikary (Old Name) and Kamal Adhikari (New Name) is same and one

#### Name Change

, Shimul Chowdhury (Old Name) S/o Gopal Krishna Chowdhury Residing at Mayer Ashirbad, Boys School Road, Nabapally, Near Shanikalibari, P.o+P.s - Barasat, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700126, West Bengal. India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Shimul Baran Chowdhury (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 23-09-2025. Shimul Chowdhury (Old Name) and Shimul Baran Chowdhury (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

#### Name Change

L Debprasad Basu (Old Name) S/o Panchanan Basu Residing at R.N Bhattacharya Road, Kodalia, Kadamtala, P.o-Kodalia, P.s- Sonarpur, District - South 24 Parganas, Pin 700146, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Debaprasad Basu (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 23-09-2025. Debprasad Basu (Old Name) and Debaprasad Basu (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

#### **Name Change**

, Manatosh Gharami (Old Name) S/o Madhusudan Gharami Residing at Pritinggar P.o-Pritinggar, P.s-District-Nadia, Pin 741247, West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall hence-forth be Known as Monotosh Gharami (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit 23-09-2025. Manatosh Gharami (Old Name) and Monotosh Gharami (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE Ritesh Kumar Jaiswal, S/o. Kartick Prasad Jaiswal, Resident- 25/2, Kshetra Mitra Lane, P.O. Salkia, P.S. Golabari Dist.- Howrah, 711106 and do hereby solemnly affirm and declare before the Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate vide affidavit No. 6841, Dated- 19/09/2025. That my mother's name has been inadvertently recorded as Nirmala Devi Jaiswal in m Passport vide No. H8970385 instead of her correct name Nirmala Devi. That Nirmala Devi Jaiswal and Nirmala Devi is the Same and one identical Person.

#### Name Change

I Matiur Rahaman s/o Khalilur Raaman, Vill&PO: Kumarpur S:Bhabanipur, Dist: Purba Medinipur do hereby solemnly affirm and Declare that by an affidavit( no.9178) in the Court of Judicial Majistrate 1st Class at Holdia on 26.08.2025 that Matiur Rahaman s/o Khaliur Rahaman and Matiur Rahaman Sekh s/o Khaliur Ra haman Sekh is the same and one identical person.

#### Name Change

I, BIKAJH CHAKRABARTY (old name) S/O JATINDRA NATH CHAKRABORTY residing at 172/9/4, Banerjee Para Road, P.O.- Shyam-nagar, P.S.- Jagaddal, Dist- North 24 Parganas, 743127 in the sate of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as PRAKASH CHANDRA CHAKRABORTY (new name), as de-clared before the 1ST Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata, vide an affi-davit dated 22/09/2025. PRAKASH CHANDRA CHAKRABORTY (new name) and BIKAJH CHAKRABARTY (old name) both are same and on identical person.

Name Change I, MARRY ANTHONY (old name) D/O RAJU ANTHONY residing at 49/5 H 117 C G R ROAD, KHIDDIR-PORE, KOLKATA-700023 in the sate of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as MARY AN-THONY (new name), as declared before the 1ST Class Judicial Mag-istrate at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 22/09/2025. MARY AN THONY (new name) and MARRY ANTHONY (old name) both are same and one identical person.

#### Name Change

Md Mijanur Rahaman Molla & Mejanur Rahaman (old names) son of Mansur Ali Molla, residing at Vill-Laskar Ati, P.O.- Chak Panchuria, P.S.- Technocity (New Town), Dist. North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700156, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mijanur Rahman Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 23/09/2025. Mijanur Rahman Molla (new name) and Md Mijanur Rahaman Molla & Mejanur Rahaman (old names) all are same and one identical person.

#### Name Change

Dipak Saha(Old Name), Son O Bimal Kumar Saha Residing At Choto Chandanpur, Bishnupur,Ra-jarhat, North24parganas - 700135, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Dipak Kumar Saha(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 09/09/2025.Dipak Saha And Dipak Kumar Saha Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

#### Name Change

Nazarana (old name) wife of Mohammed Shahid Khan, residing at Nazrul Pally, Upper Chenidanga, Asansol (M Corp.), P.O.- U C Danga, Asansol South, Dist.- Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713304, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nazrana Yazmin (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affi-davit dated 23/09/2025. Nazrana Yazmin (new name) and Nazarana (old name) both are same and one identical person.

#### Name Change

Twinkle Varvani(Old Name), Wife -Vineet Shaw, Residing At 3, Hospital Street, Po Princep Street,Kolkata-700072,West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Twinkle Varyani Shaw(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/09/2025.Twinkle Varyani And Twinkle Varyani Shaw Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

#### Name Change

I, Ahmer Nawab S/O Nawab Ul Haque R/O 18, Collin Lane Po Park treet Kolkata 700016,Wb Shall Henceforth Be Known As Ahmai Nawab Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public Kolkata On 18th September 2025 At Bankshall Court Kolkata. That Ahmer Nawab And Ahmar Nawab Both Are Same And One Identical Person Not Two Different Person.

#### Name Change

Mehere Darakhshan @ Mehre Oarakshan W/O Ahmar Nawab R/O 18. Collin Lane Po Park Street Colkata 700016,Wb Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mehre Darakhshan Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public Kolkata On 18th September 2025 At Bankshall Court Kolkata. That Darakhshan, Darakshan And Mehre Darakhshan All Are Same And One Identical Person Not Different Person.

#### Name Change

Mohammad Moiz S/O Ahmar Nawab R/O 18, Collin Lane, Po Park Street, Kolkata 700016,Wb Shall Henceforth Be Known As Md Moiz Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public Kolkata On 18th Sepember 2025 At Bankshall Court Kolkata, That Mohammad Moiz And Md Moiz Both Are Same And One Identical Person Not Two Dif-

#### Name Change

I, Khadiza Begum(Old Name) W/O Abdul Alim Molla,Residing At Vill-Chhoto Ajgara, Po-F.S.Hat, Ps-Nazat, Parganas (North), Pin-743329, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Khadija Molla New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 23/09/2025. Khadiza Begum(Old Name) And Khadiia Molla(New Name) All Are Same And One Identi-

#### Name Change

Adifa Bibi(Old Name) W/O Johor Ali Molla,Residing At Vill-Chhoto Ajgara, Po-F.S.Hat, Ps-Nazat, Dist-24 Parganas(North),Pin-743329, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Adifa Bibi Molla (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 23/09/2025.Adifa Bibi(Old Name) And Adifa Bibi Molla(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

# Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan (SNSPA) **Conducted Across Eastern Railway Divisions**

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway organized a series of health check-up and awareness grammes under the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhivaan (SNSPA) on 22nd September 2025 across its divisions and workshops, focusing on women's health and well-being. In Sealdah Division, a health camp was held at Koilaghat Health Unit by Dr. Sanghamitra Chatteriee under the guidance of Chief Medical Superintendent/ Sealdah Dr. Kalpana Mandal, offering anaemia screening, breast examination, pap smear collection, BP and sugar testing, antenatal check-up, nutrition awareness and an interactive session on menstrual hygiene, with additional programmes conducted at Barasat Health unit and B.R. Singh Hospital. Asansol Division organized health talks and medical camps RPSF/16BN and Barakar Health Unit under Chief Superintendent/ Medical

#### Name Change

I,Zayeda Begum (Old Name), Son Ol Hasan Ali Molla, Residing At T-3a/1 Akra Road, Po-Bartala, Kolkata 700018, West Bengal, Have Change My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Jayeda Begum (Nev Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Be fore The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/09/2025, Zaveda Begum And ayeda Begum Both Are The Sam And One Identical Person.

#### Name Change

Mukesh Kr Shaw (old name) son Late Bhagwan Das Shaw, residing at 328, R.B.C ROAD , PO-Garifa, PS-Nai hati, District - 24(N) PGS, Pin-743166, West Bengal, India, hav hanged my name and shall hence forth be known as Mukesh Shav (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 23/09/2025. Mukesh Shaw (new name) and Mukesh Kr Shaw (old name) both are same and ne identical person.

#### Name Change

, Nazarana (old name) wife of Mo-nammed Shahid Khan, residing at Nazrul Pally, Upper Chelidanga, Asansol (M Corp.), P.O.- U C Danga, Asansol South, Dist.- Paschim Bard aman, Pin- 713304, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nazrana Yazmin (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 23/09/2025. Nazrana Yazmin (new name) and Nazarana (old name) both are same and one identical person.

#### Name Change

Sangita Rai(Old Name), Daughte Late Krishna Deo Singh, Residing At K-67, Baishnabghata Patuli Po-Pan-Ps-Patuli, Kolkatachasayar, 700094, West Bengal, Changed My Name And 700094. Shall lenceforth Be Known As Sangeeta Rai(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 23/09/2025.Sangita Rai And Sangeeta Rai Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

#### Name Change

MANIKA HALDER (old name) W/O RABINDRA NATH HALDER residing HASE- 3, DANKUNI HOUSING, P.O. & P.S.- DANKUNI, HOOGHLY, PIN-712311 in the sate of West Bengal, India, have changed ny name and shall henceforth be known as BHABANI HALDER (nev name), as declared before the 1ST Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata, ride an affidavit dated 22/09/2025 BHABANI HALDER (new name) and MANIKA HALDER (old name) both are same and one identical person.

#### Name Change

SUBHAPRIYA HALDER (old name S/O RABINDRA NATH HALDER re iding at L-2/11, PHASE- 3, DANKUN HOUSING, P.O. & P.S.- DANKUNI, HOOGHLY, PIN-712311 in the sate of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as SUBHAPRIYO HALDER (nev Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 22/09/2025. SUBHAPRIYO HALDER (new name) and SUBHAPRIYA HALDER (old name) both are same and one ide

#### Name Change

JAHANARA BEGUM (old name) W/O SK SURAB UDDIN residing NALDA MUSALAMAN PAR. HOWRAH-711414 in the sate of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as NASIMA BEGUM (new name), as declared before the 1ST Class Judicial Magistrate at Kolkata vide an affidavit dated 22/09/2025. NASIMA BEGUM (new name) and JAHANARA BEGUM (old name) both are same and one identical person

Name Change NAIYYER SULEMAN & NAIYER SULEMAN (old name) S/O MO-HAMMAD SULAIMAN residing at FLAT-3A, TILJALA ROAD, P.O.-FLAT-3A,TILJALA ROAD, P.O.-GOBINDA KHATICK ROAD, KOLKATA -700046 in the sate of West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth b own as NAIYER MOHAMMAD SULAIMAN (new name), as declared before the 1ST Class Judicial Mag istrate at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 22/09/2025. NAIYER MO-HAMMAD SULAIMAN (new name) and NAIYYER SULEMAN & NAIYER M SULEMAN (old name) both are same and one identical person.

beneficiaries. Asansol guidance, covering and topics like menstrual hy-Liluah Workshop hosted giene, cervical and breast three camps screening 107 cancer, mental health, and employees for hypertension, nutrition, along with screendiabetes and obesity, along ings such as BMI, ECG, BP with awareness and RBS. Malda Division grammes on tuberculosis. arranged a camp at Bhacervical cancer, nutrition galpur Health Unit where and menstrual hygiene. At 213 cases were screened for Jamalpur Workshop, a hyhypertension, obesity and pertension screening camp anaemia under the superviwas held under the guidsion of Chief Medical Superance of Dr. Sanjay and Dr. intendent/ Malda Dr. Anupa Rana Nagmani Singh, benefitting 21 participants with Ghosh. At Kanchrapara Workshop, camps on hypera focus on early detection tension, diabetes, sickle cell and management. The inianaemia and behavioural tiative received wide participation and appreciation, awareness were conducted under Chief Medical Superreinforcing Eastern Railintendent/ Kanchrapara Dr. way's commitment to pre-A.K. Roy, including an interventive healthcare and

#### Nationwide radio campaign celebrates mechanic community

active session with employ-

MI News service, Kolkata: every day. Bharat Petroleum Corpo-Spanning across 116 ration Limited (BPCL), a cities over 30 days, the Fortune Global 500 comcampaign will air more than 18,000 radio spots pany, and one of India's leading oil and gas comacross 13 leading stations, delivering over 16 lakh seconds of airtime. panies, through its lubri-MAK brand MAK Lubricants' brand Lubricants, has launched a nationwide integrated ambassador, cricketing radio campaign through legend Rahul Dravid, will its lubricants brand, MAK feature in specially created audio jingles in 13 Lubricants, to honour the invaluable contributions languages. of automobile mechanics. Themed "Thank you, Mechanics – for Safe and Smooth Journeys," the

S. Kannan, Business Head (Lubes), BPCL said, "As Bharat Petroleum celebrates its 50th year of foundation, MAK Lubricants is proud to dedicate this campaign to the mechanic community, whose relentless efforts keep

women's empowerment.

# **Major Railway development for Punjab: New rail line and Vande Bharat Express**

12,000 special trains to run during the Chhath & Diwali; up from 7500 last year MI News Service, Kolkata: Under the leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi another major railway milestone has been achieved for Punjab. The long-awaited rail link in Punjab, Rajpura-Mohali new line has been sanctioned.

Union Minister of Railways Sh. Ashwini Vaishnaw and Minister of State Sh. Ravneet Singh Bittu made this announcement today. It fulfils more than 50-year old demand of the people of Punjab.

This 18 km railway line will cost Rs 443 crores and will directly connect the Malwa region with the state capital Chandigarh.

Key benefits of the New Line Direct Connectivity: Earlier, trains from Ludhiana had to go through Ambala to reach Chandigarh, adding extra distance and time. Now there will be a direct connection between Rajpura and Mohali, reducing travel distance by approximately 66 km.

All 13 districts of the Malwa region will now be well-connected with Chandigarh. It will ease traffic on the existing Rajpura-Ambala route and shorten the Ambala-Morinda link.

Among all the available options, this route was chosen because it requires the least agricultural land acquisition, ensuring minimal impact on farming activities.

#### **Economic Impact**

The project will boost industries including textiles, manufacturing, and agriculture. It will create a comprehensive network connecting Punjab's agricultural heartland with major commercial centers and ports, facilitating:

- Faster movement of agricultural produce Reduced transportation costs for industries
- eg. Rajpura Thermal Power Plant • etter connectivity for pilgrims visiting reli-
- gious sites and enhanced tourism potential • Connectivity to Gurudwara Fatehgarh Sahib, Shrine of Shaikh Ahmad al-Faruqi al-Sirhindi, Haveli Todar Mal, Sanghol Museum etc.

New Vande Bharat Express Service A new Vande Bharat Express has been proposed connecting:

- Route: Firozpur Cantt.→ Bhatinda → Patiala
- Service: 6 days a week (except Wednesday)
- Journey Time: 6 hours 40 minutes covering 486 km • Frequency: Daily service connecting the
- border district to the national capital
- Record Railway Investment in Punjab • 2009-14 average: Rs 225 crores annually
- 025-26: Rs 5,421 crores annually • Increase of 24 times higher than the pre-

#### Major Achievements Since 2014:

- 382 km of new tracks constructed • 1,634 km electrified - Punjab is now 100%
- electrified 409 rail flyovers and under-bridges built
- **Current Projects:** • Railway project of Rs 25,000 crores being executed in Punjab
- 9 new track projects covering 714 km worth Rs 21,926 crores
- 30 Amrit stations are being developed at Rs 1,122 crores
- 88 ROB/RUBs (flyovers/underpasses) worth Rs 1,238 crores

Firozpur-Patti rail line will provide crucial connectivity between border districts and Gujarat ports. This service will create an economic corridor connecting Punjab's border districts (Amritsar, Taran Taran, Firozpur).

These will be connected with major cities and eventually to Gujarat ports, significantly

reducing logistics costs. Festival Season: Record train services For the upcoming Chhath and Diwali season, Indian Railways has announced

#### record arrangements: **Special Train Services:**

- Last year: 7,724 special trains • This year target: 12,000 special trains
- Already notified: Over 10,000 trips
- Unreserved trains: 150 trains ready for rapid deployment
- Additional: 50 more trains to be notified

The maximum passenger movement typically occurs between October 15 and November 15, and railways is fully prepared to

Significant service quality improvement Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced today that railway operations have shown significant improvement, with above 90% punctuality achieved in 29 out of 70 railway divisions across the country. Some

tuality rate of over 98%. This has been possible because of better infrastructure, planning & smoother operations across the railway network.

divisions have been performing with a punc-

#### IIT Madras develops chip-based device to detect antibiotic resistance Scientific Reports.

MI News Service, Chennai: Researchers at IIT Madras have developed a microfluidic device that can detect bacterial resistance to antibiotics in just three hours. Called  $\varepsilon$ -uD, the device uses electrochemical signals to provide results much faster than conventional antimicrobial susceptibility test-

ing (AST), which usually

initiative reflects BPCL's

commitment to recognis-

ing the unsung heroes

who keep India moving

and ensure road safety for

millions of commuters

takes two to three days. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has identified antimicrobial resistance (AMR) as a top global health threat, linked to 4.95 million deaths in 2019. Delays in diagnosis often push doctors to prescribe broad-spectrum antibiotics, worsening the problem. Unlike methods that rely on costly materials or complex lab setups, ε-μD is built with screen-printed carbon electrodes in a simple microfluidic chip, making it suitable for smaller

clinics and rural centres. It uses electrochemical impedance spectroscopy to track bacterial growth in the presence of antibiotics. The study, co-authored by Saranya Gopalakrishnan of Kaappon Analytics India Pvt Ltd, Diksha Mall, and IIT Madras faculty, has been published in Nature

ODISHA launches ₹25K

Cr industrial push,

promises over 50K jobs

MI News Service, Cuttack:

Chief Minister Mohan Cha-

ran Majhi initiates 27 indus-

combined investment of

₹25,000 crore, a move ex-

pected to accelerate Odisha's

industrialisation drive. The

projects will be set up across

12 districts, including Gan-

jam, Jharsuguda, Khordha,

Koraput, Angul, Bhadrak,

Sundargarh, Cuttack, Puri,

Sambalpur, Jajpur and

Rayagada. The state govern-

ment said the initiatives

could create around 52,000

jobs. Laying the foundation

stones virtually from the

Odisha University of Agricul-

ture and Technology (OUAT), Majhi said: "We have the

best industrial policies and

are committed to providing

a supportive environment

for industrialists."

projects with

trial

plained:

Professor S. Pushpavanam, Y B G Varma instiprofessor, tute chair department of chemical engineering, IIT Madras, ex-"An important aspect of our device is the use of a specially prepared nutrient solution that not only supports bacterial growth, which is essential for testing, but also enhances the sensitivity of the electrical signals we use for detection. As the bacteria grow, they cause measurable changes in the electrical properties of the solution, which our system can accurately track.

Dr Richa Karmakar, assistant professor, department of biotechnology, IIT Madras, said: "The device monitors how the electrical signal changes over time to determine whether bacteria are continuing to grow in the presence of an antibiotic. If the bacteria are resistant, they multiply despite the drug, and this activity causes a distinct change in the electrical signal. In contrast, if the bacteria are killed by the antibiotic, their growth is inhibited and the signal rerelatively un-

'A metric called 'Normalized Impedance Signal' (NIS) developed by the researchers allows clear differentiation between resistant and non-resistant bacterial strains in a matter of hours," Karmakar added. The device was subtilis with two antibiotics, ampicillin and tetracycline, and correctly identified both kill and growth-inhibition sponses. It also detected resistance in urine samples spiked with E. coli, showing promise for clinical

"This approach will make a real impact on patients in Intensive Care Units, who may be suffering from complications due to bacterial infections. This will help the doctors prescribe the right treatment and can be life-saving. Currently, we are doing clinical validation in collaboration with the IITM Institute hospital," Professor Pushpavanam said.

"After rigorous clinical validation, we are planning to commercialise through our startup, Kaappon Analytics India Private Limited," he added.

#### Apple's latest Devices & OPPO's new entrant enthral consumers

MI News Service, Kolkata: The unveiling of Apple's much-anticipated iPhone 17 series, the latest Apple Watches and AirPods Pro 3, alongside the debut of OPPO's stylish F31 — a confluence of technology, aspiration, and festivity have enthralled the consumers. It has been done at Bhajanlal.

At the heart of the launch was Apple's dazzling lineup: the svelte iPhone Air, starting at ₹1,19,900 in Midnight, Starlight, and Blue with storage up to 512GB; the vibrant iPhone 17, from ₹82,900 in Blue, Pink, Yellow, and Black with options up to 512GB; the consummately professional iPhone 17 Pro, from ₹1,34,900 in Natural Titanium, Blue Titanium, and Black Titanium, extending to 1TB; and the formidable iPhone 17 Pro Max, Apple's most powerful creation yet, starting at ₹1,49,900 and reaching 2TB of storage. Complementing the phones were the AirPods Pro 3 (₹25,900), Apple Watch Series 11 (₹46,900), Watch SE 3 (₹25,900), and the rugged Watch Ultra 3 (₹89,900). Each was launched with attractive offers — cashback of ₹2,000-₹6,000 and six months of nocost EMIs on SBI and HDFC cards - underscoring Bhaianlal's reputation for consumer-first retailing.

In tandem, OPPO unveiled the F31, priced between ₹24,999 and ₹29,999. The device, available in Astral Black, Jade Green, and Sunrise Orange, exudes youthful élan with its vibrant display, swift charging, and versatile cameras, available in 128GB and 256GB variants.

### Scrap Disposal Drive Organised by Howrah Division under Swachhta Hi Seva 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing Swachhta Hi Seva 2025 campaign, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organised a special scrap disposal drive on 23rd September, 2025. The activity was undertaken at Dankuni, Rampurhat, Katwa, Azimganj, Bandel, Barddhaman and on the systematic clearance and disposal of unserviceable materials and redundant items lying unused in railway premises. By removing such scrap, the division ensured a cleaner and more organised while also enhancing safety and operational efficiency.

Employees and supervisors at each location actively participated in identifying, segregating, and moving the scrap for disposal. Care was taken to carry out the process in an eco-friendly manner, in line with Indian



environment, sion of Swachh Rail

only contributed to cleanliness but also supported better asset management and optimum utilisation of space. It further reinforced the message of the Swachhta Hi Seva 2025 campaign—promoting cleanliness, orderliness, and responsible waste management across the railway network. Howrah Division remains committed to such initiatives, continuing its efforts towards building a cleaner and greener railway in sync with the vi-

#### Swachh Bharat. HEAVY TORRENTIAL RAIN RESULTED IN WATER LOG-GING AT HOWRAH & SEALDAH YARDS AND CAR-SHEDS

MI News Service, Kolkata: Following torrential rains for long duration in last night, water logging has been observed over Howrah station yard, Sealdah South station yard, Chitpur North Cabin, different car sheds and at different places of Sealdah yard, water has logged on Railway lines of Howrah & Sealdah Divisions. Water pumps have been deployed at several places to pump out the logged water but as the water from the adjacent the civil area also logged with water, the water is flow-

ing back to the Railway yard which causing more difficulties. Due to this, some suburban trains have been short terminated & short originated in this morning and also a service

#### plan has been made to suit the emergency situation. CONTROLLING OF TRAINS AT SEALDAH DIVISION:

1) Sealdah North & Main: In suburban section skeleton services started from Platform no-7. 2) 13113 Up Hazarduari Exp has been cancelled from Kolkata. 3) 13177 Sealdah Jangipur Exp Cancelled from Sealdah. 4) Train Movement suspended in Sealdah South section due to water login. 5) Train moment suspended in Circular Railway line due to water logging on track and Chitpur yard.



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The customers who are being serviced from the location which is being closed will be serviced from the new location from 24/10/2025 onward. All the concerned persons are requested to take note of same.

Place: Kolkata Date: 24/09/2025

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# CBI arrested absconding Neeraj, accused of frauding Rs 3.81 cr

MI News Service, Mumbai: crime, was transferred in a sin-The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Mumbai wing, has arrested an absconding accused, identified as Neeraj, in connection with a cyber-fraud

The federal agency following an input raided a hideout and nabbed the accused on Monday after the agency registered a fraud case in July last wherein he used a mule account of Sudhir Palande and frauded the cyber victims of about Rs 3.81 crore in single day and divert the same to various other accounts the same day.

During investigation, was revealed that Neeraj had managed co-accused Sudhir Palande (presently in judicial custody) to open a mule account in IndusInd Bank, in which an amount of Rs 3.81 crores, being proceeds of him to the CBI custody.

Neeraj further tated Sudhir's travel from Mumbai to Nagpur for operating this mule account and managing the transfer of illicit

The CBI, through sustained technical surveillance, local intelligence and physical intelligence succeeded in tracing and apprehending the absconding accused. In the case, the preliminary charge sheet has already been filed and three accused persons are currently in judicial custody, the CBI said The arrest of Neeraj is a significant development in further strengthening the prosecution of the case and recovery of new facts to further apprehend some unknown accused. He was produced before the CBI special court, which remanded

## **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 sensitized and requested to keep the Met-



Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/Santragachi, South Eastern Railway Kharagpur Division acting on behalf of President of India invites open tender from respective eligible contractors through e-Tendering in www.ireps.gov.in website as per details mention below: Tender Notice no.: ELECT-OT-25-26-MMC Name of the work : MMC for electrical works under the jurisdiction of SSEE(P)/SRC for one year; Tender value: ₹ 45,87,246.87; EMD/Bid security: ₹ 91,800.00; Tender closing date & time: 22.10.2025 at 10:30 hrs Respective contractors are requested to apply for the same through online only, ir www.ireps.gov.in website. No offline tender will be accepted for this tender Please read the tender documen carefully uploaded in the document section for details. Tender Notice, tender document and other details are given in the www.ireps.gov.in



ro premises clean. In order to spread the message of awareness about swachhata, a cleaning drive was undertaken at the kitchen indoor, outdoor and ward

of Tapan Sinha Memori-Hospital today i.e. 23.09.2025. Senior Medical Officers and staff of Medical Department took part in this programme.

To avoid long queues to 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.

#### EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No.: NIT/02/25/58, Dated: 22.09.2025. Principal Chie Materials Manager, 17, Netaji Subhash Road, 2nd Floor, Fairlie Place, Kolkata 700001, Eastern Railway invites e-Tenders for supply of the following items (A) SI. No.; Tender No.; Description; EMD are as follows: (1) 21251441, ay cross bar Pressing with Back Plate and Packing Piece in assemble condition etc. Rs.1,94,770/-. Tender Opening Date: 08.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (2) 08251529, SET OF MAIN & EARTH CONNECTION CABLES, Rs. 1.31.850/-. Tender Opening Date: 14.10.2025. Time: 13.30 hrs. (3) 20252196. AXLE BEARING (PLAIN SLEEVE BEARING), Rs.5.30.530/-, Tender Opening Date: 23.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (4) 20251017A, HELICAL SPRING FOR A/BOX GUIDE, Rs.1,54,280/-, Tender Opening Date: 17.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (5) 06251284A, Procurement of Fire Retardant Curtain Fabric Cloth for 1st AC Coaches etc. Rs. 1.39.050/-. Tender Opening Date: 06.10.2025, Time 13.30 hrs. (6) 20251924A, HELICAL SPRING FOR A/BOX GUIDE Rs. 3.60.060/ Tender Opening Date: 20.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (7) 11251657, Procuremen of Axle Box Housing finish Machined Etc. Rs. 5.38.480 /-. Tender Opening Date: 09.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (8) 01251428, Procurement of Matched Set of 'V' Belt etc. Rs. 1,17,130/-. Tender Opening Date: 08.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (9) 16251007, 42 KV, 10 KA, Metal Oxide Gapless type Lightning Arrestor. Rs. 1,48,420/-. Tender Opening Date: 14.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs (10) 15245096B, MAGNETIC PARTICLE INSPECTION EQUIPMENT Rs.1.91.160/-(11) 22251255A, Inj. Human Albumin 20%, 100 ml Rs. 1.01.760/ . Tender Opening Date: 21.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. [For Sl. No. 10 to 11] (12) 04255014, Supply, fitment, trial and commissioning of Electrical Items of 25 Ton (Universal) Jamalpur Jack and supply of Spares with metallic kit box of 25 Ton (Universal) Jamalpur Jack (1 Set Consisting of 6 items) as per attached Annexure-A. Rs. 15,87,270/-. Tender Opening Date: 09.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (13) 08251484, Battery Box complete for 1100 Ah VRLA Battery. Rs. 2,40,980/-. Tender Opening Date: 14.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (14) 20252138, EMU/MEMU/DEMU Motor coaches, CGL, make HHP TR. motor, type-C1005 PE Bearing End shield & Spares consisting of 11 Items. Rs. 1,73,060/-. (15) 20252144, EMU/MEMU/DEMU motor coaches, CGL make HHP TR. motor, Type C1005. Rs. 1,20,250/-. Tender Opening Date: 09.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. [For SI. No. 14 to 15]. (16) 21251059, POH KIT No.1 for Mark- 50 etc. Rs 5,20,500/-. Tender Opening Date: 14.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (17) 20251123, Seat cum Back rest pressing of EMU Coaches. Rs. 3,79,530/-. Tender Opening Date: 20.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (18) 21251128, PIPE BRACKET with Control Reservoir etc. Rs. 3,69,670/-. Tender Opening Date: 13.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (19) 16251159, Porcelain Bracket insulator. Rs. 1,40,410/-Tender Opening Date: 14.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (20) 11251007 Procurement of LOWER SPRING BEAM Etc. Rs. 4,64,150/-. Tender Opening Date: 13.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (21) 21251333, KIT No.1 of RF-361 HIGH CAPACITY DRAFT etc. Rs. 2,11,190/-Tender Opening Date: 20.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (22) 08251071, 2.5KVA, 110V DC/230V AC natural cooled underslung inverter. Rs. 1,22,540/-. (23) 19255039A, Procurement of IP based Video Surveillance System etc. Rs. 10,96,830/-. Tender Opening Date 14.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. [For Sl. No. 22 to 23]. (24) 20255024A, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of IP based Video Surveillance System (VSS) in EMU, MEMU and DEMU of Eastern Railway as per RDSO Specification No. RDSO/ SPN/TC/106/2025, Version 3.1 or latest. Rs. 50,00,000/-. Tender Opening Date: 10.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (25) 12254007, Running Contract for HVN Insulating Liner 66 to RDSO Drg No T-3706 Rs. 20,00,000/-. Tender Opening Date: 22.10.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (26) 22255229B, INJ PEMBROLIZUMAB 100 MG, ITEM CODE M261946, AI 25-26. Rs. 0/-. Tender Opening Date: 15.102025, Time: 13.30 hrs. (27) 22251625, Tab/Cap Ruxolitinib 20 mg [ITEM CODE M251024 ] AI 25-26. Rs. 0/-. Tender Opening Date: 03.11.2025, Time: 13.30 hrs. B. Sl. No. 1, Tender No. : 52256224A, Short Description: Portable laser

Spectrometer. Tender Closing Date: 21.10.2025, Estimated Tender Value: Rs. 58.52.804/-.

NOTE: All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at https://www.ireps.gov.in, For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website.

Tender Notice is also available at websites : www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in

# Night long Metro services in blue line and green line on Saptami, Astami and Navami

MI News Service, Kolkata: During Durga Puja days Metro Railway, Kolkata has planned to operate special Metro services in Blue Line, Green Line, Purple Line and Yellow Line. BLŪE LINE

PANCHAMI (27.09.2025) On Panchami (Saturday) i.e. on 27.09.2025 in Blue Line, total

262 services (131 UP & 131 DN) will be operated from 08:00 hrs. to 23:00 hrs. The peak hour frequency is targeted from 6 to 7 minutes. First Service: -

At 08:00 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar

At 08:00 hrs. from Mahanayak Uttam Kumar to Dakshineswar At 08:00 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram At 08:00 hrs. from Noapara to Shahid Khudiram

Last Service:-At 22:47 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar At 22:48 hrs. from Dak-

shineswar to Shahid Khudiram At 23:00 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dum Dum SASTHI (28.09.2025)

On Sasthi (Sunday) i.e. on 28.09.2025, there will be 246 services (123 UP & 123 DN) available from 09:00 hrs. to 23:00 hrs. The peak hour frequency is targeted from 6 to 7 minutes. First Service:

At 09:00 hrs. from Shahid Khu-

diram to Dakshineswar At 09:00 hrs. from Mahanayak Uttam Kumar to Dakshineswar 09:00 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram At 09:00 hrs. from Noapara to Shahid Khudiram

shineswar to Shahid Khudiram At 22:51 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar At 23:00 hrs. from Shahid Khu-

diram to Dum Dum SAPTAMI, ASTAMI AND NAVA-MI (29.09.2025, 30.09.2025 & 01.10.2025)

On Saptami,

Navami (Monday, day & Wednesday) i.e. on 29.09.2025,30.09.2025 01.10.2025 respectively, there will be 246 services (123 UP & 123 DN) available from 13:00 hrs. to 04:00 hrs. of the next morning. During these days the peak hour frequency is targeted from 6 to 7 minutes.

First Service: At 13:00 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar At 13:00 hrs. from Gitanjali to

Dakshineswar At 13:00 hrs. from Mahanayak Uttam Kumar to Dakshineswar At 13:00 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram At 13:00 hrs. from Dum Dum to Shahid Khudiram

At 13:00 hrs. from Shyambazar to Shahid Khudiram At 13:02 hrs. from Noapara to Shahid Khudiram

At 03:47 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar At 03:48 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram At 04:00 hrs. from Shahid Khu-

DASHAMI (02.10.2025) On Dashami (Thursday) i.e. on 02.10.2025, total 132 services (66 UP & 66 DN) will be operated from 13:00 hrs. to 22:00 hrs. with peak hour frequency of 8

diram to Dum Dum

First Service: -At 13:00 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar At 13:05 hrs. from Mahanayak Uttam Kumar to Dakshineswar At 13:00 hrs. from Dum Dum to

Shahid Khudiram At 13:05 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram At 13:05 hrs. from Noapara to Astami and Shahid Khudiram

Last Service:-21:48 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram At 21:50 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar

At 22:00 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dum Dum GREEN LINE PANCHAMI (27.09.2025)

On Panchami (Saturday) i.e. on 27.09.2025, 225 services (114 UP & 111 DN) will be operated from 07:30 hrs. to 23:16 hrs. with peak hour frequency of 6 minutes.

First Service:-At 07:30 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V At 07:44 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan Last Service:-

At 23:00 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V At 23:16 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan SASTHI (28.09.2025)

Sasthi (Sunday) i.e. 28.09.2025, 184 services (92 UP and 92 DN) will be operated from 09:00 hrs. to 23:28 hrs. with peak hour frequency of 8 minutes.

First Service:-At 09:00 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V At 09:02 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan Last Service:-

At 23:20 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan At 23:28 hrs. from Howrah

Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V SAPTAMI, ASTAMI AND NAVA-MI (29.09.2025, 30.09.2025 & 01.10.2025)

(Monday), As-On Saptami (Tuesday) and Na-(Wednesday) i.e. on 29.09.2025,30.09.2025 01.10.2025, 192 services (97

UP & 95 DN) will be operated from 13:30 hrs. to 04:18 hrs. of the next morning with peak hour frequency of 8 minutes. First Service:-

At 13:30 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V At 13:34 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan Last Service:-

At 04:06 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V At 04:18 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan DASHAMI (02.10.2025)

On Dashami (Thursday) i.e. on 02.10.2025, 74 services (37 UP and 37 DN) will be available from 13:30 hrs. to 22:32 hrs. at an interval of 15 minutes.

At 13:30 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V At 13:32 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan Last Service:-

First Service:-

At 22:30 hrs. from Howrah Maidan to Salt Lake Sector V At 22:32 hrs. from Salt Lake Sector V to Howrah Maidan

YELLOW LINE PANCHAMI AND (27.09.2025 & 28.09.2025) Similarly, on Panchami (Saturday) and Sasthi (Sunday) i.e. on 27.09.2025 & 28.09.2025 in Yellow Line, total 60 services (30 UP & 30 DN) will be operated between 15:00 hrs. to 22:35 hrs. with interval of 15 minutes.

At 15:00 hrs. from Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbandar At 15:25 hrs. from Jai Hind Bi-

manbandar to Noapara Last Service:-At 22:15 hrs. from Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbandar

At 22:35 hrs. from Jai Hind Bimanbandar to Noapara SAPTAMI, ASTAMI AND NAVA-MI (29.09.2025, 30.09.2025 & 01.10.2025)

On Saptami (Monday), (Tuesday) and Na-(Wednesday) i.e. on 29.09.2025,30.09.2025 01.10.2025 respectively, there will be total 62 services (31 UP & 31 DN) available daily between 15:00 hrs. to 22:50 hrs. with 15-minute frequency.

First Service:-At 15:00 hrs. from Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbandar At 15:25 hrs. from Jai Hind Bimanbandar to Noapara Last Service:-

At 22:30 hrs. from Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbandar At 22:50 hrs. from Jai Hind Bimanbandar to Noapara DASHAMI (02.10.2025)

On Dashami (Thursday) i.e. on 02.10.2025 there will be 50 services (25 UP & 25 DN) available from 15:00 hrs. to 21:20 hrs. with 15-minute frequency

First Service:-At 15:00 hrs. from Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbandar At 15:25 hrs. from Jai Hind Bimanbandar to Noapara Last Service:-

At 21:00 hrs. from Noapara to Jai Hind Bimanbandar At 21:20 hrs. from Jai Hind Bi manbandar to Noapara PURPLE LINE PANCHAMI TO DASHAMI

(27.09.2025 to 02.10.2025)

from April 30. Since then,

curbs have been extended.

a notice containing infor-

Generally, a NOTAM is

In Purple Line, 38 services (19 UP & 19 DN) will be operated daily between 15:00 hrs. to 22:55 hrs. with 25-minute frequency from Panchami to Dashami i.e. 27.09.2025 to 02.10.2025.

First Service: At 15:00 hrs. from Joka to Maierhat

At 15:25 hrs. from Majerhat to Joka

Last Service:-At 22:30 hrs. from Joka to Maierhat

At 22:55 hrs. from Majerhat to Joka

No Metro services will be available in Orange Line for the period 27.09.2025 (Saturday) to 02.10.2025 (Thursday).

Commuters/Visitors/Travelers

are requested to buy Smart Cards/ Tourist Smart Cards or book tickets through AAMAR KOLKATA METRO app to avoid rush at the booking counters. Buy QR Based Mobile Tickets before reaching the Metro station. At certain Met ro stations paper QR tickets will also be issued from the Hand Held Terminals. Tourist Smart Cards have already been made available at the booking counters of Metro Railway stations. The travelers/ visitors may buy these Tourist Smart Cards having facility of unlimited travel for 3 to 5 days so that they can skip booking counters and thereby save their valuable time and money. As there will be large number of services for commuters at an interval of 6, 7 and 8 minutes in Blue Line and Green Line during the peak hours, the commuters are requested not to overcrowd the train or not try to block the doors. Please wait for next train so that services can be

#### **Govt dismisses reports** of notices to Hindi channels over Urdu words



MI News Service, New **Delhi:** The ministry of information and broadcasting (MIB) on Sunday dismissed media reports that claimed Hindi television news channels had been served notices for using "too many Urdu words" in their broad-

casts. 'It is being claimed in and social media posts that MIB\_India has issued notices to Hindi news channels for using excessive Urdu words in their broadcasts, and has directed them to appoint language experts," the PIB Fact Check post read.

"This claim is #Misleading," it added, before outlining the actual pro-

Press Information Bureau's Fact Check Unit clarified that no such notices had been issued. Instead, the ministry had only forwarded a viewer's complaint to the channels under the provisions of the Cable Television Networks Regulation Act.

"The ministry has forwarded a viewer's complaint to the concerned channels under the provisions of the Cable Television Networks Regulation Act. The channels

#### EASTERN RAILWAY

GeM Bid No.: GEM/2025/B/6701378 dated 20.09.2025. Chief Works Manage Eastern Railway Workshop Kanchrapara, North 24 Parganas, Wes Bengal, Pin-743145, invites e-Tender for 'Canteen activities of Loco Canteer (Loco Complex) under CWM/KPA like preparation, Supply and Serving of Breakfast/Lunch/Evening Snacks to the Workshop staff including cleaning and maintenance of Kitchen (Excluding raw materials for food and LPG for cooking for 6 days/week i.e. Monday to Saturda for a period of 24 Months" by outside agency through GeM Bid No GEM/2025/B/6701378 dated 20.09.2025. Tender Value: Rs 61,42,348/-, Earnest Money: Rs 1,22,847/-, Cost of Tender Document Rs. 0, Date & time of closing 03.10.2025 at 12.00 hrs. Tende document & complete details available at website **www.gem.gov.in**MISC-215/2025-20

Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.ir Follow us at: 💌 @EasternRailway Follow us at : @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter | @easternrailwayheadquarter

have been instructed to inform the complainant of the action taken and keep the Ministry duly informed, in accordance with the relevant regula-

The clarification came a day after several outlets and social media posts alleged that the ministry nad directed certain media reports channels to appoint "language experts" to monitor their word choice.

Despite the clarification, the initial reports triggered reactions online.

One user wrote, "The ministry of information has sent a notice to news channels regarding the use of Urdu words! Hindi folks also use a lot of English words! Action should be taken!"

Another post stated that the Modi government sent notices to Zee News, Aaj Tak, TV9 – 'Why do you speak 30 per cent Urdu?' And in the same notice, it was found written: Words like Shikayat(complain), Khilaf (against) etc.

A third user pointed to the education system, writing, "When journalists study in English medium from their first class to their degree, and the institutions teaching them also use English

medium, then this is bound to happen by default. Journalists may have to struggle to speak Hindi terms like Internet, rail, avalanche, etc." Officials reiterated

that forwarding such complaints is part of procedure under the Cable Television Networks Regulation Act. According to the Act,

a certain percentage of public grievances are forwarded to the persons concerned against whom a complaint has been received. The PIB Fact Check

Unit also highlighted that the channels have only been asked to inform the complainant of the action taken and keep the ministry updated, as required by the rules.

#### India, Pak extend mutual airspace bans till Oct 24 military flights, with effect



MI News Service, New **Delhi:** India has extended the closure of its airspace for Pakistan civilian and military planes till October

The neighbouring country has also closed its airspace for Indian aircraft till October 24. Both countries have shut their respective

planes since April in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack.

India and Pakistan have issued separate Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) for extending the airspace closures.

Indian airspace will not be available for Pakistan-registered aircraft and aircraft operated/ owned or leased by Pakistan airlines/ operators, including military flights, according to the NOTAM issued on September 23.

The airspace will remain closed till 2359 hours (UTC) on October 23, which translates to 0530

airspace for each other's and operators, including

dated: 22.10.2025

(Dr. Rupa Dasgupta)

Principal

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NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from reputed

suppliers/agencies with suitable credentials for supply and/or

installation of miscellaneous items/works- 1. Vitrified tiles 2.

False ceiling and 3. Sports items. Detailed list is available in the

website www.debracollege.ac.in and in the college notice board.

Rate must be inclusive of all taxes. All tenders must be deposited

Last date and time for submission of quotation: 08.10.2025 till 4 p.m.

Date & Time of opening of quotation: 09.10.2025 at 2.00 p.m.

Tender No-dtsksm/NIT 73/25

in the tender box kept in Principal's Office.

(Interested Bidders may remain present)

mation that is essential for personnel involved in flight operations.

hours (IST) on October 24. Following the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people on April 22, India closed its airspace for planes operated, owned or leased by Pakistan airlines

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Sd/-EE Diamond Harbour Highway Division P.W.(Roads) Directorate, Govt. of WB

PWD (GOVT. OF WB) TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender of NIT No 14 of 2025-26 by the of

E.E./Diamond Harbour Highway Division

EE, Diamond Harbour Hwy Div, Dakshin Hazipur,

Diamond Harbour-743331 invites on line

percentage rate e-tender whose ID No. 2025 SH

908122 1 to 12. The details can be obtained from

the website https://wbtenders.gov.in & office

notice board. Corrigendum or Addendum if issued

will be published only on website previously

mentioned. Documents down load end date

#### Nischinda Gram Panchayat

#### Bally, Howrah **E-TENDER INVITING NOTICE**

Electronic Tenders are hereby invited from the bonafied and resourceful bidders for different development works vide e-NIT No. 11/S.L. No. 1 to 9/25-26. Fund: AMADER PARA AMADER SAMADHAN. Published date: 23/09/2025. Last date of Bid submission: 15/10/2025. Date of opening: 17/10/2025. Details are available in https://wbtenders.gov.in & https://etender.wb.nic.in and Office Notice Board.

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#### MALIGRAM GRAM PANCHAYAT PINGLA, PASCHIM MEDINIPUR

Email-maligrampingla@gmail.com NIeT-13/2025-26/APAS Memo No-908 (MGP) Date-22/09/2025

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER** The e-tenders are invited by the undersigned for 19 Nos Construction of Cement Concrete Road and 1 nos Construction of Tali Pilling Wall and 3 Nos Sinking of Tube well from APAS Fund Through e-Tendering. Tender ID - 2025\_ZPHD\_908443\_1 to 22. The intending tenderers may visit

website www.wbtenders.gov.in for details. Bid submission Start date - 23/09/2025 from 6.00 P.M onwards, Bid submission closing date -13/10/2025 Up to 02.00 P.M, Opening date of Technical Bid (online) - 15/10/2025 at 02.00 A.M.

Pradhan Maligram Gram Panchayat

#### SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

**Franch Office:** ICICI BANK LTD, BP-4, Technopolis Building, 4th Floor, SectorV, Salt Lake City, Kolkata West Bengal - 700091 CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

An	ny dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.			
Sr. No		Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Mahalingam/ Mahalingam G/ Greenchillis/ 34, Madhya Para, Roy Nagar Bansdroni Districtsouth 24	Apartment No 6BDX3/A, Eastern Side, 6th Floor, Tower No Vi, R.S. & L.R. Dag No. 35, 37, 12/101, J.L. No 42, Ward No 27 & 28, Mouza. Mirpur, P.S. Maheshtala, P.O. Battanagar, Moheshtala Municipality, Additional District Sub Registry Office Behala, District South 24 Parganas, West Bengal. Admeasuring an area of Admeasuring Super Built Up Area of 2148 Sq. Ft. Together With Open Terrace 481 Sq. Ft. on The Upper Level of The Said Duplex Apartment Together With Right to Use One No. of Covered Car Paking Space At Basement Area Being No. P- 26 Within The Residential Project Togetherwith Undivided Impartiable Variable Proportionate Share or Interest In The Land. North: Access Road South: Other Land of Developer Comprised in R.S. Dag No. 36 East: Other Land of Developer Comprised in R.S. Dag No. 37 West: Access Road/ Date of Symbolic 18/09/2025	50,38,162/-	South 24 Parganas
2.	Station Road Maheshtala M South 24 Parganas West Bengal Calcutta-700140/	"Shibani Apartment", Flat No. 1-A, 1st Floor, North East Side, Minicipal Holding No. C2-6/ap/1, Nangi Station Road, R.S. No. 58, Dag No. 161, LR Khatian No. 2191, Khatian No. 260, Touzi No. 66, J.L. No. 19, Mouza Jagtala, Pargana Balia, Mahestala Municipality, Ward No. 32, P.S. Mahestala, Sub Registry/ A.D.S.R. Office Behala, District South 24 Parganas, West Bengal. Admeasuring an area of 1084 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area Together With Proportionate Share of Land. North:land And House of Smt. Haridasi Saha. Tarapada Nayak & Binod Das South: 12' Ft Wide Common Passage East:nangi Station Road (20'-0') West: Passage of Haridasi Saha & Temple of Goddess Shiva of Prabhati Bhawan/ Date of Symbolic-18/09/2025	May 31, 2025 Rs. 25,77,257.00/-	Kolkata
3.	Ali Hossain Khan/ Imamun Nesha Khatun/ Ayma Molla Para Nodakhali South 24 Parganas West Bengal Kolkata- 743384/ LBCAL00002122550	Municipal Holding No. C1-38/106, C1-38/A/ New, R.S. Dag No.748, R.S. Khatian No. corresponding L.R. Dag No. 941 Under L.R. Khatian No. 1244, Touzi No. 357, J.L. No. Akhali South nas West olkata-bika		Kolkata/ Medikeri
4.	Bose/ 23/11, Uttar Kastadanga Road Post Office Sarsuna, P.S.	Flat on The Eastern Side, 1st Floor, Premises No. 105, Uttar Kastadanga Road, Mouza Sarsuna, Khatian No. 1391, J.L. No. 17, Police Station Thakurpukur, South Suburban Municipality Now Kolkata Corporation, Ward No. 127, District District 24 Parganas Now South 24 Parganas, Kolkata 700061, West Bengal. Admeasuring an area of Flat Measuring 1145 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area With One Covered Garage Measuring 296 Sq. Ft. on The Ground Floor Along Proportionate Share of The Land Measuring About 2 Cottah 13 Chittacks 24 Sq. Ft. North: 6'3" Wide I.P.S. Road South: 7'3" W	June 23,2025 Rs. 16,44,819.00/-	Kolkata/ Medikeri

Tt. on The Ground Floor Along Proportionate Share of The Land Measuring 296 Sept. on The Ground Floor Along Proportionate Share of The Land Measuring About 2 Cottah 13 Chittacks 24 Sq. Ft. North: 6'3" Wide I.P.S. Road South: 7'3" Wide I.P.S. Road East: 15'7" Wide Uttar Kastadanga Road (K.M.C. Road) West: Rest Portion of The R.S. Dag No. 50/ Date of Symbolic 18/09/2025 TBCAL00006129687 The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: September 24, 2025
Sincerely Authorised Officer,
Place: South 24 Parganas & Kolkata

# Study finds how bacterial vaccine demonstrates potential as treatment for cancer immunotherapy

researchers developed probiotic bacteria that train the immune system to eliminate cancer cells, paving the way for a new class of cancer vaccinations that take advantage of bacteria's innate tumour-targeting abilities. These microbial cancer vaccines can be tailored to each person's specific original tumour and metastases, perhaps preventing future recur-

In mice models of advanced colorectal cancer and melanoma, the bacterial vaccine stimulated the immune system, causing primary and metastatic malignancies to shrink - or in many cases disappear entirely. All while leaving healthy body parts alone.

The findings were published in

The bacterial vaccine proved to be particularly more efficacious than peptide-based therapeutic cancer vaccines that have been used in numerous previous cancer clinical trials

'The important advantage of our system is its unique ability to coordinately restructure and activate all arms of the immune system to induce a productive antitumor immune response. We believe this is why the system works so well in advanced solid tumor models which have been particularly difficult to treat with other immunotherapies," says Andrew Redenti, an MD/PhD student at Columbia University's Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons who helped lead the

'The net effect is that the bac-

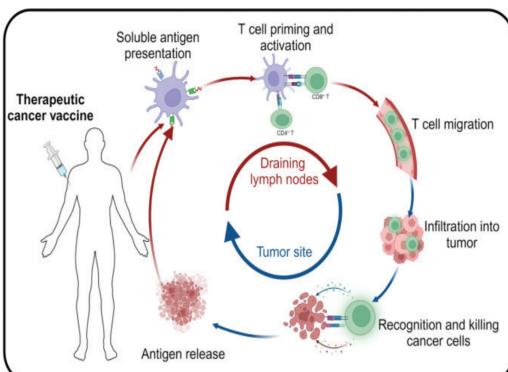
eliminate the growth of advanced primary or metastatic tumors and extend survival in mouse models, says Jongwon Im, a PhD student at Columbia University who helped lead bacterial engineering aspects of the study.

The bacterial vaccine is personalized for each tumor. "Every cancer is unique - tumor cells harbor distinct genetic mutations that distinguish them from normal healthy cells. By programming bacteria that direct the immune system to target these cancer-specific mutations, we can engineer more effective therapies that stimulate a patient's own immune system to detect and kill their cancer cells," says Nicholas Arpaia, PhD, Professor Microbiology & Immunology in the Columbia University's Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons who directed the research with Tal Danino, PhD,

Associate Professor of Biomedical

Engineering at Columbia's School

of Engineering. "As we continue to integrate additional safety optimizations through further genetic programming, we are getting closer to the point of testing this therapy in patients," he added. Bacteria have been utilized in the treatment of cancer since the late 19th century, when Dr. William Coley, who was a surgeon at New York Hospital, observed tumor regression in a subset of patients with inoperable tumors injected with bacteria. Bacteria are still employed as a therapeutic today in patients with early-stage bladder cancer.



Researchers now know that some bacteria can naturally migrate to and colonize tumors, where they can thrive in the often oxygendeprived environment and locally

provoke an immune response. But used this way, bacteria do not usually precisely control or direct the immune response to attack the cancer. "These qualities alone don't typically give bacteria enough power to stimulate immune responses capable of

good starting point for building a new domain of cancer therapeutics," said Nicholas Arpaia, PhD.

The new system starts with a probiotic strain of E. coli bacteria. The researchers then made multiple genetic modifications to precisely control the way in which the bacteria interact with and educate the immune system to induce tumor killing. The engineered bacteria encode protein targets called neoantigens - that are spe-

bacterially-delivered neoantigens train the immune system to target and attack cancer cells that express the same proteins. Neoantigens are used as tumor targets so that normal cells, which lack these cancer-marking proteins, are left alone. Due to the nature of the bacterial system and additional genetic modifications engineered by the scientists, these bacterial cancer therapies also simultaneously overcome

immunosuppressive mechanisms

tumors use to block the immune

These genetic modifications are also designed to block the bacteria's innate ability to evade immune attacks against themselves. As a safety measure, this means the engineered bacteria can be easily recognized and eliminated by the immune system and are quickly cleared from the body if they do not find the tumor.

When tested in mice, the researchers found that these intricately programmed bacterial cancer vaccines recruit a wide array of immune cells that attack tumor cells, all the while preventing responses that would normally suppress tumor-directed immune attacks. The bacterial vaccine also reduced the growth of cancer when administered to mice before they developed tumors, and prevented regrowth of the same tumors in mice that had been cured, suggesting the vaccine may have the ability to prevent cancer from returning in patients who've experienced remission.

In people, the first step in crethese microbial vaccines would be to sequence a patient's cancer and identify its unique neoantigens using bioinformatics. Next, the bacteria would be engineered to produce large quantities of the identified neoantigens, as well as other immunomodulatory factors. When infused into the patient whose tumors are to be treated, the bacteria would head to the tumors, make themselves at home, and steadily produce and deliver their payload of engi-

neered "medicines." Once activat-

immune system would be prompted to eliminate cancer cells that have spread throughout the body and prevent further metastatic development.

Since each tumor has its own of neoantigens, the immunotherapy will be custommade for each patient. "The time to treatment will first depend on how long it takes to sequence the tumor. Then we just need to make the bacterial strains, which can be quite fast. Bacteria can be simpler to manufacture than some other vaccine platforms," Danino

says.

The bacteria are also designed to counteract cancer's ability to rapidly mutate and evade treat-"Because our platform allows us to deliver so many different neoantigens, it theoretical ly becomes difficult for tumor cells to lose all those targets at once and avoid the immune

response," says Arpaia The researchers think their approach may succeed where earlier cancer vaccines have not. In the latter, while immune responses against tumor neoantigens may be induced, direct modulation of the immunosuppressive tumor environment is not accomplished to such a degree.

Arpaia adds, "Bacteria allow delivery of a higher concentration of drugs than can be tolerated when these compounds are delivered systemically throughout the entire body. Here, we can confine delivery directly to the tumor and locally modulate how we're stimulating the immune system.

# Study gives insights into quality of life for adults with congenital heart disease



WASHINGTON: Adults with congenital heart disease (CHD) can now gain vital insights into their long-term quality of life according to data from the Congenital Heart Initiative (CHI). CHI is the nation's first and largest patient-focused registry for people with CHD, and it recently launched its inaugural research, which included over 4,500 participants from all 50

This study, published in JAMA Network Open, represents a big step forward in providing better information to the 1.5 million adults in the United States who

were born with CHD. "Studies like this that leverage actual patient voices and experiences help us get a better sense of how to advise, support and treat people with CHD as they age, says Anitha John, M.D., Ph.D. director of the Washington Adult Congenital Heart program at Children's National Hospital and senior author of the study. "Also, researchers get a clearer picture of the questions that need to be answered to make sure they have the best quality of life possible."

Treatments for children born with congenital heart disease have improved so significantly in the last two decades that life expectancy continues to increase

"There are now more adults living with congenital heart disease than there are children with CHD," says Scott Leezer, patient co-principal investigator for the Congenital Heart Initiative registry and co-author of the study. "However, a significant gap remains in what we know about the adult CHD population. As an adult CHD patient, I was excited to contribute to creating this registry, bringing more answers to people like me who want to know how our unique hearts impact our bodies and quality of life over

The authors note that the study's findings and the registry data currently have a few limitations. First, the registry only contains patient-reported outcomes and no clinical data. The first substudy of the CHI, the CHI-RON study, addresses this challenge by incorporating additional data sources for a subset of consenting CHI participants.

Additionally, recall bias, underlying neurocognitive challenges and survey fatigue, may have limited participation in the CHI to a smaller subset of adults with CHD. Efforts are underway to develop methods for people with congenital heart disease who have neurodevelopmental deficits or other disabilities to engage in the registry. The CHI is temporarily closed to new registrants as the study team redesigns the study to better align with the needs of the

community "We are grateful for everyone who joined this registry, answered survey questions and shared their experiences." Thomas savs Carton, Ph.D., chief data officer at Louisiana Public Health Institute and study co-author. "The CHI registry is a big step forward for adults with CHD, but also can serve as a model for how to bring together physicians, researchers and patients as active participants in care, research and advocacy."

As the registry grows in the

# Study finds novel approach to treat neurological diseases

SAN FRANCISCO: The matter of what causes complicated neurological disorders like Alzheimer's or multiple sclerosis continues to perplex scientists and doctors, with unknowns impeding early diagnosis and successful treat-

Even when identical twins have the same genetic risk factors, one may acquire a specific neurological condition while the other does

That's because, unlike diseases like cystic fibrosis or sickle-cell anaemia, which are caused by a single gene, most neurological problems are linked to a large number--sometimes hundreds--of genetic variants. Furthermore, these polymorphisms cannot identify who will develop disease on their own, because neurological diseases are heavily influenced by environmental factors and vascular hazards such as high blood pressure, ageing, heart disease, or obesity.

But there's one often-overlooked thread that connects most neurological diseases, says Katerina Akassoglou, PhD, a senior investigator at Gladstone Institutes: They're marked by a toxic immune reaction caused by blood that leaks into the brain through damaged blood vessels.

"Interactions between the brain, blood vessels, and the immune system are a common thread in the development and progression of many neurological diseases that have been traditionally viewed as very different conditions," says Akassoglou, a senior investigator with the Gladstone



Institute of Neurological Diseases and director of the Center for Neurovascular Brain Immunology at Gladstone and UC San Francisco. "Knowing that leaked blood is a key driver of brain inflammation, we can now approach these diseases from a different angle.

She and her collaborators share their insights on this topic in a commentary article published in Cell's 50th anniversary "Focus on Neuroscience" issue. Akassoglou and her lab have long investigated how blood that leaks into the brain trigger neurologic diseases, essentially by hijacking the brain's immune system and setting off a cascade of harmful often-irreversible effects that result in damaged neurons. One blood protein in particular--fibrin, normally involved in blood coagulation--is responsible for setting off this

detrimental cascade. The process has been observed in conditions as diverse as Alzheimer's, traumatic brain injury, multiple sclerosis. premature birth, and even COVID-19. However, Akassoglou and her team found that the process could be prevented or interrupted by "neutralizing" fibrin to deactivate its toxic properties--an approach that appears to protect against many neurological diseases when tested in animal models.

"As a first step, we know that neutralizing fibrin reduces the burden posed by vascular dysfunction," Akassoglou says. Regardless of what initially caused the blood leaks, be it a head injury, autoimmunity, genetic mutations, brain amyloid or infection, neutralizing fibrin appears to be protective in

multiple animal models of disease. The scientists previously developed a drug, a therapeutic mono-

clonal antibody, that specifically targets fibrin's inflammatory properties without affecting its essential role in blood coagulation. This fibrin-targeting immunotherapy has shown, in mice, to protect from multiple sclerosis and Alzheimer's, and to treat neurological effects of COVID-19. A humanized version of this first-inclass fibrin immunotherapy is already in Phase 1 safety clinical trials by Therini Bio, a biotech company launched to advance discoveries from Akassoglou's lab.

In the Cell commentary, Akassoglou and her colleagues make the case that seemingly disparate neurological diseases must be viewed differently in light of new research on the blood-brainimmune interface. They say that in the coming decade, scientific breakthroughs will emerge from collaborative networks of immunologists, neuroscientists, hematologists, geneticists, computer scientists, physicists, bioengineers drug developers, and clinical researchers. These partnerships-forged across academia, industry, and foundations--will catalyze innovation in drug discovery and transform medical practice for neurological diseases.

"This is a new opportunity for drug discovery that goes beyond addressing genes alone or environmental factors alone, Akassoglou says. "To usher in this new era, we must leverage new technologies and embrace an interdisciplinary approach that accounts for the important roles of immune and vascular systems in

# Pregnant women should avoid ultraprocessed, fast foods: Study

WASHINGTON DC [US] : According to a study published in the journal Environmental International, if you're pregnant, you should think twice before running out to get a cheeseburger or

grabbing for a packaged pastry.
Oddly enough it's not the food that the report targets -- not the fries, burgers or even the shakes and cakes -- but what touches the food before you eat it.

Research shows that phthalates, a class of chemicals associated with plastics, can shed from the wrapping, packaging and even from plastic gloves worn by food handlers into food. Once consumed during pregnancy, the chemicals can get into the bloodstream, through the placenta

and then into the fetal bloodstream. The chemical can cause oxidative stress and an inflammatory cascade within the fetus, researchers noted. Previous literature has indicated that exposure to phthalates during pregnancy can increase the risk of low birth weight, preterm birth and child mental health disorders such as autism and ADHD.

This is the first study in pregnant women to show that diets higher in

"We don't blame the pregnant person here," said Baker. "We need to call out manufacturers and legislators to offer replacements, and ones that may not be even more harmful."

ultraprocessed foods are linked to greater phthalate exposures, the authors wrote.

"When moms are exposed to this chemical, it can cross the placenta and go into fetal circulation," said senior author Dr. SheelaSathyanarayana, a UW Medicine pediatrician and researcher at the Seattle Children's Research Institute.

This analysis involved data in the Conditions Affecting Neurocognitive Development and Learning in Early Childhood (CANDLE) research cohort, which comprised 1,031 pregnant individuals in Memphis, Tenn., who were enrolled between 2006 and 2011. Phthalate levels were measured in urine samples collected from during the sectrimester of pregnancy. The researchers found that ultraprocessed food composed 10% to 60% of participants' diets, or 38.6%, on average. Each



10% higher dietary proportion of ultraprocessed food was associated with 13% higher concentration of di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, one of the most common and harmful phthalates. The phthalate amounts were derived through urine samples taken from the women in the

Ultraprocessed foods, according to the researchers, are made mostly from substances extracted from foods such as oils, sugar and starch, but have been so changed from processing and the addition of chemicals and preservatives to enhance their appearance or shelf life that they are hard to recognize from their original form, researchers noted. These include packaged cake mixes, for example, or packaged french fries, hamburger buns and soft drinks. When it comes to fast food, gloves worn by the employees and the storage, preparation, serving equipment or tools may be the main sources of exposure. Both frozen and fresh ingredients would be subject to these sources, said lead author Brennan Baker, a postdoctoral researcher in Sathyanarayana's lab.

This is the first study, researchers say, to identify ultraprocessed foods as a link between exposure to phthalates

and the socio-economics issues facing the mothers. The mothers' vulnerability might stem from experiencing financial hardships and from living in "food deserts" where healthier, fresh foods are harder to obtain and transportation to distant markets is unrealistic.

'We don't blame the pregnant person here," said Baker. "We need to call out manufacturers and legislators to offer replacements, and ones that may not be even more harmful.

More legislation is needed, the authors said, to prevent phthalate contamination in foods by regulating the composition of food wrapping or even the gloves that food handlers may use. What should pregnant women do now? Sathyanarayana said that pregnant women should try to avoid ultraprocessed food as much as they can, and seek out fruits, vegetables and lean meats. Reading labels can come into play here, she added.

"Look for the lower number of

ingredients and make sure you can understand the ingredients," she said. This applies even to "healthy foods" such as breakfast bars. See if it's sweetened with dates or has a litany of fats and sugars in it, she said

# **OUR!!!VOICES**

# H-1B visa fee hike driven by Trump's domestic politics, says Shashi Tharoor

MI News Service, Delhi: Days after United States President Donald Trump signed a proclamation under which a \$100,000 fee must be paid for every new H-1B visa petition filed after September 21, Congress leader and Member of Parliament, Shashi Tharoor, called it a decision taken to appease Trump's "so-called MAGA" supporters.

Speaking to ANI on Monday, Tharoor mentioned that the sudden hike in H-1B visa fees is about America's domestic politics and the President is trying to gain support of the anti-immigration base. It is worth noting that the US legislative elections are set for November this year.

"Again, the motives are principally driven by domestic politics. Trump believes, and the people around him have told him, that the easy H-1B has meant that a lot of Americans who deserve a higher salary from the same companies are being bypassed by Indians who will accept a lower salary," Tharoor said in an interview with ANI.

Tharoor linked the move to the broader political climate in the US. "Today, the dominant political forces of the so-called MAGA movement are very openly anti-immigrants, and particularly visible immigrants, people of a different colour who can be spotted as not of the white ethnic mainstream," he said.

The former Union minister explained that Trump's supporters see Indian professionals as undercutting American workers, who work for a lesser salary than the average American.

'An Indian techie who comes and works for sixty thousand dollars a year is taking away, according to Trump's supporters, jobs from an American who would not work for less than eighty-five or ninety thousand dol-



lars a year," he said.

According to Tharoor, the decision to raise visa fees to as high as \$100,000 was meant to make low- and mid-level jobs "unviable." "So only the high-end, really desirable, irreplaceable top people who are worth it for a company to spend a hundred thousand dollars, only they will come," he added.

The Congress MP also added that the

measure may eventually backfire on the US economy. "The obvious solution will be to outsource the job. What used to be done in America can now be done either in multinational company units in Europe or in their global capability centres in India," he added.

He pointed out that after these increased fees, there is a chance that Indian tech workers may still end up doing the same work for American firms, only from India instead of the US.

Raising concern for Indian IT companies. Tharoor said the new fee structure would make many contracts unviable for Indian tech companies. "We cannot pay a hundred thousand dollars per person to go off and do a contract which is actually a low-end con-

#### **Human Rights Watch urges China to Free Tibetan** rights advocate Zhang Yadi

MI News Service, Washington: Human Rights Watch (HRW) has urged Chinese authorities to release Zhang Yadi immediately. The 22-year-old student and Tibetan rights advocate faces serious charges that could result in a lengthy prison sentence. HRW reports that Zhang, also known as Tara, was an international student studying in France before she returned to China for her summer break. She was arrested on July 31, 2025, in Shangri-La, located in Yunnan province, and is currently believed to be detained in her hometown of Changsha Čity, Hunan province.

According to HRW, Zhang is charged under Article 103(2) of China's Criminal Law, which accuses her of "inciting others to split the country and undermine national unity." If found guilty, she could be sentenced to up to five years in prison or as long as 15 years if labelled a ringleader.

HRW researcher YalkunUluyol voiced serious concerns about the case, stating that Chinese authorities appear ready to imprison a young student-activist for peacefully expressing opposition to racial injustice, a stance embraced by many

Human Rights Watch highlighted that Zhang was an editor of a digital platform that advocates for Tibetan rights and promotes interethnic dialogue in the Chinese language. She belongs to a group called Chinese Youth Stand for Tibet, which formed after the 2022 White Paper Protests against China's Zero-COVID policy. This group publishes content aimed at confronting ethnic prejudice and presenting Tibetan

HRW also emphasised that Zhang's legal rights have not been fully upheld. Notably, prominent human rights lawyer Jiang Tianyong, who attempted to provide legal aid to her family, was briefly detained and reportedly had his phone confiscated. Human Rights Watch called on both the French and British governments to raise Zhang's situation with Beijing, emphasising concerns over freedom of expression and demanding her immediate release so she can resume her studies.

# After US raises H1B fee, China says it welcomes global talent for technological, economic progress

MI News Service, Beijing: China has stated that it is opening its doors to global talent across various sectors to drive technological and economic advancement.

During a press briefing on Monday. China's Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Guo-Jiakun emphasised the importance of crossborder talent exchange in a globalised world, highlighting China's commitment to fostering innovation and career opportunities for international professionals

"In a globalised world, cross-border flow of talents is instrumental in global technological and economic advancement. China welcomes talents from various sectors and fields across the world to come and find their footing in China for the progress of humanity and career success," GuoJiakun said.

The spokesperson's remarks come days after US President Donald Trump signed a proclamation causing a major overhaul of the H-1B visa petitions.

According to the proclamation, there will now be a USD 100,000 fee for new H-1B visa applications, a sharp increase from the previous level of about USD 1,500.

The US State Department later clarified that the new fee requirement applies only to individuals or companies filing fresh H-1B petitions or entering the lottery system after September 21. Current visa holders and petitions submitted before that date remain unaffected.

Under the proclamation, a USD 100,000 payment must accompany every new H-1B visa petition filed after the deadline, including entries in the 2026 lottery.



Earlier in August, China announced a new visa category aimed at attracting young professionals in the fields of science and technology, following the recent approval by the State Council of an amendment to the country's entry and exit regulations.

According to the Xinhua News Agency, the new visa rules will take effect on October 1.

Premier Li Qiang has signed a decree to implement the new policy, which will introduce a 'K visa' under China's ordinary visa classifications, Xinhua News Agency reported. The visa will be available to eligible young sci-tech professionals who meet the criteria laid out by the relevant Chinese authorities and provide the required documentation. Authorities stated during a press briefing that, compared to China's existing 12 standard visa types, the K visa will offer greater flexibility, including multiple entries, extended validity periods, and longer per-

#### **MORE THAN 8.69 LAKH PASSENGERS TRAVELED IN METRO ON 22.09.2025**

MI News Service, Kolkata:As Durga Puja is knocking at the doors, passenger count in Metro Railway has been steadily increasing and has crossed 8.5-lakh mark. More than 8.69-lakh commuters have travelled in Metro yesterday i.e. on 22.09.2025 (Pratipad) which was higher than the previous day's count. This was even higher than last year's Pratipad day's passenger count of 7.89 lakhs. More and more commuters have been preferring to use Metro for comfortable, safe and easy commuting and Metro authorities are equally providing services to satisfy them which is getting reflected in passenger count. More than 6.34-lakh passengers travelled in Blue Line. In Green Line more than 2.13-lakh passengers have travelled yesterday. In Purple and Or-

ange Lines more than 8300

passengers and 4800 passengers have travelled. More than 7600 passengers travelled in Yellow Line on 22.09.2025. In each Corridor, passenger count is increasing day by day.

Throughout the day most of the train services were run as per the schedule in Blue Line. On Yellow Line, Green Line, Orange Line and Purple Line services were operated almost smoothly and as per the schedule throughout the day. To avoid long queues at counters due to pre-puja rush, commuters are requested to use Digital mode of ticketing like Smart Cards and Mobile QR tickets which comes with 5% bonus/rebate if booked via app or at the time of recharge. They are also requested to download 'AAMAR KOLKATA METRO' app to book their tickets or recharge Smart Cards anytime to save time. More and

more commuters are opting for digital mode of ticketing and as a result 2,38,500 commuters have downloaded this app in the period 25.08.25 to 21.09.25.

Tourists/Visitors may also use Tourist Smart Cards to avail the facility of unlimited journeys for a duration of 3 and 5 days at a cost of Rs. 250 and Rs. 550 respectively. These Cards are now available at booking counters of every Metro station. We are proud of AAMAR Metro and equally proud of our commuters. Metro is the cost-effective, comfortable and easy mode of commuting so more and more commuters prefer to use it. Passengers are also requested to follow the instructions made through Public Address System by onduty staff. We thank our commuters for their continued co-operation in running Metro services smoothly.

#### 'Gaza must be rebuilt": EU Chief at UNGA reaffirms two-state solution

MI News Service, Washington: European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, in her address to the 80th United Nations General Assembly, reaffirmed Europe's commitment to a twostate solution while announcing new initiatives to support Palestine and rebuild Gaza.

"We will set up a Palestine Donor Group. Because any future Palestinian State must be viable also from an economic point of view. And we Europeans will set up a dedicated instrument for Gaza's reconstruction. Gaza must be rebuilt," von der Leven said.

Underscoring Europe's role in backing the Palestinian Authority, she noted, "When the night is darkest, we must hold fast to our compass, and our compass is the two-state solution. Since the beginning of this war, Europe has been the lifeline of the Palestinian Authority. But we must all do more, and this is why we will set up a Palestine donor group." She further stressed, "We Eu-

ropeans will set up a dedicated inreconstruction. The only realistic peace plan is based on two states, with a secure Israel, a viable Palestinian state, and the scourge of Hamas removed."

In line with this emphasis on governance and rebuilding, Palestinian President Mahmud Abbas issued a stern warning to Hamas path" toward ending the humani- president added.

and its factions, urging them to surrender their weapons to the Palestinian Authority, asserting that the state of Palestine is the sole entity eligible to govern and ensure security in Gaza.

Speaking via a video link during a special session on the twostate solution at the United Nations General Assembly on Monday, Abbas outlined a vision for a unified Palestinian state governed by one law and a single legitimate security force.

The state of Palestine is the only entity eligible to assume full responsibility for governance and security in Gaza. This comes through an interim administrative committee affiliated with the Palestinian government in the West Bank and Arab and international support and participation," Abbas stated.

He emphasised that "Hamas will have no role in governing" and urged, "Hamas and other factions must surrender their weapons to the Palestinian Authority. What we want is one unified state without weapons, a state with one law and one legitimate security force."

Linking this vision to recent diplomatic moves, Abbas expressed gratitude for the New York Declaration adopted by the UN General Assembly in July, which he described as marking "the beginning of an irreversible

tarian crisis and Israeli occupation, in line with international legitimacy and the Arab Peace Initiative.

The declaration, he noted, envisions an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital, living in peace alongside

Calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire, Abbas stressed the need for unhindered humanitarian access through the UN, the release of all hostages and prisoners, and the withdrawal of İsraeli forces from Gaza. He also advocated for the urgent reconstruction of Gaza and the West Bank through the Cairo International Conference.

"The declaration stressed that the war against our people must come to an immediate and durable end. It noted that the crimes emanating from the siege, the starvation and destruction cannot be a means of achieving security. Therefore, we call for a permanent ceasefire," he said.

"We need to ensure humanitarian access through the United Nations... We need to guarantee the release of all hostages and prisoners, with the withdrawal of the occupation forces from Gaza. We need a start without delay of Gaza and the West Bank reconstruction through the Cairo Inter-Conference," national

# **Arrest of Offenders under** "Mission Yatri Suraksha"



MI News Service, Kolkata : Eastern Railway continues its dedicated efforts to ensure passenger safety and security through intensive drives under "Mission Yatri Suraksha". As part of this initiative, Railway Protection Force (RPF) officials of Sealdah and Malda Divisions achieved a major success on 22nd September 2025 with the arrest of three theft of passengers' belongings (TOPB) offenders from Ranaghat and Bhagalpur Railway Stations.

During the operation, the RPF recovered 09 stolen mobile phones and cash amounting to 21,120/-, with a total value of approximately 1,40,000/-. The arrested persons, along with the recovered items, were handed over to the concerned GRPS/Local Police Station for further legal

This successful operation underlines Eastern Railway's commitment to safeguarding passengers and their belongings while travelling, reinforcing trust and con-

#### India, France strengthen civil nuclear ties, discuss Ukraine, West Asia at Special Task Force meeting MI News Service, Delhi: India and France

held the Second Meeting of the India-France Special Task Force on Civil Nuclear Energy in the national capital, co-chaired by Foreign Secretary VikramMisri and Secretary-General of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Anne-Marie

The meeting, held on Monday, reviewed progress in bilateral civil nuclear cooperation and explored avenues to deepen the strategic partnership across innovation, defence, and regional issues like the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the West Asia crisis According to a press statement by the

Ministry of External Affairs, both sides conducted a comprehensive review of advancements made over the past year, emphasising engagement in emerging technologies such as Small and Advanced Modular Reactors (SMRs/AMRs), as outlined in the Declaration of Intent signed in February 2025. Both sides also agreed to maintain close coordination on key aspects of civil nuclear cooperation.

'During the meeting, both sides undertook a comprehensive review of the progress made over the past year through various meetings and consultations. They agreed to remain in close touch over various key aspects of bilateral civil nuclear cooperation. They reaffirmed the importance of engagement in emerging technologies like Small and Advanced Modular

Reactors (SMRs/AMRs), as articulated by the Declaration of Intent on SMRs and AMRs signed in February 2025," the MEA statement read.

The discussions also covered broader bilateral ties, including innovation, technology, defence, space, counter-terrorism, and trilateral cooperation with third countries. Misri and Descotes exchanged views on global and regional developments, including the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict and the situation in West Asia, particularly Gaza. A press statement from the French

Embassy in India highlighted Descotes' gratitude for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invitation to President Emmanuel Macron for the AI Impact Summit in February 2026, noting that 2026 will be celebrated as the India-France Year of

"Innovation and new technologies are growing fields of cooperation between France and India, and 2026 will mark the India-France Year of Innovation," the release stated.

Descotes reaffirmed France's support for deepening EU-India relations, backing an ambitious EU-India trade agreement following the 2025 Joint Communication on a New Strategic EU-India Agenda.

She also addressed international issues, including the pursuit of a just and lasting peace in Ukraine, the Gaza crisis, and the fight against terrorism.

#### ADDITIONAL SLEEPER CLASS COACH TO BE AUG-MENTED IN FOUR (04) POPULAR EXPRESS TRAINS MI News Service, Kolkata:

The augmentation of additional coaches in popular Express trains is an ongoing initiative aimed at improving overall travel experience for passengers. Accordingly, in response to the overwhelming demand for tickets, Railway has decided to augment additional sleeper class coach in following Express trains on temporary basis:

One additional sleeper class coach will be augmented with 13021/13022 Howrah-Raxaul - Howrah Mithila Express leaving Howrah w.e.f. 25.9.2025 to 31.10.2025 & leaving Raxaul w.e.f. 26.9.2025 to 1.11.2025. The train will run with 22 coaches instead of 21 coaches. One additional sleeper class coach will be augmented with 13105/13106 Sealdah -Ballia - Sealdah Express leaving Sealdah w.e.f. 25.9.2025 to 31.10.2025 & leaving Ballia w.e.f. 26.9.2025 to 1.11.2025. The train will run with 20 coaches instead of 19 coaches. One additional sleeper

class coach will be augmented with 13141/13142 Sealdah -New Alipurduar - Sealdah Teesta Torsa Express leaving Sealdah w.e.f. 25.9.2025 to 31.10.2025 & leaving New Alipurduar w.e.f. 26.9.2025 to 1.11.2025. The train will run with 21 coaches instead of 20 coaches. One additional sleeper class coach will be augmented with 13009/13010 Howrah-Yognagari Rishikesh-Howrah Doon Express leaving Howrah w.e.f. 25.9.2025 to 31.10.2025 & leaving Yognagari Rishikesh w.e.f. 27.9.2025 to 2.11.2025. The train will run with 22 coaches instead of 21 coaches.

#### TRAIN RESCHEDULED

MI News Service, Kolkata: Due to water logging at different places following trains have been rescheduled today i) 13125 UP Kolkata-Sairang Express scheduled to leave Kolkata station 12.25 hrs. has been rescheduled at 13.00 hrs. on 23.9.2025.

TIRELESS EFFORTS OF **EASTERN RAILWAY RESUMING MORE SUB-**

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway is continuing its tireless efforts for maintaining suburban service in Sealdah & Howrah divisions. Water pumps have been deployed at several places to pump out logged water due to incessant rain. In Sealdah North & Main line section, suburban trains are being received & despatched from the platforms. In Sealdah South section, except one or two trains all south bound trains are being short terminating/ short originating at Ballygunge as Sealdah South platform are water logged. Continuous effort is going on to resume services from Sealdah south also.

#### **Swachhata Hi Seva Activities Un**dertaken Over Sealdah Division



MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division observed Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) Campaign 2025 on 23rd September with activities promoting sanitation, waste management, and elimination of single-use plastics. A Sale of Recycled Products was organized at Kolkata Terminal and Naihati Junction, showcasing eco-friendly items such as cloth bags and paper products, with active participation of railway officials, staff, and passengers. Cleanliness awareness campaigns were also held at various stations, emphasizing proper waste disposal and sustainable practices. The initiatives received enthusiastic response, reflecting Sealdah Division's strong commitment to the success of SHS 2025.

#### **TRAINS RESCHEDULED TODAY**

MI News Service, Kolkata: Following trains have been rescheduled today due to water logging at various places in Howrah division as a result of torrential rain:

i) 22301 UP Howrah New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat express scheduled to leave Howrah station at 5.55 hrs. on 23.9.25 has been reschedat 7.45 hrs. on uled 23.9.2025.

ii) 22303 Howrah - Gaya Vande Bharat Express scheduled leave Howrah at 6.45 hrs. on 23.9.2025 has been rescheduled at 8.10 hrs. on 23.9.2025.

iii) 22309 Howrah – Jamalpur Vande Bharat express scheduled to leave Howrah at 7.45 hrs. has been rescheduled at 8.20 hrs. on

# Protest rally against I Love Muhammad in Hooghly

Nurul Islam Khan: A huge protest procession was taken out on Wednesday at the call of Nawabpur, Kumirmora and Bhagpatipur in Hooghly. The front row of the procession was led by Pirzada Safiri Siddiqui of Furfura Sharif and Pirzada Syed Imad Uddin Hossain as the chief guests. Recently, thousands of ordinary people walked in the procession today to protest against the I Love Muhammad (peace be upon him) signboards in Uttar Pradesh and the filing of an FIR against the Prophet's lovers. Prominent figures in the society were not far behind. Pirzada Safiri Siddiqui said that the rights of the minority community are being destroyed in this democratic, secular and pluralistic country, which is



against the constitution. History is being distorted. The growing Hindutva power has put the country in danger. Who should I love, should I learn from BJP and RSS? Besides,

what is the crime of saying I love the one for whom this world was created? It is better to say, what is the name of the greatest scientist in the world? If you search the world-famous Google, the name that comes up is the name of the beloved Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (peace be upon him). The only thing is that there is no need for a bulldozer government anymore. Hafez Azhar Uddin, Maha, Saglain Mullah, Sheikh Nasim, Sheikh Salim, Sheikh Nizamuddin Sheikh Azim and Muhammad Helal and many others were present in the meeting. The meeting was vocal on this issue. They called for a larger movement. Along with this, a demand was also made to withdraw the FIR against the accused.

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# **GAMES**

# Former Yorkshire cricketer, reputed international umpire Dickie Bird dies at 92

County Cricket Club announced the demise of former cricketer and reputed international umpire Dickie Bird at the age of 92.

statement issued Yorkshire Cricket said, "It is with profound sadness that The Yorkshire County Cricket Club announces the passing of Harold Dennis "Dickie" Bird MBE OBE, one of cricket's most beloved figures, who died peacefully at home at the age of 92."

Dickie enjoyed an illustrious career as an international umpire, writing his name into history as one of the most famous and popular officials in the game's history. He is synonymous with Yorkshire Cricket, where he has been one of the most loyal supporters. In 2014, he was named President of The Yorkshire County Cricket Club, a role he held with pride and distinction, with the club winning two County Championship titles

**DINESH KARTHIK** 

**CAPTAIN OF TEAM** 

**INDIA FOR HONG** 

**KONG SIXES 2025** 

**HONG KONG:** Cricket Hong

Kong, China, on Tuesday

announced that veteran

Indian cricketer Dinesh

Karthik will captain Team

India in the upcoming presti-

gious Hong Kong Sixes 2025, scheduled to be held from November 7 to November

Known for his vast inter-

national experience, sharp leadership skills, and explo-

sive batting, Karthik's inclu-

sion as captain is set to inspire fans and elevate the

tournament's competitive

Hong Kong Sixes 2025, a release said.

spirit, as per a release from

Speaking on the occasion, Burji Shroff, Chairperson of

Cricket Hong Kong, China, said, "We are thrilled to wel-

come Dinesh Karthik as the captain of Team India for the

Hong Kong Sixes 2025. His leadership and wealth of

experience will add immense value to the competition, and

we are confident that his

presence will attract fans

ing festival.'

format.

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charisma and ability to thrive

under pressure make him the

perfect leader for this format This is yet another step towards strengthening the legacy of the Hong Kong Sixes

as one of the most exciting global cricketing events.' The Hong Kong Sixes 2025 promises to be a thrilling

blend of fast-paced cricket,

unmatched entertainment.

format tournaments in the

world, the release said

reinforcing its reputation as

one of the most exciting short

international stars, and

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Born on 19 April 1933 in Barnsley, Yorkshire, Dickie's life was defined by his unwavering dedication to cricket. A former first-class cricketer for Yorkshire and Leicestershire, Bird's playing career was cut short by injury, but his legacy was truly forged in his role as an international umpire. As a player, he featured in 93 firstclass matches, scoring 3,314 runs at an average of 20.71 with two centuries and 14 fifties in 170 innings. He also featured in two List-A matches.

Over a distinguished career, he officiated in 66 Test matches and 69 One Day Internationals, including three World Cup finals, including the final of the inaugural Men's Cricket World Cup -- earning the admiration of players and fans alike for his integrity, humour, and unmistakable style.

"Dickie Bird became a national

umpiring excellence but also for his eccentricities and warmth. He was appointed an MBE in 1986 and an OBE in 2012 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to cricket. He leaves behind a legacy of sportsmanship, humility, and joy -- and a legion of admirers across generations," said the statement from the club.

The club said that "the thoughts of everyone at the Yorkshire County Cricket Club" are with Dickie's family and friends at this time.

"He will be truly missed by all at the Club having spent an incredible amount of time in support of everyone here and will be remembered as one the greatest characters in Yorkshire's history. Further details regarding memorial arrangements will be shared in due course, and the Club will be looking to honour him in a variety of ways in the coming weeks," the

to build inclusion and opportunity

for the sport to grow. The HIL 2026 edition is being planned with

this resolve to keep player expo-sure, welfare and growth at the

year across our competitions cal-

endar, the HIL allows a unique

opportunity for healthy corporate

participation to contribute and get

involved in the sport. We are proud of each of our franchise

partners for their belief and con-

tribution to ensure the success of

the league. The mini auction tak-

ing place tomorrow promises to

be action-packed as our first mile-

stone for the second edition of the

HIL. I wish all the teams and players the best of luck," he added.

as a critical step towards team-

building, excitement is already

running high as franchises strate-

gise to secure top talent for the upcoming season of the Hockey India League 2026.

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While we do this through the

centre of our focus.

#### **Jharkhand Athletes** Dominate Day 2 of 36th **East Zone Junior Athletics Meet With 17 Medals**



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RANCHI: Jharkhand athletes continued their stellar performance on the second day of the 36th East Zone Junior Athletics Championship, bagging a total of 17 medals, including 8 gold, 5 silver, and 4 bronze, at the Birsa Munda Football Stadium, Morabadi, Ranchi.

The three-day championship, being held from September 22 to 24 under the directives of the Athletics Federation of India, New Delhi, is hosted by the Jharkhand Athletics Association. A total of 621 athletes from 10 states-West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Assam, Sikkim, Manipur, Nagaland, Meghalaya, and Arunachal Pradesh-are competing in this prestigious event.

The medal-winning athletes were trained under coaches Vinod Kumar Singh, Ashu Bhatia, Yogesh Yadav, Alok Singh, Prabhat Ranjan Tiwari, Neeraj Kumar, Naresh Kujur, and Anubha Khakha.

With this medal haul, Jharkhand athletes have reaffirmed their dominance at the

Australia at the Arun Jaitley

Stadium, Mandhana cantered to a

century in 50 deliveries to set a

new record for the fastest hun-

dred by an Indian in the 50-over

the championship on a high note. Gold medal winners: Savita Murmu (Jamtara) - Girls U-18 Javelin Throw, Vivek Pal (Bokaro) Boys U-20 1500m, Sanjeev Bharti (Bokaro) - Boys U-20 110m Hurdles, Mohd. Sajid (Bokaro) -Boys U-18 110m Hurdles, Priti Lakra (Hazaribagh) - Girls U-20 Triple Jump, Poonam Kumari (Ranchi) - Girls U-18 400m,Neeraj Yadav (Sahibganj) - Boys U-20 Javelin Throw, Prithvi Oraon (Hazaribagh) - Girls U-16 Long

Jump.
Silver medal: Deepak Munda
(Ranchi) - Boys U-18 Long Jump, Manish Kumar Yadav (Giridih) Boys U-20 400m, Dashmi Kandulna (Ranchi) - Girls U-18 100m Hurdles, Ravi Oraon (Gumla) - Boys U-16 600m,vGirls 4x100m Relay Team - Priti Lakra (Hazaribagh), Arti (Bokaro), Radha (Seraikela), Akanksha (Palamu).

)Bronze Medal: Jyoti Kumari (Jamtara) - Girls U-18 3000m Race Walk, Rahul Oraon (Chatra) Boys U-20 1500m, Ritu Kumari (Ranchi) - Girls U-20 100m Hurdles, Pinky Lakra (Hazaribagh) - Girls U-16 High

# **Hockey India League mini-auctions** to be held on September 24

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : The excitement is building as the countdown begins for the Hero Hockey India League (HIL) 2026 men's and women's mini-auctions, to be held on September 24 in New Delhi. With franchises eager to sharpen their squads and secure the hottest talent in world hockey, the auctions promise all the drama and strategy of sport off the field.

Over 100 men's players and over 100 women's players will be in the spotlight. With a salary cap of Rs four crores for men's teams and Rs two crores for women's teams, every move at the bidding table will count. Each squad will consist of 20 players (2 goalkeepers + 18 outfield players), with a maximum of 7 overseas recruits and a minimum of 3 Indian juniors, ensuring opportunities for the next generation, as per a Hockey India press release.

The auctions will feature three base price slabs -- Rs 2 Lakhs, Rs 5 Lakhs, and Rs 10 Lakhs -- with



Rs 2 Lakhs as the minimum for both Indian and overseas players.

Notably, franchises will only be allowed to bid where they have sufficient budget and open playing positions available. Teams will also be required to maintain a balance between their remaining purse and the players required to Hardik Pandya is three scalps

complete the squad.

Speaking on the occasion, Hockey India President, Dr Dilip Tirkey said, "It takes a lot of steadfast resolve and commitment for a federation to ensure the continued success of a league, especially for a legacy sport like hockey. The core purpose of a league is

# Vice-captain Mandhana becomes second Indian after Mithali Raj to achieve special feat



In the latest Women's ODI batting rankings issued by the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday, Mandhana extended her reign at the top, moving to a career-high rating of 818 after back-to-back centuries during India's 2-1 home series defeat against Australia.

Following the recent update, Mandhana is only the second Indian batter after decorated skipper Mithali Raj (880) to reach 800 rating points in the ICC women's ODI rankings. Overall, she is the 14th to achieve the feat. In the alltime list, she occupies the 11th



runs short of becoming the highest run-getter in a calendar year, after becoming the second to cross

During the third ODI against

the three-match series. During India's pursuit of the

413-run target, Mandhana engineered a batting masterclass and bettered Mooney's feat after storming to the landmark moment in 50 deliveries. The rollicking display is the fastest by an Indian and, overall, the second-fastest after Australia opener Meg Lanning, who holds the top spot with a 45-ball ton against New Zealand in 2012.

The sizzling performance was Mandhana's fourth ton in the ongoing calendar year, and this is the second time she has orchestrated it after her exploits last year. Mandhana has 13 ODI centuries, the joint second-highest alongside New Zealand's Suzie Bates and two shy of Lanning's tally of 15. In the second ODI, she clobbered 117 in 91 deliveries, which laid the platform for India's imposing 102-run win. It is the second time she has thwacked back-to-back centuries, with the first instance occurring in 2024. She is the first Indian to achieve the feat twice.

away from 100 T20I wickets

India at the Hong Kong Sixes, a tournament with such rich history and global recognition. "I look forward to leading a group of players who have such incredible records to their credit, and together we will aim to bring joy to the fans and play cricket that is both fearless and entertain-Rajneesh Chopra, Co-Founder of Arivaa Sports, the exclusive commercial and managing partner of Cricket

Hong Kong for the Sixes said Karthik's charisma and ability to thrive under pressure make him the perfect leader for the DUBAI [UAE]: Indian all-rounder Hardik Pandya is just three wickets away from 100 T20I wickets "Having Dinesh Karthik lead India at the Hong Kong for his team and will be the second Indian cricketer to achieve Sixes is a proud moment for the milestone once he reaches the us at Arivaa Sports. His

The star all-rounder can

achieve this feat during his side's Asia Cup clash against Bangladesh in the Super Four stage in Dubai on Wednesday. Currently, Hardik is India's sec-T20Is, with 97 scalps in 118 matches at an average of 26.63, with best figures of 4/16 and three four-wicket hauls to his name.

At the top spot is left-armer pacer Arshdeep Singh, who completed his 100th wicket against Oman during the team's final group stage clash. He has 100 scalps at an average of 18.49, with best figures to his name.

During the ongoing Asia Cup, Pandya has taken three wickets in four matches at an average of 33.00, with best figures of 1/26. During his previous clash against arch-rivals Pakistan, he took 1/29

#### in three overs. spot, which former Australian Afghanistan spinner Rashid cricketer Karen Rolton leads with Khan is the top wicket-taker in T20Is with 173 scalps in 103 age of 66.28. Mandhana is just 43 a scintillating tally of 901. The in-form southpaw has matches at an average of 13.93, with best figures of 5/3, with eight maintained a sensational form of late, garnering 928 runs this year four-wicket hauls and two five-900 runs in one year. in 14 innings at a blistering aver-

# SA20 SEASON 3 DRIVES JOBS, ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOUTH AFRICA'S CRICKETING FUTURE

JOHANNESBURG [SOUTH AFRICA]: Following the success of the SA20 Season four player auction, where USD 6.7 million was invested in South African players, the Season three Economic Impact Assessment (EIA) released on Tuesday claimed that the League has a significant impact on South Africa's

The report highlights that off the field, the SA20 continues to make a substantial impact on the greater South African economy, with an increase in contributions across Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Direct Expenditure, Household Income and Job Creation, as per a SA20 press release.

Following two successful seasons, the past season has further elevated the tournament's significance, yielding an impressive GDP contribution that soared from 247.8 million USD to a remarkable 305 million USD, it said.

This considerable leap underlines the league and its franchises' growing role in the economic fabric of local households and communities, where small businesses benefit from the influx of both local and international visitors to matches, the



release said.

"SA20 is proving to be a game-changer, not only for cricket in South Africa but also for the country's economy, League Commissioner and former South Africa captain, Graeme Smith, said.

"The recent auction highlighted how the franchises are committed to investing in the South African pipeline, while this Economic Impact Assessment (EIA) report showcases how the League's impact is extending beyond the field. It is incredible to see how, after only 3 seasons, we've been able to drive growth and create opportunities for our cricketers, the sports and hospitality industry and the greater South African economy,

The fans spoke with their feet, with nearly 4,00,000 tickets sold in Season 3 -- equating to 76 per cent of capacity across all the matches - while the final has sold out for three consecutive seasons. The league also achieved an exciting milestone when it celebrated the sale of the competition's one millionth ticket last season. This had an impact on direct expenditure, which grew exponentially from USD 86 million in Season 2 to approximately USD 103 million. A criti-cal injection towards South Africa's economy is the increase in jobs, with the annualised employment opportunities increasing by 2 per cent from Season 2 to 8199. Additionally, for the first time, the total contribution to household income reached USD 80 million.

The anticipated Season 4 will start in a new festive season timeslot on December 26 opening up the opportunity to engage the captive holiday season crowds. Defending champions MI Cape Town will get their title defence underway with a blockbuster clash against Durban's Super Giants on Friday, December 26, at the picturesque Newlands in the tournament opener.