

Health Dept Advises Caution, Says No Cases of Brain-Eating Amoeba

The brain-eating amoeba, known to cause deadly infections, has raised health concerns after claiming 19 lives in Kerala this year. However, the West Bengal health department has confirmed that no cases have been reported in Kolkata or anywhere else in the state. Authorities have advised citizens not to panic but remain cautious. Last year and earlier this year, a few cases of amoeba infection were detected in West Bengal. A total of 21 people were infected, 14 of whom were admitted to Mallikbazar INK (Institute of Neurosciences, Kolkata). PG 3



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Multiple Delhi schools again receive bomb threats

MI News Service, New Delhi : In a repetition of a new kind of threats to generate panic among the students, the parents, guardians as well as the general public, a number of schools in the national capital received bomb threats on Saturday morning, forcing the Delhi police and bomb disposal squads to take immediate action, officials said. The schools that reported receiving the threats include Delhi Public School (DPS) in Dwarka, Krishna Model Public School and Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, they said. As soon as they informed about the bomb threats, the Bomb Disposal squads of the Delhi police and other security personnel rushed to the campuses of each these three well known schools. Soon all students and staff members were evacuated from the school campuses as a precautionary measure, officials said adding that in spite of thorough search operations “Nothing suspicious has been found”. However “search operations continued for several more hours until we were confirmed that the threats were nothing but hoax calls like the previous occasions”, the official said. Moreover, the school authorities are also investigating the source of the threats and find whether they were part of a coordinated attempt to create panic, police said. It may be recalled that in order to create huge panic in several leading schools in the National capital, a gang of unidentified miscreants sent bomb threat to as many as 52 schools in and around Delhi during the month of August this year through e-mails. On every occasion they forced the police and other emergency agencies to launch massive search operations, though all of these calls were later found to be hoax to the relief of students ,their parents and other guardians

These schools include Rahul Model School and Maxfort School in Dwarka and SKV in Malviya Nagar and Andhra School in Prasad Nagar. As many as 52 schools in the national capital and its neighbouring area started receiving bomb threats one after

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee visits Tala Prattoy Durga Puja pandal ahead of the Durga Puja festival, at Manmatha Dutta Road in Kolkata on Saturday. Pic: Prabir Bhattacharya

Self-reliance is the only medicine to thwart the enemy of depenence on other nations : PM Modi

MI News Service, Bhavnagar: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made a strong pitch for 'atmanirbharta' (self-reliance) saying the main enemy of India was the dependence on other nations and asserting that the country should make everything from (semiconductor) chips to ships.

Speaking at the 'Samudra se Samruddhi' event in Gandhi Maidan in Gujarat's Bhavnagar on Saturday after inaugurating and laid foundation stones of projects entailing a total cost of Rs 34,200 crore, the Prime minister said "In the true sense, India does not have any big enemy in the world. The only enemy of India is the dependence on other countries. We need to defeat this dependence on others. We have to understand the more we are dependent on others, the rate of failure is high," he asserted. "From chips to ships, we must make everything. For peace, stability and wealth, the country with the highest population in the world has to become self-reliant," the PM emphasised. There is only one medicine for all problems of India and that is atmanirbharta (self-reliance), he said.

Underscoring the financial burden of such dependence, PM Modi said the country pays Rs 6 lakh crore annually to foreign firm to ship its goods across the world.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves at the gathering during a road-show, in Bhavnagar, Gujarat

"This is almost equal to our defence budget," he told the massive crowd. Around 50 years ago, 40 per cent of

said his government had taken a historic decision to strengthen India's maritime sector by recog-

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the country's trade was through India-made ships, but this has now come down to just 5 per cent, the PM pointed out. The Prime minister

tacking previous dispensations under the Congress, the PM said the party suppressed inherent talent of Indians by placing restrictions like licence raj. Incidentally, the Prime minister's remarks come amid rising concerns over US policies affecting India and particularly after US President Donald Trump signed a proclamation imposing a USD 100,000, effective September 21. India, which accounts for 71% of H-1B visa holders, is expected to be hit hardest. At the same time, there has been no relief from the sweeping 50% tariffs imposed by the US on Indian imports. We cannot leave the future of 1.4 billion countrymen to others, PM Modi said. Taking aim at the Opposition, PM Modi accused the Congress for mismanaging the country's shipping sector. He claimed the focus on foreign vessels over domestic shipbuilding led to the collapse of India's shipbuilding ecosystem. "Instead of focusing on shipbuilding in India, they prioritised paying rent to foreign ships. Shipbuilding ecosystem collapsed in India. We became dependent on foreign ships for 90% of our trade," he said. During his visit, PM Modi laid the foundation stone for development projects worth over Rs 34,200 crore. He also inaugurated the Mumbai International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock today.

Trump says abuse of H-1B programme a 'national security threat'



MI News Service, Washington (DC) : US President Donald Trump has made it clear that abuse of the H-1B programme is a national security threat as he signed a proclamation restricting entry of certain non-immigrant workers and imposing a staggering annual USD 100,000 fee on the visas used by companies to hire workers, including from India, to live and work in the US. Trump on Friday(US time) signed the proclamation 'Restriction on entry of certain non-immigrant workers' that restricts the entry into the US of those workers whose H1B petitions are not accompanied or supplemented by a payment of USD 100,000. "The H-1B non-immigrant visa programme was created to bring temporary workers into the United States to perform additive, high-skilled functions, but it has been deliberately exploited to replace, rather than supplement, American workers with lower-paid, lower-skilled labour --Donald Trump

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security threat. Domestic law enforcement agencies have identified and investigated H-1B-reliant outsourcing companies for engaging in visa fraud, conspiracy to launder money...

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Soldier martyred in gunfight with terrorists in J-K



Security personnel keep vigil after a joint encounter of the Army and police forces with terrorists, in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir. Terrorists opened fire on the joint search party of the Army and Special Operations Group (SOG) of Jammu and Kashmir Police at the Seoj Dhar forest border in the Dudu-Basantgarh area of Udhampur and Bhaderwah in Doda on Friday evening.

MI News Service, Jammu : A soldier who was critically injured in a gunfight with terrorists has succumbed to his injuries, as the Army and police resumed a joint hunt for some heavily armed militants in a remote forest area in the higher reaches of Udhampur district early on Saturday, officials said. The soldier was injured late on Friday evening when terrorists opened fire on a joint search party of the Army and the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police at the Seoj Dhar forest border in the Dudu-Basantgarh area of Udhampur and Bhaderwah in Doda, the officials said. They stated that the soldier was taken to hospital, where he later succumbed to his multiple bullet injuries. The area around the scene of the encounter was kept under a strict cordon overnight, and the joint search operation resumed on Saturday morning, the officials said, adding that two to three terrorists are believed to be hiding in the forested area. Reinforcements equipped with drones and sniffer dogs were rushed from both Udhampur and Doda sides, and a massive search operation was underway when last reports were received, the officials said.

However, there has been no fresh contact with the terrorists so far, they added. The encounter began late last evening after the army was informed about the presence of a group of heavily armed militants at the Basantgarh area of Udhampur - a mountainous tri-junction connecting Udhampur, Doda, and Kathua districts in the Jammu region. The terrorists were believed to be trained in jungle warfare and Basantgarh witnesses frequent face-offs between

Subhanshu Shukla's space travel was a 'gruelling test of human endurance, teamwork and perseverance'

MI News Service, New Delhi : Narrating his ordeal during his ten day long stay in space a couple of months ago, Indian astronaut Subhanshu Shukla has stated that far off from the glamorous image of space travel, it was in fact a gruelling test of human endurance that offered powerful lessons in resilience, teamwork and perseverance. Speaking at an event organised by the FICCI CLO here on Friday, Shukla recalled that during his stay on the International Space Station (ISS) he also went through the realities of painful backaches and loss of appetite, apart from having swollen faces and slower heartbeats while travelling at a speed of over 25,000 km. an hour at about 500 km above the earth. "Now you might imagine that space missions are thrilling from the very beginning, which, to be honest, they are. But once you reach in microgravity, your body is in a microgravity environment. It rebels because it has never seen that environment, everything changes," he said. "The blood shifts upwards, your head becomes puffer, your heart slows



down, your spine elongates and you have backaches. Inside (your body), your stomach is also floating and so are its contents, so you don't feel hungry. All these changes happen the moment you reach space," Shukla said. He recalled a particularly difficult moment when just before an interaction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he was battling nausea and a headache. "You cannot even take medication because nausea drugs make you drowsy. So you feel bad and you still have to

do the work," Shukla said, noting that one of his crew members quietly set up his camera and microphone. "That is teamwork, not in words but in action." Shukla explained that astronauts must rely on one another in countless small ways -- from crewmates setting up a fan near his face during long experiments in a glove box to passing a bottle of water when he was trapped for hours. "These small gestures indicate how important teamwork is," he said. "Collaboration is not optional, it is essential.

You do not go to space alone, you ride on the shoulders of many." Beyond the physical discomfort, Shukla said the emotional impact of space travel was profound. He described looking down at Earth and spotting India as a deeply-moving experience. "Of all the places on Earth, India looks the most beautiful when seen from above. The coastlines and plains stand out.... It is truly saare jahan se acha.... In those moments, the connection to home feels overwhelming," he remarked Shukla said the real legacy of space missions lies not only in science but in representation and inspiration. He recounted how children he met in Lucknow admitted that they only learned about the ISS when he went there. "They told me, 'We cared because you were there'. That moment hit me like gravity itself. Your presence in boardrooms, labs, parliaments and even in space capsules is not just symbolic, it is catalytic," he said. hukla also talked about perseverance in the face of rejection, sharing the story of American astronaut Peggy Whitson, who applied to the Na-

tional Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) 10 times before finally being selected and went on to set records. "Even if the world says no nine times, the 10th yes can change history," he said. Looking ahead, Shukla pointed to India's ambitious plans of the Gaganyaan mission and a lunar presence by 2040 as milestones that would propel the country forward. "Make no mistake, this will take much more than rockets and spacecraft. It will take the energy of the entire nation," he said. Shukla reminded the audience that space exploration is about lifting spirits as much as lifting rockets. "When we send a few to orbit, we lift millions back here on Earth. Sky was never the limit -- not for me, not for you and not for Bharat," he said. Air Force Group Captain Shukla returned to India from the US on August 17, and met with President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence minister Rajnath Singh between on August 18 and 21. Family members, including his

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Accused found dead in same area after four days

MI News Service, North 24 Parganas: A chilling twist has emerged in the Jagatdal TMC worker murder case as the decomposed was recovered from the same area where the victim had been killed just days earlier. The discovery has sparked a fresh waves of tension and speculation in the region.

The deceased has been identified as Saheb, a resident police sources, Saheb was one of the key accused in the brutal killing of local TMC worker Hira Qureshi, whose mutilate body was found on September 15 near the Barrackpore- Kalyani Expressway, Qureshi, a meat trader was believed to have

been murdered due to old enmity, and Saheb's name prominently figured in the case. However, even as investigators were searching for him, Saheb himself went missing. Four days later, his decomposed body recovered from a canal in Rahuta, along the same expressway. The recovery was made on Friday afternoon by Basudebpur police, who have since sent the body for autopsy. Family members later confirmed the identity of the deceased. The sequence of events has raised troubling questions. Was Saheb silenced by associates to erase evidence? Or was this a revenge killing linked

to Qureshi's murder? Police are probing both angles, including the possibility that the two deaths are part of a larger cycle of retaliatory violence in the area. Local residents say fear has gripped the community as two gruesome deaths within days have shaken the once-quiet Rahuta stretch. Police have begun interrogating relatives and associates of both the victims to establish a clearer chain of events. For now, Jagatdal finds itself at the center of a grim double mystery — one that threatens to spiral further unless investigators can untangle the deadly web of rivalry and revenge.

Facility manager arrested for rape health staff fear salary freeze

MI News Service, East Medinapore: The rape allegation against a hospital facility manger has not only shaken Paskura Hospital but has also pushed dozen of heath workers onto a financial crisis just weeks before Durga Puja.

The accused, employed as facility manager by Reliable Company- the agency responsible for managing hospital operations- was arrested Kolaghat after a temporary female heath worker filed a written complaint of rape. Police have secured eight days of custody for further investigation. In the aftermath, several other hospital staff, including both male and female employees,

voiced serious grievances harassment and misconduct. Following the incident, the health department moved swiftly to suspend Reliable Company's operation at the hospital. However, this sudden clampdown has left health workers- already has left heath contractual terms- staring at uncertainty over their salaries and Puja bonuses. The timing could not be worse. With Puja around the corner, many employees say their festive plans are now clouded by anxiety. "We had hoped to buy new clothes for our children with the Puja bonus. Now everything is uncertain," lamented one worker. Employees revealed

that the bonus, expected around September 20–21, has been stalled. While the hospital superintendent has assured that salaries will not be withheld—citing discussions with higher authorities—the prevailing mood among staff remains tense. Workers fear bureaucratic delays may jeopardize not just bonuses but also timely payments, leaving families struggling at a time of year that holds deep cultural and emotional significance. For now, Panskura Hospital finds itself at the crossroads of a criminal investigation and a labor crisis—where justice for one victim has inadvertently thrown dozens of others into turmoil.

Welfare Drive for Senior Citizens

MI News Service, Krishnaganj: Sambyathi Samaj Kalyan Samiti, a local humanitarian organisation based in Krishnaganj, organised a welfare programme at Bhajanghat Mor in Majdia on Saturday. Inspired by the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and supported by the PMD Centre, the organisation distributed essential medical and mobility aids to senior citizens.

As many as 30 elderly beneficiaries received wheelchairs, lumbar support belts, knee braces, neck belts and hearing aids during the event. The initiative was aimed at easing



the daily struggles of people above 60 years of age. The recipients expressed happiness and gratitude, calling the effort a true reflection of the Prime Minister's vision of inclusive growth.

The event was attended by social worker Rohan Shah, community leaders Lincoln Biswas, Liton Biswas and Monojit Biswas, along with Ratan Mondal, headmaster of Majdia Rail Bazar High School. Several local residents and social service enthusiasts were also present and lauded the initiative. Representatives of Sambyathi Samaj Kalyan Samiti said the organisation remains committed to carrying forward welfare activities that bring tangible benefits to the underprivileged. Local people welcomed the programme warmly, appreciating the collective spirit of service and compassion.

Fugitive POCSO accused held after dramatic mid-sea chase

MI News Service, Kalyani: For nearly a year, he outsmarted the police, changing hideouts, vanishing without trace, and slipping through surveillance nets. But his luck ran out at sea.

Ranaghat Police officers, hunting the accused Biswajit Biswas of Bongaon in a POCSO case since 2024, traced him to the Namkhana-Kakdwip coast in South 24 Parganas. Intelligence suggested he was posing as a fisherman aboard a trawler that had not docked for over a week, Siddharth Dhapola, Additional SP, HQ, Ranaghat Police District, said on Saturday.

So the police devised an unusual plan. They became fishermen themselves. A special team, clad in lungis and gamchhas, set sail into the Bay of Bengal. Ten kilometres out, they clambered onto the suspect's vessel.



There was no escape. The man who had dodged arrest for months, was finally caught, cornered on the waves he thought would protect him, Dhapola added.

While Biswajit Biswas was produced in Kalyani court, Court ordered for 5 days judicial custody. Additional SP, Siddharth Dhapola said. He was an accused in a case of Haringhata PS,

where he allegedly had kidnapped a 16 year old minor girl. Later on the girl was rescued and Biswajit was absconding. However, police arrested him on Friday from a trawler on sea near to Namkhana - Kakdwip.

Officials called it one of the most unconventional arrests in recent memory, a testament to persistence, ingenuity and the dogged resolve of Ranaghat Police.

The Park Circus Sarbojonin Durgotsav - Uddipani

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Park Circus Sarbojonin Durgotsav - Uddipani, one of the oldest Durga Puja celebrations in Kolkata, has kickstarted their pre puja celebrations

in style. A week before the Mahalaya, they have invited the schools in Park Circus and Ballygunge in interesting pujo themed activities.

"Engaging the youth has



been the key for our Durga Puja celebration. On this 85th year, we have invited students from leading schools of the city and they have participated in various activities like clay art idol making, canvas painting and story telling. Our focus is on building a useful creative space to the talented students. Side by side, we believe, our pujo is a tribute to our love and passion to inculcate the rich heritage of Durga Puja to our children," said Arjun Dhawan, Park Circus Sarbojonin Durgotsav - Uddipani.

As the countdown begins for the much anticipated festival of the year, Park Circus Maidan is truly gearing up in heritage and harmony. After all, Ma is coming on with her family!

New Allegations Surface Against Accused Hospital Supervisor

MI News Service, Panskura: As the main accused in the Panskura Super Specialty Hospital rape case** remains in police custody, explosive new allegations have come to light from former employees, revealing a pattern of abuse, intimidation, and workplace control.

According to multiple employees, the accused, previously employed as a facility manager through an external agency, exercised unchecked authority over 133 temporary workers, effectively becoming the "unwritten superintendent" of the hospital. Staff allege that he threatened, harassed, and terminated employees arbitrarily, enforcing strict compliance with his demands. One former employee, Tumpa Hansda, who had been associated with the hospital for years, stated that her sick leave application was discarded and she was denied permission to take leave. Tumpa further alleged that even personal decisions, including pregnan-

cy, were subject to his approval. She recalled being asked publicly, "Who told me to have a child?"—a question highlighting the extreme control and intimidation employees faced. The allegations indicate that the accused used physical and mental harassment to maintain dominance, and at least 10 employees were reportedly terminated under his direction. Staff members suggest that others remained compliant out of fear for their jobs. Authorities have issued a show-cause notice to the agency responsible for hiring the accused, while the hospital management faces scrutiny for allowing such unchecked authority to persist. The case has reignited debates on workplace harassment, employee rights, and accountability in medical institutions. With the accused now in jail, former employees are reportedly seeking reinstatement, while police continue investigations into the full extent of the abuses.

IIT Kharagpur students found dead, sixth unnatural death this year

MI News Service, Kharagpur: In a disturbing development, the hanging body of IIT Kharagpur student Harsh Kumar Pandey was recovered from BR Ambedkar Hall, police said on Saturday. The deceased, a mechanical engineering student from Jharkhand, was found in his locked room by classmates after falling to respond since Saturday afternoon.

The Hijli outpost of Kharagpur Town police recovered the body and stated that the exact cause of death will be determined only after the autopsy report. Authorities are investigating the series of unnatural student death at the institute. This tragic case brings to six the number of unnatural student deaths at IIT Kharagpur this year. Of these, five students were found hanging, while one student, Chandradeep

Pawar, died after allegedly choking on a drug. Earlier in the year, the deaths included: January: Shawan Malik, March: Mohammad Asif Qamar, April: Aniket Walker, July: Ritam Mandal and Chandradeep Pawar. The spate of deaths has sparked questions about mental health, academic pressure, and the well-being of students at premier educational institutions. Campus authorities are reviewing support systems, counseling facilities, and stress management measures to address these repeated tragedies. Officials from IIT Kharagpur have expressed their commitment to providing answers and ensuring a safe environment for all students. Experts warn that the clustering of unnatural deaths highlights the urgent need for systematic mental health interventions in elite academic settings.

Woman found hanging in Tea Estate sparks mystery

MI News Service, North Dinajpur: A chilling incident has sent shockwaves through the tea belt of North Bengal. The frozen body of a female tea garden worker was discovered hanging with her hands tied in the Matri Tea Estate, under Majhiali Gram Panchayat of Chopra Police station, on Saturday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Kalpana Orao (40), a resident of the area. According to eyewitness, fellow worker stumbled upon the gurnsome sight while reporting for duty in the tea garden. News of the discovery spread rapidly, drawing large crowds from the surrounding village. The circumstance surrounding Kalpana's death has triggered intense suspicion. The unusual condition of the body— hanging with her hands bound— has

raise questions of possible rape and murder. Local sources say the manner of death make suicide highly unlikely deepening the mystery. Police from Chopra Police station rushed to the spot upon receiving the information. The body was recovered and sent for post-mortem examination. Investigators have not ruled out foul play. "We are exploring every homicide," said a senior officer, adding that the post-mortem report will be crucial in determining the cause of death. The incident has past a pall of fear and anger workers are demanding a swift and thorough probe. For now, the death of Kalpana Orao remains an unsolved riddle— one that the authorities must crack quickly to restore a sense of safety in the region.

RFI's Blood Donation Camp Radiates Hope with Heroic Turnout



MI News Service, Ichapur: An electrifying blood donation camp, hosted by IOFGOA at RFI Auditorium, brimmed with compassion as Rifle Factory Ishapore employees donated blood with zeal. Honourable Chief Guest Shri Ashwini Singh, Chief General Manager, RFI, alongside other officers of RFI and heads of allied establishments, ignited volunteers' spirits. Esteemed GMs, Joint GMs, DGMs, WMs, AWMs, and HoDs lent grandeur to this noble endeavor.

The Calcutta Medical College Blood Centre team executed a seamless event,

combating the critical post-monsoon blood scarcity. "This camp is a lifeline for patients," proclaimed IOFGOA's passionate secretary, Shri Ramu Shaw leading with Chairman Shri Sushanta Kr. Roy, Vice Chairman Anupam Ghosh, Joint Secretary Rajib Mukhopadhyay, and Treasurer Prosanta Kr. Das.

Total Numbers of donors was 80. Each donation sparked hope, cementing RFI's devotion to humanity. IOFGOA pledged to make such drives a legacy. This radiant event, steeped in unity, showcased collective kindness transforming lives.

SMPK organized a one-day Capacity Building Workshop on Preventive Vigilance Campaign

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of its ongoing three-month Preventive Vigilance Campaign (August 18 – November 17), Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK) organized a one-day Capacity Building Workshop on Preventive Vigilance on 19 September 2025 at its Kolkata Dock System. The initiative, a precursor to Vigilance Awareness Week 2025, aimed to reinforce integrity, transparency, and accountability in public service. The workshop was inaugurated with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony by Samrat Rahi, Deputy Chairperson, SMPK, along with Devidatta Satpathi, Chief Vigilance Officer, SMPK, and other dignitaries. Eminent speakers addressed key topics including vigilance management, enhancing service delivery, ethics in public service, investigations, and perspectives on the Government e-Market-



place. Speakers included Vishal Kapoor, DRM Howrah; Sudhir Kumar Sharma, CMM Eastern Railway; Shubhranshu, Retd. IRSME; Kousik Chakraborty, IOFS; and Bharat Bhushan Verma, Dy. CEO & CVO, GEM.

The workshop saw active participation from Chief Vigilance Officers and senior officials of leading public sector organizations, including Eastern Railway, South Eastern Railway, Coal India

Limited, Hindustan Copper Limited, Damodar Valley Corporation, Geological Survey of India, BBJ, Andrew Yule, BRCL, MSTC, and others. Heads of Departments and senior officials from both Kolkata Dock System and Haldia Dock Complex were also present. The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks and the National Anthem, reaffirming commitment to preventive vigilance and good governance

Minor ends life after obscene video circulates

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: A secondary school student in Jalpaiguri's Sadar block her own life after an obscene video allegedly recorded and circulated by two local youth which went viral, triggering widespread outrage and allegations of police negligence.

According to the victim's family, the two accused- both residents of the area- had been harassing her on her way to school. They allegedly filmed the girl in a compromising manner and later circulated the video on social media. The student reportedly learned about confided in her mother. Later that day, the family approached Kot-

wali police station to filed a complaint. However, relatives allege that police delayed registering a First Information Report (FIR). When the confronted with the unthinkable- the girl had taken her own life by hanging herself with a veil. She was rushed to Jalpaiguri Medical College and Hospital, where doctors declared her dead. The news of the suicide spread rapidly, sparking anger and protests in the locality. Family members and residents are demanding the death penalty for the accused, holding them directly responsible for the girl's death. They have also accused the police of dereliction of duty. Additional Su-

perintendent of police Shaubhanik Mukherjee, however, maintained that action was taken promptly. "As soon as we action received the complaint, we acted. One minor and another youth have been arrested. A case has been registered under relevant section, and investigation is underway," he said. Despite the arrests, the tragedy has left the community shaken, reigniting debates around cyber abuse, safety of minors, and accountability of law enforcement. The girl's death stands as a grim reminder of how online humiliation can lead to fatal consequences when timely intervention fails.

National Conclave on Sustainable Agriculture and Launch of Amrit Internship Held at BCKV

MI News Service, Mohanpur: The inaugural session of the two-day National Conclave on "Sustainability, Productivity and Green Growth of Agriculture" along with the launch of the Students' Amrit Internship Program was held at Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (BCKV), Mohanpur on September 18-19, 2025. The event was organized in collaboration with IPL Foundation, New Delhi.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, Senior Advisor, Indian Potash Limited (IPL), stressed the crucial link between sustainability and productivity in Indian agriculture. He elaborated on key government policies and schemes that support farm-

ers and highlighted the economic viability of sustainable farming practices.

In his welcome address, Dr. Ashok K. Patra, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of BCKV, expressed gratitude to the IPL Foundation for supporting the initiative. He emphasized the pressing impacts of climate change on agriculture and underlined the role of potassium in ensuring soil health and crop productivity. Calling for an integrated approach to soil, crop, and environmental sustainability, Dr. Patra urged students and interns to dedicate themselves with sincerity toward building a greener and more resilient agricultural future.

Mrs. Nandini Roy, Mentor, IPL, explained the objectives of the Amrit In-

ternship Programme, describing it as a unique opportunity for rural youth to promote sustainability in farmers' fields. At present, 50 students from different courses of BCKV have been selected for the programme.

The two-day conclave also features multiple technical sessions, with experts deliberating on sustainability, productivity enhancement, climate change adaptation, resource conservation, and green growth in agriculture.

The event is being organized under the leadership of Dr. S. B. Goswami, Director of Extension Education, and Dr. S. C. Kole, Head, Department of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, BCKV.

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2.	Sangita Dasgupta/ Rajiv Chowdhury/ Dakshin Rajayadharpur District- Hooghly West Bengal Hooghly- 712203/ LBCAL00005843007/ LBCAL00005906641	Land Mark Residency', Flat No. J3, 5th Floor, Block 'A', Previously Holding No. As/ 371/ F/ BL-AA/ 12-13, R.S. Dag No. 62, 65, R.S. Khatian No. 365, 1228, L.R. Khatian No. 327/1, R.S. No. 180, J.L. No. 17, Touzi No. 228/229, Mouza Krishnapur, Rajarhat Police Station Presntly Baguiati Police Station, Rajarhat Gopalpur Municipality, Ward No. 20, Presently Under Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation, Ward No. 17, District 24 Parganas (North), West Bengal. Admeasuring an area of Measuring Super Built Up Area 1671 Sq. Ft. Together With Undivided Proportionate Share of Land North: Multi Storied Building South: Profulla Knan West East: Building of Other Person West: 33' Ft Wide Common Passage/ Date of Symbolic 16/09/2025	June 25, 2025 Rs. 55,44,322.82/-	Kolkata
3.	SK Abdul Aziz/ Shekh Siraj/ Bhabanipur, Anowarpur District North 24 Parganas West Bengal Basirhat- 743445/ LBCAL00006801679/ TBCAL00006775197/ TBCAL00006775193/ LBCAL00006850354	R.S. Dag No. 100, L.R. Dag No. 72, Khatian No. 42, L.R. Khatian No. 440, J.L. No 129/82, Touzi No. 586/23, Thana Haroa, Mouza Bhabanipur, Mahakuma Basirhat, Gopalpur 1 No. Gram Panchayet Area, A.D.S.R. Office Deganga, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. Admeasuring an area of 17 Satak North: Jalil Sekh South: Land of Other Dag East: Sahid Sekh West: Land of Other Dag/ Date of Symbolic 16/09/2025	September 12, 2024 Rs. 26,23,995.56/-	Basirhat
4.	Gopal Halder/ Susma Halder/ Balibhara, P.O. Nabagarh Thana Bijpur District North 24 Parganas West Bengal North 24 Parganas- 743136/ LBCAL00006561039/ LBHOW00005153939/ TBCAL00006545387	R.S. Dag No. 165, L.R. Dag No. 637, R.S. Khatian No. 398, Hal L.R. Khatian No. 1855, J.L. No. 9, Re. Sa. No. 39, Mouza Balibhara Village, Jethia Gram Panchayet, Pargana Havelisohar, Thana Bijpur, A. D. Sub Registry Office Naihati, District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. Admeasuring an area of 2 Katha 8 Chatok or 1800 Sq.ft. or 04.13 Satak Together With Brick Built Pacca House Measuring Area 410 Sq. Ft. Standing Thereon North: Late Bimal Byapari Measurement 28 Ft. 08 Inch. South: 8 Ft. Road Measurement 28 Ft. 08 Inch East: Niranjani Shil Measurement 61 Ft. 00 Inch West: Late Gopal Halder Measurement 65 Ft. 05 Inch/ Date of Symbolic 16/09/2025	June 30, 2025 Rs. 19,00,256.00/-	Habra
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 20, 2025 Place: North 24 Parganas & Kolkata & Basirhat & Habra				
			Sincerely Authorised Officer For ICICI Bank Ltd.	

Mayor Hakim Orders
Swift Road Repairs
Ahead of Puja

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ahead of Durga Puja, Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim stepped out on Friday evening to inspect roads across several boroughs, responding directly to citizens' complaints about potholes and damaged stretches. Acting immediately, he instructed civic officials to carry out urgent repairs. The inspections covered Behala, Jadavpur, Haridevpur, Anandapur, Garden Reach, and Metiabruz, where he was accompanied by Municipal Commissioner Dhaval Jain and senior officials of various departments. To ensure quick solutions before the festive season, potholes are being filled with paver blocks as an interim measure, followed by concrete work to make roads more durable. This method, the Mayor explained, helps prevent rapid deterioration even during heavy rain. "Kolkata belongs to its citizens. That is why I have come out before Puja to hear their concerns directly," Hakim told reporters. "Now, even if it rains heavily, there won't be major issues, as the drainage system has improved. Water will not remain stagnant for long. Ahead of Puja, the Corporation has ensured the roads are in much better condition." Hakim began his inspection from Borough No. 16, covering Behala, James Long Sarani, Shakher Bazar, Motilal Gupta Road, Haridevpur, and Mahatma Gandhi Road. "I have seen 135 roads in the added areas. KEIP and the Roads Department have carried out repairs. Except for one portion at Thakurpukur, everything is in good shape," the Mayor said after his first round of visits. In the second phase, Hakim left his convoy near EM Bypass and walked for a stretch to directly assess road conditions. Later, along with municipal officers, he drove across key intersections—Building Morh, CIT Morh, HemchandraNaskar Road, PhoolbaganMorh, CIT Road, HUDCO Morh, Utladanga Main Road, Khanna Morh, and APC Road—finally reaching Shyambazar Five Point Crossing. At every stop, he spoke with residents and instructed officials to act where necessary.

The Mayor concluded his citywide survey by traveling from North Kolkata through Central Avenue, Lenin Sarani, Park Circus, Gariahat Road, Golpark, Southern Avenue, Diamond Harbour Road, and finally to Hazra Crossing.

Multiple Delhi
schools again
receive bomb threats

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another within a few days between August 14 and 23 through e-mail, prompting police and other emergency agencies to launch separate but unified search operations. But fortunately no bomb was found in any of the schools and the threats were found to be hoaxes, said senior police officials said.. Multiple teams from the Delhi police, bomb disposal squad, dog squad and the cyber teams are working to trace the IP address of the sender. Richmond Global School Principal Moupali Mitra said they had informed the Commissioner of Police only a few minutes after receiving the bomb threat email . Each corner of the school was checked for explosives with the help of the bomb disposal squad and other teams, and it was found to be safe, she added. Similarly, three colleges of Delhi University also received bomb threats through email on July 18, police said adding IP College for Women, Hindu College, and Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) received bomb threats via email though all of which later turned out to be as hoax. However, none has so far been arrested or detained in connection with this series of bomb threats in schools and other educational institutions in the National capital



Tala Prattoy Durga Puja pandal ahead of the Durga Puja festival, at Manmatha Dutta Road in Kolkata on Saturday.

CM Mamata Cautions Public Amid
Persistent Rain Ahead of Durga Puja

MI News Service, Kolkata: As autumn arrives on the calendar, the rain shows no sign of letting up. Inter-mittent downpours caused by low-pressure systems and local clouds, combined with fluctuating temperatures, have made falling ill almost inevitable. Even the Chief Minister is not immune. On Saturday, Mamata Banerjee inaugurated several Durga Puja pandals across Kolkata, including HatibaganSarbojanin and TalaProtay. Speaking at the TalaProtaypandal, she said, "My body is a bit unwell, my throat is swollen, and there's some pain. In this weather, everyone is feeling unwell to some extent. Influenza is quite prevalent. Please be very careful. Durga Puja is approaching, and many pandal inaugurations are scheduled." The Weather Office has forecast rain for at least four to five days during the Puja, with precipitation expected to intensify afterward. Highlighting the im-



pact of erratic weather on celebrations, the CM noted, "The monsoon has arrived much earlier this year and shows no sign of leaving. Due to this rain and occasional thunderstorms, Puja organizers are under considerable pressure. Yet, they deserve credit for completing the pandal preparations so quickly, especially since awards are announced by Shashti day."



The English translation of Nrisinha Prasad Bhaduri's acclaimed book Chaitanyadeva has been launched, bringing the life and teachings of Sri Chaitanyadeva to a global audience. The original Bengali edition, released in 2012, became widely popular, prompting demand for an English version. The launch was organized by the Bhaktivedanta Research Center and Bookpakkers Publishing House, with eminent critic Samik Bandyopadhyay unveiling the book. Author Bhaduri emphasized understanding Chaitanyadeva through his revolutionary religious consciousness, "Chaitanyadeva cannot be understood merely through television serials or films; one must discover him through his revolutionary religious consciousness." The translation was done by Upamanyu Majumder, with a cover featuring artwork by Gaganendranath Tagore. The event was attended by scholars, literary figures, and officials, including Lt. Col. Ananta Sinha, Tannoy Ghosh, Professor Kingshuk Chatterjee, Basundhara Ghosal, and elocutionist Sudipta Mukhopadhyay.

Rahul Gandhi Will Lead Anti-SIR Movement in Bengal : Prasenjit Bose

MI News Service, Kolkata: Congress leader and economist Prasenjit Bose has said that Rahul Gandhi will spearhead the anti-Special Intensive Revision (SIR) movement in West Bengal if the Election Commission (EC) repeats the lapses it allegedly made in Bihar during the same exercise. His remarks come ahead of the 2026 Assembly polls in Bengal. Bose, a former Left leader who recently joined Congress, claimed that the SIR process could trigger a major political realignment of opposition parties against the BJP once it begins in Bengal, "presumably after the upcoming festive season." He pointed out that Rahul Gandhi, as Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, had played a crucial role in exposing the irregularities of the SIR in Bihar. "His campaign not only gave Congress significant traction but also reinvigorated the INDIA bloc. Make no mistake, he will follow the same routine in Bengal, as well as in Assam, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu, where polls are due next year,



if the EC fails to take lessons from Bihar," Bose said. He added that while corruption under the TMC, atrocities against women and children, and the persecution of Bengali-speaking migrants in BJP-ruled states would remain key poll issues, the SIR exercise was likely to take centre stage in Bengal. On the possibility of Congress joining hands with the TMC to counter the BJP, Bose

remarked: "That depends entirely on the ruling dispensation here. Mamata Banerjee and Abhishek Banerjee have stuck to their 'EklaChalo Re' policy. You can't expect Congress to extend a begging bowl for a seat-sharing arrangement." Bose suggested that the EC might adopt a softer approach in Bengal after the backlash in Bihar and the Supreme Court's intervention. However, he stressed that the TMC's credibility was already in "negative territory." "Given Bengal's politicised administration, where state officials act under the party's diktats, we doubt whether BLOs, essentially Trinamool recruits, would conduct the SIR fairly," he alleged. Bose warned that while marginalised groups—women, Dalits, backward classes, and Muslims—were targeted in Bihar, in Bengal the ruling party might attempt to delete names of opposition supporters. "The role of the TMC administration during the exercise will be crucial in shaping political equations before the polls," he said.

Health Dept Advises
Caution, Says No Cases
of Brain-Eating Amoeba



MI News Service, Kolkata: The brain-eating amoeba, known to cause deadly infections, has raised health concerns after claiming 19 lives in Kerala this year. However, the West Bengal health department has confirmed that no cases have been reported in Kolkata or anywhere else in the state. Authorities have advised citizens not to panic but remain cautious. Last year and earlier this year, a few cases of amoeba infection were detected in West Bengal. A total of 21 people were infected, 14 of whom were admitted to Mallik-bazar INK (Institute of Neurosciences, Kolkata). Among those admitted, nine patients died. Additionally, one patient with amoeba infection had been admitted to SSKM Hospital last year. The health department has emphasized vigilance while reassuring the public that there is no cause for alarm. In contrast, Kerala has witnessed a significant outbreak. The state's health department reported that 18 people have died this year due to the infection, while at least 67 others have fallen ill. The information was released on Monday. Amoebic meningoencephalitis is a rare but highly fatal infection caused by a water-borne amoeba that thrives in warm, stagnant, and untreated water. The pathogen enters the human body through the nose and rapidly attacks the brain, often leading to severe complications and high mortality. Symptoms include fever, headache, vomiting, stiff neck, and dizziness.

Ten Injured in Major
Road Accident at
Raghunathganj Junction

MI News Service, Kolkata: At least ten people were injured in a serious road accident at JangshiMorh in Raghunathganj early Saturday morning. A passenger pickup van overturned on National Highway 12 after the driver reportedly lost control of the vehicle. According to local sources, the van was carrying a group of labourers from Jangipur who were headed to different areas to work as hawkers and porters. Eyewitnesses claimed the vehicle was speeding, and as it approached JangshiMorh, the driver suddenly lost control, causing it to flip onto the highway. The loud crash triggered panic in the area, drawing local residents to the scene. With their assistance, the injured passengers were quickly pulled out of the wreckage and rushed to Jangipur Sub-Divisional Hospital.

Court Reserves Order on Minister Chandranath Sinha's Bail

MI News Service, Kolkata: A special court in Kolkata on Saturday reserved its order on whether to grant bail to West Bengal Correctional Services Minister Chandranath Sinha or send him to the custody of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the multi-crore school recruitment case in the state. The Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court, which heard arguments from both sides for over two hours, announced that it will deliver its order at 2 PM on Tuesday. "I have full faith in the judiciary," Sinha told reporters after the hearing. The ED sought seven days' custody of Sinha, alleging that the minister did not cooperate with officials during questioning in the primary teacher recruitment case. "We have sought custodial interrogation for seven days. We have submitted documents. Now let the court decide. Can't say anything more now," ED counsel Dhiraj Trivedi told

reporters. Sinha is the second state cabinet minister to face prosecution in this case, after former state Education Minister Partha Chatterjee, who was arrested by the ED in July 2022 and is currently in judicial custody. Sinha's counsel, AyanBhattacharjee, said some documents were not immediately available. "Not all papers were readily available. We submitted all the documents after gathering them. We had sought some time which wasn't granted by the agency," he explained. On March 22, 2024, the ED recovered ₹41 lakh in cash and several incriminating documents from Sinha's residence during a raid. The agency issued a statement in August stating that further investigation had revealed large cash deposits in the minister's bank accounts. The court's decision will determine whether Sinha will remain free on bail or face custodial interrogation by the ED in the ongoing investigation.

Trump says abuse of H-1B programme a 'national security threat'

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and other illicit activities to encourage foreign workers to come to the United States," he said in the proclamation. Trump said that it is necessary to impose higher costs on companies seeking to use the H-1B programme in order to address the abuse of that programme while still permitting companies to hire the best of the best temporary foreign workers. "The severe harms that the large-scale abuse of this programme has inflicted on our economic and national security demand an immediate response. I therefore find that the unrestricted entry into the United States of certain foreign workers" would be detrimental to the interests of the United States because such entry would harm American workers, including by undercutting their wages," the proclamation said. Trump ordered that the Secretary of Homeland Security shall restrict decisions on petitions not accompanied by a USD 100,000 payment for H-1B speciality occupation workers, who are currently outside the United States, for 12 months following the effective date of the proclamation, which is September 21, 2025. The Secretary of State shall also issue guidance, as necessary and to the extent permitted by law, to prevent misuse of B visas by alien beneficiaries of approved H-1B petitions that have an employment start date beginning prior to October 1, 2026. It said the restrictions shall not apply to any individual or those working for a company or in an industry, if it is determined that the hiring of such individuals to be employed as H-1B speciality occupation workers is in the national inter-

est and does not pose a threat to the security or welfare of the United States. The Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State shall coordinate to take all necessary and appropriate action to implement this proclamation and to deny entry to the United States to any H-1B non-immigrant for whom the prospective employer has not made the payment. The restriction on entry shall apply only to those individuals who enter or attempt to enter the United States after September 21, 2025. Trump said the large-scale replacement of American workers through systemic abuse of the programme has undermined both American economic and national security. "Some employers, using practices now widely adopted by entire sectors, have abused the H-1B statute and its regulations to artificially suppress wages, resulting in a disadvantageous labour market for American citizens, while at the same time making it more difficult to attract and retain the highest skilled subset of temporary workers, with the largest impact seen in critical science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields," Trump said. The proclamation said that Information technology firms in particular have prominently manipulated the H-1B system, significantly harming American workers in computer-related fields. Noting that the share of IT workers in the H-1B programme grew from 32 per cent in Fiscal Year 2003 to an average of over 65 per cent in the last 5 fiscal years, the proclamation said that some of the most prolific H-1B employers are now consistently IT outsourcing companies.

Subhanshu Shukla's spacetravel was a 'gruelling test of human endurance, teamwork and perseverance'

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parents Shambhu and Asha Shukla, wife Kamna, and son Kiash, were present at the airport to greet him. They were joined by hundreds of cheering crowds waving the tricolour and chanting "Vande Mataram". Shukla, fondly nicknamed "Shux," made history with

his landmark AXIOM 4 mission to the ISS, cementing India's growing presence in space exploration. The Gaganyaan project, formally announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018, aims to send a crewed flight of three members to an orbit of 400 km for a 3-day mission in 2027.

Soldier martyred in gunfight with terrorists in J-K

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terrorists and security forces. This is the second major encounter in Jammu and Kashmir in the last two weeks. Earlier, two soldiers, including a junior commissioned officer of the army, were killed during a fierce gun battle in the Kulgam district. According to the army, two terrorists were also killed in the encounter. Jammu region, which was once free from terrorism, has now become a major security challenge over the last four years. With increased activities of battle-hardened terrorists in Jammu, the government has reinforced the counter-terrorism grid by deploying thousands more troops and paramilitary personnel in the region.

Name Change
I SABINA KHATOON Wife of Md Jalaluddin Residing at 38 SK Muslim Road Kamarhati Kolkata 700058 Have Changed my Name and shall henceforth be known as SHABINA KHATOON as declared before the Notary Public Barrackpore Court District North 24 Parganas Affidvit No 10AC343112 On 11 September 2025. SABINA KHATOON and SHABINA KHATOON Both are Same and Identical Person

NAME CHANGE
I, Sbadar Ali, s/o. Late Md. Raphik, residing at Shibpur, 1st Lane, P.O.- Bansberia, P.S.- Mogra, Dist.-Hooghly- 712502 declare that my & my son's name has wrongly recorded in my son's (Shahbaz Quraishi) birth certificate as Sader Ali & Shahbaz Quraishi in place of Sbadar Ali & Shahbaz Quraishi (in Aadhar Card), Vide Affidavit No. 06, dated 19.09.2025, before in the Court of Ld. Executive Magistrate, Hooghly at Chinsurah, that Sbadar Ali & Sader Ali both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nasima Middy, W/O- Sk Alamgir Middy, residing at Vill-Chiladangi, P/S- Pursurah, Dist- Hooghly. That in my passport my name has been recorded as Nasima Midya which is incorrect. So vide Affidavit before the Ld 1st class J.M at Arambagh, dt-11/09/2025 (no-2788) that Nasima Middy & Nasima Midya is same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Alamgir Middy, S/O- Sk Golam Ambiya, residing at Vill-Chiladangi, P/S- Pursurah, Dist- Hooghly. That in my passport my name has been recorded as Alamgir Midya which is incorrect. So vide Affidavit before the Ld 1st class J.M at Arambagh dt-11/09/2025 (no-2787) that Sk Alamgir Middy & Alamgir Midya is same and one identical person.

Name Change
I khodajia Begam wife of Abdul Rashid and mother of Rafiya Khatoun age about 49 years residence of 138 R.B.S Road Champdani. P.O Baidyabati dist Hooghly. That my name has been mistake Khudajia Khatoun Written and Recorded in my daughter Rafiya Khatoun Birth Certificate in place of Khodajia Begam. That my real and actual name is Khodajia Begam and Rafiya Khatoun is my daughter. That Khodajia Begam and Khudajia Khatoun is the same and one identical person Viden an affidavit sworn before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Chandan Nagore Hooghly on 16th September 2025.

Name Change
We, Santu Naskar (Father), Mamani Naskar (Mother) on behalf my minor daughter Aiondrita Naskar R/A Bamanghata Dhalipara, P.O- Hadia, P.S.- K.L.C. Dist- South 24 Parganas, Kolkata- 7000150 have changed her name and she shall henceforth be known as Nandini Naskar as declared before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court at Alipore (West Bengal) vide Affidavit No. 11706/24 dated 30.12.24. Aiondrita Naskar and Nandini Naskar both are same and identical person.

Name Change
I SIKHA BHOWMICK W/O TAPAN BHOWMICK address 29, Vivekananda Sarani, P.O: Narendrapur, Kolkata: 700103, Dist: 24 Parganas, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that my name is SIKHA BHOWMICK. By an affidavit in the Court of Ld. Judicial Magistrate at Alipore on 14.07.2025 that SIKHA BHOWMICK and SIKSHA BHOWMICK is the same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sekh Dilbar Husen S/O Sk Neyamat Ali, R/O Indulia, Po- Pratappur, Ps- Panskura, East Medinipur, West Bengal Have Changed My Name To Sk Dilbar Hossain Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public On 19/09/2025 At Kolkata. Sekh Dilbar Husen Henceforth Be Known As Sk Dilbar Hossain For All Purposes And They Are Both Same One And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ramsankar Chatterjee Khok(Old Name),son of Madan Mohan Chatterjee, residing at 29A Banamali Chatterjee Street, Cossipore, Kolkata-700002, West Bengal, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ram Sankar Chatterjee(New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before the notary public at Kolkata on 18/09/2025. Ram-sankar Chatterjee Khok and Ram Sankar Chatterjee both are the same and one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Sankar Kumar Das (D.O.B-22/02/1960) S/o. Late Ashutosh Das R/o. Khudiram Sarani, P.O.- Rabindra Nagar. P.S. Dum Dum, Kolkata-700065, Dist- North 24 Pgs have changed my name & henceforth be known as Shankar Das & (D.O.B.-10/10/1957) as declared before Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Barrackpore Court, North 24 Pgs.W.B., dated 04-09-2025 vide Affidavit No. 61. So, Sankar Kumar Das & Shankar Das both are same & identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, BISHWAJIT SANYAL S/o Lt. Motilal Sanyal R/o Aksara Apt., Flat No.107, Block-B, Salua More, Rajarhat Road, Rajarhat Gopalpur, Kolkata-700136 have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as BISWAJIT SANYAL as declared before the Notary Public at Sealdah Court vide affidavit no.40 dated 18.09.25. BISHWAJIT SANYAL and BISWAJIT SANYAL both are same & one identical person.

MORE THAN 8.28 LAKH PASSENGERS TRAVELED IN METRO ON 19.09.2025

MI News Service, Kolkata : As Durga Puja is coming nearer passenger count in Metro Railway inches closer to 8.5 lakhs mark. More than 8.28 lakhs commuters have traveled in Metro on 19.09.2025 which was higher than the previous days count. More and more commuters have been preferring to use Metro for comfortable and easy commuting and Metro authorities are equally providing services to satisfy them which is getting reflected in passenger count. More than 6 lakhs passengers traveled in Blue Line. In Green Line more than 2.09 lakhs passengers have traveled. In Purple and Orange Lines more than 6800 passengers and 4800 passengers have traveled. Around 7300 passengers travelled in Yellow Line on 19.09.2025. 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, Orange Line and Purple Line services were operated smoothly and as per the schedule throughout the day.

To avoid long queues at counters due to pre-puja rush, commuters are requested to use Digital mode of ticketing like Smart Cards and Mobile QR tickets

which comes with 5% bonus/rebate if booked via app or at the time of recharge. They are also requested to download 'AAMAR KOLKATA METRO' app to book their tickets or recharge Smart Cards anytime to save time. More and more commuters are opting for digital mode of ticketing and as a result 224643 commuters have downloaded this app in the period 25. 08.25 to 17.09.25. From 1st to 19th September, 43321 Smart Cards have been issued.

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. From 1st to 17th September, 281 Tourist Smart Cards have been sold.

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 on-duty staff. We thank our commuters for their continued co-operation in running Metro services smoothly.

Name Change
I, Kailashpati Choudhury, S/O Late Jitendra Nath Choudhury, Residing At Shivanang Apartment, Bc-140, 3rd Floor, Samarapally, Po- Krishnarpara, District- North 24 Parganas, Pin-700102, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sirajul Islam Sekh (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Sirajul Islam Sekh (new name) and Md Sirajul Islam & Sk Sirajul Islam (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Anser Sekh(Old Name), Son Of Mohammad Alimuddin, Residing At Bagdia, Po - Doluabari, Nadia - 741504, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mohammad Ansar(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/09/2025. Md Anser Sekh And Mohammad Ansar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, GOURI SANKAR MAITI (Old Name) S/O RAMKRISHNA MAITY, Residing at VILL- JATIMATI, P.O.- DIGHA NEW TOWNSHIP, P.S.- DIGHA, EAST MEDINIPUR, Pin-721463, WEST BENGAL, INDIA, have changed my name to (shall henceforth be known as) GOURISHANKAR MAITY (New Name) vide an affidavit sworn before Notary public at Kolkata on 19/09/2025. GOURISHANKAR MAITY (New Name) and GOURI SANKAR MAITI (Old Name) both are same identical person.

Name Change
I, Pradip Hazra (old name) son of Shyamapada Hazra, residing at 8A, Uma Kanta Sen Lane, P.S.- Chitpore, Kolkata- 700030, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Pradip Kumar Hazra (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Pradip Kumar Hazra (new name) and Pradip Hazra (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Lipi Roy (old name) W/O Prosad Chandra Roy, residing at Shitalatala Road, Dakshin Para, P.S.- Barasat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas Pin- 700124, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lipi Roy Chakraborty (new name), as declared before the notary public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 18/09/2025. Lipi Roy Chakraborty (new name) and Lipi Roy (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ruma Mallick (old name) daughter of Rajinder Mullick & Wife of Imaduddin, residing at 13/14/14, Mayur Bhaj Road, P.O.- Khidderpore, P.S.- Ekbalpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ayesha Khatoun (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Ayesha Khatoun (new name) and Ruma Mallick (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Siya Kumari Shaw (old name) daughter of Suresh Shaw & Wife of Seraj Hossain, residing at 39/E, Ekbalpore Lane, P.O.- Khidderpore, P.S.- Ekbalpore, Kolkata- 700023, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Saara Hussain (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Saara Hussain (new name) and Siya Kumari Shaw (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Mannan Khn (old name) S/O Khandakar Golam Awlia, residing at Vill- Furfura, P.O.- Furfura, Hooghly, Pin- 712706, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Khandakar Abdul Mannan (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Khandakar Abdul Mannan (new name) and Abdul Mannan Khn (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Sirajul Islam & Sk Sirajul Islam (old names) son of Late Abdul Karim Sekh, residing at Hadipur, (Musalmi Para) Harit, Dadpur, Hooghly, Pin-712305, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sirajul Islam Sekh (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Sirajul Islam Sekh (new name) and Md Sirajul Islam & Sk Sirajul Islam (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mofjir Rahman (old name) son of Late Fazlur Rahman, residing at P-38/A, Tikia Para, Garden Reach, Kolkata- 700024, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mahfuzur Rahman (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Mahfuzur Rahman (new name) and Mofjir Rahman (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sajaha Begum (old name) daughter of Anwar Ali, residing at Q-71, S.A. Farooque Road, Garden Reach, Kolkata- 700024, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shahjahan Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Shahjahan Begum (new name) and Sajaha Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ghulam Ghaus (old name) son of Md Reyazuddin, residing at 19, Chingri Talab Kamarhati, Kolkata- 700058, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ghulam Ghous (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Ghulam Ghous (new name) and Ghulam Ghaus (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Hasem Saikh(Old Name) S/O Late Abu Hossain Sekh, Residing At Vill-Mohanpur, Po-South Mohanpur, Ps-Magrahat, Dist-24 Parganas (South), Pin-743610, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Hasen Sekh(New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 19/09/2025. Md Hasem Saikh(Old Name) And Hasen Sekh(New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Bam Sundar Ray(Old Name) S/O Late Manoj Mohan Ray, Residing At 71, Kalnagatete Netaji Pally, Po & Ps-Burdwan, Dist-Purba Burdwan, Pin-713101, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Bam Sundar Ray (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Kolkata Dated 19/09/2025. Bam Sundar Ray(Old Name) And Bam Sundar Ray (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Munmun Roy W/O Dehabrata Roy, R/O- H-32/34, Ananda Nagar, Dekshin Behala Road, Sarsona, Ps-Thakurpukur, Kolkata-700061 Have Changed My Name To Moommoon Roy Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public On 19/09/2025 At Kolkata. Munmun Roy Henceforth Be Known As Moommoon Roy For All Purposes And They Are Both Same One And Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mukunda Mandal (Old Name), Son/Of Kalipada Mandal, Residing At Jora Battala, Kusumba Road, Rajpur Sonarpur, Kolkata-700103, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mukunda Das Mandal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/09/2025. Mukunda Mandal And Mukunda Das Mandal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Vinod Lahoty(Old Name), Son Of Ram Ratn Lahoti, Residing At GJ-251, Sector-II, Salt Lake City, Bidhanagar - 700091, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Vinod Kumar Lahoti(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/09/2025. Vinod Lahoty And Vinod Kumar Lahoti Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Ali (old name) son of Hossain Sekh, residing at V-219, Karbala Road, P.O.- Bartala, Kolkata-700018, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Ali Sekh (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Md Ali Sekh (new name) and Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Alamgir Molla (old name) son of Mugibur Rahaman Molla, residing at T-59, Jugi Para Lane, P.O.- Bartala, P.S.- Rajabagan, Kolkata-700018, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Alamgir Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Alamgir Molla (new name) and Alamgir Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Momeen Ali Molla (old name) son of Subid Ali Molla, residing at V-241, Kankhuli Road, P.O.- Bartala, Kolkata- 700018, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Momin Ali Molla (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Momin Ali Molla (new name) and Momeen Ali Molla (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nafisa Khatoun (old name) wife of Momin Ali Molla, residing at V-241, Kankhuli Road, P.O.- Bartala, Kolkata- 700018, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nafisa Bibi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Nafisa Bibi (new name) and Nafisa Khatoun (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nazma Begum (old name) wife of Alamgir Molla, residing at T-59, Jugipara Lane, P.O.- Bartala, P.S.- Rajabagan, Kolkata- 700018, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Najima Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Najima Begum (new name) and Nazma Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Debolina Dutta(Old Name), Wife Of Rakesh Kumar Jha, Residing At Mig-G-11, Nivapark, Phase-I, Brahmapur, Garia, Kolkata-700096, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Debolina Jha(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/09/2025. Debolina Dutta And Debolina Jha Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rajesh Jaiswal(Old Name), Son Of Chedi Lal Jaiswal, Residing At 58d Bechu Street, Chatterjee, Amherst, Kolkata- 700009, West Bengal, India, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Rajesh Kumar Jaiswal(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 19/09/2025. Rajesh Jaiswal And Rajesh Kumar Jaiswal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Aftabuddin Mandal (old name) son of Anaul Mondal, residing at Vill- Hajihalka, P.O.- Ramnagar, Gopinathpur, West Medinipur, Pin-721305, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Aftabuddin Mandal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Aftabuddin Mandal (new name) and Aftabuddin Mandal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Anual Mandal (old name) son of Momin Mandal, residing at Vill- Hajihalka, P.O.- Ramnagar, Gopinathpur, West Medinipur, Pin-721305, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Anaul Mandal (new name), as declared Before The 1st Class Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman, Sadar, vide an affidavit dated 29/08/2025. Shyamal Banerjee (new name) and Shyamal Kumar Banerjee (old name) both are same and one identical person.

PUJA SPECIAL TRAIN TO RUN BETWEEN KOLKATA & BANARAS

● More than 22,400 berths to be generated
MI News Service, Kolkata: To clear the expected rush of passengers during ensuing Puja, Diwali & Chhath, Railway has decided to run Puja special train between Kolkata & Banaras. This special train will offer additional capacity and flexibility to accommodate the extra rush of passengers during the Puja festival period. Additional 22,400 berths will be generated by running this Puja festival special. 05047 Banaras - Kolkata Puja special will leave Banaras at 10:45 hrs. on every Tuesday between 23.9.2025 & 4.11.2025 (7 trips) to reach Kolkata at 05:25 hrs. on the next day and 05048 Kolkata - Banaras Puja special will leave Kolkata at 08:25 hrs. on every Wednesday between 24.9.2025 & 5.11.2025 (7 trips) to reach Banaras at 04:15 hrs. on the next day. The train will stop at 22 stations including Naihati, Bandel, Bardhaman, Durgapur, Asansol, Chittaranjan, Madhupur & Jaidih stations over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions enroute. The train will have air-conditioned accommodation. The date of booking of the above special train will be notified shortly.

Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign – Sports Activities Organised Across Sealdah Division



MI News Service, Kolkata : As part of the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) Campaign-2025, Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway organised a series of sports activities on 20th September 2025, receiving an enthusiastic response from railway officials, staff, volunteers, and passengers. The campaign, being observed nationwide from 17th September to 2nd October, carries the theme "Cleanliness with patriotism and service to the nation", aiming to spread awareness on sanitation, waste management, and elimination of single-use plastics.

Highlights of the Day's Activities:
Volleyball Match- Safimitra vs Railmitra Held at the DRM Sports Ground, the match between Safimitra (blue jersey) and Railmitra (green jersey) teams generated great excitement. Players carried banners with "Swachhata Hi Seva-2025" messages in Hindi, Bengali, and English, underlining the campaign's mission.

Chess Games- Conducted at Sealdah, Naihati, and Sonarpur railway stations, these games involved CHI, contractual housekeeping assistants (HKA), and station staff, encouraging focus and healthy competition.

Carrom Competitions- Organised at Berhampore Court and Barasat stations, the matches between contractual HKA staff and RPF personnel promoted teamwork and camaraderie.

Tug of War- Staged at Naihati, Dum Dum Junction, and Gholi Phari Colony, the spirited contests featured safai mitras, departmental staff, and contractual HKAs, highlighting both strength and unity.

The Swachh Bharat Mission 2025 Sports League events under SHS not only spread the message of cleanliness and service but also fostered sportsmanship and a strong sense of community among participants.

Name Change
I, Mahammad Shamim Khan(Old Name), Son Of Firoz Khan(As Per DI No Wb05 20190000720), Residing At 47, South Tangra Road, Po - Gobinda Khatik Road, Kolkata - 700046, West Bengal, Have Changed My And Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mohammad Shamim Khan(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Ld 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore On 16/09/2025. Mahammad Shamim Khan And Mohammad Shamim Khan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Simron Khatoun (old name) wife of Mehedi Hasan Sardar, residing at W-167, S.A. Farooque Road, P.S.- Raja Bagan, Kolkata- 700018, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Simran Sardar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Simron Khatoun (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Subrata Chakravarty (old name) son of Pramod Ranjan Chakraborty, residing at Dandabelloni, Nij Maithuna, P.O.- Sisusadan, P.S.- Ramnagar, Purba Medinipur, Pin-721433, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Subrata Chakraborty (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 19/09/2025. Subrata Chakraborty (new name) and Subrata Chakravarty (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shyamal Kumar Banerjee (old name) son of Laxmi Narayan Banerjee, residing at H/1/30, Sarsona Satellite Township, Kolkata-700061, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Shyamal Banerjee (new name), as declared Before The 1st Class Magistrate at Purba Bardhaman, Sadar, vide an affidavit dated 29/08/2025. Shyamal Banerjee (new name) and Shyamal Kumar Banerjee (old name) both are same and one identical person.

AMRIT BHARAT EXPRESS STRENGTHENS BIHAR'S RAIL CONNECTIVITY

MI News Service, Kolkata : In line with the vision of building a future-ready railway network, the Hon'ble Prime Minister flagged off the new Amrit Bharat Express between Malda Town and Lucknow (Gomti Nagar) via Bhagalpur. This train is set to transform regional connectivity, especially in Bihar, by linking important towns and districts with faster and more comfortable rail travel.

A Major Boost for Bihar's Connectivity:

The train halts at 22 stations including Kahelgaon, Bhagalpur, Sultan-ganj, Jamalpur, Abhaipur, Kiul, Sheikhpura, Nawadah, Tilaya, Gaya, Dehri-On-Sone, Sasaram and Bhabua Road stations across Bihar. These stoppages bring direct benefits to lakhs of daily passengers, students, workers, and traders, ensuring that both large and small towns in Bihar are better integrated into the broader railway network.

Comfortable and Affordable Travel for the People:

The Amrit Bharat Express is designed and built in India, reflecting the country's commitment to "Make in



India" innovation. It offers:

● Modern coaches in General and Sleeper classes for affordable yet comfortable travel.

● Improved seating, mobile charging ports, air-spring suspension and radium floor strips for safety and convenience.

● Clean, accessible toilets, especially designed for differently-abled passengers.

● Enhanced safety systems, including fire detection and talk-back units.

With speeds of up to 130 km/h, the train ensures faster journeys while keeping fares economical for the common people.

Railway as a Lifeline in Bihar:

For millions in Bihar, railway travel is more than

just transportation – it is a lifeline for education, employment, healthcare, and social mobility. By introducing the Amrit Bharat Express, Indian Railways is providing an affordable, safe, and dignified travel option to passengers from all walks of life, particularly the grassroots and middle-class sections of society.

The Malda Town-Gomti Nagar (Lucknow) Amrit Bharat Express, with its improved facilities and broader reach, shows how railway growth is no longer confined to big cities alone. By directly benefiting semi-urban centres and smaller towns across Bihar, it marks a step towards inclusive and balanced regional development.

RPF Rescues Minors and injured Passengers in Swift Humanitarian Action

MI News Service, Kolkata : The Railway Protection Force (RPF), Eastern Railway, continues its dedicated efforts to ensure passenger safety and extend humanitarian assistance through its special initiatives. On 19th September 2025, commendable actions were carried out under "Operation Nanhe Faristey" and "Mission Sewa" across Howrah, Sealdah, and Asansol Divisions.

Under "Operation Nanhe Faristey", RPF officials of Howrah and Asansol Divisions rescued five injured male passengers from Katwa, Mathurapur, Dum Dum, Bidhannagar, and Cossim Bazar railway stations. Immediate assistance was provided, and the injured were shifted to nearby government hospitals for proper treatment.

These timely interventions reflect the RPF's commitment to ensuring safety, security, and humanitarian support for railway passengers.



Sports Competitions Organised under Swachhata Hi Seva- 2025



MI News Service, Kolkata : As part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva- 2025 campaign, themed Swachhotsav, Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organised a series of Sports Competitions across the Division on 20th September, 2025. The initiative aimed at spreading awareness about cleanliness and community spirit through the medium of sports.

The competitions were conducted at multiple locations, including Howrah Sports Complex, Bandel Station, Shrirampur Station, Katwa Station, Rampurhat Station, Bardhaman Station, Azimganj Station, and Bamangachi Colony. A variety of sporting events saw enthusiastic participation from railway staff and their family members, making the day both vibrant and meaningful.

The centre of attraction was the Box-cricket Tournament held at Howrah Sports Complex, where officers and officials of the Division actively participated. The spirited matches not only encouraged fitness and teamwork but also highlighted the campaign's message of collective responsibility in maintaining cleanliness.

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US' H-1B visa application fee hike to 1 00 000 will hit Indian tech cos 1-day deadline a concern: Nasscom

New Delhi : Industry body Nasscom on Saturday said the US' move to raise H-1B visa application fee to USD 100,000 will impact India's technology services companies as business continuity will be disrupted for onshore projects that may require "adjustments".

The apex body also flagged concerns over September 21 timeline for implementation saying a one-day deadline creates considerable uncertainty for businesses, professionals, and students across the world.

The US move will impact Indian nationals that are on H-1B visas working for global and Indian companies, it said in a statement.

"While we are reviewing the finer details of the order, adjustments of this nature can potentially have ripple effects on America's innovation ecosystem and the wider job economy," it said.

India's technology services companies will also be impacted while business continuity will be disrupted for onshore projects that may require adjustments.

"Companies will work closely with clients to adapt and manage transitions," it added. Nasscom drew attention to India and India-centric companies steadily reducing their reliance on these visas through increased local hiring in recent years.

It said these companies also follow all necessary governance and compliance in the US for H-1B processes, pay the prevailing wages and contribute to the local economy and innovation partnerships with academia and startups.

The H-1B workers for these companies by no means are a threat to national



security in the US, it asserted. "The timeline for implementation (anyone entering the U.S. after 12:01 a.m., September 21) is also a concern. A one-day deadline creates considerable uncertainty for businesses, professionals, and students across the world," it said. Policy changes of this scale are best introduced with adequate transition periods, allowing organisations and individuals to plan effectively and minimise disruption, as per Nasscom.

Nasscom emphasised it has consistently emphasised that high-skill talent is vital to driving innovation, competitiveness, and growth for America's economy.

This, it said, is especially critical at a

time when advances in AI, and other frontier technologies are set to define global competitiveness. High-skill talent will remain central to sustaining America's innovation leadership and long-term economic strength. "While developments are underway, we will continue to monitor developments closely, engage with industry stakeholders on the potential implications, and seek further clarity on the discretionary waiver process, to be granted by the Secretary of DHS," Nasscom said. US President Donald Trump on Friday signed a proclamation that will raise the fee for H-1B visas to a steep USD 100,000 annually. The H-1B visa fee ranges from about USD 2,000

to USD 5,000, depending on employer size and other costs.

Indian techies are among the main beneficiaries of the US H-1B visa program, which attracts top talent and expertise from around the globe. The Congressional mandated pool is 650,000 such visas every year, along with an additional 20,000 visas reserved for those who have earned advanced degrees in the US.

A look at the USCIS website shows that for FY25 (data as on June 30, 2025), Amazon topped the list of H-1B visa approvals at 10,044. In that list of top-ten beneficiaries, TCS (5,505) is at the second spot followed by Microsoft Corp (5,189), Meta (5,123), Apple (4,202), Google (4,181), Cognizant (2,493), JP Morgan Chase (2,440), Walmart (2,390) and Deloitte Consulting (2,353). The top 20 list includes Infosys (2,004), LTIMindtree (1,807), and HCL America (1,728). The visa fee blow comes at a time when the USD 283 billion Indian IT sector is already rattled by a turbulent business environment in the world's largest outsourcing market. The sector faces delays in client decision-making amid macroeconomic uncertainties, tariffs and trade wars, geopolitical tensions, and the changing landscape driven by AI.

Adding to the concerns is the legislative threat of the proposed Halting International Relocation of Employment (HIRE) Act, introduced by Senator Bernie Moreno, which if passed, will curb outsourcing and promote domestic employment by imposing a 25 per cent levy on payments made by American companies to foreign workers for services benefiting US consumers.

Amazon doubles same next day deliveries in Assam records higher premium goods demand

Guwahati : E-commerce major Amazon said it has doubled its product deliveries in the same and next day categories in Assam, while also registering an increase in demand for premium products.

More than 10,000 sellers from Assam have also benefited through Amazon, reaching out to customers across the country, a company official said.

"Amazon India is gearing up to meet rising customer demand in Assam, especially Guwahati, bringing customers unmatched value, speed and selection," Pallavi Singh, senior manager, Amazon Prime India, said here.

She said this festive season, premium products in the Amazon fashion and beauty categories are being preferred by customers in Guwahati.

"Watches and luxury beauty are seeing a 30 per cent year-on-year growth, driven by demand for metal strap digital and analog watches and moisture-rich beauty products. Demand for jewellery in Assam is also on the rise, growing 20 per cent year-on-year, with traditional Assamese designs continuing to be a customer favourite," Singh said.

"Apart from this, in the run-up to Durga Puja, searches for complete beauty looks spike on Amazon, while contemporary jewellery and luxury beauty see higher traction during the wedding season," she added. Other products popular among buyers in the state are smartphones, consumer electronics, fashion and beauty,



home and kitchen, groceries and everyday essentials, Singh said.

The senior official said that over 10,000 sellers from Assam sell products across categories like home, groceries and toys across the country on Amazon.

"Amazon empowers more than 10,000 sellers from the state, while also creating hundreds of new job opportunities in the region. With this, Amazon's operations network in the state includes one new fulfilment centre, one sortation centre, over 200 I Have Space (IHS) stores, and more than 50 delivery stations.

"These investments have enabled Amazon to deliver more than two times more products (year-on-year), the same and next day to customers in Guwahati," Singh said. She also said the company is ready to roll out its 'Amazon Great Indian Festival' from September 23, during which customers can look forward to the widest selection at great prices delivered at the fastest speeds.

"Prime members will enjoy additional benefits with additional offers and 24-hour early access," she added.

AI-designed DNA controls genes in healthy mammalian cells for first time: Study

Washington DC [US] : A recent study marks the first reported instance of generative AI designing synthetic molecules that can successfully control gene expression in healthy mammalian cells.

As a proof-of-concept, the authors of the study asked the AI to design synthetic fragments which activate a gene coding for a fluorescent protein in some cells while leaving gene expression patterns unaltered.

They created the fragments from scratch and dropped them into mouse blood cells, where the sequence fused with the genome at random locations.

The experiments worked exactly as predicted and pave the way for new strategies to give instructions to a cell and guide how they develop and behave with unprecedented accuracy.

The model can be told to create synthetic fragments of DNA with custom criteria, for example: 'switch this gene on in stem cells which will turn into red-blood-cells but not

platelets.'

The model then predicts which combination of DNA letters (A, T, C, G) are needed for the gene expression patterns required in specific types of cells.

Researchers can then chemically synthesise the roughly 250-letter DNA fragments and add them to a virus for delivery into cells. "The potential applications are vast. It's like writing software but for biology, giving us new ways of giving instructions to a cell and guiding how they develop and behave with unprecedented accuracy," says Dr. Robert Fromel, first author of the study who carried out the work at the Centre for Genomic Regulation (CRG) in Barcelona.

The study could lead to new ways for gene-therapy developers to boost or dampen the activity of genes only in the cells or tissues that need adjusting. It also paves the way for new strategies to fine-tune a patient's genes and make treatments more effective and reduce side effects.

Over Rs 60 lakh fine imposed for waste dumping reported through WhatsApp in Kerala



Thiruvananthapuram: Over 60 lakh has been imposed as a fine for dumping waste on public places in Kerala, in the cases people reported through a WhatsApp number provided by the state Local Self Government Department (LSGD) in a year, officials said.

People were given a total reward of Rs 1,29,750 for informing about waste dumping in various places with adequate proof through the dedicated WhatsApp number introduced last year, an official statement said here on Saturday.

"In a year, fines totaling Rs 61,47,550 were imposed in 755 cases reported by the public through WhatsApp," the statement said.

Prosecution proceedings have been initiated in 63 incidents.

"The total fine imposed for dumping waste in the last one year is Rs 11.01 crore. Of the total

fine, 5.58 per cent was imposed based on complaints received on the WhatsApp number," it said.

LSGD Minister M B Rajesh congratulated everyone who reported through WhatsApp about the incidents of waste dumping they came across, the statement said.

The initiative stepped up public vigilance and monitoring of waste management activities, he said.

Out of the total 12,265 complaints received through the single WhatsApp number, 7912, ones submitted with accurate information were accepted, it said, adding that action has been taken on 7,362 of these complaints.

The highest number of violations reported through WhatsApp was from Thiruvananthapuram (2,100) and Ernakulam (2028) districts. The lowest number was reported from Wayanad district (155), the statement added.

World Heart Day: White Foods and Their Silent Impact on Heart Health in Kolkata

Kolkata: As World Heart Day approaches, cardiologists in Kolkata are highlighting the hidden dangers of so-called "white foods" - polished rice, refined flour (maida), white bread, sugar, and excess salt. While these foods remain staples in many households, doctors warn they are quietly fueling the rise of hypertension, diabetes, obesity, and heart disease across the city.

Kolkata, known for its rich food culture, is increasingly embracing processed and refined foods, replacing traditional balanced diets. Polished rice and fried snacks dominate meals, while bakery items, sweets, and packaged foods have become everyday indulgences. Experts caution that these "white foods," though filling, are stripped of essential nutrients like fiber, minerals, and antioxidants, leaving behind empty calories that harm long-term health.

Dr. Indranil Dutta, MD, FEASC, Consultant Interventional Cardiologist, R.N. Tagore Hospital, Mukundapur, explained:

"White foods may look pure and harmless, but they are among the most dangerous for the heart. Polished rice and refined flour raise blood sugar quickly, leading to insulin resistance and diabetes. Sugar and salt, when consumed in excess, damage blood vessels, raise blood pressure, and accelerate blockages. In Kolkata, where rice and sweets are an integral part of daily

life, people must realise that moderation and substitution are the key. Switching to brown rice, whole wheat, millets, and cutting down on sugar and salt can dramatically lower the risk of hypertension and heart disease. Nutrition is not about denial, but about balance and smarter choices." Doctors emphasize that traditional Bengali diets once held the answers. Green leafy vegetables, seasonal fruits, lentils, and fish-based curries provided the right balance of nutrients. Over the years, however, with the rise of convenience foods and refined products, these healthy traditions have been sidelined. Experts argue that bringing them back is essential to protecting the heart.

They also note that hidden salt and sugar in packaged products - from biscuits and sauces to cold drinks - make the problem worse. Families may think they are consuming moderate amounts, but the reality is that daily intake often far exceeds safe limits. Children and young adults are particularly at risk, as they are increasingly exposed to junk foods high in refined flour, sugar, and salt.

This World Heart Day, the message from Kolkata's doctors is urgent: do not let white foods silently darken the heart's future. Prevention is possible not through expensive treatments, but by making small, consistent choices in the kitchen and dining table. Balanced, colorful plates - rich in whole grains, vegetables, and fruits - are the real medicine that can safeguard Kolkata's hearts for generations to come.



New entanglement breakthrough links cores of atoms brings quantum computers closer

Sydney : (The Conversation) Quantum entanglement - once dismissed by Albert Einstein as "spooky action at a distance" - has long captured the public imagination and puzzled even seasoned scientists. But for today's quantum practitioners, the reality is rather more mundane: entanglement is a kind of connection between particles that is the quintessential feature of quantum computers.

Though these devices are still in their infancy, entanglement is what will allow them to do things classical computers cannot, such as better simulating natural quantum systems like molecules, pharmaceuticals or catalysts.

In new research published today in Science, my colleagues and I have demonstrated quantum entanglement between two atomic nuclei separated by about 20 nanometres.

This may not seem like much. But the method we used is a practical and conceptual breakthrough that may help to build quantum computers using one of the most precise and reliable systems for storing quantum information. Balancing control with noise

The challenge facing quantum computer engineers is to balance two opposing needs. The fragile computing

elements must be shielded from external interference and noise. But at the same time, there must be a way to interact with them to carry out meaningful computations.

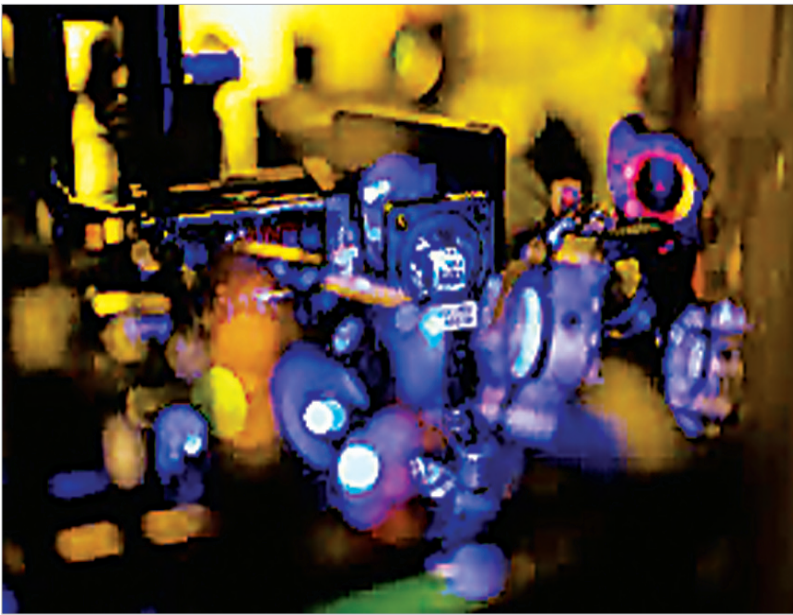
This is why there are so many different types of hardware still in the race to be the first operating quantum computer. Some types are very good for performing fast operations, but suffer from noise. Others are well shielded from noise, but difficult to operate and scale up.

Getting atomic nuclei to talk to each other

My team has been working on a platform that - until today - could be placed in the second camp. We have implanted phosphorus atoms in silicon chips and used the spin of the atoms' cores to encode quantum information.

To build a useful quantum computer, we will need to work with lots of atomic nuclei at the same time. But until now, the only way to work with multiple atomic nuclei was to place them very close together inside a solid, where they could be surrounded by a single electron.

We usually think of an electron being far smaller than the nucleus of an atom.



However, quantum physics tells us it can "spread out" in space, so it can interact with multiple atomic nuclei at the same time.

Even so, the range over which a

single electron can spread is quite limited. Moreover, adding more nuclei to the same electron makes it very challenging to control each nucleus individually.

Electronic 'telephones' to entangle

remote nuclei

We could say that, until now, nuclei were like people placed in sound-proof rooms. They can talk to each other as long as they are all in the same room, and the conversations are really clear.

But they can't hear anything from the outside, and there's only so many people who can fit inside the room. Therefore, this mode of conversation can't be scaled up.

In our new work, it's as if we gave people telephones to communicate with other rooms. Each room is still nice and quiet on the inside, but now we can have conversations with many more people, even if they are far away.

The "telephones" are electrons. By their ability to spread out in space, two electrons can "touch" each other at quite some distance.

And if each electron is directly coupled to an atomic nucleus, the nuclei can communicate via the interaction between the electrons.

We used the electron channel to create quantum entanglement between the nuclei by means of a method called the "geometric gate", which we used a few years ago to carry out high-precision quantum operations with atoms in sil-

icon. Now, for the first time in silicon, we showed that this method can scale up beyond pairs of nuclei that are attached to the same electron.

Fitting in with integrated circuits In our experiment, the phosphorus nuclei were separated by 20 nanometres. If this seems like still a small distance, it is: there are fewer than 40 silicon atoms between the two phosphorus ones.

But this is also the scale at which everyday silicon transistors are fabricated. Creating quantum entanglement on the 20-nanometre scale means we can integrate our long-lived, well-shielded nuclear spin qubits into the existing architecture of standard silicon chips like the ones in our phones and computers.

In the future, we envisage pushing the entanglement distance even further, because the electrons can be physically moved or squeezed into more elongated shapes.

Our latest breakthrough means that the progress in electron-based quantum devices can be applied to the construction of quantum computers that use long-lived nuclear spins to perform reliable computations.

Suryakumar confident of India’s preparation ahead of Asia Cup clash against Pakistan

DUBAI [UAE] : Indian skipper Suryakumar Yadav expressed confidence in India's preparations ahead of their match against Pakistan in the ongoing Asia Cup in the Super Fours.

India will meet Pakistan for the second time in the Asia Cup 2025 Super 4 stage at the Dubai International Stadium on Sunday.

India's Asia Cup campaign got off to a flying start, with the team winning all three group stage matches against UAE, Pakistan and Oman. Suryakumar emphasised a focused approach, urging his team to take each game one at a time rather than relying on past successes.

While speaking in the pre match press conference Suryakumar Yadav said, "I feel our preparations have been excellent, leading into the tournament and we had 3 good games also, so



and expressed its disappointment by withdrawing from the post-match presentation.

India's stance was linked to the strained relations between the two nations in the wake of the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, during which 26 tourists were killed on April 22 by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists.

The handshake imbroglio escalated after PCB lodged a complaint against Pycroft and accused him of violating the ICC Code of

Conduct and the MCC laws relating to the spirit of cricket. However, the International Cricket Council (ICC) blatantly refused to entertain Pakistan's request. In response, the PCB threatened to pull out of their do-or-die fixture against the UAE.

Suryakumar expressed gratitude for the Indian fans' unwavering support, urging them to enjoy the game comfortably. He emphasised that the team will play with intensity and energy, striving to deliver their best performance on the field against arch-rivals Pakistan. "I mean, the way the country always supports in every game, the same way they should support in this game also, and since it's Sunday, I think more people will watch the match, so they should sit comfortably and enjoy the game, and when we go to the ground, we will try to play

with the same intensity, with the same energy and we always try to keep our A game ahead and we will try the same on the ground," he added. In their first meeting in the ongoing Asia Cup, Suryakumar top-scored with an unbeaten 47 off 37 balls as India chased down a 128-run target in just 15.5 overs. In the eighth time in the last nine T20Is between India and Pakistan, the chasing side has ended up winning. The only exception was the T20 World Cup game in New York last year, where India won batting first.

India Asia Cup Squad: Abhishek Sharma, Shubman Gill, Tilak Varma, Suryakumar Yadav(c), Hardik Pandya, Jitesh Sharma(w), Axar Patel, Harshit Rana, Kuldeep Yadav, Jasprit Bumrah, Varun Chakravarthy, Sanju Samson, Rinku Singh, Shivam Dube, Arshdeep Singh.

Experienced match officials to take charge of CWC25 opener between India-Sri Lanka

DUBAI [UAE] : The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that Claire Polosak and Eloise Sheridan will be the on-field umpires for the ICC Women's World Cup opener between India and Sri Lanka in Guwahati on September 30.

The ICC on Saturday confirmed the match-wise appointments for the league stage of the Women's Cricket World Cup. Polosak and Sheridan will be the on-field umpires for the tournament opener between India and Sri Lanka in Guwahati. The duo are no strangers to trailblazing achievements, having become the first pair of female umpires to stand in a competitive match in Australia in 2018.

Five years later, they were the first female officials to take charge of a Sheffield Shield encounter, as per the ICC. This will be the third Cricket World Cup appearance for Polosak, while Sheridan was part of the team at the last edition in New Zealand three years ago.



Joining Polosak and Sheridan in the opening fixture will be TV umpire Kim Cotton and fourth umpire Shathira Jakir Jesy, while Shandre Fritz will be the match referee.

The following day, defending

On October 2, in the first game to be played in Sri Lanka during the tournament, Lauren Agenbag and Nimali Perera will take the field for Bangladesh's clash against Pakistan.

Aganbag had taken charge of the Cricket World Cup 2022 Final alongside Kim Cotton.

The appointments for the semifinals will be announced at the end of the round-robin league, and those for the final once the finalists are confirmed.

Match Referees for World Cup 2025:

Trudy Anderson, Shandre Fritz, GS Lakshmi, Michelle Pereira.

Umpires:

Lauren Agenbag, Candace la Borde, Kim Cotton, Sarah Dambanevana, Shathira Jakir Jesy, Kerrin Klaaste, Janani Narayanan, Nimali Perera, Claire Polosak, Vrinda Rath, Sue Redfern, Eloise Sheridan, Gayathri Venugopalan, Jacqueline Williams.

After two editions of glory, India draw blank at 2025 Tokyo World Athletics Championships



TOKYO [JAPAN] : Race walker Servin Sebastian finished in 31st spot in the men's 20 km race walk to conclude India's campaign at the World Athletics Championships without a medal on Saturday. Sebastian was the last Indian in action during the Championships, finishing with a time of 1:23:03 in a 48-man field, as per Olympics.com. After Neeraj Chopra's historic silver at the 2022 edition and a monumental gold in 2023, India has failed to secure a medal in the World Athletics Championships after two editions of history. Also, it is Akshdeep Singh who holds the Indian national record in the 20 m race walk with a timing of 1:19:55, achieved at the 2023 National Open Race Walking Championships in Jharkhand.

The gold medal in the 20 km men's race walk went to Paris 2024 silver medalist Caio Bonfim of Brazil after clocking 1:18:35, with the rest of the podium being completed by China's Asian champion

Wang Zhaozhao (1:18:43) and Spanish Olympian Paul McGrath (1:18:45).

India had sent a 19-member contingent for the Tokyo World Championships to compete for medals across 15 events.

The biggest highlight was Neeraj Chopra, the Olympic gold medalist failing to defend his world title in javelin throw and finishing at eighth spot with best throw of 84.03 m and ending his 26-event streak of top two finish. His compatriot Sachin Yadav, outclassed him with a fourth-place finish and falling short of a medal with best throw of 86.27 m. Also, Sarvesh Kushare made history, becoming the first Indian jumper to qualify for finals of World Athletics Championships in his discipline and finished at sixth place with a personal best timing of 2.28m. Pooja also secured her career-best timings of 2:01.03 in the women's 800m, but with a bottom-place finish in her heats, she failed to reach finals.

HOCKEY INDIA ANNOUNCES INDIAN JUNIOR WOMEN'S SQUAD FOR AUSTRALIA TOUR

NEW DELHI [INDIA] : Hockey India on Saturday announced the 23-member Indian Junior Women's Hockey squad for the upcoming Australia Tour, scheduled to be held at the National Hockey Centre in Canberra from 26th September to 2nd October 2025, as per a release from Hockey India. The Indian Junior Women's Team will play a total of five matches during the tour. The first three fixtures will be against the Australia Junior Women's Team, followed by two games against Canberra Chill, a club side from Australia's Hockey One League. The series will serve as a crucial step for the Indian side ahead of the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2025 to be held in Santiago, Chile in December.

The squad features a balanced mix of defenders, midfielders, and forwards from all over the country who will be lead by their Captain Jyoti Singh, who has already made headway into the senior team during the FIH Hockey Pro League ear-



lier this year. The goalkeeping responsibilities have been entrusted to Nidhi and Engil Harsha Rani Minz. In defence, the team will rely on Manisha, Jyoti Singh (C), althanthuangi, Mamita Oram, Sakshi Shukla, Puja Sahoo, and Nandini. The midfield will be marshalled by

talented players like Priyanka Yadav, Sakshi Rana, Khaidem Shileima Chanu, Rajni Kerketta, Binima Dhan, Ishika, Sunelita Toppo, and Anisha Sahu. Meanwhile, the forward line features Lalrinpuii, Nisha Minj, Purnima Yadav, Sonam, Kanika Siwach, and Sukhveer Kaur.

The players have been honing their skills and gearing up to face international opponents in the national training camp, and now they will be eager to put their preparations to the test. The exposure to top-quality opposition in Australia is expected to play a key role in enhancing their quality and confidence in international conditions. Speaking on the team selection, Indian Junior Women's Team Coach Tushar Khandker said, "This is a talented group of young players who have been working very hard in training. We have tried to strike the right balance across all departments, with players who can adapt to any situation. Although they are young, they are quite experienced for their age and have been playing together really well. The Australia Tour will be a great opportunity for this group to showcase their abilities and gain valuable international experience."

INDIAN JUNIOR WOMEN'S HOCKEY SQUAD FOR AUSTRALIA

ASIA CUP: AFGHANISTAN'S SPIN DUO PENALISED FOR BREACHING ICC CODE OF CONDUCT

ABU DHABI [UAE] : The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Saturday announced that Afghanistan's spin duo, Noor Ahmad and Mujeeb Ur Rahman, have been found guilty of breaching the Code of Conduct during the Asia Cup match against Sri Lanka on Thursday.

Noor and Mujeeb have been reprimanded for breaching Level 1 of the ICC Code of Conduct during the Asia Cup match against Sri Lanka in Abu Dhabi. The contest ended with a demoralising six-wicket defeat for Afghanistan, pulling the curtain down on their run in the tournament. Noor and Mujeeb proved costly throughout the night, returning with figures of 1/37 and 1/42, respectively.

Noor was found in breach of Article 2.8, which pertains to "showing dissent at an Umpire's decision during an International Match". Meanwhile, Mujeeb was charged with breaching Article 2.2, which relates to "abuse of cricket equipment or clothing, ground equipment or fixtures and fittings during an International Match."

As a result, one demerit point has been added to the disciplinary records of both players, making it their first offence in a 24-month period. During the pulsating encounter, Mujeeb had broken the stumps with his towel during the course of the match. Meanwhile, Noor had shown dissent in the 16th over of the second innings when the umpire adjudged one of his deliveries to be a wide.

On-field umpires Asif Yaqoob and Virender Sharma, third umpire Faisal Afridi, and fourth umpire Rohan Pandit levelled the charge. There was no need for formal hearings as both players admitted their offences and accepted the sanctions proposed by Richie Richardson of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees.

The contest was a do-or-die affair for Afghanistan as they hung in the race to the play-offs by a thread. After opting to bat, Afghanistan instantly regretted its decision. Sri Lanka made early inroads, leaving them threadbare at 114/7 after 17.1 overs. Mohammad Nabi flaunted his power-hitting muscle and tonked five consecutive maximums in the final over to propel Afghanistan to 169/8.

In reply, Sri Lanka gunned down Afghanistan, courtesy of Kusal Mendis conjuring an unbeaten 74(52). Sri Lanka stormed into the Super Four with a fiery three-match unbeaten streak, while Afghanistan bowed out with two consecutive defeats.



two new long jump pits, one of them designed specifically for Para athletes. Together, these improvements signal a fresh chapter for para sports in India.

WPA Head Fitzgerald described major sporting events as an opportunity and a significant investment in upgrading the country's sports culture and infrastructure. He said, "Hosting major tournaments is a great test for infrastructure. The Mondo track at JLN Stadium is a fantastic investment by India, benefiting not just this generation of athletes but also inspiring future athletes who will witness world-class performances here."

In India, Para sports have seen a rise both in popularity and performance. The first big spark came at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, where India delivered their best-ever performance with 19 medals, five gold, eight silver, and six bronze. That record was surpassed in Paris 2024, where India secured their most successful Paralympic haul in history with 29 medals, seven gold, nine silver, and 13 bronze. The achievement also meant that India crossed the 50-medal mark in their Paralympic history.

The New Delhi 2025 World Para Athletics Championships is a landmark event, marking the first time India is hosting this prestigious tournament. The expanded competition program features 184 medal events, 13 more than the last edition in Kobe, including 100 for men, 83 for women, and one mixed event. To bring the championships into every household, the PCI has joined hands with Prasar Bharati, India's public service broadcaster, which has been announced as the Official Broadcast Partner of the IndianOil New Delhi 2025 World Para Athletics Championships.

The championships are poised to be a historic moment for Indian sport, celebrating the skill, determination, and indomitable spirit of the nation's para-athletes, while inspiring the next generation to dream bigger and reach higher. The event will also give the world's top athletes a chance to experience India's renowned warmth and hospitality, truly embodying the spirit of 'Atithi Devo Bhava' (the guest is god).