



West Bengal Governor C. V. Ananda Bose on Friday inaugurated the 98th Santragachi Sarbojanin Durga Puja in Howrah, organized by Ramraja Sporting Club. Lighting the ceremonial lamp and offering prayers to Goddess Durga, he wished for peace and welfare. Club president Jayati Bhattacharya highlighted the puja's long legacy, celebrating unity across generations. The festival brings vibrant decorations, illuminations, and social bonding, making it a significant cultural and religious event in the community.

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India leaps into global league of indigenous tech

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will unveil on Saturday state-owned BSNL's 'Swadeshi' 4G stack, marking India's entry into a coveted league of nations such as Denmark, Sweden, South Korea, and China that produce and manufacture homegrown telecom equipment.

This is a new era for the telecom sector, Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia announced on Friday.

Scindia said that over 97,500 mobile 4G towers will be commissioned by the PM at Jharsuguda, Odisha, on September 27.

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The India-made network is cloud-based, future-ready and can upgrade seamlessly to 5G, Jyotiraditya Scindia said.

BSNL's 4G stack will be rolled out on September 27 across close to 98,000 sites in the country, the minister said, adding that simultaneous launch will happen across multiple states, alongside.

"This is a new era for the telecom sector, an era where India has entered into the domain of top countries, which produce and manufacture telecom equipment, which includes Denmark, Sweden, South Korea, China...India is now the fifth country," Scindia said.

The PM will also unveil India's 100 per cent 4G saturation network through digital Bharat Nidhi, where 29,000-30,000 villages have been connected in a mission mode project, the minister said.

RS polls for 4 vacant seats in J-K since 2021: EC



MI News Service, Jammu: The biennial elections to fill four Rajya Sabha seats from Jammu and Kashmir, which have been lying vacant since 2021, will be held on October 24, the Election Commission said on Friday.

Separately, Rajya Sabha by poll to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of AAP member from Punjab Sanjeev Arora will also be held on October 24.

He had resigned following his election to the Punjab assembly. His Rajya Sabha term was to otherwise end on April 9, 2028.

While announcing the schedule, the EC said that the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir was bifurcated into the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir (with legislature) and Ladakh (without legislature).

As per the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, four sitting members of the Rajya Sabha representing the existing State of Jammu and Kashmir will be deemed to have been elected to fill the seats allocated to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

All four seats were lying vacant since the expiration of the term of the sitting members due to the non-availability of the required electorate to conduct the elections at the time of occurrence of the vacancies.

After the constitution of the State Legislative Assembly of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, there is a required electorate to conduct the Biennial Elections, it noted.

Morning India



MahaPanchami

Abhishek slams Shah over 'Sonar Bangla' pitch, funds issue; invokes Vidyasagar's legacy

MI News Service, Kolkata: Trinamool Congress All India General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee on Friday launched a blistering attack on Union Home Minister Amit Shah over his 'Sonar Bangla' poll pitch, accusing the BJP-led Centre of withholding Rs 2 lakh crore in dues to West Bengal and "disregarding" state's cultural icons.

Addressing the media at Vidyasagar College on the 205th birth anniversary of 19th-century social reformer Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, Banerjee criticised Shah for not visiting the college, where the icon's statue was broken during a rally before the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, or paying homage to the educationist during his trip to Kolkata.

"First, you should ask Amit Shah - when will you release our funds worth Rs 2 lakh crore that you owe to us? If he says AITC is lying, then ask him to choose any channel of his choice and I will come for a debate with facts and figures," Banerjee told reporters.

The comments came hours after Shah inaugurated the Durga Puja celebrations at Santosh Mitra Square in north Kolkata, where he said he prayed before Goddess Durga for the emergence of



a government in Bengal after the next assembly polls that would transform the state into 'Sonar Bangla' (Golden Bengal).

"I have prayed before Maa Durga that after this election, a government should be formed in Bengal that can build Sonar Bangla. Bengal should once again become safe, prosperous, peaceful, abundant and fertile. And we should be able to build the Bengal of Kavi Guru Rabindranath Tagore that he had envisioned," Shah said at the event.

Countering him, Banerjee said the BJP has failed to replicate its "golden" promises in states where it has been in

power.

"He talks about Sonar Bangla, but did they make Sonar Bihar? Were they able to make Sonar Gujarat, Maharashtra, or UP? They are using our funds in all these BJP-ruled states," Banerjee remarked.

The TMC leader used the occasion to remind Shah of the 2019 incident, when Vidyasagar's statue inside the college was vandalised during a BJP rally.

"The broken statue is still kept inside. Do pay your respects when you go in. People of Bengal gave a befitting response to those who tried to impose North Indian culture here and broke Vidyasagar's

statue," he said.

Banerjee said he was "deeply saddened" that Shah did not take the time to visit Vidyasagar's house or the college despite being in the vicinity.

This is why we call them Bangla-Birodhi. Our political battles will continue, but the way they insult Bengal's stalwarts cannot be forgotten," he said.

Taking a swipe at the BJP leadership, Banerjee alleged that they often misrepresent or remain ignorant of Bengal's cultural history.

"They don't know where Rabindranath Tagore was born. They mispronounce Panchanan Barma. They are unaware of the contributions of Vidyasagar, Raja Ram Mohan Roy, or Khudiram Bose. We do not need to learn about Bengal's culture from them," he asserted.

He also pointed out that the very festival once questioned by Shah has now earned global recognition.

"The person inaugurating a Durga Puja pandal today is the same person who said five years ago that there are no Durga Pujas in Bengal. Today, that very Durga Puja has been recognised by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage site.

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75 lakh women in Bihar receive Rs 10,000 each in entrepreneurial scheme

MI News Service, Patna: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday launched Bihar's Mukhya Mantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana, and transferred Rs 10,000 each to the bank accounts of 75 lakh women.

The Rs 7,500-crore scheme, an initiative of Bihar's NDA government, is aimed at promoting women's empowerment through self-employment and livelihood opportunities.

The Prime minister launched the scheme virtually from Delhi, with Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, his deputy Samrat Choudhary, and several Union

and state ministers joining it through video conference from Patna. A large number of women of the state also joined it virtually..

The launch of the scheme assumes significance ahead of the upcoming assembly polls in the state.

"Under the scheme, financial assistance will be provided to one woman from each family, for livelihood activities of their choice, fostering economic independence and social empowerment," an official statement said here.

Each beneficiary will receive an initial grant of Rs 10,000 via direct benefit transfer, with the possibility

of additional financial support of up to Rs 2 lakh in subsequent phases. The assistance can be utilised in areas of the beneficiary's choice, including agriculture, animal husbandry, handicrafts, tailoring, weaving, and other small-scale enterprises, the statement added.

"The scheme is community driven in which... along with financial support, community resource persons connected to self-help groups will provide training to support their (women) endeavour. To support the sale of their produce, Gramin haat bazaars will be further developed in the state," it added.

MiG-21 flies through Indian skies for last time

MI News Service, Chandigarh: The legendary Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-21 fighter jets, the backbone of the Indian Air Force's combat fleet for more than six decades, streaked through Indian skies for the last time on Friday -- its final adieu threaded through history and many a remembrance.

The sun shone bright, the skies were cloudless and a brilliant blue, providing a picture perfect setting for the elaborate farewell to the Russian origin warhorse that was inducted into the IAF in the 1960s.

Describing the MiG-21 as a mighty machine and a national pride, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said there is deep attachment to the aircraft that shaped our confidence.

"MiG-21 is not only an aircraft or machine but also proof of deep India-Russia ties," the Defence minister said.

"The history of military aviation is incredible. The MiG 21 added many proud moments in our military aviation journey," Singh told the gathering.

There has been no fighter jet in the history of global military aviation made in such big numbers, the minister said. More than 11,500 MiG 21 aircraft were made. Of them, 850 fighter jets remained part of the IAF, he added.

"This number is the testimony of this aircraft's popularity, credibility and multi-dimensional capability," Singh said while pointing out that its contribution was not been limited to one incident or a war.

He also recalled its role in the 1971 war with Pakistan, the 1999 Kargil conflict as well as the 2019 Balakot air strikes.

Besides him, former IAF chiefs A Y Tipnis, S P Tyagi and B S Dhanoa, Group Cap-



tain Shubhanshu Shukla, India's first man on the International Space Station, and scores of veterans, many who had piloted the aircraft, were present on the occasion.

Air Chief Marshal A P Singh flew the sortie of the MiG-21 Bison aircraft with call sign Badal 3.

Dilbagh Singh, who became the IAF chief in 1981, led the first MiG-21 Squadron here in 1963.

The culmination of MiG-21 operations took place with a ceremonial flypast and decommissioning event, marking the closure of a historic chapter in India's air power.

The country's first supersonic fighter and interceptor aircraft were retired at the decommissioning event in Chandigarh, where it was first inducted.

The ceremony was marked by a spectacular display by IAF's elite skydiving team 'Akash Ganga', which skydived from a height of 8,000 feet.

This was followed by a majestic flypast of the MiG-21 aircraft accompanied by precision of the air warrior drill team and an aerial salute.

The fighter pilots flew MiG-21s in the three-aircraft Badal formation and the four-aircraft Panther formation roared over the skies

one final time.

The Surya Kiran aerobatic team also enthralled the audience with their breathtaking manoeuvres.

MiG-21 jets, belonging to number 23 Squadron, took part in the flypast ceremony, and were given a water cannon salute.

The Jaguar and the Tejas aircrafts also took part in the ceremony.

Tejas is an indigenously built single-engine multi-role fighter aircraft capable of operating in high-threat air environments. It has been designed to undertake air defence, maritime reconnaissance and strike roles.

After its first induction, the IAF procured over 870 MiG-21s to boost its overall combat prowess.

The aircraft has also had a troubled safety record and involved in multiple crashes in the last six decades.

The ageing fleet prompted some to describe the aircraft as "legacy coffins".

The MiG-21 jets made their last operational flights at the Nal Air Force Station in Rajasthan's Bikaner, a month ahead of the formal retirement ceremony.

As part of the symbolic farewell, Air Chief Marshal Singh had also flown solo sorties of the MiG-21 from Nal on August 18-19, added.

Durga Puja likely to be wet this year :IMD

MI News Service, Kolkata: Even as the people are yet to recover from the effect of last Tuesday's unprecedented rainfall in the city and its neighbourhood inundating many localities and claiming as many as ten lives in electrocution, the India Meteorological Department (IM D) has forecast light to moderate rainfall at many places in South Bengal over the next seven days, owing to a low-pressure system formed over the Bay of Bengal on Friday.

This has once again raised apprehension about a wet Durga Puja festival that commences on September 28.

It said that heavy rain is likely to occur in South 24 Parganas, Kolkata, Howrah, East and West Midnapore, Jhargram, Nadia and East and West Burdwan districts on September 27 and 28..

The low pressure area is likely to concentrate into a depression and thereafter cross the south Odisha-Andhra Pradesh coasts on Saturday, the IMD said.

The four-day Durga Puja festival will commence on September 28, with the day being celebrated as 'Maha Shasti'. The IMD advised fishermen not to venture into the sea till Sunday along and off the West Bengal-Odisha coast as the sea condition is likely to be rough to very rough owing to the weather conditions.

Kolkata weather today shows overcast conditions with temperatures ranging from 26°C to 31°C . Weather in Kolkata today features generally cloudy skies with light rain and thunder-showers continuing throughout the day. Humidity remains high at 7% with wind speeds at 10 km/h and visibility at 8 km due to misty conditions.

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Heavy rain in Kolkata on September 22-23 created unprecedented chaos, with the city recording 251.4mm rainfall in 24 hours—the third-highest September rainfall since 1978. This deluge was exceeded only by 369.6mm on September 28, 1978, and 259.5mm on September 26, 1986.

Waterlogging in Kolkata affected major areas, with Garia Kamdhari recording 332mm, Jodhpur Park 285mm, and Kalighat 280mm of rainfall. Flooding in Kolkata brought life to a standstill, causing 10 deaths, mostly from electrocution, and severe disruption to Metro, railway, and air services.

The weather in Kolkata during Durga Puja will be particularly challenging with intermittent rainfall throughout the festival that might disrupt evening pandal hopping activities.

Bonus cuts: Tea estate managers flee amid workers’ protest

MI News Servicew, Jalpaiguri: The managerial staff in at least two tea estates in the western Dooars under the Jalpaiguri district had to bear the brunt of worker protests over bonus.

While the manager of one of the gardens was forced to flee from his bungalow as workers demonstrated at his residence demanding bonus at the rate of 20 per cent of their annual wages according to the state advisory, workers in another tea estate forced the manager to leave the garden and asked him to return with cash to disburse bonus.

In both gardens, the management had announced they would pay bonus at the rate of 10 per cent, citing financial constraints. The workers, however, refused to listen.

Rajen Indowar, the manager of Dharnipur tea estate in Nagrakata block of the district, who was confined by agitated workers since Wednesday, secretly fled from his residence. The management had offered workers a bonus at the rate of 10 per cent.

Although police personnel were deployed at the bungalow, workers, including women, continued their demonstration throughout the night.

“Around 8am, we came to know that the manager left through the bungalow’s backyard. We did not threaten him, we simply demonstrated in front of his bungalow, demanding a 20 per cent bonus. Why did he leave without paying us?” said Bishni Oraon, a woman worker.

There are 375 workers in the garden. Contacted, Indowar said he was feeling insecure in the bungalow.

“They kept me confined in the bungalow and did not let me eat. I was feeling unsafe, and with the efforts of some workers, I managed to escape. We had said we would give them bonus at 10 per cent rate on Friday, but they did not agree,” he said. In Debpara, a tea estate in neighbouring Banarhat block that employs around 900 workers, manager Uttam Sengupta had an unusual experience.

For the past three days, the workers had not joined duty, participating in a sit-in against the management that offered a 10 per cent bonus. Workers asked Sengupta to leave the garden and arrange funds to pay workers bonus at the rate of 20 per cent. “We asked him to leave the garden, meet the owner, arrange the money, and then return. This is because we will not settle at any rate below 20 per cent as has been advised by the state government,” said Minati Oraon, a worker of Debpara.

Truck driver burnt to death on NH12

MI News Service, Murshidabad: A truck driver was charred to death after his vehicle caught fire following a head-on collision with another lorry on NH12 in Sagardighi, Murshidabad.

Rehaman Ali, 32, of Dutapukur in North 24-Parganas, was rushed to the Jangipur Subdivisional Hospital, where doctors declared him brought-dead. The other truck involved in the accident also caught fire, and the driver suffered critical burn injuries.

The police said that the injured driver was Rejaul Karim, 28, a resident of Samserganj in Murshidabad district. He is being treated at Murshidabad Medical College and Hospital.

The accident took place around 12.40pm in the vicinity of the Sheikhdighi bus stand under the jurisdiction of the Sagardighi police station. According to the police and local sources, a

truck laden with sand entered the wrong lane and collided head-on with the Calcutta-bound lorry carrying tea leaves from north Bengal.

The impact was so severe that the vehicle loaded with the tea leaves caught fire almost immediately, apparently because of a blast in the fuel tank.

Eyewitnesses said the flames spread rapidly and engulfed the front portion of the cabin, leaving the driver trapped inside.

“The fire spread so quickly that he had no time to escape,” a resident said. The vehicle’s cleaner, who was also inside the cabin, managed to jump out in time and escaped unhurt.

Residents tried to douse the flames till the police and fire brigade personnel arrived.

Fire tenders from Jangipur brought the blaze under control.



Deshapriya Park Puja pandal with the theme of a 170-foot ship during this year's Durga Puja festival in Kolkata on Friday.

Migrant worker from Malda gets lynched in Mysore

MI News Service, Mysore/Malda: A migrant worker from Malda was allegedly beaten to death in Mysore.

The murder of Khairul Jamal, 55, prompted the Malda district Trinamool Congress leadership to allege that the attack was a result of ongoing anti-Bengali propaganda by BJP leaders across the country. Jamal’s mortal remains will be brought to his home at Dilalpur in Sahapur gram panchayat, following a post-mortem.

According to the family members and police sources, Jamal used to work as a cook at a migrant workers’ camp under a labour contractor. On Tuesday night, he and some other workers caught some people who were attempting to steal cellphones from the camp. Eventually, the issue ended through reconciliation.

However, while Jamal was alone at the camp, the thieves reportedly returned and brutally attacked him. He was rushed to a hospital by other workers but succumbed to his injuries. “Jamal was the sole breadwinner of our family. We have no idea how

our family will run,” said Seuli Khatun, the deceased man’s daughter.

A delegation of Trinamool leaders met Jamal’s family, Biswajit Haldar, the Malda district INTTUC president, condemned the incident. “This is yet another example of the brutal consequences of the BJP’s anti-Bengali propaganda. We have informed the party leadership about the incident. The state government will extend all possible help to the family,” he said. Pratap Singha, BJP president of Malda north (organisational) district, said Karnataka is a Congress-ruled state.

“The murder is tragic, but the question remains why so many financially weaker people do not find adequate employment in Bengal and are forced to migrate to other states,” he said.

A team of administrative officials also met the bereaved family on Thursday evening and promised government assistance through different schemes. They also promised financial aid of 50,000 soon, sources said.

Howrah Division conducts Special Swachhata Drives under Swachhata Hi Seva 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the nationwide Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 campaign, Eastern Railway’s Howrah Division undertook a series of special cleanliness drives on 26th September 2025, with a particular focus on the Swachh Food Initiative and pest and rodent control measures.

The drives were conducted at key stations and facilities, including Dankuni, Azimganj, Howrah Orthopedic Hospital, Howrah Station, Bardhaman, Bandel, Katwa, Magra, and Liluah Sorting Yard Cabin, along with onboard inspections in Saraighat Express.

The objective of these efforts was to:

- Ensure safe and hygienic food services at stations and in trains.
- Strengthen pest and rodent control systems to maintain cleanliness.
- Enhance the overall passenger experience through improved hygiene standards.
- Through these coordinated initiatives, Eastern Railway, Howrah Division reaffirms its commitment to the national vision of a Clean and Healthy India under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

SEALDAH DIVISION INTENSIFIES SWACHHATA HI SEVA 2025 WITH VENDOR SENSITIZATION, FOOD WASTE MANAGEMENT & PEST CONTROL DRIVES

MI News Service, Kolkata: As a part of the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) Campaign 2025, launched nationwide, commenced in the Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway, which commenced from September 17 to October 2, is an annual initiative with the core theme of “Cleanliness with patriotism and service to the nation,” aimed at raising awareness about sanitation, waste management, and the elimination of single-use plastics.

As part of the ongoing campaign, a large-scale Swachh Food Initiative - Vendor Sensitization, Collection & disposal of food waste, special drive for pest and rodent control at trains & special drive for pest and rodent control at major stations viz. Sealdah, Kolkata & Naihati stations were conducted on 26.09.2025 at various locations of railway premises within the Sealdah Division.

At Sealdah station, a special Swachh Food Initiative was held at Sealdah Station to sensitize vendors about hygiene and promote proper food handling practices, along with ensuring proper disposal of food waste. Similar Swachh Food drives were done at various stations over Sealdah Division like Sonarpur, Barasat, Bar-



rackpore, Ranaghat, Berhampore Court, Naihati, Kolkata & Dum Dum Jn. stations. As part of the ongoing Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2025, pest and rodent control drives were also conducted across several trains, reinforcing the commitment to a pest and rodent-free environment. Special drive for pest and rodent control at major stations viz. Sealdah, Kolkata & Naihati stations & various Railway colonies. Similar pest and rodent control drives were done at Barasat, Berhampore Court, Sealdah Railway Colony, Ghoshapur Railway Colony, Kaiser Street, North Sealdah Railway Colony, Lal Building, Guard Colony, Harshi Street, OS Colony Area, New Alipore Officers Colony.

Foresters cage Leopard

MI News Service, Malbazar: A sub-adult leopard was trapped at Damdim’s Good Hope tea in Malbazar subdivision, Jalpaiguri. The animal had strayed into the garden a few days ago and was taking away poultry and cattle. Locals informed foresters, who laid a cage at the plantations. Raju Lohar, a local trade union leader, said they found the animal growling inside the cage. “We suspect there are some more leopards in the garden. The forest department should put some more cages to trap the animals,” he said. Later, foresters took away the animal. It will be kept under observation and released into the wild, a forester said.

Missing youth’s body found in river

MI News Service, Malbazar: The body of Deepak Oraon, a resident of the Nepuchapur tea estate in Jalpaiguri’s Malbazar block, was found floating on the confluence of the Neora and Mal rivers. A source reported that Deepak, 22, had been missing since Wednesday, when he went to the river with three friends. He was swept away while bathing. His friends searched for him but were unable to find him. Some locals spotted his body, which was recovered by a team from Matiali police station and sent to Jalpaiguri Government Medical College & Hospital for post-mortem. Police have initiated an investigation, a source said.

Zimba appeals to Amit Shah after GNLF delisting by EC

MI News Service, Darjeeling: Neeraj Zimba, the secretary-general of the Gorkha National Liberation Front and the Darjeeling MLA, has reminded Union home minister Amit Shah that it was on his “request and in the spirit of coalition dharma” that the GNLF had supported the BJP in the 2021 Bengal Assembly elections.



The reminder comes after the Election Commission of India removed the GNLF from the list of registered unrecognised parties on September 19 for failing to contest any election conducted by the EC since 2019. Zimba, a GNLF leader, had successfully contested from the Darjeeling Assembly seat in 2019 and 2021 on a BJP ticket. “Sir, it is pertinent to remind you that since 2019, the GNLF has stood firmly behind the BJP in both the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections in the Darjeeling region of West Bengal,” the letter written by Zimba on September 23 reads.

“On your request and in the spirit of coalition dharma, our party extended unequivocal support to the BJP candidates in all the three Assembly seats of Darjeeling Hills and Kalimpong.” Zimba has written. The MLA said the history of the GNLF was inseparably linked to the aspirations of Indian Gorkhas. The party founded on April 5, 1980, by Subash Ghisingh had led the Gorkhaland agitation in the mid-1980s and signed an agreement with the central and state governments in 2005 to bring the Darjeeling hills under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

“To erase such a historic organization from the register of recognized political

parties on a technicality of election participation is to negate four decades of legitimate political struggle and service,” Zimba has said. The EC delisted 474 parties from across the country, including 12 from Bengal, for their failure to participate in elections in the past six years.

In its order to delist the political parties, the EC has stated: “Whereas, 474 political parties listed at Annexure -A enclosed herewith, have been found to not having contested any election conducted by the Election Commission continuously for six years, since 2019...”

The EC had granted a hearing to the GNLF on August 29 to explain its stand.

Despite the delisting, the EC still has a provision for aggrieved parties to appeal before the commission within 30 days of the order.

However, the GNLF has sought Shah’s intervention. “We therefore humbly request your intervention in this matter. As the Hon’ble Home Minister and as the guardian of India’s federal and democratic spirit, we seek your guidance and support in engaging with the Election Commission of India so that the registration of the GNLF is restored,” said Zimba, who has written the letter “on behalf of the President (Mann Ghisingh) and Members of the GNLF”.

“Our continued existence as a recognised political party is not merely an institutional need; it is a democratic necessity for the Gorkha community, which has consistently reposed its faith in the BJP led-led NDA,” stated Zimba.

AMURT distributes saris & sweets among tribals

MI News Service, Kolkata: On the occasion of ‘Shard-outsav’, Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team has distributed more than

100 Saris and one sweet box among poor tribal women at Charilam Ananda Sarita Master Unit, Sipahi Jala, Tripura. More than 200 Saris have distributed at Kalyanpur and Asarambari in khowai District of Tripura.

Relief program was inaugurated by Acharya Divy-achetananda Avadhuta,



Central AMURT Secretary. AMURT is an international service organization and it has its branches in more than 150 countries. It has

also NGO status from UNO. It stands for service to humanity is service to God. In India, AMURT is running 2000 branches.

MI News Service, Abu Dhabi/Kolkata: The Arabian

fantasy, exuberance of middle-east, mechanized precision of West and many more have converged into something that is extraordinary in this physical earth, and it is none other than AIRBUS A321LR from ETIHAD AIRWAYS. This unique airbus is pot-pourri of classical luxury, amazing economic balance, and ruthless technological acumen.

KOLKATA-ABU DHABI A321LR

Ethihad Airways has just launched its next-generation Airbus A321LR on the Abu Dhabi-Kolkata route, transforming the travel experience with a wide-body cabin feel on a narrow-body aircraft. This strategic move marks Kolkata as the first Indian city to receive the carrier’s latest premium product, strengthening Ethihad’s commitment to the Indian aviation market.

All Ethihad Airways flights operating between Zayed International Airport (AUH), Abu Dhabi, and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport (CCU), Kolkata will be served by the airline’s newly introduced Airbus A321LR.

This eventually marks a significant product upgrade for the route and positions Kolkata as the first Indian destination to receive Ethihad’s premium narrow-body aircraft.

The move was marked by the sold-out inaugural flight EY222, which landed in Kolkata at 8:35 PM on 24 September, two days ahead of the full-scale transition. The Airbus A321LR is part of Ethihad’s broader fleet renewal plan. In July, the airline received the first of 30 A321LR aircraft, followed by a second delivery in August.

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- 17.3-inch 4K touchscreen, wireless charging, Bluetooth connectivity

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- Extensive in-flight entertainment via E-Box, featuring movies, shows, and games in multiple languages
- High-speed Wi-Fi across all cabins, suitable for streaming and gaming
- Enlarged overhead bins for added convenience

The A321 LR delivers the experience of a wide-body aircraft in a narrow-body format, with superior design, efficiency, and the comfort that medium-haul flyers now expect.

ETIHAD AIRWAYS focuses on Indian market

Ethihad’s investment in the Kolkata route reflects the growing strategic importance of India within its global network. The airline currently operates 183 weekly flights across 11 Indian cities, offering extensive connectivity between India, the Middle East, and onward to Europe, Africa, and North America.

Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal, is a key gateway city in eastern India, recognised globally as the cultural and intellectual capital of India. Ethihad Airways transports more than 135,000 passengers annually between Kolkata and Abu Dhabi.

This number is expected to grow as the upgraded service attracts is surly going to attract corporate travelers, inbound tourism, and international connections.

A mother and child killed in tragic road accident, protests erupt

Dipankar Edbar, Tehatta (Nadia) : A mother and her son of 4 years, were killed in a road accident on Thursday night, triggering tension and public protests at Betai Sadhu Bazar area of Tehatta in Nadia on Thursday night, police said.

The victims were identified as Sangeeta Ghosh (28) and her four-year-old son. The accident occurred when a four-wheeler rammed into them near their residence, police added.

According to local sources, Sangeeta had gone to the market with her husband and child on a motorcycle for Durga Puja shopping. On their way back, just as they were getting off the bike in front of their house, a speeding vehicle hit them, throwing them into a

roadside pond. The car then crashed into an electric pole.

Locals rushed to the spot and rescued the victims after some times. They were rushed to Tehatta Sub-Divisional Hospital. However, physicians declared both dead on arrival. Their bodies were sent for post-mortem to determine whether they died due to the collision impact or drowning.

Police later arrested the driver, identified as Ashok Roy of Bethuadahari, and seized the vehicle involved in the accident.

Following the incident, angry locals blocked the road and set fire on it in protest. A large police contingent from Tehatta Police Station reached the spot and brought the situation under control.

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Kolkata	21:30
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CESC Agrees to Compensate Families of Electrocuting Victims

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation (CESC) has finally agreed to compensate the families of the nine people who died due to electrocution following heavy flooding in Kolkata earlier this week. After the city was inundated during Monday night's torrential downpour, nine people lost their lives in the accumulated water by Tuesday morning. Since then, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had been demanding immediate compensation for the bereaved families.

CESC confirmed that each of the nine families would receive ₹5 lakh as compensation. The Chief Minister had repeatedly criticized the private power distribution company, holding it responsible for the fatalities. Speaking after the incident, Mamata Banerjee had said, "CESC must take responsibility for these deaths. Immediate deployment of staff is essential." She further lashed out at the company, stating, "While they are running their business here, they are not modernizing the infrastructure properly. In Rajasthan, they are carrying out modernization work, but here, nothing is happening. I've grown tired repeating this."

Later in the evening, Mamata Banerjee reportedly spoke with CESC chairman Sanjiv Goenka regarding the matter.

Meanwhile, the Calcutta High Court has sought a formal report on the electrocution incident. In a suo motu case, a division bench comprising Acting Chief Justice Soumen Sen and Justice Apurba Singh Roy directed CESC to submit a detailed account of the incident. The report must outline the steps taken to improve drainage and safety measures. Additionally, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation has been asked to submit a report on the drainage and preventive measures implemented in affected areas.

The state government has also been instructed to clarify its position regarding compensation to the victims' families. The next hearing of the case has been scheduled for November 7, by which time all parties—including CESC, KMC, and the state government—must submit their reports and responses.

This move by CESC comes after intense public pressure and direct intervention by the Chief Minister, highlighting concerns over urban infrastructure, private utility accountability, and disaster management in Kolkata.

Cal HC Rejects Centre's Decision to Deport Migrant Workers to Bangladesh

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major setback to the central government, the Calcutta High Court has struck down the decision to deport Birbhum resident Sonali Bibi, who is pregnant, along with her family, to Bangladesh. The ruling came from a division bench comprising Justice Tapabrata Chakraborty and Justice Ritabrata Kumar Mitra. The court ordered that the family and others from Paikar village in Birbhum, who were targeted for deportation on suspicion of being Bangladeshi nationals, must be brought back within four weeks.

The central government had requested a six-week temporary stay for the enforcement of its order, which the High Court also rejected.

The case arose after allegations that West Bengal's migrant workers face harassment while working in other states. In recent months, several states, including Delhi, Gujarat, and Maharashtra, have been identifying and detaining suspected illegal immigrants. A significant portion of those detained are reportedly migrant workers from West Bengal, with some suspected Bangladeshi also being caught.

Complaints suggested that authorities often act aggressively, even detaining workers who speak Bengali. The Calcutta High Court, in this landmark ruling, emphasized that the deportation order was unjust and must be reversed immediately, providing relief to the affected migrant families.

Cal HC grants bail to Partha

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furnishing his bail bond just yet.

In the current case, involving illegal school appointments at the primary level, the CBI also named Ayan Sil, a private developer and an accused in the state municipal body recruitment scam, and Santu Gangopadhyay, another private promoter and an alleged close confidant of the former minister, in its December 27 charge sheet, besides naming Partha Chatterjee.

The leader's son-in-law and co-accused in the case, Kalyanmoy Bhattacharya, has turned state approver.

Partha Chatterjee, then state education minister and the secretary general of the TMC, was arrested by the CBI on July 22, 2022 following night-long raids at his south Kolkata residence during which the agency claimed to have seized incriminating documents relating to 12 immovable properties in the name of Chatterjee's close associates and documents showing the appointment of Group D staff.

Subsequent searches conducted in the residential premises of Arpita Mukherjee, a close aide of Partha Chatterjee, further led to the seizure of nearly ₹50 crore in cash and gold jewellery worth over ₹5 crore.

Partha Chatterjee was accused of being involved in a racket effecting illegal appointments of unmerited candidates to the posts of primary school teachers, assistant school teachers and other posts in the education department.

After several unsuccessful candidates in the teachers' eligibility test conducted by the West Bengal Board of Primary Education moved the Calcutta High Court, the latter ordered a CBI probe into the allegations on June 8, 2022.

Abhishek slams Shah over

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No other festival or celebration from BJP-ruled states has received such recognition," Banerjee said.

Banerjee also invoked a Calcutta High Court order earlier in the day, which set aside the deportation of six persons, including a pregnant woman from Birbhum, calling it an example of how Bengali-speaking people were allegedly targeted under central directives.

"On Vidyasagar's birth anniversary, along with the slap that the High Court has delivered today, they must apologise first to the people of Bengal," he said.

Shah during his speech had also paid tribute to educationist and social reformer Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar on his birth anniversary.

Touching upon civic issues, Banerjee defended the state government's handling of heavy rainfall in Kolkata earlier this week.

"If we get 300 mm rainfall in four hours, naturally there will be difficulties. But look at Bengal's resilience. In 48 hours, we have bounced back. Despite such rainfall, how is Shah moving freely from one place to another? If the city was under water, how is he roaming around? This shows that if the government is determined, it can work, and our government has done so," he said.

Asserting that the TMC worked for people's welfare throughout the year, the TMC Lok Sabha leader contrasted its governance model with what he termed as the BJP's "political rhetoric".



West Bengal Governor C. V. Ananda Bose on Friday inaugurated the 98th Santragachi Sarbojanin Durga Puja in Howrah, organized by Ramraja Sporting Club. Lighting the ceremonial lamp and offering prayers to Goddess Durga, he wished for peace and welfare. Club president Jayati Bhattacharya highlighted the puja's long legacy, celebrating unity across generations. The festival brings vibrant decorations, illuminations, and social bonding, making it a significant cultural and religious event in the community.

Abhishek, Kunal Slam BJP After Cal HC Orders Repatriation of Bengali Migrants

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Calcutta High Court has directed the immediate return of six Bengali migrant workers, including a pregnant woman named Sonali Bibi, who were pushed back to Bangladesh. The court declared the Delhi FRRO's detention and deportation orders unlawful, marking a significant legal victory for the affected families.

Reacting sharply to the verdict, All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) General Secretary Abhishek Banerjee took to social media, accusing the BJP of practicing exclusionary politics. "Today, the long arm of the law has finally caught up. The Hon'ble Calcutta High Court has held the FRRO (Delhi) detention and deportation

order unlawful and directed the immediate repatriation of six people, including the pregnant woman from Birbhum, who were labelled 'Bangladeshi Migrants' and expelled," he wrote.

He further highlighted what he described as a "cruel and systematic campaign of harassment" against Bengalis. "The people of Bengal will not tolerate xenophobia, humiliation, or the politics of exclusion. Come 2026, those who trafficked in fear and persecution will face a decisive verdict from the electorate," Banerjee added, reaffirming TMC's commitment to protecting the dignity, rights, and language of Bengalis.

TMC state secretary Kunal

Ghosh also criticized the BJP, saying the party's policies were anti-Bengali, anti-mother, and anti-women. "A pregnant woman from Birbhum was labelled a foreigner just for speaking Bengali. Even after repeatedly asserting she is not Bangladeshi, she was deported. Who will take responsibility for her physical and mental suffering?" he questioned.

Ghosh also pointed to changes in border regulations, claiming that the extension of BSF jurisdiction from 15 km to 50 km was being misused to harass Bengali residents. He urged the BJP leadership, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, to apologize publicly for the incident.

The Issue dates back to June 18, when the Birbhum family from Paikar village in Murarai was detained by Rohini Police in Delhi on suspicion of being Bangladeshi. Despite contacting family members and traveling to Delhi, the family was handed over to BSF and pushed back across the border. The Calcutta High Court, hearing the case, directed that Sonali Bibi and the other five be brought back to India within four weeks.

The verdict has sparked widespread debate, with TMC asserting it exposes systemic discrimination against Bengalis and highlights the party's resolve to challenge exclusionary policies ahead of the 2026 elections.

West Bengal Govt to Recruit 13,421 Primary Teachers After Durga Puja

MI News Service, Kolkata: The West Bengal government has announced that it will recruit 13,421 primary teachers after Durga Puja. The West Bengal Board of Primary Education (WBBPE) issued a notification in this regard, confirming that candidates who qualified in the 2022 and 2023 TET (Teachers' Eligibility Test) examinations will be eligible to apply.

Education Minister Bratya Basu shared the development on social media platform X, saying, "This festive season brings good news for young job seekers in Bengal aspiring for teaching posts. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, WBBPE has issued the recruitment notification for 13,421 vacancies. The appointment process will begin immediately after Puja. Best wishes to all job aspirants."

On Wednesday, WBBPE published the results of the 2023 primary TET examination, in which 6,754 candidates were declared successful. While the results of the 2022 TET were declared earlier, legal disputes surrounding reservation policies



had delayed recruitment. Minister Basu had previously assured aspirants that 2022 TET-qualified candidates would not be left out, and the new notification confirms their inclusion.

WBBPE President Gautam Pal said, "Due to legal complications, primary teacher recruitment had been stalled. Now that the issues have been resolved, the recruitment process is beginning with the publication of this notification. All TET-qualified candidates will be eligible to apply."

According to the notification, candidates must submit their academic quali-

fication details along with the application fee. The fee has been fixed at ₹600 for general category applicants, ₹500 for OBC-A and OBC-B candidates, and ₹300 for SC and ST candidates.

Earlier this month, on September 5 (Teachers' Day), Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had announced that the state would recruit over 35,000 teachers in government-aided and government-sponsored schools. These include vacancies in secondary and higher secondary schools, as well as in the primary level. Following her announcement, the School Service Commission (SSC) released a notification for secondary and higher secondary teacher recruitment, covering classes IX to XII. The SSC recruitment examination has already been conducted smoothly across the state.

With the latest WBBPE notification, the long-awaited recruitment drive for primary teachers is set to begin after Durga Puja, bringing relief to thousands of candidates who had been waiting for the process to move forward.



Union Minister of Home Affairs, Amit Shah during the inauguration of Durga Puja at Santosh Mitra Square in Kolkata on Friday.

Kolkata Police on High Alert to Ensure Smooth Durga Puja Amid Rain Forecast

MI News Service, Kolkata: With the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasting spells of rain during the Durga Puja festivities, the Kolkata Police headquarters at Lalbazar has swung into action to prevent waterlogging woes from disrupting the celebrations. Directives have been issued to all traffic guards and officer-in-charges of police stations to ensure prompt removal of accumulated water around pandals.

Senior police officials will also hold discussions with puja organisers and the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) to coordinate measures. A list of vulnerable roads prone to waterlogging has already been prepared, with plans to divert traffic through alternative routes to keep movement smooth. Police have further instructed that if waterlogging occurs in front of pandals, necessary steps must be taken to avoid inconvenience to pandal hoppers. To expedite drainage, arrangements are being made in collaboration with KMC to clean drains near pandal areas.

Alongside civic arrangements, a massive security deployment will begin from Friday. As many as 10,000 police personnel will be on duty across the city. The deployment includes 36 Deputy Commissioners (DCs), who will supervise Assistant Commissioners, Inspectors, and other officers stationed at pandals and major roads. Home Guards,

temporary volunteers, civic police, and NCC cadets will also support the force. Around 4,500 traffic police personnel will be on the streets to regulate vehicle movement.

The city's surveillance and security measures during Puja will include: 125 police pickets, 52 watchtowers, 62 PCR patrol vehicles, 16 heavy radio flying squads, 13 special heavy radio flying squads, 30 PCRM vehicles. Several mobile police assistance vans and traffic assistance booths, 12 Quick Response Teams (QRTs), 11 wireless vans stationed at fire service centers, 14 trauma-care ambulances, 10 mobile missing-person squads.

Additional deployment will cover Kolkata's 32 metro stations, with an average of 11 extra police personnel at each station. Forty women officers on 20 scooters will be part of the "Winners" team, ensuring women's safety. Drone surveillance and additional control rooms will further strengthen monitoring.

Special arrangements have also been made at key public places, including Kalighat Temple, seven other temples, Alipore Zoo, major parks, and Science City, where additional police forces will be posted.

Authorities have assured that every precaution is being taken to ensure a safe, secure, and uninterrupted Durga Puja for the city's residents and visitors.

Fresh Row Over Liquor Party at JU; Security Concerns Deepen

MI News Service, Kolkata: Despite recent guidelines warning of strict action against substance abuse on campus, allegations have surfaced that a liquor party was organised inside Jadavpur University (JU). According to reports, when security personnel tried to intervene, they were allegedly assaulted. A security guard was punched on the nose by former students, while several current students were also said to be present at the gathering late on Wednesday night.

The incident comes barely weeks after the September 11 tragedy, when the body of third-year student Anamika Mondal was recovered from a lake near Gate No. 4 of the university. She had attended a programme at the campus parking lot that night, leading to questions about alcohol consumption and the lack of security measures inside the institution.

Following that incident, JU authorities had issued a guideline explicitly stating that anyone caught consuming drugs or alcohol on campus would face action under the law. The administration also decided to clear bushes where such gatherings reportedly took place and invited tenders for the same. Plans were also announced to install high fencing along the lakeside.

With continuing incidents of law and order challenges, the tussle between student groups and security measures remains a pressing issue. While the administration insists on tighter vigilance, sections of the student community are resisting surveillance initiatives.

Authorities have stressed that maintaining discipline and ensuring safety at JU is of utmost importance, especially after the recent incidents that have shaken public confidence in the campus environment.

However, Wednesday's alleged liquor party and the assault on a guard have once again raised serious questions about campus security.

Adding to the debate, a section of students has opposed the installation of CCTV cameras on campus, citing privacy concerns. Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner (SSD) Bidishakalita submitted a detailed security report on JU to Kolkata Police Commissioner Manoj Verma.

In her report, Kalita stated that the entire campus requires 230 CCTV cameras, including 60 for the main hostel. She also recommended that CCTV access should be given directly to Jadavpur Police Station. The report further suggested setting up a permanent police outpost inside the campus to ensure round-the-clock monitoring.

Cal HC Clears Way for Kidney Transplant in Landmark Order

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a significant and unprecedented directive, Justice Amrita Sinha of the Calcutta High Court has granted permission for a kidney transplant, overturning a decision by the state health department's forum that had earlier rejected the application. The order allows Sheikh Habibur Rahman of East Burdwan to receive a kidney from a willing donor after months of legal and medical uncertainty.

Habibur, a resident of East Burdwan, has been suffering from chronic kidney disease for several years. In 2024, after being admitted to a private hospital in Kolkata, doctors informed him that both of his kidneys had failed and that transplantation was the only viable option. Following medical advice, the hospital authorities approached the state

health department for necessary approvals.

The health department informed that Habibur's name was listed at number 26 on the official waiting list for kidney transplantation. As his condition deteriorated, a resident of Madhyamgram came forward voluntarily to donate a kidney. With all medical documents and supporting papers in place, Habibur's family reapplied to the health department seeking approval for the transplant.

However, the concerned forum of the health department rejected the plea, raising doubts about possible financial connections between the donor and recipient. With no appellate authority above this forum in the state, Habibur's wife approached the Calcutta High Court, filing a petition seeking urgent permission for her husband's transplant.

Docs Urge Reducing Obesity to Prevent Early-Onset Diabetes

MI News Service, Kolkata: Health experts warn that rising obesity and excessive junk food consumption are driving a surge in early-onset diabetes, damaging vital organs like the heart, kidneys, and eyes. At the 10th National Conference on Diabetes, organized by the Howrah Town Diabetes Study Society, doctors stressed awareness,

lifestyle changes, and timely treatment. Secretary Jayati Bhattacharya highlighted the spread of diabetes in both urban and rural areas. Endocrinologist Dr. Sanjay Shah called it a "silent killer" yet controllable with early action. Specialists emphasized diet, exercise, sleep, and stress management as essential steps to combat the growing threat.

Name Change
I, Mowmita Chatterjee (old name) wife of Debashish Chowdhury, residing at 122A, Regent Colony, Regent Park, Kolkata- 700040, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Moumita Chowdhury (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/09/2025. Mowmita Chowdhury (new name) and Mowmita Chatterjee (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mst. Ayesa Siddiqua, D/O Md. Luthfar Rahman, residing at Vill K.M. Para, P.O K.M. Para, PS Raningarg, Dist Murshidabad, Pin- 742308, West Bengal do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mst. Ayesa Siddiqua (old name) to Ayesa Siddiqua (new/correct name) and henceforth I shall be known as Ayesa Siddiqua (new/ correct name) in all purpose, vide affidavit no. 929, sworn before the Notary Public at Berhampore on 26/09/2025. Ayesa Siddiqua (new / correct name) and Mst. Ayesa Siddiqua (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, khandekar Mursida before my marriage was familiar with the name as Mursida chowdhury, D/o Chowdhury Abdur Rahman, as it is recorded in my school certificate of Ujalpur, P.O sadipur Berugram, P.S ketu gram, Dist purba Bardhaman, 713129. After my marriage with khandekar Abul hossain residing at Vidyasagar pally, P.O Rajbati, P.S Burdwan sadar, Dist purba Bardhaman, WB, India my name has been changed from Mursida chowdhury to khandekar Mursida vide affidavit before the Executive Magistrate purba Bardhaman dated on 5/8/2025. That khandekar Mursida and Mursida chowdhury is the same one identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Debasree Day, on behalf of my son Sritom Day, R/o- 525, M.B.Road, P.O.: Birati, P.S.: Airport, North Dum Dum (m), Kolkata-700081, Dist. North 24 Parganas shall be known as Sritam Day, vide Affidavit (No.:100) 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Barrackpore Court, Dated: 25.09.2025. Sritom Day & Sritam Day is same & identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Nabakumar Kundu, on behalf of my son Sohan Kundu, R/o : Rishi Bankim Road, North Dum Dum Nimta, P.O. & P.S.- Nimta, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin-700051, W.B. shall be known as Sohan Kundu, Vide Notary, Calcutta Court, Dated: 26.09.2025. Sohan Kundu & Sohan Kundu is the same and identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Vikki Chowdhury (DOB:24/08/2007), S/o Sunil Chowdhury, R/o-1.No.Goli, P.O.: Birati, P.S., Dist- North 24 Parganas, West Bengal, Pin-700051, shall be known as Bikki Chowdhury(DOB:24/07/2007),vide Affidavit (No.:1257) 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta Court, Dated -24.09.2025. Vikki Chowdhury (DOB:24/08/2007) & Bikki Chowdhury (DOB:24/07/2007) is same & identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Rupanjay Roy Chowdhury, S/o Late Sukhendunath Ray Chowdhury, R/o- 74/IA, Saheed Ananta Dutta Sarani, Rajbari Colony, North Dum Dum (m), North 24 Parganas,, Kolkata-700052, West Bengal be known as Rupanjay Ray Chowdhury, Vide Notary, Sealdah Court, Dated: 25.09.2025. Rupanjay Roy Chowdhury & Rupanjay Ray Chowdhury is same & identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Pintu Acharya, on behalf of my son Ankush Acharya S/o Sudhir Acharya, R/o- Nabajiganj Colony, Bisharpura, P.S.: Airport, Kolkata-700081, Dist. North 24 Parganas shall be known as Ankush Acharya S/o Pintu Acharya, vide Affidavit (No.:991) 1st Class Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta Court, Dated : 07.01.2025. Ankush Acharya S/o Sudhir Acharya & Ankush Acharya S/o Pintu Acharya is same & identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Dulai Chandra Saha, S/o Nihar Ranjan Saha, R/o- 104/25/7, Sukanta Sarani, North Dum Dum Municipality, P.O.: Birati, Kolkata-700052, West Bengal be known as Dulai Chandra Saha, Vide Notary, Sealdah Court, Dated: 13.08.2024. Dulai Chandra Saha & Dulai Chandra Saha is same & identical person.

NAME CHANGE
I, Apurba Golder, on behalf of my son Aritra Golder, R/o: Saroda Mani Road, Nimta, Dist- North 24 Parganas, Pin-700049, W.B. shall be known as Aritra Golder, Vide Notary, Sealdah Court, Dated: 25.09.2025. Aritra Golder & Aritra Golder is the same and identical person.

Name Change
I, Manoj Kumar Das (Old Name) s/o. Judhishtr Das resident of 3, Harijan Road, Badyabati (M), Chatra, Hooghly-712204, W.B. declare that have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manoj Das (New Name) declared before the Notary Public at Kolkata vide Affidavit No. xxxxx Dt. 26.09.2025 that Manoj Kumar Das (Old Name) & Manoj Das (Name Name) both are same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Radha Biswas (in Aadhar Card), w/o. Rabindranath Biswas, residing at Dr. Sachin Sen Road, near Natun Barowari, P.O. Churni, P.S.-Kotwali, Dist-Naida-741103 declare that my name has been recorded as Anjana Biswas in voter card and as Radha Bhowmik Biswas in ration card instead of Radha Biswas as Declared by court Ld. Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) at Krishnagar, Nadia vide Affidavit No. 189 Dt. 24.09.2025 that Radha Biswas, Anjana Biswas/ Radha Bhowmik Biswas all are same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abhishek Home Chowdhury S/O Apurba Hom Chaudhuri, residing at 15 Lbue East 4th Road, Santoshpur, Kolkata 700075, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abhishek Hom Chaudhuri as declared before the Notary First Class Judicial Magistrate Alipore Court, Kolkata vide affidavit no. 11200 Dated 22th July 2025 Abhishek Home Chowdhury and Abhishek Hom Chaudhuri both are same and identical person.

Delhi HC asks UPSC, centre regarding quota for blind candidates

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

A bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela issued notice to the UPSC and Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on a petition by organisation Mission Accessibility.

The court directed the authorities to file replies within four weeks and posted the matter for December 3. Advocate Rahul Bajaj, appearing for the petitioner, sought direction to

the UPSC and DoPT to reserve 1 per cent seats for the blind and low vision candidates in the Combined Medical Services Examination (CMSE) under the mandate of Section 34(1)(a) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act. He said the petition has been filed after the one of the members of the petitioner organisation sat for CMSE-2024 as a blind/low vision candidate. Despite securing the minimum qualifying marks for the Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) category, he was not called for the interview for want of reservation for this category of disability.

The plea, filed through advocates Amritesh Mishra and Sarah, said Section 34 of the Act mandates that all government establishments should reserve not less than 4 per cent of the total number of vacancies for PwBD, of which a minimum of 1 per cent must be specifically re-

served for persons with blindness and low vision.

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

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

With appropriate accommodations, the plea said, such professionals are fully capable of performing various essential duties associated with public healthcare roles.

The plea said UPSC has also released the examina-

tion notice for CMSE-2025, which suffers from the same flaw as the notification for CMSE 2024.

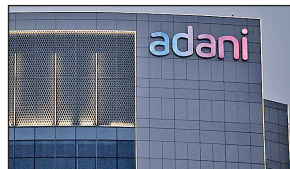
Despite there being 705 vacancies, not a single one of them (let alone 1 per cent of them) were reserved for candidates with blindness/low vision, it argued. Raising "reasonable apprehension", the petitioner said "grave injustice" which plagued CMSE-2024 and CMSE-2025 would continue in the next cycle. The plea, as a result, sought directions to the EPWD department to identify the posts that can be occupied by the blind and low vision persons in the combined medical services.

It also sought a direction to DoPT, DoEPWD and Union Ministry of Family Welfare to work out and provide reasonable accommodations required by persons with blindness and low vision in the combined medical services.

USA tariff missile hits Andhra business

MI News Service, Hyderabad: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has expressed concern over the impact of American tariffs on the state's shrimp exports, saying it has caused a loss of Rs 25,000 crore to the sector and led to the cancellation of up to 50 per cent export orders.

In separate letters addressed to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Fisheries Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, the Chief Minister highlighted the difficulties being faced by the southern state's aquaculture sector and requested their support. "The taxes imposed by America majorly hit shrimp exports. It is estimated that a loss of Rs 25,000 crore would have occurred. Up to 50 per cent export orders have been cancelled," said Naidu in his letters to the Central Ministers, according to an official press release on Sunday night.



Adani Power to invest \$3 billion for 2400 MW power project in Bihar

MI News Service, Patna: Southern hospitality giant Country Club (CCHHL) has decided to make good investment in East and North-East India within coming years. As per sources, the company has transformed itself into a completely debt-free and profitable entity as of Q1 FY 2025-26. Y Rajeev Reddy, CMD-CCHHL said, "From its current network of 51 properties, it is now set on a path to reach 100 destinations."

The Adani group company, in a statement, said that it has signed a 25-year Power Supply Agreement (PSA) with Bihar State Power Generation Company Ltd. (BSPGCL) to supply power from the project that will come up at Pirpainti in Bhagalpur district of the state.

The PPA is further to the Letter of Award issued by BSPGCL to Adani Power, on behalf of North Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd (NBPDCL) and South Bihar Power Distribution Company Ltd (SBPDCL) in August.

Adani Power won the project by offering the lowest supply rate at Rs 6.075 per KWh. The company said it plans to invest approximately USD 3 billion to

build the new plant (800 MW X 3) and its supporting infrastructure under the Design, Build, Finance, Own, and Operate (DBFOO) model. The company aims to commission the plant in 60 months. The coal linkage for the power plant has been allocated under the SHAKTI Policy of Government of India.

The project will generate direct and indirect employment for 10,000-12,000 people during the construction phase and 3,000 once in operation. A part of the billionaire Gautam Adani-led group, Adani Power is the largest private thermal power producer in India. It has an installed thermal power capacity of 18,110 MW.

Name Change
I, Mehen Negar Begum And Mehen-negar Begum (Old Name), Wife Of Syed Rezaul Kabir,Residing At Dakshin Hsg Est. C-1/110, Akra Dutta Bagam, Po Bartala, Diamond Harbour-700018, West Bengal,Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mehen Negar Begam (New Name) Vide Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 25/09/2025. Mehen Negar Begum And Mehen-negar Begum (Old Name) And Mehen Negar Begam. Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Kashem Ali Mondalnnew (Old Name), Son Of Badaruddin Mondal, Residing At Vill-Chandpur, Po Rampur, B- Bhimpur, Dist-Nadia-741161, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Kashem Mondal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/09/2025. Kashem Ali Mondalnnew And Kashem Mondal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Goffar Ali (Old Name) Son Of Chattr Ali, Residing At NO800, Basumahalla, Pandua,, Panduahoghly-712149, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Gaffar Ali (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/09/2025. Goffar Ali And Gaffar Ali Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sk Salahuddin Hayder (old name) S/o Late Sekh Chhalaudinn, residing at Vill- Haiderpur, P.O.- Mandra, P.S.-Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin-743438, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Hamiduddin Hayder (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Sk Hamiduddin Hayder (new name) and Sk Salahuddin Hayder (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Tachalima Bibi (old name) D/o Late Munsir Abdur Rahaman, residing at Vill- Haiderpur, P.O.- Mandra, P.S.-Baduria, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin-743438, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Taslima Bibi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Taslima Bibi (new name) and Tachalima Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rehena Khan (old name) W/o Md Noor Hossain Pinda, residing at Vill-Amkanagar, P.O.- Koaabati, P.S.- Kulti, Dist.- South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743338, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rehena Pinda (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Rehena Pinda (new name) and Rehena Khan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Women's Health Camp Organized at Katwa Health Unit under "Swasth Nari Sashakta Parivaar Abhiyan



MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the National Campaign – Swasth Nari Sashakta Parivaar Yojna, a comprehensive Women's Health Camp was organized at Katwa Health Unit on 25th September 2025. The programme aimed at promoting women's health, nutrition, and empowerment through awareness, preventive care, and medical support.

The day commenced with an awareness session on women's hygiene and nutrition, focusing on key aspects such as hand hygiene, menstrual hygiene, reproductive hygiene, regular body cleansing, and nutritional needs across different stages of a woman's life. These discussions highlighted the importance of adopting healthy lifestyle practices to ensure holistic well-being.

During the programme, ACM/Howrah Coaching delivered a valuable talk on "Raising Children as a Single Mother ", addressing the challenges faced by single mothers and sharing practical approaches to overcome them with resilience

and confidence. The session was widely appreciated for its relevance and sensitivity.

Further, ADMO/Howrah, conducted an enlightening session on osteoporosis in post-menopausal women, stressing the importance of Iron-Folic Acid supplementation to combat anemia and the role of a calcium-enriched diet in maintaining bone health for elderly women.

An immunization camp for children was also conducted alongside the health camp, ensuring preventive care for the younger generation. In addition, a special session on financial planning for women was held, creating awareness about government schemes and empowering women with

knowledge for economic independence.

The camp registered encouraging participation with 28 women employees taking part in the programme. In terms of health screenings, 20 children were immunized, while 04 cases of hypertension, 03 cases of diabetes mellitus, and 05 cases of anemia were identified, reflecting the importance of regular medical check-ups for early detection and management.

This health initiative at Katwa Health Unit reaffirmed Howrah Division's commitment to the well-being and empowerment of women, aligning with the broader vision of Swasth Nari, Sashakta Parivaar – a healthy woman for a strong and empowered family.

EASTERN RAILWAY'S SEALDAH DIVISION TO RUN 31NOS. OF ADDITIONAL EMU SPECIALS DURING DURGA PUJA

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division announced special trains for passengers during the auspicious occasion of Durga Puja and Laxmi Puja, the most significant festival in Bengal. In a bid to facilitate travel & ensure the utmost convenience for commuters and to clear anticipated rush of passengers during Durga Puja and Laxmi Puja, Eastern Railway plans to operate 31 additional services of Suburban Special trains on daily basis having stoppages at all stations enroute on the nights of 27.09.2025/ 28.09.2025, 28.09.2025/ 29.09.2025, 29.09.2025/30.09.2025, 30.09.2025/ 01.10.2025 & 01.10.2025/02.10.2025.

► One (01) pair Sealdah – Ranaghat Local (leaving Sealdah at 21:40 hrs. to reach Ranaghat at 23:30 hrs. and leaving Ranaghat at 01:15 hrs. to reach Sealdah at 02:53 hrs.).

► One (01) pairs Sealdah – Naihati Locals (leaving Sealdah at 01:00 hrs. to reach Naihati at 02:00 hrs. and leaving Naihati at 02:10 hrs. to reach Sealdah at 03:10 hrs.).

► One (01) pairs Ranaghat – Naihati Locals (leaving Ranaghat at 23:45 hrs. to reach Naihati at 00:20 hrs. and leaving Naihati at 00:30 hrs. to reach Ranaghat at 01:05 hrs.).

► Two (02) pairs Sealdah – Kalyani Locals (leaving Sealdah at 21:10 hrs. & 00:12 hrs. to reach Kalyani at 22:25 hrs. & 01:25 hrs. respectively and leaving Kalyani at 22:35 hrs. & 01:35 hrs. to reach Sealdah at 23:48 hrs. & 02:55 hrs. respectively).

► One (01) pair Sealdah – Bangaon local (leaving Sealdah at 02:30 hrs. & to reach Bangaon at 04:30 hrs. and leaving Bangaon at 22:20 hrs. to reach Sealdah at 00:20 hrs.).

► One (01) pair Sealdah – Barasat local (leaving Sealdah at 00:32 hrs. & to reach Barasat at 01:15 hrs. and leaving Barasat at 01:25 hrs. to reach Sealdah at 02:08 hrs.).

► One (01) Ranaghat – Krishnanagar Local (leaving Ranaghat at 23:45 hrs. to reach Krishnanagar at 00:25 hrs.).

► One (01) Krishnanagar – Kalyani Local (leaving Krishnanagar at 03:25 hrs. to reach Kalyani at 04:10 hrs.).

► One (01) Kalyani – Ranaghat Local (leaving Kalyani at 04:20 hrs. to reach Ranaghat at 04:55 hrs.).

► One (01) pair Krishnanagar – Naihati

local (leaving Krishnanagar at 00:35 hrs. to reach Naihati at 01:50 hrs. and leaving Naihati at 02:00 hrs. to reach Krishnanagar at 03:15 hrs.).

► One (01) pairs Sealdah (South) - Baruipur local (leaving Sealdah at 23:40 hrs. to reach Baruipur at 00:25 hrs. and leaving Baruipur at 03:45 hrs. to reach Sealdah at 04:30 hrs.).

► Two (02) pairs Baruipur – Ballygunge Locals (leaving Baruipur at 00:35 hrs. & 02:10 hrs. to reach Ballygunge at 01:10 hrs. & 02:45 hrs. respectively and leaving Ballygunge at 01:20 hrs. & 03:00 hrs. to reach Baruipur at 01:55 hrs. & 03:35 hrs. respectively).

► One (01) pair Sealdah – Budge Budge local (leaving Sealdah at 23:30 hrs. to reach Budge Budge at 00:18 hrs. and leaving Budge Budge at 02:50 hrs. to reach Sealdah at 03:40 hrs.).

► Two (02) pairs Budge Budge – New Alipur Locals (leaving Budge Budge at 00:30 hrs. & 01:40 hrs. to reach New Alipur at 00:50 hrs. & 02:00 hrs. respectively and leaving New Alipur at 01:05 hrs. & 02:15 hrs. to reach Budge Budge at 01:25 hrs. & 02:35 hrs. respectively).

Moreover, all Suburban train services will follow Sunday running on 28.09.2025, 29.09.2025, 30.09.2025, 01.10.2025 and 02.10.2025 upto 14:00 hrs. (starting from originating station). After 14:00 hrs. (starting from originating station), all Suburban train services will continue their services having stoppages at all stations including Halts and Flags enroute on those days . Apart from this, One Sealdah – Baruipur passenger special will leave Sealdah (South) at 17:35 hrs. on the above days.

33863 Sealdah - Bangaon Local scheduled to leave Sealdah at 23:50 hrs on 27.09.2025, 28.09.2025, 29.09.2025, 30.09.2025 & 01.10.2025 will be rescheduled at 00:10 hrs on 28.09.2025, 29.09.2025, 30.09.2025, 01.10.2025 and 02.10.2025 respectively.

24 EMU locals (33437, 33438, 33401, 33366, 33801, 33823, 33832, 31636, 31622, 31623, 31712, 31711, 31801, 31838, 31821, 31824, 31601, 31634, 34502, 34355, 34602, 34626, 34627 & 34650) will remain cancelled on above days.

No change in the running schedule of 03 pairs of AC EMU locals.

Railway Board Official Visits Howrah Station Parcel Office and Seoraphuli Station



MI News Service, Kolkata: Dr. Manoj Singh, Additional Member (Marketing & Business Development), Railway Board, visited Howrah station today to review the functioning of the Parcel Management System. During the visit, he inspected operational facilities, interacted with officials, and emphasized the need for enhanced efficiency, customer-centric services, and greater digital integration in parcel handling. Principal Chief Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway accompanied him during the inspection.

Dr. Singh, accompanied by Principal Chief Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway and other senior officers, also reviewed the ongoing development works under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS). At Seoraphuli station, he assessed

the progress of infrastructure upgrades and the initiatives being undertaken for the commercial utilization of available spaces. The visit underscored the focus on creating modern passenger amenities, improved circulation areas, and leveraging station premises for revenue generation.

The Additional Member appreciated the efforts of Eastern Railway officials

and encouraged them to maintain the momentum in providing world-class facilities for passengers while simultaneously optimizing commercial potential.

Eastern Railway remains committed to enhancing passenger experience, operational efficiency, and financial sustainability through continuous modernization and innovation.

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender No. : SDSTE-ETN-ORH-NDLS-2025RT, dated 25.09.2025. Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711011 invites e-Tenders against **Tender No. SDSTE-ETN-ORH-NDLS-2025RT**, for the following work. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **Name of Work:** Installation of CCTV camera for security and surveillance at Eastern Railway ORHs located at various places viz. Dy.CE Construction building state Entry Road (New Delhi), SC-7 Basant Road (New Delhi) and Gauri Sadan (New Delhi) and Howrah old complex & Howrah New Complex). **Bidding System:** Single Packet. **Advised Value:** ₹ 38,000/- **Tender Document Cost:** ₹ 0.00, **Period of Completion:** 4 months, **Validity of Offer:** 60 Days. **Date and Time of uploading Tender:** 25.09.2025 at 17.11 hrs. **Bidding Start Date:** 07.10.2025. **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 21.10.2025 at 15.00 hrs. The details are available at website www.irops.gov.in HWH-319/2025-26

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EASTERN RAILWAY

The following E-Tender is invited by the Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ (General), Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Remote Control Building, Kolkata-700014 in connection with the following work: **SI. No. : 1; Tender No. : ELEG-OT-1240-2025-26-R, Particulars of the work:** Rehabilitation and upgradation of High Mast Tower Panel with ancillary items. **Tender value:** ₹ 10,85,239/- **Earnest Money:** ₹ 21,700/- **SI. No. : 3; Tender No. : ELEG-OT-1258-2025-26-R, Particulars of the work:** Comprehensive Maintenance Schedule & Breakdown Contract of 01 no. Passenger Lift of capacity 20 Bed Cum Passenger Lift (G+2) (Make: M/s Johnson) at Surgical Block of B.R. Singh Hospital for Three (03) years. **Tender value:** ₹ 4,86,564/- **Earnest Money:** ₹ 9,700/- **SI. No. : 4; Tender No. : ELEG-OT-1269-2025-26, Particulars of the work:** Comprehensive Maintenance Schedule & Breakdown Contract of Passengers Lift (Make: M/s Escor) of Block No. 6 at New Alipore Officers' Colony for 03 (three) years. **Tender value:** ₹ 2,76,301.32 **Earnest Money:** ₹ 5,500/- **SI. No. : 5; Tender No. : ELEG-OT-1270-2025-26, Particulars of the work:** Proposal for additional CCTV - 60 Nos. camera at B.R. Singh Hospital. **Tender value:** ₹ 5,66,297/- **Earnest Money:** ₹ 11,300/- **Completion period:** 12 months for SI. No. 1, 09 months for SI. No. 2, 36 months for SI. No. 3 & 4 each, 03 months for SI. No. 5. **Cost of Tender document :** 0.00 for each. **Tender Closing Date & Time :** 17.10.2025 at 14.00 hrs. **Tender Bid Opening Date & Time :** 17.10.2025 at 14.00 hrs. **Tender Bidding Start Date:** 03.10.2025. Details of Tender Notice and corrigendum issued from time to time are available at website www.irops.gov.in SDAH-211/2025-26

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S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tenders are invited by Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, S.E.Railway, Adra for & on behalf of the President of India for the following works: **SI. No. & e-Tender Notice No.:** Description of work: Approx. Tender Value: (1) TRD-ADA-e-Tender-21-2025, dated 26.09.2025; Replacement of old and overaged OHE assets. Part-I; ₹ 5,07.92,048.18, (2) TRD-ADA-e-Tender-22-2025, dated 26.09.2025; Replacement of old and overaged OHE assets. Part-II; ₹ 5,50.05,292.81, (3) TRD-ADA-e-Tender-23-2025, dated 26.09.2025; Balance work for: OHE modification for creation of infrastructure and test setup at DLBK for homing electric locomotive at Bokaro Steel City of Adra division; ₹ 1,27.95,221/- **The closing date & time of e-tender** for works above are on 21.10.2025 at 15.00 hrs. for sl. no. 1, 2 & 17.10.2025 at 15.00 hrs. for sl. no. 3 and their opening of e-tender will be done on 21.10.2025 after 15.00 hrs. for sl. no. 1, 2 & 17.10.2025 after 15.00 hrs. for sl. no. 3. Details of above e-tender may please be seen at website www.irops.gov.in (PR-674)

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender No. : 142_2025-26 dated 25.09.2025. Following e-Tender is invited online by Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, Near Railway Station, Howrah-711011 from Tenderers having experience of Similar Nature of work and required financial capabilities including those registered with Irrigation/CPWD/ SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work: **XEN/BR/LR/Howrah-e-Tender No. : 142_2025-26. Description of work:** Strengthening of Steel girders of Various bridges of Howrah Division. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 4,50.91,866.05 **Earnest Money:** ₹ 3,75,500/- **Completion Period :** 12 (Twelve) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be done next working day. **Closing date and time of tender:** 16.10.2025 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website www.irops.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of EMD and TDC- Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Document Cost, in respect of e-tendering, should be accepted through Net Banking or payment gateway only. **Note :** Fixed deposit receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for Tenders invited on IREPS (e-Tender Portal). No manual offer will be accepted.

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Eastern Railway Sealdah division opens 'Prafulla Dwar' - A New Gateway for the convenience of passengers and as a tribute to 'Nari Shakti'

MI News Service, Kolkata: Ushering in the spirit of Durga Puja Eastern Railway, Sealdah Division has re-opening the 'Prafulla Dwar' at Sealdah Station yesterday which will facilitate easy movement of passengers as well as puja pandal hoppers. More than just a

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. : S.G.Tender/DSTE/SDAH/573, dated 26.09.2025. e-tender is invited by Sr. DSTE, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Control Building, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following work: **e-Tender No. SDSTE/Sig/733/25-26/SF. Name of work with its location:** Rehabilitation and replacement of different parts of Interlocked LC gates in Sealdah Division. **Tender Value:** ₹ 7,78,44,339.13. **Earnest Money/Bid Security to be deposited :** ₹ 5,39,200/- **Cost of tender document :** Nil. **Completion period of the work :** 12 Months. **Tender Submission start date :** 10.10.2025. **Tender Submission end date:** 24.10.2025 upto 14.00 hrs. **Tender bid opening date :** 24.10.2025 at 14.30 hrs. Details may be available : www.irops.gov.in **Technical Eligibility Criteria :** The tenderer must have successfully completed or substantially completed any one of the following categories of work(s) during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited : (i) Three similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of the tender, or (ii) Two similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or (iii) One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of advertised value of the tender. **Financial Eligibility Criteria:** The tenderer must have minimum average annual contractual turnover of V/N or "V" whichever is less; where V=Advertised value of the tender in crores of Rupees, N=Number of years prescribed for completion of work for which bids have been invited. The average annual contractual turnover shall be calculated as an average of "total contractual payments" in the previous three financial years, as per the audited balance sheet. However, in case balance sheet of the previous year is yet to be prepared/audited, the audited balance sheet of the fourth previous year shall be considered for calculating average annual contractual turnover. The tenderers shall submit requisite information as per Annexure-VIB of GCC 2022 (Form-6 of the instant tender document), along with copies of Audited Balance Sheets duly certified by the Chartered Accountant/Certificate from Chartered Accountant duly supported by Audited Balance Sheet. **Other document to be submitted :** As mentioned in the tender document. **Similar nature of Work :** "Any work involving outdoor Signaling work" to be considered as similar nature of work for the instant tender work. **Note :** The tenderer shall submit along with the tender offer, documents in support of his/her claim to fulfill the eligibility criteria as mentioned in the tender document. Each page of the copy of documents/certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer, shall be self-attested/digitally signed by the tenderer or authorized representative of the tendering firm. Self-attestation shall include signature, stamp and date (on each page).

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E-Tender No. : 154_2025-26, dated 25.09.2025. Following e-Tender is invited online by Sr. Divisional Engineer/2, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, Near Railway Station, Howrah-711011 from Tenderers having experience of Similar Nature of work and required financial capabilities including those registered with Irrigation/CPWD/ SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work under Sr. DEN/2/Howrah. **SI. No. 1, E-Tender No. : 154_2025-26. Description of work :** CTR(P) : -4.375 T km in location :- DDJ - DKAE : DN 13.890 - 14.013 = 0.123 KM ; RCD - BTNG : SL 9654 - 13.025 = 3.441 KM ; BTNG LINE-19.814 - 10.625 = 0.811 KM and CTR(P) : -2.009 KM in Location : -ADJ-DKAE - Main Line : -SI. From 6.60 - 9.609 = 2.009 KM and TSR (P) : -31.932 Tkm in location : -BLY - SKG : REV LINE 10.527 - 14.871 = 4.344 KM, DN1 14.871 - 16.096 = 1.225 KM; UP CHORD 10.000 - 14.000 = 4.000 KM; DN2 15.206 - 15.550 = 0.344 KM; UP1 16.000 - 18.000 = 2.000 KM, 19.330 - 22.000 = 2.670 KM; DN1 16.096 - 17.820 = 1.724 KM, 21.000 - 22.000 = 1.000 KM, 33.000 - 34.500 = 1.500 KM; DN2 25.000 - 27.000 = 2.000 KM, BLY - SKG : IIIRD LINE 45.878 - 57.000 = 11.125 KM and TSR(P) : -9.704 KM in Location : -BLY -SKG DN-1 18.984 - 21 = 2.016 KM, DN-1-22 -23 = 1 KM, DN-1 24.250 - 27 = 2.750 KM , DN-134.500 - 37 = 2.500 KM , UP-131.145 - 32 = 0.855 KM , UP-132.582 -33.165 = 0.583 KM Under The Jurisdiction of AEN /DKAE and TSR(P) - 35.856 KM in locations : -BLY-SKG : UP CHORD 93.000 - 94.063 = 1.063 KM, 94.693 - 95.200 = 0.507 KM; REV LINE 66.000 - 81.000 = 15.000 KM, 93.000 - 94.002 = 1.002 KM,BLY - SKG IIIRD LINE 79.583 - 81.000 = 1.437 KM, 93.000 - 94.880 = 1.880 KM; SKG - BWN UP CHORD 95.200 - 104.000 = 8.800 KM ; BDC - SKG REV LINE 91.254 - 94.021 = 2.767 KM, BWN - KAN : UP-2 108.560 - 111.960 = 3.400 KM Under Jurisdiction of AEN BWN Under Sr. DEN/2/HWH. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 8,29,64,911.82; **Earnest Money :** ₹ 5,64,800/- **Cost of Tender Form :** Nil. **Completion Period:** 12 months. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be done next working day. **Closing date and time of tender :** 16.10.2025 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website www.irops.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. No manual offer will be accepted.

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new entrance, this facility marks a significant boost in passenger convenience and stands as a powerful dedication to 'Nari Shakti' (Woman Power) during the auspicious Devi Paksha.

'Prafulla Dwar,' situated on Platform No. 1, is a strategic addition to the station's layout. It effectively serves as a new dedicated entrance and exit for commuters, particularly those traveling on the Sealdah Main Line. This new flow channel will play a crucial role in drastically reducing congestion at the main station buildings, a critical measure ahead of the massive passenger surge expected during the Durga Puja festival.

In a special gesture honouring the festival of the Goddess, the newly opened counters at both Sealdah's 'Prafulla Dwar' and Dum Dum Junction 2nd entry have been made fully operational

and are managed entirely by women staff. This initiative celebrates women's capabilities in public service and makes an inspiring statement on gender empowerment. These new booking counters including ATVMs at 'Prafulla Dwar' and DumDum got overwhelming response from the passengers with the total no of tickets sold 7787 on very first day.

The new gateway is a one-stop-shop for enhanced ticketing services, immediately providing relief from long queues. The facility is equipped with nine new booking counters, including dedicated windows for women and persons with disabilities, along with three new Automated Ticket Vending Machines (ATVMs). The introduction of QR Code Ticketing further speeds up the process, ensuring passengers can purchase tickets quickly and efficiently.

Metro railway organises cleanliness and pest control drives

MI News Service, Kolkata: Joining with the rest of the country, Metro Railway has also been conducting the Swachhata Hi Seva 5.0 campaign to make Metro premises clean and green in order to make India clean. During this campaign, intensive cleaning and sanitization drives at stations, trains and other railway establishments are being carried out. Metro staff took part in special drives at different Metro stations as part of this campaign. Commuters are also being sensitized and requested to keep the Metro premises clean. In addition to regular cleaning, a Pest and Rodent Control Drive was undertaken at Tapan Sinha Memorial Hospital and different Metro stations to further enhance sanitation standards and

ensure a safe, pest-free environment for commuters and staff alike. To raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness, cultural programmes were organised at Kalighat Metro station, where Metro staff sensitized passengers and urged them to help maintain the highest standards of hygiene across Aamar Metro premises. 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.

France confers Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres to SANGITA JINDAL

MI News Service, Mumbai/ Kolkata: The Ambassador of France to India, H.E. Thierry Mathou, conferred on Sangita Jindal, Chairperson of the JSW Foundation, the insignia of Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knights of the Order of Arts and Letters), one of France's most prestigious distinctions. Presented at her private residence in Mumbai, the award came in recognition of Jindal's exceptional contribution to the arts, culture, and heritage conservation in India and her dedication to fostering Indo-French cultural ties.

As head of the JSW Foundation, Jindal has placed culture at the very heart of her mission, and

forged dynamic new partnerships with France. Through artist residencies at Hampi Art Labs, she has created meaningful spaces for exchange between Indian and French creators. In 2024, she collaborated with France during the Paris Olympic Games to highlight the dialogue between art and sport. Later this year, she will take part in the exhibition "Textile Matters" at the Mobilier National in Paris.

Presenting the award, Ambassador Thierry Mathou said: "Through her passion, vision and generosity, Mrs Jindal has profoundly enriched the cultural landscape of India and brought our two countries closer together

Sultanganj-Katoria rail line work to begin, gift for Shiva devotees

MI News Service, Kolkata: Indian Railways has decided to start work on the Sultanganj-Katoria rail line in Bihar. This will make travel easier by train for Shiva devotees from Bhagalpur, Deoghar, and across the country. The total length of this project is 74.8 kilometers, passing through Asarganj, Tarapur, and Belhar. The proposed rail section will have stops at Sultanganj, Katoria, Asarganj, Tarapur, Belhar, Srinagar, and Suyabthan.

Katoria will become a junction station, as it currently

lies on the Banka-Jasidih rail line. Once the project is completed, it will greatly benefit the millions of devotees who carry holy water to Deoghar every year.

According to the latest estimates, the total cost of the project will be around ₹1,261 crore. At present, the distance from Sultanganj to Deoghar via Bhagalpur, Banka, and Katoria is about 131 kilometers, which will reduce to nearly 101 kilometers after the new line is built—significantly improving connectivity between Sultanganj and Deoghar.

DHARMENDRA PRADHAN, BHUPENDER YADAV poll in-charges for BJP in Bihar, Bengal

MI News Service, New Delhi: The BJP appointed Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan as election in-charge for the Bihar Assembly polls later this year and picked environment minister Bhupender Yadav for the same role for the Bengal polls next year.

For Tamil Nadu, due for polls next year, the party appointed Lok Sabha member from Odisha Baijyavant Panda as election in-charge and junior minister Murlidhar Mohol as co-in-charge.

Both Pradhan and Yadav are known loyalists of Union home minister Amit Shah and have a formidable record of micro-managing state elections.

The rather belated appointment of Pradhan as the monitor for the Bihar elections, likely to be held in

October-November, indicates that the leadership anticipates a tough contest in the state.

Two key leaders — Union Jal Shakti minister C.R. Paatil and Uttar Pradesh deputy chief minister Keshav Prasad Maurya — were appointed as co-in-charge to assist Pradhan, indicating a high-stakes electoral battle in Bihar.

BJP leaders said the accumulated anti-incumbency of two decades against ally and chief minister Nitish Kumar could also hurt the party, which is why able poll managers had been selected.

Pradhan has established himself as a skilled strategist in micro-managing elections by setting the right narrative, mobilising the party's ground cadres and using all means to weaken the Opposition.

No sanctions on Russian oil purchases: HARDEEP PURI

MI News Service, New Delhi: Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri said that there are no sanctions on the purchase of Russian crude oil, and the world will face serious consequences if the supplies are disrupted.

Citing the case of Iran and Venezuela, he said India has always complied with sanctions as a responsible member of the international community.

The comments have come against the backdrop of the US imposing punitive duties of 25 per cent on India, in addition to 25 per cent tariffs, for purchasing crude oil and arms from Russia.

Speaking with reporters as critical negotiations

on trade policies continue between the US and India, Puri said that Russia is the second-largest supplier of crude globally at nearly 10 million barrels a day, and warned that the world will face serious consequences if supplies are disrupted.

"Energy is something you cannot do without ... If you remove the second-largest producer, you will have to cut consumption. The consequences are pretty serious," Puri told reporters here.

This is the reason why the world is not imposing sanctions on Russian oil, the career diplomat-turned-politician said.

Puri said there are price caps imposed on buying

from Russia and whenever there is any such talk, he asks Indian companies to buy at lower prices.

He also stated that many countries, including Turkey, Japan, and the European Union, purchase oil from Russia.

Puri was quick to add that the discounts offered by Russia at this point in time are not that steep.

The minister said a "broad equilibrium" is essential between the supply and demand for oil, and added that he expects crude to continue to trade between USD 65-68 a barrel going ahead.

Puri hinted that it is in the interest of the US -- a major oil producer with a thrust on shale gas-- to ensure that the prices of fossil fuels do not fall a lot.

He explained that a volatile domestic political environment sensitive to stoking inflation and the reliance on shale gas make it pertinent for the US to ensure that the prices do not fall.

State-run oil marketers autonomously decide the source of the crude oil they buy for refining, Puri said, stressing that these companies have professional management and boards as well.

DEFENCE MINISTRY inks Rs 62,370 Cr deal with HAL for 97 Tejas jets

MI News Service, New Delhi: The defence ministry sealed a Rs 62,370 crore deal with the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) to procure 97 Tejas light combat aircraft for the Indian Air Force.

The signing of the contract came over a month after the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi green-lighted the mega procurement.

It is the second such contract awarded to the state-run aerospace behemoth.

In February 2021, the defence ministry sealed a Rs 48,000 crore deal with HAL for procurement of 83 Tejas Mk-1A jets for the IAF.

A contract was signed with the HAL for 97 Tejas Light Combat Aircraft- Mk1A with associated equipment for the IAF at a cost of Rs 62,370 crore (excluding taxes), the ministry said.

The advanced jet will feature Swayam Raksha Kavach and control actuators, with over 64 per cent indigenous content and 67 new indigenous items, it said.

The deliveries will start in

Ajman Tourism initiates events across Indian cities

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a strategic initiative to boost tourism exchange and deepen ties with one of its most vital source markets, the Ajman Department of Tourism Development (ADTD) successfully organised a series of impactful networking events across Indian cities like Delhi, Pune, and Kolkata. These high-profile events served as a dynamic platform to highlight Ajman's stature as a premier travel destination while fostering deeper cooperation with India's travel and trade ecosystem in Middle-East, especially in UAE.

The road-shows were held in three key metropolitan cities very recently. It witnessed the enthusiastic participation of leading travel agents, tour operators, media professionals, and key industry stakeholders.

The delegation was led by H.E. Mahmood Khaleel Alhashmi, the Director General of ADTD, Abdulaziz AlMahri, Director of Legal Affairs Office, and Abdalla Gohar, Project Management and Development Advisor as well as Amr Aly Morsy, Tourism Development and Marketing Expert at ADTD. H.E. Mahmood Khaleel Alhashmi stated: "Over the years, India has remained one of Ajman's top source markets, with Indian arrivals playing a significant role in our tourism growth."

2027-28, it said.

The single-engine Mk-1A will be a replacement for the IAF's MiG-21 fighters.

The IAF is looking at inducting the warplanes as the number of its fighter squadrons have gone down to 31 from officially sanctioned strength of 42.

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Domestic generic producers may see near-term gains as US imposes tariffs on pharma

New Delhi : Domestic generic producers are likely to see near-term gains as higher prices for branded drugs can push demand towards cost-effective alternatives after the US announced its decision to impose 100 per cent tariffs on the pharmaceuticals industry from October 1, analysts said on Friday.

Generic drugs are currently exempted from US tariffs and according to Sudarshan Jain, Secretary General, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance (IPA), the latest tariff announcement is for "branded or patented drugs, and not applicable to generics".

Domestic pharmaceutical firms supply a substantial proportion of drugs to US residents.

As per industry sources, overall, medicines from Indian companies provided \$219 billion in savings to the US healthcare system in 2022 and a total of \$1.3 trillion between 2013 and 2022.

According to Manoj Mishra, Partner and Tax Controversy Management Leader, Grant Thornton Bharat, the US decision to impose 100 per cent tariffs on branded and



patent-protected medicines is a significant shift in trade policy, given that pharmaceuticals were earlier exempt from reciprocal tariffs and Section 232 duties. "For Indian

pharma, which supplies nearly \$20 billion worth of generics to the US, that is about 40 per cent of its consumption, the impact is two-fold. Companies manufacturing branded products abroad for the US may face headwinds, while domestic generic producers could see near-term gains as higher prices for branded drugs push demand toward cost-effective alternatives," he mentioned.

From life-saving oncology drugs and antibiotics to chronic disease treatments, India is helping stabilise global healthcare systems.

Currently, India supplies over 45 per cent of generic and 15 per cent of biosimilar drugs used in the US.

President Trump has announced that tariffs will not apply to pharmaceutical products if a company is building a manufacturing plant in the US.

"Starting October 1st, 2025, we will be imposing a 100 per cent tariff on branded and patented Pharmaceutical Product, unless a company IS BUILDING their Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plant in America," Trump posted on Truth Social.

India, EU launch 'Ideathon' to tackle marine plastic litter



New Delhi : India and the European Union have launched an 'Ideathon' to combat marine plastic litter, inviting applications from startups, researchers, businesses and other stakeholders in India and the European Union to co-develop practical and innovative solutions to address the pressing global issue.

According to Dr. Parvinder Maini, Scientific Secretary, Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (OPSA) to the government, the 'Ideathon' represents a joint effort to develop solutions that are both globally relevant and locally effective.

"The Ideathon on combating marine plastic litter is an excellent example of India-EU's shared vision for developing globally impactful solutions that address the problem of plastic pollution in both Indian and European contexts," Maini said.

Highlighting the significance of research, innovation and collaboration, she also underscored India's efforts in recent years including initiatives like the Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar campaign, and a nationwide ban on single-use plastics to curb plastic pollution.

Signe Ratso, Deputy Director-General for Research and Innovation at the European Commission, said that the EU-India-TTC-WG2 'Ideathon' strengthens EU-India cooperation, as we join forces to address challenges that impact our shared vision for global sustainability.

"This initiative brings us together to tackle marine plastic pollution, a growing crisis that endangers marine life, public health, and coastal economies across our regions," said Ratso. Dr Rakesh Kaur, Adviser, OPSA and Nienke Buisman, Head of the International Cooperation Unit at the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission, encouraged participants to actively explore collaborative pathways for addressing marine plastic litter. An overview of the Ideathon framework, outlining the process, structure, guidelines and timelines was also presented during the launch event. A landscape of marine plastic litter in India and the European Union was presented by Professor Hoysala N. Chanakya, Chief Research Scientist, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, and John Hanus, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission, respectively. The presentations highlighted prevailing challenges and ongoing research initiatives in both regions and emphasised the importance of coordinated and sustained action to address the issue.

Trump's 100 pc tariff on pharma unlikely to immediately impact Indian exports: Experts

New Delhi : The latest announcement of a 100 per cent tariff on pharmaceutical drugs by US President Donald Trump is unlikely to have any immediate impact on the Indian exports, said experts on Friday.

The experts noted the move targets imports of branded and patented pharmaceutical drugs and does not apply to generic medicines, which make a large chunk of Indian exports to the US.

"The proposed 100 per cent tariff on branded and patented pharmaceutical imports is unlikely to have an immediate impact on Indian exports, as the bulk of our contribution lies in simple generics, while most large Indian companies already operate US manufacturing or repackaging units and are exploring further acquisitions," said Namit Joshi, Chairman of the Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil).

"The executive order refers to patented / branded products supplied to US. It does not apply to generic medicines," added Sudarshan Jain, Secretary General, Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance.

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US is India's largest export market for pharmaceutical goods. In FY 24, of India's

Tata AIG suspends cashless services at Max Hospitals across India

New Delhi : After Star Health, Niva Bupa, and Care Health, Tata AIG has now become the fourth health insurer to suspend cashless facility at Max Hospitals.

While Star Health and Niva Bupa have suspended the facility for all 22 Max Hospitals across the country, CARE's cashless claim suspension is limited to Max Hospitals in Delhi NCR.

In a statement, Max Hospitals said that Tata AIG suspended cashless services at its hospitals from September 10. It added that the insurer also demanded an abrupt downward tariff revision.

"Max Healthcare and TATA AIG General Insurance Company had negotiated, renewed, and signed a two-year tariff agreement effective from January 16, 2025, until January 15, 2027. However, in July 2025, TATA AIG abruptly sought a meeting and demanded further rate reductions," according to a Max Hospital spokesperson.

"They unilaterally proposed a downward revision of the agreed tariffs and threatened to suspend cashless services. When we did not accept it, cashless services at our hospitals were suspended effective September 10, 2025," the spokesperson said.

Meanwhile, Tata AIG noted that it has put in place special



arrangements to ensure that customers face no inconvenience.

"All claims are being prioritised and fast-tracked, allowing policyholders to continue receiving uninterrupted and seamless access to treatment and care. Our dedicated service teams are monitoring every case closely to provide complete support and ensure zero disruption for our customers," the health insurer added.

On Niva Bupa, Max Healthcare spokesperson clarified that the hospital continued cashless services long after ending the contract and that "any further reduction is unviable".

Earlier this month, the Association of Healthcare Providers of India (AHPPI) demanded that insurance compa-

nies to immediately restore cashless services to policyholders, as patients faced severe inconvenience at the hospitals.

Such delays in empanelment are restricting patient choice and forcing many families into the reimbursement route, which defeats the purpose of health insurance.

"AHPPI strongly insists that cashless services must be restored immediately to all affected hospitals, to protect patients from financial and emotional stress, and empanelment of new hospitals must be expedited, so that patients can access care across India without disruption," said the Association, representing over 15,000 hospitals and healthcare institutions across the country, last week.

This Durga Puja, The Body Shop Blends Tradition and Indulgence with Marigold Range & Spa of the World Collections

Guwahati : The Body Shop, the iconic British-born ethical beauty brand, is celebrating the spirit of Durga Puja and the festive season with the launch of two indulgent collections that elevate self-care and gifting - the special edition Marigold Bodycare Collection and the reintroduced Spa of the World Collection. A vibrant addition to The India Edit, the Marigold Bodycare range draws inspiration from the marigold flower, long revered in Indian culture as a symbol of prosperity, celebration, and new beginnings. Just as marigolds illuminate Durga Puja pandals and rituals, this collection captures their cultural essence in a self-care ritual perfect for the festive season. With its warm, spicy, and earthy fragrance, the Marigold range feels grounding and celebratory, while marigold extract - rich in antioxidants and known for its hydrating and soothing qualities - helps restore the skin's natural glow. Priced between ₹495

and ₹1095, this indulgent yet accessible collection is ideal for festive prep and thoughtful gifting. Complementing the festive vibrancy of Marigold is The Body Shop's beloved Spa of the World™ Collection, an exquisite line inspired by age-old beauty traditions from across the globe. With cocooning textures, naturally inspired ingredients, and delicate fragrances, the collection transforms everyday rituals into indulgent spa-like escapes at home. The Spa of the World™ Collection is priced between ₹1995 and ₹3995, offering an elevated yet accessible luxury experience for festive self-care and gifting. From the calming Japanese Camellia Cream to the nourishing Brazilian Cupuaçu, every product is designed to deliver a sensory journey of relaxation, balance, and wellbeing - making it the perfect indulgence for the busy festive season or a luxurious gift for loved ones.

PlatinumRx helps you save 50-60% on monthly medicine bills

Patna : PlatinumRx, an online pharmacy, is helping patients save 50-60% of their monthly medicine bills. Over 10 lakh people across India with chronic conditions like diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease now order regularly from the PlatinumRx mobile app.

In India, patients with long-term conditions spend ₹2,000 - ₹5,000 every month on their medicines. Because of these high costs, over 70 crore people either skip or struggle with treatment.

PlatinumRx offers one carefully selected, high-quality generic substitute from a top reputed brand for such medicines at affordable prices. These substitutes have the same 100% salt composition and are sourced directly from top pharmaceutical companies.

PlatinumRx keeps the process safe and simple, every order is dispensed by licensed pharmacists, and medicines are delivered right to the doorstep. The company delivers to 20,000+ pincodes across India, with one-day delivery in metros and 3-5 days in other locations.

"PlatinumRx was born out of a simple belief, quality medicines should not be a luxury," said Ashutosh Pandey, co-founder of PlatinumRx. "Chronic patients spend thousands of rupees every month on lifelong treatment. We want to reduce this burden and make healthcare affordable for every family."

PlatinumRx is founded by IIT Delhi and IIM Calcutta alumni Ashutosh Pandey and Piyush Kumar.

FSSAI emerged world leader in food safety, developed 14 global standards: JP Nadda

New Delhi : The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has emerged as a global leader in food safety and standards, said Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare JP Nadda on Friday.

Speaking at the third Global Food Regulator Summit, at Bharat Mandapam here, Nadda said the summit will showcase India's commitment to global food safety, enhance global cooperation to ensure that the food systems are safe, resilient, and inclusive.

He also highlighted the crucial role played by FSSAI in developing global food safety standards, such as the initiation of rapid testing kits and mobile labs for testing.

"FSSAI has emerged as a global leader in food safety and standards, playing a pivotal role on the international stage through the Codex Alimentarius Commission. India, through FSSAI, hosts the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs, and has developed 14 global standards and serves as the regional coordinator for Asia, promoting street food safety and regional cooperation," the Union Minister said.

"India has secured critical Codex support for standards related to millets, cashew, and advanced supplement and functional food standards," Nadda said.

Underscoring FSSAI's leadership in international cooperation, he cited partnerships through MoUs with nations such as Bhutan, Argentina, Chile, New Zealand, Brazil, and recently with Australia.

"At the national level, FSSAI has modernised food standards, approved rapid testing kits, and expanded laboratory infrastructure, including mobile testing laboratories. FSSAI has also strengthened safe food imports by recognising accredited overseas labs, introducing provisional clearances for importers, and enhancing transparency through integration with SWIFT and ISCATE systems," Nadda said.

Further, he stressed the need for food safety because the "quality of our diet influences the quality of our body, mind, and life".

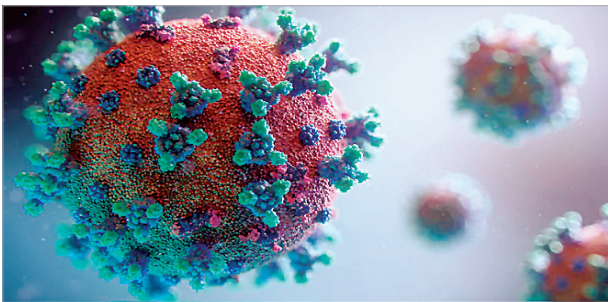
The Health Minister also called food "a powerful force", and stressed the need for better compliance to build global trust.

Emphasising the need for food safety, he added that global exchange of food products can have a significant impact on the health and well-being.

"When countries engage in the global exchange of food products, they are not just trading goods. It has an impact on the health and well-being of their populations," Nadda said.

"Any lapse in food safety can lead to serious public health crises, disrupt trade, and damage the reputations of businesses and nations alike. Therefore, food safety is not just about compliance, but more importantly, about building trust in the global food systems," the Health Minister added.

Loss of smell may linger for years after Covid-19: Study



New Delhi : Although it may not be noticeable, the loss of smell may linger for years for some people after a Covid-19 infection, according to a study.

The study led by researchers at the US National Institutes of Health and New York University Langone Health used an objective, 40-odour test to explore a link between the coronavirus that causes Covid and hyposmia -- the reduced ability to smell.

The results revealed that 80 per cent of participants who reported a change in their smelling ability after having Covid earned low scores on a clinical scent-detection test taken about two years later. Of this group, 23 per cent were severely impaired or had entirely lost their sense of smell.

Notably, 66 per cent of infected participants who did not notice any smelling issues scored abnormally low on the evaluation as well, the researchers said.

"Our findings confirm that those with a history of Covid-19 may be especially at risk for a weakened sense of smell, an issue that is already underrecognised among the general population," said study co-lead author Leora Horwitz, professor at NYU Grossman School of Medicine.

Horwitz added that 60 per cent of uninfected participants who did not report olfactory problems also tested poorly during the clinical evaluation.

The new study in 3,535 men and women, published in the journal JAMA Network Open, is the largest to date to examine loss of smell after Covid by using a formal test.

The findings suggest that health care providers should consider testing for loss of smell as a routine part of post-Covid, the team said.

Experts are now also exploring ways to restore the ability to smell after having Covid, such as with vitamin A supplementation and olfactory training to "rewire" the brain's response to odours.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO RUN BETWEEN ASANSOL & MUMBAI CSMT



● More than 17,000 berths to be generated

MI News Service, Kolkata: On the occasion of Diwali & Chhath festival, Railway has decided to run 01145/01146 Mumbai CSMT - Asansol - Mumbai CSMT special train. More than 17,000 berths will be generated by running this special train.

01145 Mumbai CSMT - Asansol Special will leave Mumbai CSMT at 11:05 hrs. on every Monday between 06.10.2025 & 10.11.2025 (06 trips) to reach Asansol at 05:00 hrs. on the third day and 01146 Asansol - Mumbai CSMT Special will leave Asansol at 21:00 hrs. on every Wednesday between 08.10.2025 & 12.11.2025 (06 trips) to reach Mumbai CSMT at 16:20 hrs. on the third day. The train will stop at 24 stations including Kulti station over Eastern Railway jurisdiction in both directions en-route. The train will have air-conditioned accommodation.

The booking of 01146 Asansol - Mumbai CSMT Special is available through PRS & Internet.

India sets global example in accessible justice, showcased at UN Human Rights Council

MI News Service, Geneva: At the 60th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), the CEO of the ECO FAWN Society, Sai Sampath Mettu, in his oral intervention, highlighted India's ongoing efforts to modernise its judiciary and expand access and praised India's advances in judicial reforms and the integration of technology to improve the justice delivery system. Mettu drew attention to India's digital judiciary initiatives, including the e-Courts Mission Mode Project and the JUSTIS App, which have significantly improved transparency, efficiency, and accessibility. These measures have particularly benefited marginalised groups, such as women, rural communities, and persons with disabilities, enabling them to seek legal remedies more effectively and without unnecessary obstacles. The pandemic posed a significant challenge for courts worldwide, but India's swift adoption of virtual hearings ensured the continuity of judicial proceedings. This adaptation not only prevented delays in justice but also accelerated the integration of digital tools into routine court operations, demonstrating the resilience and adaptability of India's legal system. Highlighting the government's long-term commitment, Mettu stated that India has invested over USD 800 million in judicial infrastructure and digital capacity. These investments aim to create a more inclusive, technology-driven justice system that upholds human rights and delivers equitable outcomes for all citizens.

Israel hits Houthi military, intelligence sites in Sana'a

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: The Israeli Air Force completed a broad wave of attacks on Houthi targets in the Sana'a area, deep in Yemen, on Thursday, the Israel Defence Forces confirmed. Israeli aircraft struck "targets of the security and intelligence apparatus and the army of the Houthi terrorist regime," the IDF said. "Among the targets attacked were the Houthi General Staff Command Headquarters, complexes of the terrorist regime's security and intelligence apparatus, the headquarters of the Houthi Military Information Department, and military camps where weapons and military operatives of the terrorist regime were identified in the Sana'a area."

'I Love Muhammad': Muslims take out rally against their Prophet's defamation

MI News Service, Kolkata: Pirzada Abbas Siddique organized a protest rally from Sunnat wal Jamat to Ujolpukur. Later a protest demonstration was organized at Taltolahat Bazaar.

The protest rally was regarding the fiasco that happened due to the phenomenon of 'I love Muhammad' in Uttar Pradesh. A huge number of Muslims took part in the rally. Eminent Muslim personalities like Pirzada Mosfeekin Siddique, Pirzada Saud Siddique, Al-Quadri, Pirzada Abu Talah Siddique, Pirzada Morekhin Siddique, Pirzada Abu Sayeed



Siddique took part in the said rally.

Abbas Siddique denounced attempt made to degrade the Prophet of the Muslims- 'Muhammad'. He also said that for years it has been done world-wide and opponents of 'Muhammad' have been wiped out.

To him, Islam is still rising despite stiff opposition in the world. He further said that Muslims took part in independence struggle against British rule and India Gate is the glorious example of it. Siddique also emphasized on restoration of peace, democracy and constitution in India.

Sultanganj-Katoria rail line work to begin, gift for Shiva devotees

MI News Service, Katak: Indian Railways has decided to start work on the Sultanganj-Katoria rail line in Bihar. This will make travel easier by train for Shiva devotees from Bhagalpur, Deoghar, and across the country. The total length of this project is 74.8 kilometers, passing through Asarganj, Tarapur, and Belhar. The proposed rail section will have stops at Sultanganj, Katoria, Asarganj, Tarapur, Belhar, Srinagar, and Suyabthan. Katoria will become a junction station, as it currently lies on the Banka-Jasidih rail line. Once the project is completed, it will greatly benefit the millions of devotees who carry holy water to De-



oghar every year. According to the latest estimates, the total cost of the project will be around ₹1.261 crore. At present, the distance from Sultanganj to Deoghar via Bhagalpur, Banka, and Katoria is about 131 kilometers, which will reduce to nearly 101 kilometers after the new line is built—significantly improving connectivity between Sultanganj and Deoghar.

EASTERN RAILWAY'S HOWRAH DIVISION TO RUN EIGHT (8) ADDITIONAL EMU SPECIALS DURING DURGA PUJA

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a bid to facilitate travel & ensure the utmost convenience for commuters and to clear anticipated rush of passengers during Durga Puja, Eastern Railway's Howrah Division has unveiled plans to operate eight (8) additional services of EMU Special trains on daily basis having stoppages at all stations enroute on the nights of 29.09.2025/30.09.2025, 30.09.2025/01.10.2025 & 01.10.2025/02.10.2025 for Bandel, Tarakeswar & Bardhaman (via Main & Chord Line) :- ● One (01) pair Howrah - Bardhaman EMU special via Bandel (leaving Howrah at 00:45 hrs. to reach Bardhaman at 03:10 hrs. & leaving Bardhaman at 21:40 hrs. to reach Howrah at 00:05 hrs.) ● One (01) pair Howrah - Bardhaman EMU special via Dankuni (leaving Howrah at 01:15 hrs. to reach Bardhaman at 03:20 hrs. & leaving Bardhaman at 22:30 hrs. to reach Howrah at 00:45 hrs.) ● One (01) pair Howrah - Bandel EMU special (leaving Howrah at 01:00 hrs. to reach Bandel at 02:05 hrs. & leaving Bandel at 23:30 hrs. to reach Howrah at 00:35 hrs.) ● One (01) pair Seoraphuli - Tarakeswar EMU special (leaving Seoraphuli at 00:30 hrs. to reach Tarakeswar at 01:20 hrs. & leaving Tarakeswar at 23:15 hrs. to reach Seoraphuli at 00:05 hrs.) ● 63501 Howrah - Bardhaman (via Bandel) MEMU local (leaving Howrah at 01:45 hrs.) will stop at all stations enroute from Howrah to Bandel on 29.09.2025, 30.09.2025, 01.10.2025 and 02.10.2025. ● 37220 Bandel - Howrah local (leaving Bandel at 05:40 hrs.) will run as per its own path and timings on all the above mentioned festival days. Moreover, all EMU locals of Howrah Division will follow Sunday running on 29.09.2025, 30.09.2025, 01.10.2025 and 02.10.2025 (for Durga Puja), 06.10.2025 (for Laxmi Puja and 20.10.2025 (for Kali Puja) upto 15:00 hrs. (on originating basis) and thereafter as per weekdays service.

Terror cell planning 'immediate' attack eliminated

MI News Service, Tel Aviv: Thursday night, Israeli forces operating in the Menashe area of southern Samaria eliminated a terrorist cell that IDF (Israel Defence Forces) said was planning to carry out an attack in the immediate future. Members of the eliminated cell were affiliated with Islamic Jihad, including the terrorists AlaaGawadetBan-iOdeh and Muhammad Qassem Suleiman, terrorist operatives from the town of Tamun involved in promoting shooting attacks against Israeli forces and the planting of IED's. During the operation, the forces surrounded a building where the two terrorists were holed up, fired at it with machine guns and grenades, and killed the terrorists.

India discusses ties with EU, reiterates country's zero-tolerance approach to terrorism



ance approach to terrorism & emphasized the need for the world to come together in the fight against terrorism in all its manifestations."

Earlier on Monday, during the high-level segment marking the 80th anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly, George had broadened India's message by underlining the country's "readiness to work with partners to support the Global South in responding to environmental disasters," the MEA said. This reflected India's wider positioning of its fight against terrorism alongside its commitment to global solidar-

ity and resilience.

Carrying this theme forward, at the High-Level Solutions Dialogue on Early Warning and Extreme Heat, Ambassador George had mentioned India's national Heat Action Plans as a key framework to tackle rising temperatures. He had pointed to the use of digital tools for last-mile alerts and promotion of low-cost cooling solutions as part of India's domestic response to climate risks.

Speaking at the session alongside representatives from Singapore, Maldives, European Union and Finland, he had said India stood ready to work with part-

ners, particularly in the Global South, to strengthen early warning systems, risk reduction and disaster management measures. Rising global temperatures, he had noted, had left vulnerable countries most exposed to environmental disasters, and collective action was necessary to address this challenge.

Apart from these UN engagements, Ambassador George had also attended the Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting (CFAMM) 2025, held on the sidelines of the UNGA. He had reiterated India's commitment to the values and principles of the Commonwealth Charter and stressed the need for reforms to make the organisation better reflect the realities of contemporary times, India at UN wrote in a post on X.

Further expanding India's diplomatic presence at the UN, Ambassador George had represented the country at the High-Level International Conference on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine and the Implementation of the Two-State Solution at UN Headquarters.

9.33-LAKH PASSENGERS TRAVELED IN METRO ON 25.09.2025

MI News Service, Kolkata : With the rest of West Bengal, Kolkata is now soaked in festive mood as Sharadotsav has begun. Pandal hoppers have already begun pandal hopping. They are preferring to avail Metro services on different routes as this is the most cost-effective, safe, secured and comfortable mode of transport. Metro services also have been helping them to avoid traffic snarls. Apart from them, other passengers too are travelling in Metro to reach their destinations. As a result, passenger count of Metro Railway has been steadily increasing. 9.33-lakh commuters have travelled in Metro yesterday i.e. on 25.09.2025 (Tritiya). This is higher than last year's Tritiya's passenger counts of 5.40 lakhs. 6.77-lakh passengers travelled in Blue Line. In Green Line 2.32-lakh passengers have travelled yesterday.

Throughout the day most of the train services were run as per the schedule in Blue Line. On Yellow Line, Green Line, Orange Line and Purple Line services were operated almost smoothly and as per the schedule throughout the day.

To avoid long queues at the counters due to 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. From yesterday, attractive changes in Business Rules of Smart Cards have been made effective. As a result, the prices of Smart Cards



have reduced. On the very first day, overwhelming responses of commuters have been observed. At different stations, commuters were seen purchasing Smart Cards enthusiastically to avail the additional benefits being offered.

Passengers 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.

Tourists/Visitors may also use Tourist Smart Cards to avail the facility of unlimited journeys for a duration of 3 and 5 days at a cost of Rs. 250 and Rs. 550 respectively. These Cards are now available at booking counters of every Metro station. We are proud of AAMAR Metro and equally proud of our commuters. As 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.

ADDITIONAL STOPPAGE OF KOLKATA - JAMMU TAWI - KOLKATA EXPRESS AT CHAUBE STATION

MI News Service, Kolkata: Railway has decided to provide additional stoppage of 13151/13152 Kolkata - Jammu Tawi - Kolkata Express at Chaube station over East Central Railway. 13151 Kolkata - Jammu Tawi Express (journey commencing on and from 26.09.2025) will arrive Chaube station at 18:20 hrs. and 13152 Jammu Tawi - Kolkata Express (journey commencing on and from 25.09.2025) will arrive Chaube station at 08:26 hrs. Both the trains will stop at Chaube station for 02 minutes.

Railway Recruitment Cell, Kolkata Gets New Office Premises

MI News Service, Kolkata : The office of the Railway Recruitment Cell (RRC), Eastern Railway, Kolkata, has been shifted from its old premises at RITES Building (1st Floor), 56, C.R. Avenue, Kolkata - 700012 to its new address at Railway Recruitment Cell, Eastern Railway, 11th Floor, New Koilghat Building, 14, Strand Road, Kolkata - 700001.

The new office of RRC, Eastern Railway, Kolkata at New Koilghat Building was formally inaugurated today by Smt. Zarina Firdeosi, Principal Chief Personnel Officer, Eastern Railway, in the gracious presence of Smt. Jyotsna Pandey Kusumakar Chief Personal Officer (admin) and Smt. Sucharita Das, Chairperson, Railway Recruitment Cell.

RECORD SMART CARDS SOLD ON THE VERY FIRST DAY AFTER CHANGE IN BUSINESS RULES

MI News Service, Kolkata : For the benefit of the Metro commuters, Smart Card prices have been slashed and validity of the Cards (both existing and new) have increased from yesterday (i.e. 25.09.2025). Commuters will also get other added benefits once started to use these cards. Commuters have welcomed this move of Metro Authorities and responded positively. As a result, 4409 Smart Cards have been sold yesterday (i.e. 25.09.2025) in comparison to 2813 Smart Cards sold day before yesterday (i.e. 24.09.2025). This is a quantum jump of over 56%. Apart from that, yesterday

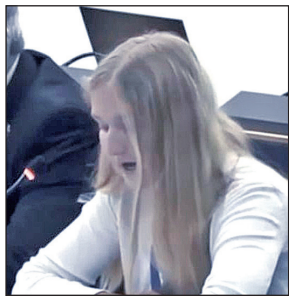
up to 22.00 hrs. total 44810 Smart Cards have been recharged or revalidated. It is to be noted that from yesterday, attractive changes in Business Rules of Smart Cards have been made effective. As a result, the prices of Smart Cards have reduced. The salient features of this change is: (1) The present refundable security deposit of Smart Card has been reduced to ₹50/- from ₹80/-. (2) The minimum issue price of the Smart Card has been reduced to ₹100/- from ₹150/- (i.e. Security Deposit ₹50/- plus Ride value ₹52/- including bonus of ₹ 2/-). (3) The validity of the Smart Cards will be for 10 years

instead of the present one year. (4) The validity of the existing valid Cards will be extended further up to ten years at the time of recharge. (5) The validity of the newly issued Cards will be counted from the first swipe at AFC & PC gate onwards not from the first date of issue. (6) 5% bonus on recharge value will continue.

To avoid long queues at counters due to 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.

Bangladesh minorities face growing persecution, GHRD alerts UN Human Rights Council

MI News Service, Geneva: At the 60th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), the UN-EU Human Rights Officer, Charlotte Zehrer from Global Human Rights Defence (GHRD), in her oral intervention, has drawn international attention to the precarious conditions faced by ethnic and religious minorities in Bangladesh, calling for urgent action from the UNHRC.



She highlighted what she described as a "deeply concerning" pattern of violence and discrimination. Ms Zehrer reported more than 2,400 incidents of attacks against minorities in the past year, noting that indigenous people in the Chittagong Hill tracts, along with Hindu and Christian communities across Bangladesh, have been the primary targets.

She described the multiple forms of abuse, including assaults on homes and places of worship, gender-based violence predominantly in the form of rape, arbitrary arrests, fabricated blasphemy charges, land confiscation, forced displacement, and the coerced resignation of minority professionals.

She also warned of growing cases of forced religious conversions affecting teenagers and young adults. While acknowledging the co-

operation between the Bangladeshi government, the Human Rights Council, and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). She urged that such engagement must go further; she also urged the need for genuine accountability and immediate steps to protect vulnerable communities.

She specifically appealed for the release of detained minority leaders and activists, the reform or repeal of discriminatory laws, and impartial investigations into all reported human rights violations. It further called for stronger international oversight, recommending that the United Nations consider deploying a fact-finding mission to monitor the situation closely.

"Ensuring justice for minorities in Bangladesh is not only a national responsibility but also an international obligation," she stated, urging the Council to intensify efforts to hold perpetrators accountable.

MULTIPURPOSE HEALTH CHECK-UP CAMP AND MENTAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN ORGANIZED AT METRO RAIL BHAVAN

MI News Service, Kolkata : A multipurpose health check-up camp and awareness programme on mental health for women was organized today at Metro Rail Bhawan by Medical Department of Metro Railway. Shri Subhransu Sekhar Mishra, General Manager, Metro Railway inaugurated this programme organized under Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar. Dr. Gopa Majumdar, Principal Chief Medical Officer, Smt. Ambika Jain, Principal Financial Adviser and all other senior officers were present in this programme.



General Manager expressed his hope that this programme would be beneficial for the women staff of Metro Railway and improve their awareness level. More than 68 women officials attended this programme in which different essential health parameters were checked by senior medical officers of Metro Railway.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS IN DIFFERENT DIVISIONS OF EASTERN RAILWAY

MI News Service, Kolkata : The following officers of different Divisions of Eastern Railway has been assigned to work as Public Relations Officers (PRO) as nominated by the competent authority. The details of which are as follows:

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Media persons are advised to contact with the Divisional PROs regarding different divisional issues.

Government inaction sparks gas shortage, environmental threats in PoJK

MI News Service, Muzaffarabad: A growing dispute between the Muzaffarabad administration and local gas dealers over cylinder prices is drawing public attention and raising concerns over both affordability and environmental impact.

Maulana Muhammad Altaf Butt, a resident of Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK), highlighted the issue, stating that rising cylinder costs have made it increasingly difficult for ordinary citizens to access gas.

"The public cannot buy expensive cylinders," he said, emphasising that the escalating prices are putting households under financial strain.

He stated that if prices continue to rise unchecked, residents may turn to alternative sources of fuel, including wood from nearby forests. "If cylinders become expensive, people will get fuel from the forests," he stated.



This, he cautioned, could have severe environmental consequences, including deforestation and disruption of local ecosystems.

The dispute comes at a time when seasonal changes and environmental challenges, such as deforestation and irregular rainfall, are already affecting the region. Rising fuel costs, combined with limited government intervention, threaten both economic stability and environmental sustainability in Muzaffarabad and the surrounding areas.

Residents confirm that they have faced inconsistent supply and have been forced to pay higher-than-standard rates. The administration and gas suppliers have yet to resolve this, leaving many citizens in uncertainty over how to meet their energy needs during the colder months. Without immediate measures such as regulating gas

prices, ensuring equitable distribution, and promoting alternative energy solutions, the region could face long-term social and ecological consequences.

Establishing local filling stations and subsidised supply chains are among the suggested solutions to mitigate the crisis and prevent residents from resorting to environmentally harmful practices.

The dispute over gas pricing in Muzaffarabad is more than an economic issue; it represents a critical intersection of affordability, governance, and ecological responsibility.

As winter approaches, citizens, environmentalists, and policymakers alike are closely watching to see whether a sustainable solution will be implemented or if rising gas prices will prompt residents to turn to unsafe and environmentally damaging alternatives.

INDIAN JUNIOR WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM LOSES 2-3 TO AUSTRALIA U21 IN TOUR OPENER

CANBERRA : The Indian junior women's hockey team suffered a narrow 2-3 loss in their first match of the Australia tour against their U21 side at the National Hockey Centre in Canberra on Friday. Lalthantluangi (47') and Sonam (54') were the goal scorers for India, while Bianca Zurrer (36'), Evie Sransby (45'), and Sammy Love (59') scored goals for Australia.

The first half remained goalless as both sides couldn't manage to break the deadlock in the tight contest. In the 36th minute, Australia found the opening goal through a successful penalty corner by Bianca Zurrer. Australia then extended their lead with another penalty corner goal, this time courtesy of Evie Sransby in the 45th minute.

In the fourth quarter, India bounced back in the contest with two crucial goals to equalise. First, in the 47th minute, Lalthantluangi converted a penalty corner to reduce the deficit, followed by a field goal by Sonam in the 54th minute to level the game again. With just over a minute left on the clock, Australia's Sammy Love scored through a penalty corner to edge out a slim win over India.

The young Indian squad will play two more fixtures against the Australia junior women's team on September 27 and 29, followed by two matches against Canberra Chill, a club playing in Australia's premier Hockey One League, on September 30 and October 2.



Dubai: India's captain Suryakumar Yadav and Abhishek Verma run between the wickets during the Asia Cup 2025 match between India and Sri Lanka at Dubai International Stadium in Dubai on Friday, September 26, 2025. (Photo: IANS/Biplab Banerjee)

Golf: Pranavi top Indian after first day in France; Diksha Dagar tied 54th

DEAUVILLE (FRANCE) : Pranavi Urs produced a steady start at the Ladies Open de France, carding a 1-under 70 to emerge as the leading Indian on Day One of the event. Her performance placed her tied for 23rd spot at Golf Barrière de Deauville.

The 21-year-old from Mysuru played a composed front nine, recording nine straight pars. On the back nine, she finally broke through with a birdie on the 10th, only to give the shot back on the very next hole. However, she quickly recovered with another birdie on the 12th before closing out her round with six consecutive pars. As for the other Indians, the



day proved more challenging. Olympian Diksha Dagar returned a 1-over 72, leaving her tied for 54th. Starting on the front nine,

Diksha stumbled with bogeys on the 5th and 7th but clawed one back with a birdie on the 9th. On the inward stretch, she added another birdie on the 12th, yet a bogey on the 17th left her over par.

Teenager Avani Prashanth posted a 2-over 73 to sit tied 70th. Her round featured four bogeys against two birdies. Tvesa Malik, still searching for rhythm this season, shot a 3-over 74 with four bogeys and just one birdie, finishing tied 82nd.

At the top of the leaderboard, Italy's Alessia Nobilio shone brightest with a flawless 6-under 65. She opened with three birdies

in her first five holes and maintained composure in breezy conditions to secure a one-shot lead.

Germany's Helen Briem followed closely with a 5-under 66, mixing six birdies with a lone bogey. Meanwhile, Ayako Uehara, Kirsten Rudgeley, Ariane Klotz, Lydia Hall, and home favourite Charlotte Liautier all returned 4-under 67s to share third place.

With two rounds to go, Pranavi has positioned herself as the best bet among the Indian contingent. The challenge for Diksha, Avani, and Tvesa will be to sharpen their scoring and make the cut as the tournament heads into the decisive stages.

Asia Cup: Harris Rauf fined 30 pc of match fee, Shahibzada Farhan reprimanded by ICC: Report

NEW DELHI : The International Cricket Council (ICC) has handed Pakistan's Harris Rauf a fine of 30 per cent of his match fee and reprimanded opener Shahibzada Farhan for their controversial gestures during the team's Super 4s encounter against India in the Men's T20 Asia Cup on Sunday, according to a report.

While Rauf has been handed a fine of 30 per cent of his match fees for his actions, gesturing an aeroplane crash, Farhan has been reprimanded for his gunshot celebration with the bat during the same game.

The duo were found guilty of breaching a Level 1 offence under the player Code of Conduct. Rauf made controversial political gestures of a plane crash while Farhan made gestures of gunfire with his bat, which fans believe allude to Pakistan's false claims about bringing down Indian jets during Operation Sindoor.

However, no fine has been levied against Farhan, who was only issued a warning by the board, Cricbuzz reported.

The PCB had filed a complaint against the Indian team for skipper Suryakumar Yadav's alleged political statements after the two sides' first game on September 14. Notably, players of Team India

refused to shake hands with the opposition players before Suryakumar dedicated the win to the country's armed forces.

Meanwhile, the BCCI lodged a complaint with the ICC against Rauf and Farhan for their controversial gestures during the two teams' Super 4s clash.

Both Rauf and Farhan defended their actions, with the former saying that his "6-0" gesture meant nothing and wasn't pointed at India, and the latter pointing out former India captains MS Dhoni and Virat Kohli's similar celebrations with the bat in his defence.

Level 1 breaches typically result in a fine of up to 50 percent of the match fee and one or two demerit points. In this instance, the players received only financial penalties and warnings, but they were explicitly warned to avoid repeating such infractions.

India and Pakistan are set to face off for a third time at the Asia Cup as the two teams will play the tournament's final this Sunday. While Suryakumar Yadav and his men are unbeaten in the tournament so far, Pakistan have suffered two defeats in six games that they've played in the two stages of the tournament, both at the hands of India.



Global Chess League Season 3: Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi team up, debutant Wesley So ignites bidding war

MUMBAI : World Champion Dommaraju Gukesh and compatriot Arjun Erigaisi came together in a dream teammates as the Global Chess League (GCL) launched its third season with an intense player draft in Mumbai on Friday. The PBG Alaskan Knights made a major move by acquiring India's top players Gukesh and Arjun.

Meanwhile, debutant American GM Wesley So sparked a heated bidding war before joining the Mumba Masters, as six teams assembled their squads. The league is scheduled to take place at Mumbai's Royal Opera House from December 13 to 24, 2025.

Building on the momentum from Dubai (2023) and London (2024), Season 3 signifies GCL's debut in India, the birthplace of both chess and the league concept.

The draft kicked off on Friday with the Icon Round, where Alpine SG Pipers selected Fabiano Caruana, PBG Alaskan Knights narrowly beat competitors to acquire Gukesh, and five-time World Champion Viswanathan Anand remained with the Ganges Grandmasters. Speaking on the occasion, Peeyush Dubey, Chairperson of the Global Chess League, stated: "Bringing the Global Chess League to India is a statement on where the sport stands today. India is not only the birthplace of chess but also its most dynamic growth market, producing champions and inspiring millions."

"At the same time, GCL remains a truly global league, uniting players and fans from every corner of the world. The successful completion of the draft sets the stage, and we are ready for a spectacular Season 3 this December at Mumbai's Royal Opera House, even as the league continues to chart a worldwide journey in the years ahead," he added.

Adding to the day's drama, Mumba Masters made a bold move for Wesley So, engaging in a bidding war with American Gambits and PBG Alaskan Knights before securing the American Grandmaster. Meanwhile, Ganges Grandmasters bolstered their team by signing 20-year-old German Vincent Keymer.

Suhail Chandhok, CEO of Mumba Masters, said upon securing his preferred pick: "We wanted to retain the core of our squad, and we managed to do that with Harika, Humpy, and



MVL (Maxime Vachier-Lagrave). We had most boxes ticked. One thing on our mind was to get one of our top picks from male superstars, and we got our top pick, Wesley So."

The highlight of the round was the duel for Erigaisi that ignited a three-way competition; after several bids, PBG Alaskan Knights emerged victorious, bringing him together with Gukesh to create India's ideal duo.

"We had a big task because we had to pick all six players, and we are happy that we got World Champion Gukesh, along with a balanced team in the end. They (Gukesh & Arjun) will be more than happy to satisfy the fans with their performance. It's happening in India, and it will definitely bring more cheer to our team," said PBG Alaskan Knights' Coach Abhijit Kunte.

Before the draft, four teams strengthened their rosters through retainments. Alpine SG Pipers kept former women's World Champion Hou Yifan and R. Pragnanandhaa, while American Gambits signed Hikaru Nakamura and Bibisara Assaubayeva ahead of the draft. Alireza Firouzja, Alexandra Kosteniuk, and Wei Yi remained with Triveni Continental Kings after winning the title last season. Indian superstar women Koneru Humpy and Harika Dronavalli,

American Gambits acquiring Volodar Murzin. In response, PBG Alaskan Knights signed Daniel Dardha, and Alpine SG Pipers secured Leon Mendonca.

"We looked for consistency, we thought it was better to have more balanced players, and the focus was to get players who would do well overall. We have a very good team, Fabiano Caruana is fantastic, Pragg has been doing consistently well, and Hou Yifan is the best female player in the world," said Alpine SG Pipers' Head Coach Pravin Thipsay.

Speaking strategy on the sidelines, Ganges Grandmasters' Head Coach Vishnu Prasad said, "The main thing we wanted was a young team-and we succeeded in that, excluding Vishy! I am very happy with what we have picked. It's a team event and every player is important." he six-team franchise league, played over 12 days, will adopt a double-round-robin format, with each team playing ten matches based on a best-of-six board system. This year's new addition is GCL Contenders 2025, an international initiative that provides aspiring players with a direct route to the GCL Draft. Three winners from six different time zones will earn the unique chance to compete alongside Grandmasters in the world's first franchise-based chess league.

Season 3, with six teams, is scheduled to take place at Mumbai's Royal Opera House from December 13 to 24, 2025. GCL Season 3 Squads:

American Gambits: Hikaru Nakamura, Richard Rapport, Vladislav Artemiev, Bibisara Assaubayeva, Teodora Injac, Volodar Murzin

Alpine SG Pipers: Fabiano Caruana, Pragnanandhaa R, Anish Giri, Hou Yifan, Nino Batsiashvili, Leon Mendonca Ganges Grandmasters.

: Viswanathan Anand, Javokhir Sindarov, Vincent Keymer, Stavroula Tsolakidou, Polina Shuvalova, Raunak Sadhwani

upGrad Mumba Masters: Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, Wesley So, Koneru Humpy, Harika Dronavalli, Bardiya Daneshvar

PBG Alaskan Knights: Gukesh D, Arjun Erigaisi, Leinier Dominguez, Sara Khadem, Kateryna Lagno, Daniel Dardha

Triveni Continental Kings: Alireza Firouzja, Yi Wei, Vidit Gujrathi, Alexandra Kosteniuk, Zhu Jiner, Marc'Andria Maurizzi

China Open 2025: Defending champion Gauff powers into second round

BEIJING : Second seed Coco Gauff of the United States opened her title defense at the China Open tennis tournament with a commanding 6-4, 6-0 win over Russia's Kamilla Rakhimova on Friday.

The 21-year-old American, currently ranked world No. 3, pulled away after a tight first set to complete the victory in one hour and 42 minutes in the joint WTA and ATP event being played in the Chinese capital.

"I expected it to be close," said Gauff. "She's a great player and has had competitive results with top players in the last few tournaments. I was just a little bit tight at the beginning, but I was able to loosen up and get in a flow."

In her first match since the US Open, Gauff fought through a drawn-out second game to save four break points before finding her rhythm. She broke Rakhimova for a 4-3 lead and never looked back, sealing the opening set 6-4. The French Open champion then raced through the second set, breaking



twice and wrapping up the match without facing serious resistance, reports Xinhua.

Gauff has experienced a season of highs and lows. On clay, she reached consecutive finals at the WTA 1000 events in Madrid and Rome before capturing her second Grand Slam title at

Roland Garros, where she defeated Aryna Sabalenka in the final.

But her momentum stalled in the summer, suffering a first-round exit at Wimbledon to Dayana Yastremska of Ukraine, and later fell to Naomi Osaka in the Round of 16 at the US Open.

"This, for some reason, feels less pressure," Gauff said of her return to Beijing. "When you play well at a place, you have a lot of confidence. When those tough moments happen, you feel the familiarity of the conditions from the years before."

Gauff will face Canada's Leylah Fernandez, who swept past Greece's Maria Sakkari 6-2, 6-0. Earlier in the day, fellow American Sofia Kenin, the 2020 Australian Open champion, defeated Russia's Polina Kudermetova 6-4, 6-2 to progress.

In other matches, 25th seed Leylah Fernandez of Canada defeated Maria Sakkari of Greece 6-2, 6-0 in a Round of 64 match, and Marie Bouzkova of Czechia defeated Magda Linette of Poland 7-5, 7-5.

LA LIGA: MADRID DERBY STANDOUT GAME OF GAMEWEEK 7; BARCA TO FACE REAL SOCIEDAD

MADRID : The season's first derby between Atletico and Real Madrid will be the standout match of the seventh round of games in Spanish La Liga Gameweek 7 as Atletico look to drag themselves back into the title race and ensure their hopes are not snuffed out before the end of September.

Julian Alvarez's hat-trick on Wednesday at home to Rayo Vallecano saw Atletico come back for a late win, which keeps them nine points behind league leaders, Real Madrid, after Real won 4-1 away to Levante on Tuesday.

A win for Atletico would pull Diego Simeone's side to within six points of its neighbour, but defeat would leave them 12 points off the pace, and that would surely be too much ground to recover, even though the campaign is still in its early stages.

Real Madrid have a 100 percent record at the start of the season, while coach Xabi Alonso has virtually a full squad to choose from, with only Trent Alexander-Arnold in the treatment room.

For Atlético de Madrid, this derby comes at a pivotal moment. Simeone's men have endured a rocky start to the campaign, dropping too many points early. But nothing breathes life into Atleti's season like a derby win. A victory here wouldn't just hand them three points. It would close the gap on their city rivals, revive faint title hopes, and give them their first league win over Real Madrid in more than two years. The last triumph came back in Matchday 6 of the 2023/24 season, a 3-1 win at the Metropolitano. First Madrid Derby for Xabi



Alonso

This will be Xabi Alonso's first derby as Real Madrid coach. The Spaniard has already made a flying start, winning all six games so far to lead Los Blancos to the top of the table. But Simeone's Atlético will be his sternest test yet.

Alonso is no stranger to these high-octane fixtures, having played in 16 derbies as a Real Madrid midfielder. He won 12 of those, and even famously celebrated from the sidelines in the 2014 Champions League final while suspended. Now he gets to script his own derby chapter as coach.

Interestingly, Alonso has already clashed with Simeone on the touchline before. Back in 2022/23, his Bayer Leverkusen side drew 2-2 at the Metropolitano in the Champions League, and Atlético later beat them in another group clash. That history adds yet another subplot to Saturday's showdown.