

Kolkata Tops Safest City List for 4th Consecutive Year, TMC Hails Mamata's Leadership

Kolkata has once again been ranked as the safest city in India, according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) 2023 report, recording the lowest number of cognisable offences per lakh population among 19 cities with over 20 lakh residents. The city registered 83.9 cognisable offences per lakh people, the lowest among major Indian cities. This marks the fourth consecutive year Kolkata has topped the list, with senior police officials attributing the achievement to better use of technology and improved policing practices. In contrast, Kochi emerged as the most unsafe city, recording 3,192.4 cognisable offences per lakh, followed by Delhi (2,105.3) and Surat (1,377.1). Among the safest cities, Hyderabad (332.3) ranked second, followed by Pune (337.1) and Mumbai (355.4). PG 3



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PM unveils initiatives, worth over Rs 62,000 crore, for youth

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled various youth-focused initiatives, worth more than Rs 62,000 crore here on Saturday , with a special emphasis on poll-bound Bihar. The Prime minister launched the 'Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded' (PM-SETU), a centrally sponsored scheme with an investment of Rs 60,000 crore. It envisages the upgradation of 1,000 government ITIs in a hub-and-spoke model comprising 200 hub ITIs and 800 spoke ITIs.

"Collectively, PM-SETU will re-define India's ITI ecosystem, making it government-owned but industry-managed, with global co-financing support from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank," a PMO statement earlier said. In the first phase of the scheme implementation, there will be a special focus on ITIs in Patna and Darbhanga in Bihar. A special emphasis of the programme will be on transformative projects in Bihar, reflecting the state's rich

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legacy and youthful demographic, the statement said.

PM Modi also launched Bihar's revamped 'Mukhyamantri Nishchay Syam Sahayata Bhatta Yojana', under which nearly five lakh graduates will receive a



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the unveiling ceremony of various youth-focused initiatives, in New Delhi.

monthly allowance of Rs 1,000 each for two years, along with free skill training. He also launched the redesigned Bihar Student Credit Card Scheme, which will provide interest-free education loans of up to Rs 4 lakh, significantly easing the financial burden of higher education. More than 3.92 lakh students have already availed loans

worth more than Rs 7,880 crore under the scheme.

Further strengthening youth empowerment in the state, Bihar Yuva Ayog, a statutory commission for people between the ages of 18 and 45, was formally inaugurated by PM Modi to "channelise and harness" the potential of the state's young population, it

said. Bihar has been at the focus of several development and welfare initiatives of the NDA governments at the Centre and the state. The Prime minister also inaugurated the Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur Skill University, which has been envisioned to impart industry-oriented courses and vocational education to create a globally competitive workforce. PM also laid the foundation stone for new academic and research facilities in four universities of Bihar and dedicated the new campus of NIT Patna .

Speaking on the occasion the Prime minister said "A few years ago, our government started a new tradition of large-scale convocations for ITI students. Today, we are all witnessing another milestone in this tradition. I extend my best wishes to all the young ITI colleagues from every corner of India. Today's ceremony symbolises the importance India places on skills. Today, two more major education and skill development projects have been launched for youth across the country..."

Amit Shah rules out talks with Naxals, reiterates Mar 2026 target to end menace



MI News Service, Raipur : Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday ruled out talks with Naxals and said they will first have to lay down their weapons and accept the government's "lucrative surrender and rehabilitation policy". Addressing the 'Bastar Dussehra Lokotsav' and 'Swadeshi Mela' in Jagdalpur, the headquarter of Chhattisgarh's Bastar district, he asserted that March 31, 2026 has been set as the deadline to bid farewell to the menace of Naxalism.

"I want to tell all my tribal brothers and sisters to persuade the youth of their villages to lay down their arms. They should shun violence, join the mainstream, and become part of the development of Bastar," he said. "Some people have called for talks (with Naxals). Let me make it clear again that both the Chhattisgarh and Central governments are committed to development across Bastar and all Naxal-affected areas. What is there to talk about? A lucrative surrender-and-rehabilitation policy has been put in place. Come forward and lay down your weapons," Shah said. He said he visited the renowned Maa Danteshwari Temple here and had prayed that security forces get strength to free the entire Bastar region from "red terror" by March 31 next year. Security forces will give a befitting reply to those disrupting Bastar's peace with weapons, he warned Naxals. "Some people in Delhi used to spread misinformation for years that the birth of Naxalism was for the fight for

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development. But I have come to tell my tribal brothers that entire Bastar has been deprived of development. The root cause of this is Naxalism," he said. Today, electricity, drinking water, roads, toilets in every house, health insurance of up to Rs 5 lakh, 5 kg free rice have reached every village in India but Bastar has been deprived of such development, Shah said. "Narendra Modi govt has given more than Rs 4 lakh crore to Chhattisgarh for development works in 10 years. On behalf of the PM, I want to assure you that after March 31, 2026, Naxalites will not be able to stop your development. They will not be able to stop your rights," he said. Convince those misled by

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Rivers in Bengal are in spate even no fresh water released from DVC on Saturday

MI News Service, Kolkata : As the weather office predicts more heavy to very heavy rainfall in sub-Himalayan West Bengal till Monday morning, water level in a number of major rivers in various districts has already started rising, with a few either approaching or crossing the danger marks following incessant rain in the past few days, the irrigation department said in its daily report on Saturday.

There is, however, no report of any water release by the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) on Saturday at least till noon, officials said. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had accused the DVC - the central PSU - of deliberately releasing water from its dams on Friday "without informing the state government" and creating a flood-like situation in south Bengal districts during the Durga Puja festivities. About 70,000 cusecs of water were released by the DVC on Friday. The irrigation department said that in Purba Bardhaman district, the Damodar river showed a significant rise in water level at Edilpur (27.34 metres) and Jamalpur (18.32 metres) basins. In Hooghly dis-

trict, the Champadanga gauge station recorded the water level of the Damodar at 11.10 metres against a danger mark of 12.90 metres. The Ronda station in Paschim Bardhaman district reported the water level at 50.60 metres, while the danger mark is 77.08 metres. The level of water breached danger marks at several points, including the Kaliaghar river in Paschim Medinipur, where the gauge was at 8.65 metres — 0.25 metres above the threshold. Similarly, in North 24 Parganas, Gaighata and Gobardanga stations on the Jamuna River crossed their danger levels by 0.07 metres and 0.06 metres, respectively. The discharge at Champadanga was also reported to be rising, raising concerns of downstream flooding. Meanwhile, a yellow warning has been issued for the Teesta river in unprotected stretches from Mekhli ganj to the Bangladesh border on both banks, signalling the need for vigilance in low-lying areas, officials said. They said that precautionary measures are being taken in vulnerable pockets as monsoon rains continue to impact river basins across the state.

IAF has prepared new roadmap to enhance combat capabilities : Air Chief Marshal AP Singh



MI News Service, New Delhi : India launched Operation Sindoor with a clear aim and the termination of the conflict in quick time after the objective was met is a lesson for the world to learn from, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh said on Saturday. Addressing a news conference on the Air Force Day, the Air Chief Marshal also said that his force has drawn up a Roadmap 2047 to enhance its combat capabilities. Delving into various aspects of Operation Sindoor, he said it was a reflection of tri-services synergy.

Asked about Pakistan's losses during Operation Sindoor, he said in the air we have evidence of one long-range strike of Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) and four to five fighters. Pakistan's losses included radars, command and control centres, runways and hangars, he said.

In response to the April 22 Pahalgam attack, India launched Operation Sindoor on May 7, targeting terror infrastructure in territories controlled by Pakistan. The strikes triggered four days of intense clashes that ended with an understanding on stopping the military actions on May 10. To a question, the IAF chief said all three services have started working on the 'Sudarshan Chakra' air defence system. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 15 announced the project to develop an indigenous air defence system to protect India's vital military and civilian installations and to deliver a decisive response to any enemy threat. Asked if the IAF was looking at procuring more S-400 air defence missiles, the Air Chief Marshal didn't give a direct reply but said the platform proved to be a good one.

Postal services resume in strife-torn Churachandpur

MI News Service, Churachandpur (Manipur) : For the first time since the ethnic violence broke out in the North Eastern state of Manipur in May 2023, claiming as many as 260 lives and leaving thousands of others injured and homeless so far, the postal services resumed in Churachandpur with a mail van entering the hilly district for the first time after more than two years on Saturday, official sources said. The vehicle reached the district headquarters at 11.30 am on Saturday, unloaded letters, parcels and other consignments, and returned to Imphal around 12.40 pm, they said. Regular mail delivery had remained suspended in the Kuki dominated Churachandpur district since the onset of the bloody violence. The resumption of regular postal service marks a significant step towards restoring normal communication channels in the strife torn region which had remained almost cut off from the rest of the land locked state as well as the country so far. Meanwhile, the security forces have arrested 10 militants belonging to various proscribed outfits in Manipur during separate operations

over the last few days, officials said. Personnel of the Assam Rifles arrested a "senior commander" of a "banned outfit and five other militants from the jungles of Churachandpur district. The militants were apprehended during a well coordinated operation on Friday, the source said. "Assam Rifles in a daring jungle operation code-named 'Operation Songkot' on Friday apprehended senior commander S.S. Lt. Jamkhogin Guite Lupho alias Pepsi of United Kuki National Army [UKNA], the paramilitary force said in a statement adding five others were also arrested during the same operation.

"The successful operation has dealt a severe blow and crippled UKNA's networks in Churachandpur and Jiribam, reaffirming Assam Rifles' relentless commitment to peace and security in the region," the statement said. Officials in Manipur said the UKNA commander was allegedly involved in the killing of four members of the Meitei community, including a father and son, in Bishnupur district in January 2024. In assition,

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An artisan adds finishing touches to Laxmi idols ahead of the Laxmi Puja celebrations, at Kumartuli in Kolkata.

IMD warns of extremely heavy rain in sub-Himalayan West Bengal till Monday

MI News Service, Kolkata : A well-marked low-pressure area will bring heavy to very heavy rain in sub-Himalayan West Bengal till Monday morning, the India Meteorological Department said. Issuing a red warning for the sub-Himalayan districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Cooch Behar, Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar, it said one or two places in these districts are likely to receive extremely heavy rain till Sunday morning, which will continue till Monday morning in Alipurduar. Light to moderate rainfall is likely at most places in these districts till Monday morning, the IMD said in a bulletin. The IMD on Saturday forecast heavy to very heavy rain in some districts of West Bengal under the influence of a deep depression, which weakened into a depression and lay over interior Odisha.

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Putin directs his government to soften trade imbalance with India

MI News Service, New Delhi / Moscow : Russian President Vladimir Putin prior to his upcoming visit to India in early December, has decided to devise measures to soften the trade imbalance with India due to the heavy import of crude by New Delhi.

Speaking at the international Valdai discussion forum of security and geopolitical experts from 140 countries, including India, in the Black Sea resort of Sochi in South Russia on Friday evening, Putin underlined that Russia and India have never had any problems or tensions between them and always took actions by keeping in view their sensitivities. "We have never had any problems or interstate tensions with India. Never," the Russian leader reiterated. Putin highlighted the "special" nature of Russia-India relations since the days of the Soviet Union, when India was fighting for its independence. "In India, they remember this, they know it, and they value it. We appreciate that India has not forgotten it," he stated. He also referred to Prime



Minister Narendra Modi as his "close friend", noting that he feels comfortable in their trustworthy interactions. Putin lauded India's "nationalist government" under the leadership of Prime minister Modi, calling him a "balanced, wise" and "nationally oriented" leader. He remarked, "Everyone in India knows this well," particularly regarding India's decision to ignore US pressure to halt oil imports from Russia. "The losses faced by India due to punitive US tariffs would be bal-

anced by crude imports from Russia, plus it will gain prestige as a sovereign nation," Putin said. He said that to remove the trade imbalance, Russia may buy more agricultural products and medicines from India. "More agricultural products may be purchased from India. Certain steps can be undertaken from our side for medicinal products, pharmaceuticals," Putin stated. He noted the vast potential for economic cooperation between Russia and India but ac-

knowledgeed the need to resolve specific issues to fully unlock these opportunities. "We need to solve the whole range of tasks to unlock our opportunities and potential advantages," Putin said, identifying financing, logistics and payment bottlenecks as key concerns.

Putin also recalled that the declaration of a special strategic privileged partnership between Russia and India will soon celebrate its 15th anniversary, declaring, "That's what it really is." He noted that, in their political relations, Russia and India almost always coordinate their actions.

"We always hear and take into account the positions of our countries on various key issues. Our foreign ministries work very closely together," Putin said. Additionally, he welcomed the idea of a joint fund to develop AI and other cutting-edge technology proposed by Dr Arvind Gupta, Director General of New Delhi-based Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF), who was attending the Sochi forum.

Tarakeswar Hospital OT leaks amid rains, patients safety at risk

MI News Service, Hooghly: The Tarakeswar Rural Hospital is grappling with a critical infrastructure crisis, endangering both patients and medical staff. With the onset of rains, water is seeping into the hospital premises, including the operation theater (OT) where surgeries on pregnant women are conducted three to four days a week. Cracks in the OT roof have worsened over time, forcing doctors to frequently reschedule essential operations.

Patients and staff report that water accumulates in several parts of the hospital during rains, particularly near the OT entrance. Compounding the crisis, the hospital's emergency services are vulnerable to power outages. Although a gener-

ator is present, it remains non-functional due to lack of fuel, halting critical medical operations when electricity fails. Dr. Sheikh Hanif, the hospital's health officer, confirmed the leaks and generator issues, stating that the problems have been formally reported to the district health department, which has assured immediate remedial action. Local opposition leaders have voiced concerns over mismanagement, alleging that government funds are being diverted to sports, fairs, and club grants, while essential healthcare services remain neglected. Responding to the situation, Devi Prasad Rakshit, executive director of the district Public Health and Environment Department's standing committee, stated,

Son murders parents in grisly attack

MI News Service, Medinipur: In a shocking and gruesome incident late Saturday night, a young man allegedly murdered his parents in Kharpara village, sending shockwaves across the local community. The deceased have been identified as Bhim Hansda, 45, and Sambari Hansda, 40. According to police sources, the accused, Paresh Hansda, has a documented history of mental illness. Locals revealed that a heated argument between the son and his parents late on Friday night may have triggered the fatal attack. Armed with a sharp weapon, Paresh reportedly attacked both his parents inside their home. Despite efforts to defend themselves, Bhim and Sambari succumbed to their injuries on the spot.

The tragedy only came to light the following morning, when concerned neighbors, noticing no response from the household, entered and discovered the bodies. The Sabang police were immediately alerted and have taken the bodies into custody for post-mortem examinations. Eyewitnesses and villagers expressed horror and dis-

belief. A local resident said, "The boy had been under treatment for a long time and had recently returned home. His wife had left him, and he mostly stayed isolated. We never imagined he could do something like this. Now everyone is terrified." Authorities have launched a manhunt to locate the absconding son. The police have urged villagers to remain cautious and report any sightings of the accused immediately. This tragic incident underscores the urgent need for monitoring and support for individuals with severe mental health issues, particularly in rural areas where access to medical and psychological care remains limited. The Sabang police have confirmed that the investigation is ongoing and are examining the circumstances leading to the attack, including any potential lapses in supervision or care. As the community reels from this horrific double murder, questions have been raised about mental health awareness, local support systems, and preventive measures to avert such violent incidents in the future.

Ambulance inaugurated on the 13th foundation day of Joygram Social Welfare Society



MI News Service, Joygram: On the 13th foundation day of Joygram Social Welfare Society, on Saturday at 10 am at Subarnadeep Ashram, the ambulance was inaugurated for the people of the area by the ambulance donor Shri Devesh Mandal, in collaboration with the MLA of Hingalganj Vidhan Sabha Shri Devesh Mandal. The birth-day of the social organization was celebrated by the President of Hasnabad Panchayat Samiti Amirul Islam Mahasoy. The Chief of the Child, Women, Relief and Social Welfare Department of North 24 Parganas Zilla Parishad, Hon'ble Jahanara Bibi Mahasoy, along with all the members and members

of Joygram Social Welfare Society, jointly presented a check of 10000 rupees for the treatment of the kidney disease of the son of a person named Uttam Gayen. Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Basirhat District Hospital Shyamal Biswas was present in this camp. Shariful Mandal was present from Barasat Judge Court. On this foundation day, Marwari Relief Society distributed free eye tests and glasses, treated common diseases and distributed medicines. Physiotherapy doctor came from Basirhat Hospital, and pain doctors came. The entire program was conducted by the society founder Ariful Islam Mandal and Afsar Gazi.

Man Killed in Another Explosion in Murshidabad

MI News Service, Murshidabad: A man, identified as Usman Biswas, was killed while manufacturing crude bombs in Rejinagar block of Murshidabad district on Friday night, barely 24 hours after a housewife died in a similar explosion in Domkal, official sources said.

The incident occurred in Chhatiani village under Raninagar police station limits, where Biswas died on the spot while making bombs under a bamboo grove. The victim had gone out Friday evening after being summoned by three friends on a motorcycle and went missing before the area was rocked by the explosion.

Police recovered several crude bombs and a blood-stained bamboo grove at

the site. During the investigation, a suspect, identified as Waz Karim, confessed that Biswas' body had been buried nearby to conceal the crime. The body was recovered the following morning. SDO of Beldanga Uttam Garai confirmed that Biswas was killed in the blast, and police are searching for additional suspects.

On Friday, Siddhatun Khatoon (38) was killed in Domkal while making crude bombs at her home in Nischintapur village.

Rejinagar MLA Rabiul Alam Chowdhury of the Trinamool Congress condemned the incident and demanded strict action. Police suspect the bombs were being made as part of a turf war over local land disputes.



Special Immersion Procession: Various puja mandaps in Barrackpore and Chirimore became the center of festivities on Saturday, inaugurated by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Prominent dignitaries present included Professor Saugata Roy, MP from Dum Dum Lok Sabha constituency; Partha Bhowmik, MP from Barrackpore Lok Sabha constituency; Nirmal Ghosh, Chief Convener of the Legislative Assembly; MLAs Raj Chakraborty and Sanat Dey; Barrackpore Chairman Uttam Das; Titagarh Municipality Chairman Kamlesh Sau; Khardah Municipality Chairman Nita Sardar; Panihati Chairman Somnath Dey; Kamarhati Municipality Chairman Gopal Saha; and Baranagar Municipality Mayor Aparna Mallick. The carnival attracted a large crowd, with a variety of cultural programs and spectacular events creating a festive atmosphere across the area.

Tensions rise in Khanakul as TMC Vice-president assaulted

MI News Service, Hooghly: Tensions escalated in Khanakul on Friday evening after Varun Mondal, the regional vice-president of the Trinamool Congress (TMC), was reportedly assaulted on his way home. The incident has sparked a political standoff, with both TMC and BJP lodging complaints and issuing conflicting accounts of the event. According to local sources and TMC officials, Mondal was attacked by a group of miscreants allegedly linked to the BJP, reportedly in retaliation for his active political work in the area. Varun Mondal sustained injuries and was admitted to Khanakul Rural

Hospital for treatment. The party has condemned the assault, calling it a targeted attempt to intimidate its workers in the aftermath of the festive season.

Meanwhile, the BJP has offered a different narrative, claiming that the incident was a consequence of Varun Mondal allegedly attempting to molest local women while intoxicated. BJP leaders argue that public anger erupted in response to these allegations. Two minor victims have also come forward, claiming mistreatment by Varun Mondal's associates prior to the assault on him. Varun Mondal, however, has denied all allegations against

him, stating that he was returning home when he was surrounded and beaten, and that the BJP was attempting to shift the narrative to cover up the assault. He claimed he could not identify the assailants and dismissed the accusations regarding the minors as fabricated. The dual claims have intensified political tensions in Khanakul, with both parties warning of potential street protests. Local police have registered complaints from both sides and initiated an investigation into the incident, seeking to ascertain the sequence of events and verify the statements of the victims and witnesses. Dis-

trict authorities have urged calm and emphasized that law enforcement is monitoring the situation closely. The incident comes at a sensitive time, shortly after the Puja celebrations, when communal and political sensitivities are heightened, making swift and impartial action crucial. Police investigations are ongoing, and officials have appealed to all political factions to maintain peace while the inquiry is underway. The Khanakul episode highlights the fragile law-and-order scenario in areas where political rivalries remain intense, underscoring the need for careful monitoring in the post-festive period.

Left Front marches to protest Israel's attack on Gaza aid ship

Nurul Islam Khan
On Saturday, a huge protest march was taken out from Rabindra Sadan in Kolkata by the Left Front. The march ended near the Lenin statue in Dharmatala. All the affiliated parties of the state Left Front participated in the march. The protest march was held in protest against the recent barbaric Israeli attack, detention and arrest of the Gaza-bound flotilla carrying aid for the helpless and helpless people of Palestine. Many people, including Left Front leaders Biman Basu and Sujan Chakraborty, were present. The activists de-



mandated that international environmentalists, political and social movement activists, including Greta Thunberg, be released immediately. They also demanded an immediate end to the indiscriminate massacre in Gaza. A protest march was held in Kolkata at the call of leftist parties to strongly condemn the US-backed war criminal Israel.

Nadia KVK Becomes India's First Net Zero Certified Agricultural Centre

MI News Service, Kalyani: In a landmark achievement for Indian agriculture, Nadia Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) under Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (BCKV), West Bengal, has become the first KVK in the country to receive Net Zero certification. The UK-based certifying agency i-NoCarbon Limited awarded the recognition after the institution recorded a net carbon footprint of minus 74.99 metric tonnes of CO₂ equivalent.



The milestone was achieved through a collaboration between ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata and the Inhana Organic Research Foundation (IORF), which developed India's first indigenous carbon footprint assessment standard, Agriculture Carbon Footprint Assessor (ACFA) Version 1.0. ACFA adapts

global protocols to Indian agro-ecosystems, helping measure and reduce carbon emissions in farming.

Nadia KVK adopted the Clean Food Net Zero Model, promoting pesticide-free natural farming, soil nutrient recycling using Novcom compost, and sustainable farm management, along with tree preservation, re-

sulting in significant carbon sequestration.

The initiative provides a replicable model for climate-smart agriculture across India's 731 KVKs and aligns smallholder farmers with corporate sustainability goals, validated under the IBM-IORF Sustainability Accelerator Project.

Twin fires engulf Howrah: Factories and Godown in flames

MI News Service, Howrah: Panic swept through Howrah on Friday evening as two major fire incidents broke out within hours of each other — one at a plastic godown in Pakuria and another at a thermocouple factory in Domjur's Rajapur area. Both sites were quickly engulfed in flames, sending thick plumes of black smoke billowing over the industrial belt.

According to preliminary reports, the first blaze was reported from a thermocouple manufacturing unit in Rajapur, Domjur, where a large quantity of flammable material was stored. Locals said the fire spread rapidly, triggering explosions inside the factory premises. Two fire tenders rushed to the spot and began firefighting operations amid intense

heat and smoke. Authorities are yet to confirm if any workers were inside the facility at the time of the incident. Almost simultaneously, another fire broke out in Pakuria, where a godown adjacent to the National Highway caught fire. The warehouse reportedly contained plastic and other combustible waste materials. Local residents attempted to control the blaze by pouring water even before the arrival of the fire brigade. One fire engine is currently engaged in dousing operations, while the cause of the fire remains under investigation. The twin blazes have caused widespread alarm among residents, many of whom reported difficulty breathing as thick, toxic smoke covered the area. The Fire Department has launched

parallel investigations to determine the causes of both incidents and assess possible lapses in safety compliance. This comes just months after a devastating fire in Howrah's Mangalahaat gutted several shops and caused extensive damage across three floors of a commercial building. The repeated fire outbreaks have raised questions about the enforcement of industrial fire safety norms across the district's densely packed manufacturing zones. State Cooperative Minister Arup Roy, who had earlier inspected the Mangalahaat fire site, had stressed the need for stricter vigilance in warehouses and small-scale factories — a warning that now appears increasingly urgent as Howrah once again battles flames on multiple fronts.

Damodar Flood Alert: DVC Water Release Raises Risk for South Bengal's Low-Lying Areas

MI News Service, Durgapur: Heavy rainfall in Jharkhand has forced the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) to release significant volumes of water from its reservoirs, heightening flood risks in low-lying areas along the Damodar River in Howrah, Hooghly, East and West Burdwan, and Bankura districts.

Since 7 am on Saturday, the Durgapur Barrage has been discharging water at a rate of 73,675 cusecs, while Maithan and Panchet reservoirs are releasing 32,500 cusecs and 37,500 cusecs, respectively. An additional 1,000 cusecs is being diverted into the barrage canal. Officials from the State Irrigation Department have warned that further releases may be necessary if rainfall continues in Jharkhand, as excess inflows compound the already high water levels in the Damodar. The lower Damodar region experiences flooding primarily when DVC releases 70,000–80,000 cusecs of water from its upstream reservoirs. Despite the Durgapur Barrage's water level being at 211.5 feet, sediment accumulation has reduced its effective storage capacity by nearly 40 percent, exacerbating overflow risks. Sandbars and chars forming in the riverbed further hinder water flow, causing inundation in surrounding areas. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee** has repeatedly urged the DVC to dredge the Damodar and increase its water-holding capacity to mitigate such flooding. She has also criticized the central authorities, claiming that uncoordinated water releases by the DVC worsen flood situations in South Bengal. The Centre, however, has dismissed these allegations, asserting that the releases are managed based on hydrological requirements. Authorities have advised residents of vulnerable villages to remain alert and follow local safety instructions. With rains continuing upstream and water releases ongoing, low-lying communities along the Damodar basin are under heightened vigilance. The situation underscores the need for long-term measures, including riverbed dredging and improved reservoir management, to prevent recurrent floods in the region.

Heavy rain causes deadly car plunge, 4 killed, 3 injured

MI News Service, Kalimpong: Continuous rains and treacherous conditions in North Bengal have turned deadly, claiming multiple lives in a horrific road accident near Mali, Kalimpong. A passenger-laden car traveling from Siliguri to Gangtok lost control around 9 PM on Friday night, plunging into a deep ditch near the Teesta River, resulting in the deaths of four people and leaving three others injured. According to local authorities, the accident occurred amid heavy rainfall and poor visibility, making the mountainous roads extremely hazardous. The driver reportedly lost control as the vehicle navigated the slippery, cloud-covered roads. The car fell approximately 50 meters into a deep ravine, intensifying the severity of the crash.

Factional clash rocks East Burdwan TMC ahead of polls

MI News Service, East Burdwan: Internal strife has surfaced within the Trinamool Congress (TMC) in East Burdwan, as the party grapples with factional conflicts just months ahead of the state assembly elections. The latest controversy centers around the expulsion of six party members, including a district committee member, by the Burdwan 2 block president. At a press conference, Parameshwar Konar, newly appointed block president, announced the three-year expulsion of six members—Jaydev Banerjee, Labkumar Das, Sabyasachi Chowdhury, Tushar Samanta, Ambika Das, and Zaru Alam—citing anti-party activities. Konar accused the expelled members of violating party discipline, failing to perform party duties, and posting statements on social media that undermined the party and its administration. He also raised allegations of corruption against the expelled leaders and stated that the district president had been informed about the decision.

The move has triggered a response from Jaydev Banerjee, former vice-president of the block committee and a current district committee member. Jaydev Banerjee expressed surprise at the expulsion, stating that he had not been informed of any grievances or provided an opportunity

to respond. "I don't know why these statements were made against me. There has been no discussion, no apology. Everything was communicated to journalists before the party," Jaydev Banerjee said. He added that he would present his side to the party leadership and challenge the corruption allegations, requesting evidence to substantiate the claims. Jaydev Banerjee also noted his prior support for Konar, highlighting that he had welcomed him as block president in 2024 and had congratulated him on his reappointment this year, offering assistance in party activities. "Despite this, I do not understand why such action was taken," he remarked. The incident underscores growing factional tensions within the TMC in East Burdwan, with both sides presenting conflicting narratives ahead of the crucial elections. Observers note that such internal conflicts, if left unresolved, could impact party cohesion and campaign strategy in the region. The TMC leadership has previously emphasized the importance of resolving factional disputes and maintaining party discipline, particularly with the assembly polls just seven months away. How the party addresses this latest confrontation remains a key question for political analysts and local constituents.

Goddess Durga Returns in Prosperous Form: 131st Bhandani Puja Celebrated

MI News Service, Alipurduar: While much of Bengal is coming to terms with the conclusion of Durga Puja, villages in North Bengal are witnessing a continuation of festivities with the celebration of Bhandani Puja, a unique form of Goddess Durga worshipped as the harbinger of wealth and prosperity. The ritual, observed predominantly in Rajbangshi-dominated villages such as Dabri, East Bholardabri, and Bairaguri, has deep historical and cultural roots in the region.

In this tradition, the goddess is revered as Maa Vandani or Banadurga, distinct from the familiar ten-armed form seen during the main Durga Puja. Here, the deity is depicted with four hands, riding a tiger instead of a lion, and symbolizes prosperity rather than the destruction of evil. Local lore traces the origins of the ritual back to a time when Goddess Durga, on her return journey to Kailash after Niranjan, was requested by villagers to spend a night in their forest-surrounded village. By honoring their request, the goddess brought wealth and abundance, filling the villagers' granaries and alleviating their poverty. This year, the 131st Bhandani Puja

was celebrated at the BFP Primary School grounds in Dabri village, East Bholadabri, adjacent to Alipurduar city. The festival attracted widespread participation, with locals returning from distant places to partake in the rituals. A fair was organized alongside the religious observances, blending devotion with community celebration. Birendra Nath Roy, a member of the puja committee, explained, "Our ancestors have performed this puja for generations. After immersion of the Durga idol, the feeling of Bhandani fills the village, and everyone rejoices in the prosperity the goddess brings." The rituals on Ekadashi culminate in the goddess returning to Kailash, leaving behind blessings of wealth and grain for the villagers, reinforcing the significance of this festival in local cultural memory. The Bhandani Puja underscores the region's distinctive cultural identity and the enduring influence of local folklore in shaping religious observances. As North Bengal continues to celebrate this unique form of worship, the event also highlights the community's attachment to traditional rituals that honor both spiritual devotion and material prosperity.

Intoxicated woman climb police vehicle during immersion

MI News Service, Birbhum: A bizarre incident disrupted an otherwise peaceful Durga idol immersion procession in Rampurhat on Friday evening, when a young woman suddenly climbed onto the roof of a police vehicle and began behaving aggressively. The episode, which unfolded at the Kamarpatti intersection, led to chaos among onlookers and prompted immediate police intervention.

According to police and local sources, the woman appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. Eyewitnesses said she first sat atop the police vehicle, then began kicking and shouting, ignoring repeated warnings from officers to get down. When female police personnel and civic volunteers finally managed to bring her down, the woman allegedly

assaulted and spat at one of the volunteers, triggering a scuffle. A video of the altercation, which has since gone viral on social media, shows the woman arguing heatedly with a female police volunteer before attempting to kick her. The volunteer retaliated in self-defence, following which police detained the woman on the spot. She was subsequently taken to Rampurhat police station and arrested. Police sources confirmed that she will be produced before the Rampurhat court on Saturday. The incident occurred during heightened police vigilance across Birbhum district to ensure peaceful idol immersion processions. Senior officers later reviewed the situation, emphasizing that strict action would be taken against any act of public disorder or obstruction of police duty.



Dona Ganguly with her troupe during their final rehearsal ahead of the Durga Puja Carnival on Red Road in Kolkata on Saturday.



Dance artists from Dona Ganguly's troupe rehearse on Saturday evening ahead of the Durga Puja Carnival on October 5 at Red Road, in Kolkata.

Kolkata Tops Safest City List for 4th Consecutive Year, TMC Hails Mamata's Leadership

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata has once again been ranked as the safest city in India, according to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) 2023 report, recording the lowest number of cognisable offences per lakh population among 19 cities with over 20 lakh residents. The city registered 83.9 cognisable offences per lakh people, the lowest among major Indian cities. This marks the fourth consecutive year Kolkata has topped the list, with senior police officials attributing the achievement to better use of technology and improved policing practices. In contrast, Kochi emerged as the most unsafe city, recording 3,192.4 cognisable offences per lakh, followed by Delhi (2,105.3) and Surat (1,377.1). Among the safest cities, Hyderabad (332.3) ranked second, followed by Pune (337.1) and Mumbai (355.4). The report notes that the average crime rate across the 19 major Indian cities stood at



828 per lakh population in 2023. Kolkata's crime rate has steadily declined over the years. It stood at 159.6 per lakh in 2016, which fell to 103.5 in 2021 and 86.5 in 2022, showing a consistent downward trend. The total number of cognisable cases in the city also dropped for the second consecutive year, reaching 11,843 in

2023, compared with 12,213 in 2022 and 14,591 in 2021. Crimes against women also saw a decline. In 2023, the city recorded 1,746 cases, compared with 1,890 in 2022 and 1,783 in 2021, translating to 25.7 cases per lakh population, the third-lowest in India after Chennai (17.3) and Coimbatore (22.7). Adult rape cases were 10 in

2023, while minor rape cases numbered 172, placing Kolkata 10th among the 19 cities for crimes against minors. Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha member Saket Gokhale credited the city police and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for the achievement. "This is data from the NCRB under the Union Home Ministry, so it's not us praising ourselves. No matter how much the BJP maligns Bengal, the numbers speak the truth," he said. West Bengal Women and Child Development Minister Shashi Panja added, "The NCRB data has once again validated our claim that Kolkata is a safe city. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has always emphasized a zero-tolerance policy against crime." Kolkata's continued recognition as India's safest city reflects the combined efforts of effective policing, technology-driven crime prevention, and strong administrative leadership, setting a benchmark for other metropolitan cities.

CM Mamata to Inaugurate Birla Paint Factory in Kharagpur

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Aditya Birla Group's new Birla Opus Paint manufacturing unit in Kharagpur is set to commence operations following its inauguration by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee next week, official sources said. Banerjee is scheduled to unveil the factory at Kharagpur's Vidyasagar Industrial Park on October 9, in the presence of Aditya Birla Group Chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla and Birla Opus Paints CEO Rakshit Hargave. The plant, set up with an initial investment of Rs 1,000 crore, is expected to generate around 2,000 direct and indirect jobs. It will manufacture a wide range of products, including water-based and solvent-based decorative paints, wood finishes, and wallpapers. Construction is nearly complete, with a trial run planned in the coming months, followed by commercial production. The group, which recently entered the paint sector, had sought land from the state government and was allocated 80 acres at Vidyasagar Industrial Park in West Medinipur. The investment is being made through Grasim, whose Board of Directors approved a Rs 5,000-crore capital expenditure for future phases in the paint sector.

Immersion Tragedy: Two Killed in Kolkata and Burdwan Accidents

MI News Service, Kolkata: Tragedy struck during Durga idol immersion processions, casting a pall of grief over the festivities. Two separate incidents in South Kolkata and East Burdwan claimed the lives of a woman and a sound system operator, raising questions about safety during immersion rituals. In South Kolkata, 31-year-old Renuka Sarkar of Ballygunge Place lost her life in a horrific accident on Sarat Bose Road. She had joined the immersion procession of her neighbourhood's Adibalak Sangha Puja and was travelling on the same trailer carrying the idol. According to eyewitnesses, Sarkar suddenly slipped and fell from the moving vehicle, which then dragged her for nearly 30 metres before she was run over by the wheels. She was rushed in a severely injured state to SSKM Hospital, where doctors declared her brought dead. The incident triggered panic in the area. Locals alleged that inadequate precautions and lack of monitoring during the immersion procession led to the tragedy. Police have launched an investigation to determine whether negligence was involved or if it was purely accidental. Meanwhile, the driver and his assistant fled the spot immediately after the accident. Law enforcement officials are trying to trace them for questioning.

Durga Puja Carnival Set to Light Up Red Road

MI News Service, Kolkata: After days of pandal-hopping, Kolkata is preparing for an evening of spectacle at one venue. On Sunday, the iconic Durga Puja Carnival will once again unfold on Red Road, an initiative of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, which this year marks its 10th edition. The grand carnival will begin at 4:30 pm on Sunday, showcasing the city's most acclaimed Durga idols along with vibrant cultural performances. The event will see the presence of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Police Commissioner Manoj Verma, ministers, prominent film personalities, authors, poets, sports icons, and artists, turning the carnival into a true congregation of stars. Ahead of the citywide event, district headquarters across Bengal are also hosting similar carnivals on Saturday. In light of their presence, the police are leaving no room for security lapses. According to Kolkata Police sources, a large number of officers will be deployed along Red Road on Sunday to maintain order. A total of 106 Puja committees are scheduled to take part in the carnival. Consequently, Khidirpur Road to Red Road will remain closed to traffic during the event. Preparations for idol placement in areas adjacent to Red Road will begin from Saturday night. During the carnival, each Puja will have a designated police officer on duty. Adequate spacing will be maintained between the different Puja committees to ensure smooth proceedings. From Sunday morning, several senior police officials will monitor the event closely. Special arrangements are being made for foreign dignitaries attending the carnival.

Every participating club has prepared a unique theme for the Red Road parade, complete with decorated tableaux, theme songs, and performances. Tridhara Akalbodhan's procession will feature actress Debleena Kumar, while Chaltabagan Sarbojanin has chosen Pratul Mukhopadhyay's iconic song Ami Banglay Gaan Gai as its theme anthem. "Our procession will showcase traditional Bengali attire—women in new saris and men in dhuti and panjabi," said organiser Mousam Mukhopadhyay. The Hatibagan Sarbojanin club too has been rehearsing for the past two days, confirmed organiser Sashwata Basu. The carnival, with its cultural extravaganza, has already sparked excitement among the public. Anticipating heavy turnout, Kolkata Police has finalized an elaborate traffic management plan. Traffic restrictions will be in force on Sunday from 12 pm to 4 pm on key city roads. Heavy vehicles will be barred on AJC Bose Road, New Road, Lovers' Lane, and Dufferin Road, except for immersion trucks. From 12 pm to 3 pm, all goods vehicles will be prohibited from using stretches between Exide Crossing and Hastings Crossing via AJC Bose Road, New Road, and Red Road. Post 12 pm, traffic from AJC Bose Road crossing toward Hospital Road (northbound) will not be allowed. On Jawaharlal Nehru Road Crossing, only vehicles with official Durga Carnival stickers will be permitted to proceed westward via Mayo Road. On Friday, heavy crowds gathered outside the CM's Kalighat residence, where ministers, MLAs, MPs, and officials visited to extend puja greetings.

Postal services resume in strife-torn Churachandpur

From PG 1 four militants were apprehended from Thoubal and Imphal West districts yesterday, the police said. They said two active cadres, including a woman, of the banned Kangleipak Communist Party (Apunba) were apprehended at Thoubal Wangkhem, while a self-styled Corporal of the Peoples' Liberation Army was arrested from Ningombam in Imphal West, official sources said adding security forces also nabbed a member of KCP (PWG) from Naoremthong in Imphal West. With more than 260 people being killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Imphal Valley-based Meiteis and adjoining hills-based Kuki-Zo groups in Manipur since May 2023, Manipur has reported the highest number of violent crimes and rioting cases in the Northeast for the past two years. According to a report published by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), this tiny Northeastern state has also recorded the highest number of crimes/atrocities against Scheduled Tribes in India since

2023. The state has reported 14,427 violent crimes in 2023, compared to 631 in 2022 and 545 in 2021, it said. Assam, which recorded 11,552 such incidents in 2023, was in the second spot in the Northeast after Manipur. A total of 3,339 crimes/atrocities against Scheduled Tribes were reported in Manipur between May 2023 and June 2025, compared to only 1 in 2022 and nil in the previous year. Manipur also recorded the highest number of rioting and arson cases in the Northeast, at 5,421 and 6,203, respectively. It also reported 330 robbery and 1,213 dacoity cases that year. The state also witnessed 151 murders in 2023 and 818 attempts to commit murder the same year, it said. In addition, a total of 89 cases of kidnapping and 27 rapes were reported. A total of 201 crimes against women were also reported in 2023, compared to 248 in 2022 and 302 in 2021. More than 260 people have been killed and thousands rendered homeless in ethnic violence between Kukis and Meiteis in Manipur since May 2023.

Amit Shah rules out talks with Naxals, reiterates Mar 2026 target to end menace

From PG 1 Naxalism to shun violence and join the mainstream, the Union minister told the gathering. The BJP government has launched various schemes in honour of tribals in the state, he pointed out. Shah described the 75-day-long Dussehra festival as one of the world's longest and culturally significant festivals, honouring the region's tribal heritage. Incidentally, in a renewed assault to end the menace of Naxalism from states like Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and parts of Maharashtra, the security forces have been organising unabated operations against the Naxalites in different forest areas of these states for the past two years when they were able to eliminate more than 150 hardcore and heavily armed cadres during multiple fierce encounters in deep jungles. Though in these process several security personnel have also laid down their lives, all the top leaders in different underground have also been killed.

IMD warns of extremely heavy rain in sub-Himalayan West Bengal till Monday

From PG 1 Bengal till tonight. The IMD advised fishermen not to venture into the sea in north and central Bay of Bengal along and off West Bengal-Odisha coasts till Saturday morning. Light to moderate rainfall was recorded at several places of the state in the past 24 hours till 8.30 am on Friday, with Diamond Harbour in South 24 Parganas district registering the highest downpour at 43.8 mm, the bulletin said. Kolkata and adjoining Salt Lake recorded 26.7 mm and 26.6 mm rainfall, respectively, during the same period, it added.

Bengal Attracts Rs1.25 Lakh Cr Investment in MSME Sector Over Four Years

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal has attracted an impressive ₹1.25 lakh crore investment in the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) sector over the past four years, with major inflows in information technology and manufacturing industries. According to the latest data, the state's GDP growth projection for the current financial year stands at 10.5 percent, compared to the national projection of 7.3 percent. Industry experts attribute this growth to the state government's industry-friendly policies. Official records show that projects worth ₹42,440 crore have already been implemented, while investments of ₹23,260 crore have been revived. In addition, projects worth nearly ₹3.99 lakh crore are expected in the coming years, reflecting a positive outlook for Bengal's industrial climate. A major highlight is the upcoming World Trade Center (WTC) in Salt Lake Sector V, which will be the first such centre in eastern

India. Construction work is nearing completion, and once operational, the centre is expected to become a hub for both domestic and international companies. The facility will offer nearly 50 lakh square feet of office and retail space, with an investment of around ₹1,500 crore, and is projected to generate employment for over 30,000 people. The MSME Export Promotion Council (EPC) survey has further indicated that new projects in Bengal's MSME sector could create more than 75,000 jobs. The IT projects are largely concentrated in Salt Lake Sector V, but significant investments are also being made in Durgapur, Asansol, Siliguri, and Haldia. Experts believe that the expansion of IT investments beyond Kolkata signals a healthy trend of industrial decentralisation in the state. The state's consistent efforts in infrastructure development, policy support, and promotion of entrepreneurship have enhanced its reputation among investors.

After Festivities, KMC Gears Up for Dengue Prevention Amid Rainfall

MI News Service, Kolkata: With Durga Puja celebrations over and rainfall showing signs of decline, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has shifted its focus to dengue prevention. Mayor Firhad Hakim visited Bajekadamtalaghat to oversee post-immersion clean-up operations and review safety measures. During immersion season, the risk of dengue tends to rise as stagnant water often accumulates in pandals, ghats, and residential areas. While the city has not yet reported any serious outbreak, the civic body is taking preventive steps in advance. "The corporation is fully alert. We are keeping close watch during this rainy spell to prevent any outbreak of dengue," the Mayor said. Hakim, however, faced criticism from residents in some areas over waterlogging. He acknowledged the issue, pointing out that this year's puja coincided with the monsoon season, which delayed several road repair projects. "Because of persistent rain, road repair work could not be carried out as planned. Now that the festival is over, repair work will resume in full swing once the weather improves," he assured. At the ghat, Hakim inspected how idols were being immersed and immediately lifted out of the river to minimize pollution. He praised sanitation workers engaged in clearing waste at the ghats, stressing the importance of keeping riverbanks and adjoining areas clean to check health hazards. He also visited pandals to monitor dismantling activities. Rain during the festive season created puddles in pandals and nearby houses, which serve as breeding grounds for dengue mosquitoes. "We are checking thoroughly to ensure no stagnant water remains," Hakim said. This year, Durga Puja coincided with multiple low-pressure systems that brought heavy showers to the city, even during immersion ceremonies.

OTT Can't Replace Theatrical Experience: Rajkumar Hirani

MI News Service, Kolkata: Renowned filmmaker Rajkumar Hirani shared his insights on cinema and storytelling at a Special Session organized by the Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) in Kolkata on Saturday. The session was moderated by film critic Rajeev Masand. Speaking at the event, Hirani said cynicism achieves nothing and only creates a false sense of superiority. He added that each film, like 3 Idiots, comes with its own solutions and is akin to a start-up — a fluid journey guided by instinct. On audience choices, he noted that while OTT platforms are increasingly popular, the immersive experience of a theatre cannot be replaced. Mediocrity will fade, as cinema-goers will prefer



only great movies. Masand asked about current theatrical choices of audience, Hirani said that people are now watching more films on OTT.

Masand talked about criticism and asked how he deals with it. Hirani said that every film has a different flavour and criticism is a part of life. He takes this in an optimistic way. He believed that movie is only for entertainment and not to educate the audience. Regarding criticism, Hirani said every film has its unique flavor and should be received optimistically. Movies, he stressed, are meant for entertainment, not education, and directors should not be burdened with social responsibility. Priti A. Sureka, MCCI President, praised Hirani's humility and optimism. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Munish Jhajharia, highlighting storytelling as a strategic tool in business and branding.

Name Change
I, Amit Kumar Jaiswal (Old Name), Son Of Shiv Sankar Jaiswal, Residing At 1302, Naskarhat Dakshin Para, Po-Tiljala, Kolkata-700039, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Amit Jaiswal (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/09/2025. Amit Kumar Jaiswal And Amit Jaiswal Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Aminah (old name) wife of Mush-taque Ahmed, residing at 86/H/26, Narkeldanga North Road, Kolkata-700011, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amna Khatoon (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Amna Khatoon (new name) and Aminah (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Tony Agarwal (Old Name) W/O Dilip Kumar Gupta, Residing At 66b4, Nak-tala Road, Kolkata-700047, West Bengal, India. Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Sweta Gupta (New Name) As Declared Before The Notary Public At Alipore Dated 28/08/2007. Tony Agarwal (Old Name) And Sweta Gupta (New Name) Both Are Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Amiyo Sarkar (Old Name), Son Of Manik Sarkar, Residing At Baraschana, Dogachhia Mommohanpur, North 24 Parganas-743245, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Amiya Sarkar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit No 5645 Sworn Before The Ld A.C.J.M 1st Class At Bongaon On 12/06/2025. Amiyo Sarkar And Amiya Sarkar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mairum Bibi (Old Name), Wife Of Sk Sahabuddin, Residing At 96/1/44, Cossipore Road Cossipore, Kolkata-700002, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mariam Bibi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/09/2025. Mairum Bibi And Mariam Bibi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Md Mujibar Mallik (old name) S/o Kaochar Mallik, residing at N0036, Ramchandrapur, P.S.- Jangipara, Dist.-Hooghly, Pin- 712706, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Mujibar Mallik (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Md Mujibar Mallik (new name) and Md Mujibar Mallik (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Kawsar Mallik (old name) S/o Late Mucharale Mallik, residing at Meriganj, P.S.- kultiati, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743329, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Kaochar Mallik (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Kaochar Mallik (new name) and Md Kawsar Mallik (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sk Sarajul Haque (old name) S/o Late Sk Abdul Sattar, residing at Vill-Lakshya, P.O.- Kumarara, P.S.-Makhshadal, Purba Medinipur, Pin-721632, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Serajul Haque (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Sk Serajul Haque (new name) and Sk Sarajul Haque (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Monira Begum (old name) W/o Mohammad Hanif Munsi, residing at Narenga Uttarpara, Kalna, Purba Bardhaman, Pin- 713501, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Manira Bibi Munsi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Manira Bibi Munsi (new name) and Monira Begum (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Lalchand Jaiswal (old name) S/o Late Laxmi Jaiswal, residing at Kali-park, VTC Rajarhat, P.O.- Rajarhat Gopalpur, Dist.- North 24 Pgs, Pin-700136, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lalchandra Jaiswal (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Lalchandra Jaiswal (new name) and Lalchand Jaiswal (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Prasenjit Dhank S/o, Bhadreswar Dhank, R/o. Gopalanagar Purba, Singur, Hooghly, W.B. declared that my Grand Father Haladhar Dhank S/o. Pran Kumar Dhank & Jaladhar Dhank S/o. Pran Kumar Dhank both are the same & one identical person vide an affidavit no. 9373 sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Hooghly, Chinsurah, Court on 26/09/2025.

Name Change
I, Purnima Ghosh W/o. Late Hemanta Ghosh @ Hemanta Kumar Ghosh @ Sambhu Charan Ghosh, R/o. Farm Side Road, 2 No Lane, Simla(CT), Chinsurah RS, Chinsurah, Hooghly, declared that in Hal Porcha of my Husband's (Dist. Hooghly, P.S. Dadpur, Mouza Talchinan Sanihati, L.R. Dag No. 2906, Class Pukur, in L.R. Khatian No. 1998 measuring more or less 01 decimal & in L.R. Khat-no. No. 899/1, measuring more or less 11 decimal) name has been recorded as Hemanta Kumar Ghosh & Sambhu Charan Ghosh S/o. Jaladhar Ghosh and also in my Aadhar Card recorded as Hemanta Ghosh. My husband Hemanta Ghosh & Hemanta Kumar Ghosh & Sambhu Charan Ghosh S/o. Jaladhar Ghosh all are the same and one identical person vide an affidavit no. 8232, sworn before Judicial Magistrate, Sadar Hooghly Court on 04/09/2025.

Name Change
I, Bilal Hosen Khan (old name) S/o Jalaluddin Khan, resident of Balarampur, Garhbeta, West Medinipur, Pin-722138, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Bilal Hossen Khan (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Bilal Hossen Khan (new name) and Bilal Hosen Khan (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mokter Ali (old name) S/o Late Hajrat Ali Mondal, resident of Vill - Sanberia, Mudihat, Dist.- North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700128, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Mokter Ali (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Md Mokter Ali (new name) and Mokter Ali (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Rajuna Bibi (old name) W/o Bilal Hossen Khan, resident of Balarampur, Garhbeta, West Medinipur, Pin-722138, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Rajina Khan (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Rajina Khan (new name) and Rajuna Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Morjina Bibi (old name) W/o Jalaluddin Khan, resident of Balarampur, Garhbeta, West Medinipur, Pin-722138, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Marjina Bibi (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Marjina Bibi (new name) and Morjina Bibi (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Manjura Bibi (Old Name), Wife Of Abukalam Jamadar, Residing At Vill & Po-Gandhabadi, P.S.- Bishnupur, South 24 Parganas-743503, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Manjura Jamadar (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/09/2025. Manjura Bibi And Manjura Jamadar Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mantu Sekh (old name) S/o Taher Sekh, resident of Vill- Jodythanganagar, P.O.- Shirkakole, P.S.- Usthi, Dist.- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 743513, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Golam Mostafa Sk (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Golam Mostafa Sk (new name) and Mantu Sekh (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Chris Joseph Rozario (old name) S/o Ronald Rozario, residing at Vill-Mariam Para, P.O.- Begopara, P.S.-Ranaghat, Dist.- Nadia, Pin-741256, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Chris Rozario (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/09/2025. Chris Rozario (new name) and Chris Joseph Rozario (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Mannan Gazi (Old Name), Son Of Sujaddin Gazi, Residing At Vill-Paschim Jaynagar, Po-Aturia, Ps-Baduria, North 24 Parganas-743427, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mannan Gazi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/09/2025. Abdul Mannan Gazi And Mannan Gazi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Subham Jalan (Old Name), Son Of Anil Kumar Jalan, Residing At Siddha Happyvile, Rajarhat Chowmatha, Rajarhat Main Road, Block Aqua Flat No-1802, Rajarhat, Rajarhat Deara, North 24 Parganas-700135, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Shubham Jalan(New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/09/2025. Subham Jalan And Shubham Jalan Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Naheed Ahmed (Old Name), Daughter Of Nesar Ahmed, Residing At 181, Top-sia Road, Po+Ps-Tiljala, Kolkata-700039, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Nahid Ahmed (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/09/2025. Naheed Ahmed And Nahid Ahmed Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Biswarup Chowdhury (old name), Land Deed No-3338, residing at Vill- Harinagar, P.O. & P.S.- Ranaghat, Dist.- Nadia, Pin- 741201, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Nitya Nanda Chowdhury (new name), as declared Before The Ld 1st class judicial magistrate at Ranaghat, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Nitya Nanda Chowdhury (new name) and Biswarup Chowdhury (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Eusuf Bari Mondal (old name) C/o Kalu Mondal, resident of Vill.- Kumarpur, P.O.- Madanpur, P.S.- Chakdaha, Dist.- Nadia, Pin- 741245, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amin Ahmed (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/09/2025. Amin Ahmed (new name) and Amin Ahmad & Md Amin Ahmed (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Amin Ahmad & Md Amin Ahmed (old names) S/o Mobin Amin, residing at 2B/H/2, Chatu Babu Lane, En-tally, Kolkata- 700014, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Amin Ahmed (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 25/09/2025. Amin Ahmed (new name) and Amin Ahmad & Md Amin Ahmed (old names) all are same and one identical person.



Club members of Suruchi Sangha playing Sindoor (vermillion) marking the conclusion of Durga Puja.

KALIGHAT, DUMDUM AND SHOV-ABAZAR-SUTANUTI SECURE TOP THREE POSITIONS IN PASSENGER COUNT FROM PANCHAMI TO DASHAMI

● **MORE THAN 80,000 SMART CARDS SOLD IN SEPTEMBER**
MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway, Kolkata has carried more than 46.56 lakh passengers from Panchami to Dashami this year across all its Corridors. Among all Metro stations, Kalighat registered the maximum passenger count of more than 4.06 lakhs followed by Dum-dum, more than 3.95 lakhs. Sovabazar-Sutanuti registered third highest passenger count of more than 2.88 lakhs.

Sealdah station of Green Line recorded passenger count of more than 2.68 lakhs. Howrah Metro station of the same Corridor saw more than 2.65 lakh passengers during Puja days. Such huge patronage of passengers has again proved the popularity and acceptability of Metro Railway, Kolkata across all sections of the society. The passenger counts of Howrah and Sealdah Metro stations prove that Kolkata Metro is attracting more and more suburban crowds for reaching different destinations in Kolkata.

The next five stations in terms of Puja passenger count are: ● Esplanade- 2.57 lakhs. ● Rabindra Sarobar- 1.85 lakhs. ● Dakshineswar- 1.81 lakhs. ● Shyambazar- 1.74 lakhs. ● Belgachia- 1.65 lakhs

In order to avoid rush, passengers have opted for digital mode of ticketing. From Panchami to Dashami of this Durga Puja, more than 5.01 lakh passengers have booked tickets through AAMAR KOLKATA METRO app. Apart from that under the new scheme, 18,498 Smart Cards have been issued from Panchami to Dashami and more than 1.59 lakh Smart Cards have been revalidated for 10 years under the new scheme and reduced issue price at ₹ 100/- which is phenomenal and it has also helped in reducing rush at the booking counters. A total of 646 Tourist Smart Cards have also been sold from Panchami to Dashami. A large number of commuters also opted for booking tickets from Ticket Vending Machines (TVM). In September, 2025, more than 80,000 Smart Cards have been sold. In August, this figure was more than 50,000.

Passengers are requested to book tickets through the AAMAR KOLKATA METRO app before reaching the stations to avoid rush at the booking counters. They are also requested to use Smart Cards/ Tourist Smart Cards so that rush at booking counters can be avoided and thereby save valuable time and money.

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta inspects Yamuna river ahead of Chhath Puja in Delhi

MI News Service, Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta inspected the Yamuna river in Lakshmi Nagar, Delhi ahead of the Chhath Puja festival. Delhi CM Rekha Gupta told ANI, "Chhath puja will be celebrated on Yamuna Ghats and we are fully committed to ensuring that this year, Delhities will have the opportunity to celebrate this beautiful and historic Chhath festival".

"We will set up Chhath Ghats from Palla to the last corner of Okhla, nearby densely population area of Yamuna river", she added.

She also said that, Government will construct around 1000 chhathghat points for celebrations and Delhi government is responsible for cleanliness and all arrangements of this festival. "Due to the chhath the Yamuna will never be dirty, it is a pious festival of cleanliness and it connects people with nature. Our government is ready to tackle any kind of problem during chhath puja," she added. On Monday Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said that the national capital will witness a grand Chhath Puja this year and arrange-

Name Change
I, Lokenath Roy & Lok Nath Roy (old names) S/o Sirish Roy, residing at Ramakrishn Palli, Kabi Satyen Dutta Road, Nimta, North 24 Parganas, 700049, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Lokenath Roy (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 24/09/2025. Lokenath Roy (new name) and Lokenath Roy & Lok Nath Roy (old names) all are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Ruhi Rashid (Old Name), Daughter Of Wasimul Haque, Residing At B 116, Tukrapatti, Bichali Ghat, Garden Reach S/O Garden Reach, Kolkata-700024, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Firdous Rashid (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/09/2025. Ruhi Rashid And Firdous Rashid Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Mannan Gazi (Old Name), Son Of Sujaddin Gazi, Residing At Vill-Paschim Jaynagar, Po-Aturia, Ps-Baduria, North 24 Parganas-743427, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Mannan Gazi (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 26/09/2025. Abdul Mannan Gazi And Mannan Gazi Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Sarfaraz (old name) C/o Mohammad Tarek, resident of Q-645/3, S.A. Farooque Road, P.S.- Rajabagan, Kolkata, Pin- 700024, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Md Sarfaraz (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Md Sarfaraz (new name) and Mohammad Sarfaraz (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Parvej (old name) S/o Nasim, resident of Q-599/8, Slaughter House Road, P.S.- Rajabagan, Kolkata-700024, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Parvez Alam (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Parvez Alam (new name) and Parvej (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Aas Mohammad (old name) S/o Abdul Quadir, resident of Q-621, Golam Rab Lane, P.O.- Garden Reach, P.S.- Rajabagan, Kolkata-700024, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Aas Mohammad Ansari (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 26/09/2025. Aas Mohammad Ansari (new name) and Aas Mohammad (old name) both are same and one identical person.

First Batch of Automobiles Reached Kashmir Valley by Rail

MI News Service, New Delhi: Indian Railways has achieved another important milestone as the Kashmir Valley received its first-ever rake of automobiles, marking a significant step towards improving connectivity and boosting economic opportunities in the region. On 03 October 2025, the train carrying over 100 vehicles arrived at the Anantnag Goods Terminal in the Valley. The rake had originated from Manesar in Haryana and crossed the iconic Chenab Arch Bridge – the highest railway bridge in the world – before reaching its destination.

This achievement is the direct outcome of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi earlier this year. The project has finally connected the Kashmir Valley with the rest of the country by rail, ending decades of isolation and making it part of the national railway grid in the true sense.

With USBRL in place, the Vande Bharat Express reached the Valley for the first time, giving people a modern



and faster travel experience. Soon after, on 15th September 2025, Indian Railways operationalised dedicated parcel train services for apple growers in the Valley. A daily time-tabled service was launched between Badgam and Delhi, ensuring that apples from Kashmir reached the wholesale markets of the capital at the most favourable trading hours. This has strengthened the income of farmers, reduced dependence on road transport, and lowered logistics costs.

Building on this success, the arrival of the first automobile rake at Anantnag on 03 October 2025 represents a

major step forward. For the first time, finished vehicles have been transported by rail into the Valley, opening new avenues for trade, retail, and allied services. This will not only benefit consumers but also create jobs in logistics, distribution, and automobile-related businesses.

From completion of the USBRL, to the launch of apple parcel trains, and now the delivery of the first automobile rake to Anantnag, Indian Railways has opened a new chapter in the story of the Kashmir Valley. Each of these steps is strengthening the economy, creating jobs, and improving lives.

Eastern Railway Shines at All India Computer Awareness Competition 2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: Eastern Railway has brought laurels by securing the Runner-Up position in the prestigious All India Computer Awareness Competition 2025, held at RPF Line, Dayabast, Delhi, from 29th September to 1st October 2025.

In a remarkable performance, Lady Sub-Inspector (LSI) Preeti Kumari (Howrah Central Post) clinched the Gold Medal, while LC Anjali Kumari (Sheoraphuli Post) bagged the Bronze Medal, showcasing exceptional talent, technical skill, and commitment.

The overall championship was won by Southern Railway, while Eastern Railway proudly stood as Runner-Up, reflecting the high standard of professionalism and technical proficiency of its personnel. This achievement highlights Eastern Railway's dedication to promoting digital awareness, technical expertise, and excellence in service.

18-year-old motorcyclist dies after colliding with fire tender rushing to emergency call in Sonia Vihar

MI News Service, Delhi: An 18-year-old motorcyclist died after his bike collided with a fire tender that was on its way to attend an emergency drowning call in Delhi's Sonia Vihar area on Saturday morning, police said. According to officials, the incident occurred around 8:15 AM within the jurisdiction of Sonia Vihar Police Station. The deceased was identified as Rohit Pal, son of Vinod Pal, a resident of 5th Pushta, Sonia Vihar.

"Upon receiving information about the accident, police reached the spot and found that a motorcycle had collided with a fire tender proceeding to attend an emergency drowning call. The injured was rushed to JPC Hospital,

where doctors declared him brought dead," a police officer said.

During preliminary investigation, it was revealed that the fire tender was en route to Pusta Road, Sonia Vihar, near Chauhan Patti, when the driver noticed a speeding motorcyclist coming from the opposite direction. In an attempt to avoid the collision, the driver swerved left, causing the vehicle to hit the Pushta wall, resulting in damage to the fire tender. However, despite efforts to avoid the crash, the accident could not be averted, police said. A case under Sections 279/106 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) has been registered at PS Sonia Vihar. Further investigation is underway.

ANTF nabs two Delhi-based drug suppliers, recovers 1.5 kg of heroin

MI News Service, Delhi: The Anti-Narcotic Task Force (ANTF) has booked two habitual offenders and recovered over 1.5 kg of heroin from them. The drugs seized by the crime branch are worth several crores in the international market. Based on a secret intel received, the ANTF shared the input with senior officers and a raid was conducted. The team laid a trap and arrested Inzamam-Ul-Haq right before he was about to deliver a consignment of narcotics in Delhi.

Inzamam was cuffed while delivering the consignment on a motorcycle near the open fields of Swaroop

Nagar Extension and Bhal-swa Dairy. Upon arresting him, the police officials recovered 1,259 grams of heroin from his possession.

An FIR No. 229/2025 was registered under Sections 21 and 25 of the NDPS Act. The investigation revealed that Inzamam was previously involved in cases of attempted murder and illicit liquor trafficking in the Jahangirpuri and Mahendra Park areas. Inzamam stated that he was working with a supplier named Babu Khan. The two were involved in the supply of narcotics across Delhi.

Babu Khan is a habitual criminal of the Jahangirpuri area, who has been involved in several police cases, including attempted murder, the Arms Act, robbery, the NDPS Act, the Excise Act, and threatening government officials. He recently came out of prison on bail in an NDPS Act case and started to resupply drugs in Delhi.

METRO TO RUN 236 SERVICES IN BLUE LINE ON 06.10.2025

MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro will run 236 (118 UP + 118 DN) services in Blue Line on Laxmi Puja, i.e. on 06.10.2025 (Monday) instead of 272 services.

First Service:-
● At 06:50 hrs. from Noapara to Shahid Khudiram (No Change), ● At 06:54 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar (No Change), ● At 06:55 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram (No Change), ● At 06:55 hrs. from Mahanayak Uttam Kumar to Dakshineswar (No Change),

Last Service:-
● At 21:28 hrs. from Dakshineswar to Shahid Khudiram (No Change), ● At 21:33 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dakshineswar (No Change), ● At 21:43 hrs. from Shahid Khudiram to Dum Dum (No Change), ● Normal services will be available in Green Line, Yellow Line, Purple Line and Orange Line on that day.

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e-Tender Notice No. : WT-03-GSU-ASN-25-26, dated 03.10.2025. e-Tenders (Open) are invited by Dy. Chief Project Manager/Engg., Gati Shakti Unit, Eastern Railway, Asansol Division, Station Road, Asansol, Pin-713301 for the following works: **Tender No.:** WT-03-GSU-ASN-25-26. **Name of the work :** Open tender for (i) Construction of Goods shed wharf, approach road, Rest Room for Labourers, Merchant Room, Toilet, drinking water facility, bathing facility, Tower Lights and other ancillary works at Durgapur & Tapasi. (ii) Provision of Boundary wall, fencing, Screen guard, Water Sprinklers, Supply, installation & commissioning of PM 10 analyzers, Supply, installation & commissioning of Digital display to monitor ambient air quality and noise level, RWH, garland drains, plantation, developing Green buffer zone along the Periphery and other ancillary works at Barachak & Rangiganj Goods Shed under Gati Shakti Unit of Asansol Division. **Tender value :** ₹ 39,02,37,645.74. **Earnest Money :** ₹ 21,01,200/-. **Completion period for the work :** 06 months. **Date and time of closing/Bid due date :** 30.10.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Complete details can be seen in the Railway's website www.ireps.gov.in (ASN-199/2025-26)

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Short Termination/Short Origination of four pairs Sealdah-Kalyani Simanta-Sealdah Local trains

For Immersion of Goddesses Durga Idols, the EMU Suburban services between Kalyani & Kalyani Simanta will remain suspended from 16.00 hrs. to 20.00 hrs. on 05.10.2025 (Sunday) and the following trains will be Short Terminated at/Short Originated from **Kalyani** as per schedule mentioned below: ● **SHORT TERMINATION AT KALYANI:** (1) 31329 Sealdah-Kalyani Simanta Local at 15.53 hrs., (2) 31331 Sealdah-Kalyani Simanta Local at 16.55 hrs., (3) 31333 Sealdah-Kalyani Simanta Local at 18.07 hrs. & (4) 31335 Sealdah-Kalyani Simanta Local at 19.30 hrs. ● **SHORT ORIENTATION FROM KALYANI:** (1) 31328 Kalyani Simanta-Sealdah Local at 16.42 hrs., (2) 31330 Kalyani Simanta-Sealdah Local at 17.43 hrs., (3) 31332 Kalyani Simanta-Sealdah Local at 19.17 hrs. & (4) 31334 Kalyani Simanta-Sealdah Local at 20.14 hrs. Inconvenience is regretted.

Divisional Railway Manager, Sealdah
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NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION
Awarding contract of Commercial Publicity Rights over Howrah Division

E-Auction Notice No. COM/PUB/HWH/25/36, Dated : 26.09.2025
E-Auction is invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th Floor, Rail Yatiri Niwas Building, near Howrah Station, Pin-711101 for **Awarding contract of Commercial Publicity Rights.** The Auction Catalogue have been uploaded in www.ireps.gov.in ● **Catalogue No. : PUB-HWH-25-36.** ● **Auction start date & time :** 13.10.2025 at 15.00 hrs. **Seq. No.;** **Lot No.;** **Description** respectively: **AA/1;** MSS-HWH-HWH-BCA-39-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Battery Operated Carts with Advertisement); Provision, Operation and maintenance of Two (02) Battery Operated Cars with scope of advertising at Howrah station plying between Howrah station (Old & New complex) and New DRM Building for use of Railway Staff only. **AB/1;** MSS-HWH-MYM-MedStn-34-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Medical facilities at station); Setting up, Operation & Maintenance of Medical Store at MEMARI station of Howrah Division. **AB/2;** MSS-HWH-PKR-MedStn-35-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Medical facilities at station); Setting up, Operation & Maintenance of Medical Store at PAKUR station of Howrah Division. **AB/3;** MSS-HWH-BHP-MedStn-46-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Medical facilities at station); Setting up, Operation & Maintenance of Medical Store at BOLPUR station of Howrah Division. **AB/4;** MSS-HWH-HWH-MedStn-40-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Medical facilities at station); Setting up and Operation of Emergency Medical Room with Pharmacy at Howrah Railway Station. **AB/5;** MSS-HWH-BHP-MedStn-41-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Medical facilities at station); Setting up and Operation of Emergency Medical Room with Pharmacy at BOLPUR Railway Station. **AB/6;** MSS-HWH-RPH-MedStn-42-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Medical facilities at station); Setting up and Operation of Emergency Medical Room with Pharmacy at RAMPURHAT Railway Station. **AC/1;** MSS-HWH-HWH-EVC-5-23-1 (Misc-Static-Services-EV charging stations); Setting up, Operation & Maintenance of EV Charging Station with EV Parking facility at Howrah station. (HWH-327/2025-26)

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Metro Railway conducting special campaign 5.0



MI News Service, Kolkata: Metro Railway, Kolkata, is actively conducting Special Campaign 5.0 to ensure a clean and green Metro environment.

As part of this campaign, intensive cleaning and sanitization drives are being conducted at stations across all lines, inside Metro trains, tunnels and other Metro establishments. Metro staff are actively involved in these cleanliness efforts at various stations.

At the same time, commuters are being sensitized and encouraged to contribute to keep the Metro premises clean and litter-free. They are also being requested through the Public Address System to co-operate to make this campaign successful. Regular announcements are being made re-

questing commuters not to spit or litter inside the Metro premises. Offenders can easily be detected through CCTV surveillance and a fine of Rs. 500 will be imposed on him/her. Metro authorities are requesting every one to use the dustbins placed at stations if required.

Let us all work together to keep our Metro system clean and commuter-friendly.

To avoid long queues at counters, commuters are requested to use the Digital mode of ticketing, like Smart Cards and Mobile QR tickets, which come with 5% bonus/rebate if booked via app or at the time of recharge. They are also requested to download the 'AAMAR KOLKATA METRO' app to book their tickets or recharge Smart Cards any-time to save time.

CM Yadav announces ex-gratia of Rs 4 lakh to families of children die in Chhindwara

MI News Service, Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Saturday announced financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh each to the families of the 11 children who died due to consumption of Coldrif cough syrup in Chhindwara district.

According to officials, among the 11 deaths, 10 children were residents of Chhindwara district while one belonged to Pandhurna district (newly formed district from Chhindwara).

The Chief minister stated that the state government would cover the entire medical expenses of children still under treatment.

The CM also took serious cognizance of the deaths of children due to consumption of Coldrif cough syrup and following lab test results, the sale of the syrup has been completely banned across Madhya Pradesh. A state-wide campaign is also being conducted to raid and seize stocks of Coldrif syrup, according to the release.

CM Yadav stated that upon learning of the incident, samples of Coldrif syrup were immediately sent for testing. On Saturday morning, lab reports confirmed the samples to be substandard. In response, an immediate ban was imposed on the sale of the syrup across the state.

The Chief Minister further informed that a joint investigation team has been formed at the state level to probe the matter and assured that those found responsible would not be spared under

any circumstances.

The Tamil Nadu Drug Controller has declared Coldrif syrup as 'Not of Standard Quality (NSQ)'. According to analysis from the Government Drug Analyst at the Drug Testing Laboratory in Chennai, the syrup was found to contain 48.6% Diethylene Glycol, a toxic substance that is extremely hazardous to health.

In light of the confirmed toxic content and the suspected role of the syrup in the child deaths in Chhindwara, the state government has taken strict action.

Additionally, Controller of Food and Drug Administration Madhya Pradesh Dinesh Kumar Maurya has instructed all senior drug inspectors and drug inspectors across the state to immediately stop the sale and distribution of the said drug. If stocks are found, they must be sealed and not destroyed, as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and its rules.

Samples are to be collected and sent to government laboratories for testing. If any other batches of Coldrif syrup are available, those too must be sealed and sent for analysis.

In the interest of public safety, the sale and use of all other medicines manufactured by Sresan Pharmaceuticals have also been suspended with immediate effect. Samples are being collected for legal testing, and strict monitoring has been ordered on the movement of these drugs within the state, the release added.

"No need to send delegation to Bareilly, SP practising appeasement politics": UP DyCM Keshav Maurya

MI News Service, Patna: After the Samajwadi Party delegation was stopped from visiting Bareilly following September 26 protests, Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya said on Saturday that there is no need to send a delegation, further accusing Akhilesh Yadav and his party of disrupting law and order in the state.

Tense situation prevailed in Uttar Pradesh's Bareilly, where protests over 'I Love Mohammad' posters on September 26 turned violent. Speaking to ANI, Keshav Prasad Maurya said, "SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and his allies are constantly trying to disrupt the law and order situation in the state. When the Samajwadi Party was in power, there were riots in the state. After the BJP came to power, the state has become riot-free. No one can be allowed to play with law and order. There is no need to send a delegation to Bareilly. The Samajwadi Party is practising appeasement politics, which will not benefit them. The Samajwadi Party has no future in Uttar Pradesh."

Earlier today, an MP delegation of the Samajwadi Party, including Mohibullah Nadv, Iqra Hasan, and Harendra Singh Malik, en route to Bareilly following last week's 'I Love Mohammad' row, was stopped at the Ghazipur border by the Uttar Pradesh Police.

Visuals showed the members of the delegation arguing with the police personnel deployed to maintain

law and order.

"We are being stopped from going to Bareilly. This is unconstitutional... The BJP government first oppresses people with great vengeance and then tries to cover it up," SP MP Mohibullah Nadv told ANI.

SP leader Iqra Hasan linked the situation with an "undeclared emergency" and said that their visit does not have an agenda.

"We don't understand on what grounds we are being stopped in the way of an undeclared emergency. We request the administration to accompany us. We are not trying to hide anything. We don't have any agendas... I don't know which of its evil deeds the UP government wants to cover up that its not allowing us to go to Bareilly..." she said.

Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh Police have arrested Ittehad-e-Millat Council (IMC) National General Secretary Nafees Khan and his son Farman Khan in connection with the September 26 protests in Bareilly, taking the total arrests in the case to 81. According to the police, Farman used to handle the Facebook page of IMC.

Earlier today, the Bareilly Development Authority (BDA) carried out a bulldozer action on the property of Dr Nafees following his arrest in connection with the 'I Love Muhammad' protests outside Ittehad-e-Millat Council (IMC) chief Maulana Tauqueer Raza Khan's house on September 26.

CEC Gyanesh reviews poll preparedness in Bihar: EC instructs all DEOs, SPs to act with impartiality, ensure prompt resolution of complaints

MI News Service, Patna: Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar along with Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, held a detailed and comprehensive review of the poll preparedness for the forthcoming Assembly Elections in Bihar in Patna on Saturday.

The Election Commission officials are on a two-day review visit to the state.

According to an official release, the ECI, today, interacted with the representatives of recognized national and state political parties namely Aam Aadmi Party, Bahujan Samaj Party, Bharatiya Janata Party, Communist Party of India (Marxist), Indian National Congress, National People's Party, Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) (Liberation), Janata Dal (United), Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), Rashtriya Janata Dal and Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party and sought their suggestions.

CEC Kumar termed political parties as a 'significant stakeholder of a strong democracy' and called upon them to fully participate at every stage of the election process by appointing their polling and counting agents.

The Commission also encouraged the political parties to wholeheartedly celebrate elections in a festive spirit along with the voters.

According to the commission, the political parties thanked the poll body for successfully completing the historic Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise and purifying the electoral rolls and reiterated their faith and trust in the electoral processes.

"To maximise the participation of voters in the elections, Political Parties suggested that the elections be scheduled immediately after the Chhath festival and for the elections to be completed in as few phases as possible", the official statement from the EC read.

The Political Parties particularly praised the Commission's recent initiatives such as limiting the maximum number of voters per Polling Station to 1,200, ensuring that the counting of Postal Ballot votes is completed before the penul-

timate round of EVM counting and ensuring that Form 17C is distributed by the Presiding Officer (PrO) to the Political Party agents before leaving the Polling Station, the commission mentioned.

All the Political Parties expressed complete faith in the Commission and in its fulfilment of the mandate to ensure free, fair and transparent elections.

Following the interaction with the Political Parties, the Commission held a detailed review with Commissioners, IGS, DIGs, DEOs, SSPs, SPs on every aspect of election planning, EVM management, logistics, polling station rationalisation and infrastructure, training of election staff, seizures, law and order, voter awareness and outreach activities.

The Commission also gave detailed instructions to the officers based on the suggestions given by the Political Parties.

"The Commission directed all DEOs, SPs, state administration to act with complete impartiality and ensure prompt resolution of the complaints and grievances of the political parties. All DEOs and SPs were instructed to monitor social media for fake news and to respond swiftly with appropriate legal action, if required," the release stated.

After the meeting of the ECI delegation, Janata Dal (United) Bihar president Umesh Singh Kushwaha on Saturday said that their party has urged the Election Commission to conduct elections in a single phase and just right after Chhath Puja so that people living outside the state can also cast their vote.

Speaking to reporters, Kushwaha said, "Our party has suggested that the elections should be held in a single phase. To allow voters arriving from outside during Chhath Parv to cast their votes, the elections should be scheduled immediately after Chhath Parv..."

However, Lok Janshakti Party (Ram-Vilas) urged the poll panel to conduct elections in two phases and requested the availability of basic amenities at all polling booths, said the party's National General Secretary Shah Nawaz Ahmed Kaiffee.

Speaking to reporters, LJP(RV) National General Secretary Kaiffee said, "We demanded that elections in Bihar should be conducted in two phases and there should be arrangements of security forces at every booth. Third, the Election Commission should ensure that senior citizens and differently abled individuals have their votes...Fourth, the Election Commission should provide toilets, water, and electricity at all polling booths...It (SIR) is not a topic of discussion now."

Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation leader Kumar Parvez said that they conveyed to the poll body that elections should be held in two phases.

He further said that the party wants the Election Commission (EC) to clarify the final SIR list and provide details on the 3,66,000 voters whose names were deleted, including reasons for removal.

Speaking to reporters, Kumar Parvez said, "Our first demand is that the EC clarify the final SIR list... We also insist the EC publish details of the 366,000 voters whose names were deleted, including reasons and basis for removal. Our second demand relates to the new voters who have been added... We asked the EC to identify incorrectly deleted names, individuals who filed objections, and the number of names added. It's unclear why the deducted and new names are combined, as both are needed for Form 6. Please provide separate lists..."

The CPI-ML leader said that the party has also sought clarification on the sex ratio of Bihar as mentioned in the voter list following completion of SIR.

Parvez said, "Our third demand was to understand the sex ratio in Bihar. The census shows 914 women per 1,000 men, but the SIR lists 892. We asked the EC if the number of women had fallen or if more names had been deleted. EC said they will investigate..." "We prioritised that our polling agents receive Form 17C and stated elections should be in two phases... We requested booths in poor Dal-

it and minority areas, using mobile booths if needed. We also demanded an end to appointing Presiding Officers from dominant castes instead of weaker communities..." he added.

The Bihar unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has requested the Election Commission of India to have robust checks ensuring that only 'genuine voters' are exercising their franchise in the upcoming assembly elections, as the party called for the identity of 'parda nasheen' (women under burqa) to be confirmed at the polling booths.

"We have also requested that voters, whether women or men, especially women, should get proper security. Also, the 'parda nasheen' women should also get their faces matched with the voter ID photo through women so that only genuine voters can get their right to vote", Bihar BJP president Dilip Jaiswal told reporters after the meeting.

The party has also requested the poll body to conduct elections in only one or two phases, citing the disruption to institutions and the increasing expenditure to candidates and political parties.

"We have requested that the elections happen in one or two phases, because with more phases, expenditure gets increased and the institutions also get disrupted, so that is why a long process should not happen", Jaiswal said.

The Election Commission is yet to announce the dates for the Bihar Assembly elections.

The electoral contest in Bihar is largely expected to be a direct fight between the incumbent National Democratic Alliance (NDA), led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, and the Mahagathbandhan led by the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD).

In the 243-member Bihar Assembly, the NDA currently holds 131 seats, with the BJP holding 80, JD(U) 45, HAM(S) 4, and two Independents.

The Mahagathbandhan holds 111 seats, with the RJD securing 77, followed by the Congress with 19, the CPI(M) with 11, the CPI(M) with 2, and the CPI with 2.

"'Appu' and 'Pappu' are two leaders, everyone has to accept EC's decision": Bihar DyCM Sinha's jibe at Rahul, Tejashwi

MI News Service, Patna: Reacting to Janata Dal (United)'s request to the Election Commission to hold single-phase assembly elections in Bihar, Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha said every party has its own thinking and demands; however, the NDA will accept the decision of the poll panel.

Speaking to ANI, the Deputy Chief Minister said, "Every party has its own thinking and demands. The Election Commission is an independent body. Whatever decision it takes, everyone will have to accept it..."

This comes after JD(U) Bihar president Umesh Singh Kushwaha said that their party has urged the ECI to conduct elections in a single phase and just right after Chhath Puja so that people living outside the state can also cast their vote.

Sinha also targeted Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and

RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, referring to them as 'Appu and Pappu' and accusing them of failing to fulfil their responsibilities.

He said, "'Appu' and 'Pappu' (Tejashwi Yadav and Rahul Gandhi) are two leaders. They keep making one the Chief Minister and the other the Prime Minister. They are sitting on constitutional posts but do not discharge their responsibilities...The public has decided that the leader will be the one who has developed the state with a sense of service, who has removed the word 'Bihari' from being an insult and made it a matter of pride."

Earlier today, the Election Commission of India held a meeting with political parties of Bihar ahead of the assembly elections in the state.

Under the chairmanship of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, discussions were successfully held with all

the recognised political parties of Bihar, along with Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, Chief Electoral Officer of Bihar Vinod Singh Gunjal and senior officers of the Commission.

During the interaction, the Election Commission stated that political parties are the cornerstone of democracy and that all parties should ensure their participation at every stage of a transparent electoral process.

The EC urged voters to celebrate the festival of elections with harmony and respect, and to experience the transparency of the elections. It also urged political parties to ensure that they nominate polling agents at every polling booth.

Political parties thanked the EC for taking "historic, transparent, and firm" measures to purify the electoral rolls through the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and reiterated

their complete commitment and faith in the electoral process.

They also thanked the EC for setting a maximum number of voters per polling station at 1,200.

Moreover, representatives from various political parties demanded that elections be conducted immediately after the Chhath festival to ensure maximum voter participation and suggested holding the elections in as minimum phases as possible.

The parties also appreciated several recent initiatives by the Election Commission, including reforms related to the counting of postal ballots and the use of Form 17C.

All political parties reiterated their complete trust in the Election Commission and expressed confidence that the upcoming Bihar elections would be conducted in a free, fair, and fully transparent manner.

BRO sets new world record by constructing world highest motorable road at Mig La Pass

MI News Service, Leh: The Border Roads Organisation created history once again by completing construction of the world's highest motorable road at 19,400 feet at Mig La Pass, surpassing its own previous world record.

Earlier, the world's highest motorable road was known to be Umling La, at 19,024 feet. The Mig La pass, constructed by project Himank holds immense strategic significance as the third vital axis from Hanle to Fukche, while also helping boost tourism.

"Border Roads Organisation #BRO has once again created history as Project Himank constructed the world's highest motorable road at Mig La Pass (19,400 ft) in #Ladakh, surpassing its own Guinness World Record set at Umling La (19,024 ft)", the Indian Army posted on X.

Earlier, a BRO team also unfurled the tricolour at the peak

of the pass.

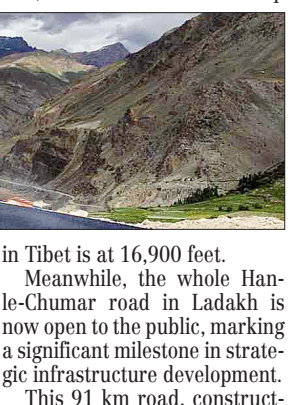
The newly built Likaru-Mig La-Fukche road holds im-



mense strategic significance as the third vital axis from Hanle to Fukche, while also boosting tourism in Ladakh and upliftment of India's First Villages. A shining testament to the indomitable spirit, engineering excellence & unwavering dedication of the BRO in Nation Building.

Umling La Pass, which held the record previously is also located in Ladakh at an altitude of 19,024 feet. The road was constructed at an altitude higher than the Mount Everest base

camps - the south base camp in Nepal is at an altitude of 17,598 feet, while the north base camp



in Tibet is at 16,900 feet. Meanwhile, the whole Hanle-Chumar road in Ladakh is now open to the public, marking a significant milestone in strategic infrastructure development. This 91 km road, constructed by Project Himank of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), connects Hanle to the border village of Chumar, traversing extreme altitudes between 14,500 and 17,200 feet, including the challenging Salsa La Pass.

In a post on social media

X, ADG PI said that the Hanle-Chumar road will enhance connectivity for the Armed Forces along the borders, boosting operational readiness, facilitating access to attractions like Hanle Observatory, Kyun Tso Lake, Chilling Tso Lake, and Tso Moriri, and promoting local tourism.

"The road, while providing strategic connectivity for the Armed Forces along the borders, will also facilitate local connectivity and tourism in the region by connecting attractions including Hanle Observatory, Kyun Tso Lake, Chilling Tso Lake and onward to Tso Moriri," the post read.

The road's opening is anticipated to invigorate the local tourism industry, providing easier access to Ladakh's breathtaking landscapes and cultural sites and is expected to drive socio-economic development in Ladakh's remote areas.

Two dead, five injured in blast at coaching centre in UP's Farrukhabad

MI News Service, Farrukhabad: Atleast two people were killed, and five others were injured in a blast at a coaching centre in Uttar Pradesh's Farrukhabad on Saturday.

According to the police said the blast occurred likely due to excessive concentrated methane in the septic tank located in the basement.

"We received information around 3.19 pm pertaining to Kadri Gate Police Station area. 'Field unit and fire services are working on the spot. Prima facie it seems to be a coaching institute and it has a septic tank in the basement. The blast occurred due to excess concentrated methane there. A switch board was also found there, perhaps the blast oc-

curred due to that. The injured are under treatment. Investigation is being done," Farrukhabad SP Arti Singh told reporters.

Farrukhabad DM Ashutosh Kumar Dwivedi said that a committee has been formed under the chairmanship of the City Magistrate to investigate the cause of the incident.

"An explosion took place in the septic tank of a coaching centre. Prima facie, the explosion is being attributed to the non-exhaustion of concentrated methane gas. 2 people have died. Five people are undergoing treatment... A committee has been formed under the chairmanship of the City Magistrate to investigate the cause of the incident..." Farrukhabad DM told ANI.

Karur stampede incident: Karti Chidambaram accuses BJP of "fishing in troubled waters"

MI News Service, New Delhi: Congress MP Karti Chidambaram on Saturday lashed out at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for sending a delegation, comprising of leaders from the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), amid chaos over the Karur stampede incident that claimed the lives of 41 people, and claimed that their entire agenda is to "fish in troubled waters".

Speaking to ANI, Chidambaram argued that the NDA delegation came to Tamil Nadu in view of the upcoming assembly elections in the state.

"The entire agenda of the BJP in sending an NDA delegation to Karur was to fish in troubled waters. They had never sent a delegation like this to enquire into the Kumbh Mela stampede or the IPL stampede in Karnataka. They have only sent this delegation to Tamil Nadu because elections are coming next year," the Lok Sabha MP said.

"They want to put the blame on a particular party, which is the DMK. They also want a CBI enquiry because CBI is always a tool to force political parties to align with them," he added.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Saturday expressed deep anguish over the recent tragedy in Karur and assured that the state government is taking all measures to ensure accountability and prevent future disasters.

In a post shared on X, CM Stalin said, "Tamil Nadu government is treating all the observations and directions issued by the Honourable High Court regarding the Karur tragedy with the utmost seriousness. We are all deeply shaken by the sorrowful events in Karur. I feel great anguish for every family suffering the loss of a loved one and share in their tears and pain."

He confirmed that a Special Investigation Team (SIT), constituted under the orders of the High Court, will begin its inquiry, assuring the public that the investigation will uncover the full truth and ensure accountability at every level.

"An SIT, constituted under the orders of the Honourable High Court, will commence its inquiry. As the Chief Minister of the state, I assure the people that this investigation will bring out the full truth. Accountability will be ensured at every level," Stalin said.

Moreover, the Chief Minister also outlined plans to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

"Tamil Nadu, a frontrunner for India in many areas, will also lead the way in preventing stampede disasters. We will consult departmental experts, political parties, activists, and the general public across the state to draft comprehensive Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). These SOPs will serve as a model for not only Tamil Nadu but for the entire country to follow," he said.

Earlier, Stalin accused the BJP of using the Karur stampede tragedy for political mileage, saying the party's response was driven by

upcoming elections rather than "genuine concern" and added that the BJP "survives by sucking someone else's blood".

While inaugurating development projects in Ramana-thapuram district, CM Stalin criticised the BJP party and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for rushing to Karur after the stampede, stating that the Centre had ignored Tamil Nadu during previous disasters.

He said, "When Tamil Nadu was struck by three major disasters, affecting thousands of people, the Union BJP Finance Minister neither visited nor provided any funds. But now, she immediately rushes to Karur. The BJP, which did not send inquiry commissions for the Manipur riots, Gujarat incidents, or the Kumbh Mela deaths, is now promptly sending a team to Karur, not out of any genuine concern for Tamil Nadu, but simply because elections are due next year."

He further added, "They (BJP) think they can gain some political mileage out of this (Karur stampede deaths) or use it to threaten someone. The BJP is in a position where it survives by sucking someone else's blood."

An eight-member delegation of the NDA-BJP earlier visited the hospital in Karur, where those injured in the September 27 stampede are currently undergoing treatment. Before arriving at the hospital, the delegation, constituted by BJP national president JP Nadda, visited the site of the stampede to inspect the area and interact with eyewitnesses.

Members of the delegation included BJP MPs Hema Malini, Aparajita Sarangi, Anurag Thakur, Tejasi Surya, Braj Lal, Rekha Sharma, Shrikant Shinde (Shiv Sena), and Putta Mahesh Kumar (Telugu Desam Party). BJP MP Hema Malini is the convener of the committee.

The BJP delegation, led by MP Hema Malini, visited the site of the incident.

On September 29, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman expressed deep shock over the unfortunate Karur stampede incident, advocating for an SOP to effectively manage large public gatherings to deter such incidents.

"There's no bad time for setting proper SOP for public matters, particularly where there will be huge public assemblies. We are probably too late. We should have a better way of public gathering management, not just in one state, but the entire country," Sitharaman said while addressing a press conference.

Labelling the stampede incident as "shocking", the Union Finance Minister informed that she and Union Minister of State (MoS) L. Murugan were visiting Karur at the advice of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had tasked them to visit the victim families and console them for their loss.

She said that the public didn't have access to food and water during the rally. "Many said there was no water or food given in the meeting. Waited for a long time."

TARIFFS ON INDIA

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When the United States imposes tariffs on Indian goods, the immediate perception is often negative-costlier exports, reduced competitiveness, and strained bilateral trade. But hidden within this challenge lies a significant opportunity for Indian businesses to innovate, diversify, and strengthen their global footprint.

According to the Ministry of Commerce, the US accounts for nearly 17% of India's total exports, making it India's largest trading partner. Tariffs on sectors like steel, textiles, and agriculture have undoubtedly raised concerns. Yet, trade analysts argue that such restrictions can act as a catalyst for Indian exporters to explore new markets in Asia, Africa, and Europe, while simultaneously enhancing domestic value addition to absorb tariff impacts.

For example, when the US levied tariffs on Indian steel in 2018, Indian producers pivoted towards Southeast Asian markets, where demand was booming. Similarly, textile exporters are leveraging India's trade agreements with the EU and UAE to counterbalance US duties. By doing so, Indian firms are not only reducing dependence on a single market but also diversifying risk, ensuring that any one country's policies do not disproportionately impact their revenues.

Economists also note that tariffs can drive self-reliance in supply chains. By investing in advanced manufacturing, branding, and quality certifications, Indian firms can shift from being low-cost suppliers to high-value global players. Small and medium enterprises (SMEs), in particular, stand to benefit by capturing niche export segments in food processing, handicrafts, and pharmaceuticals. A growing global preference for sustainable and ethically sourced products creates another window of opportunity for Indian businesses to distinguish themselves through traditional craftsmanship and environmentally conscious practices.

However, this transformation requires policy support. Industry leaders are urging the Indian government to negotiate bilateral trade deals, provide export incentives, and invest in logistics and infrastructure to help businesses stay competitive. Expanding port capacities, reducing freight costs, and streamlining customs processes can substantially enhance India's attractiveness as an export hub. Furthermore, government initiatives like the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme and "Make in India" can play a critical role in helping companies upgrade technology, scale operations, and compete globally despite tariff pressures.

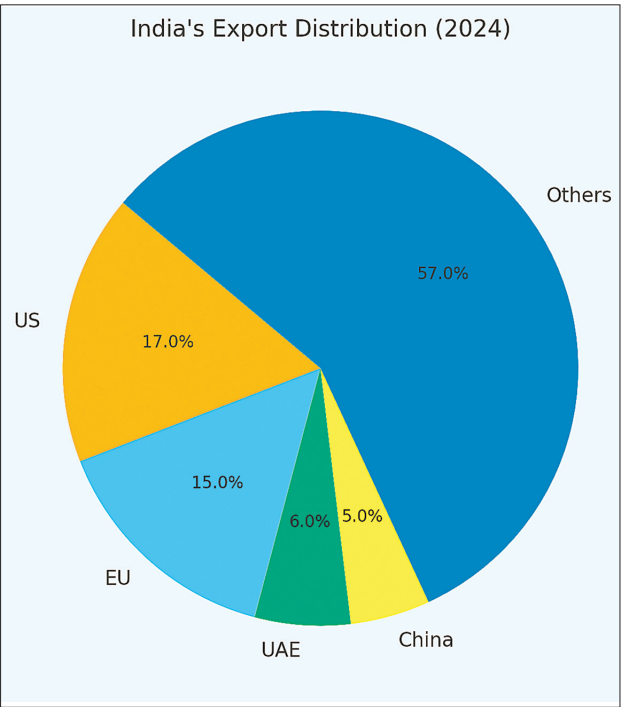
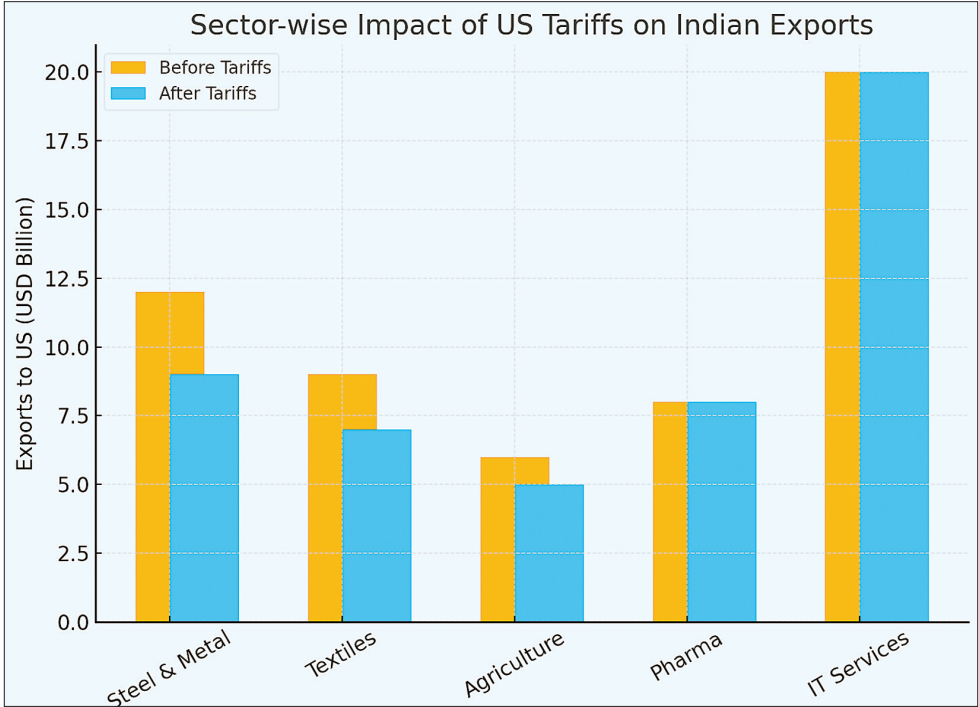
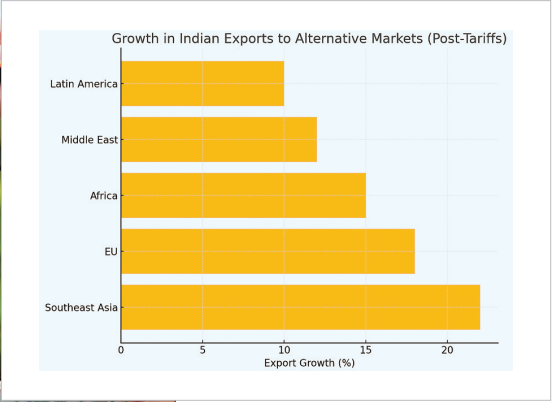
The digital economy is another arena where tariffs may indirectly benefit India. As physical goods face trade barriers, services-particularly IT, fintech, and consulting-become more vital. India has long been a global leader in IT services, and rising tariffs on manufactured goods could push companies to increase reliance on India's digital strengths. For example, US-based firms facing higher import costs may choose to outsource more design, R&D, and back-end operations to Indian partners, thereby expanding India's role in the global value chain.

Another important dimension is India's growing domestic market. Tariffs might encourage companies to redirect export-ready goods back to the Indian consumer base. With a population exceeding 1.4 billion and a rapidly expanding middle class, India itself is becoming a lucrative market. Businesses that once relied heavily on exports can now explore the untapped potential at home, aligning their strategies with the government's vision of self-reliance under Atmanirbhar Bharat. In this way, tariffs abroad could accelerate the strengthening of India's domestic economy.

At the same time, collaboration within Asia could mitigate the risks posed by US tariffs. Regional frameworks such as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and India's bilateral trade dialogues with Japan, Australia, and ASEAN nations offer platforms for new growth. By nurturing these partnerships,



Experts argue that these shifts could accelerate India's push towards diversified markets, stronger trade agreements, and higher value-added production. By investing in supply-chain resilience, quality certifications, and branding, Indian exporters are moving from cost-driven suppliers to global competitors. In short, while tariffs may restrict India's access to the US market, they are also nudging businesses towards innovation, market expansion.



(Pie chart shows US 17%, EU 15%, UAE 6%, China 5%, Others 57%)

At first glance, tariffs mean losses. For instance, Indian steel exports to the US dropped from \$12 billion to \$9 billion, while textiles slid from \$9 billion to \$7 billion. Agriculture saw a dip of nearly \$1 billion. Interestingly, pharmaceuticals and IT services remained stable, showing the resilience of knowledge-driven sectors. Sector-wise Impact of US Tariffs (USD Billion)

(Bar chart comparing before vs. after tariffs across sectors)

Yet, Indian businesses have

responded with agility. Exports to Southeast Asia grew 22%, while the EU surged 18%. Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America also witnessed double-digit growth, as Indian exporters diversified beyond traditional markets. Growth in Alternative Markets Post-Tariffs

(Horizontal bar chart showing % growth across regions)

The United States remains India's single largest export destination, accounting for 17% of total exports in 2024. But with new tariffs imposed on Indian goods-particularly in steel, textiles, and agriculture-questions are rising about the long-term impact on trade.

India can reposition itself as a strategic alternative in supply chains, especially for companies seeking to reduce dependence on China. This "China+1" strategy has already motivated global firms to set up or expand operations in India, further cushioning the blow from US trade restrictions.

Critics, however, caution that not all sectors can easily adjust. Agricultural exports, for instance, often face higher sensitivity to tariffs because of their reliance on price competitiveness. Similarly, micro-enterprises with limited access to technology and capital may struggle to adapt quickly. To address these challenges, targeted interventions such as low-interest loans, export credit guarantees, and skill-development programs will be essential. Without inclusive policies, the benefits of tariff-driven transformation could remain concentrated among larger, better-capitalized firms.

Despite these challenges, the resilience of Indian entrepreneurs offers hope. Time and again, Indian businesses have demonstrated their ability to adapt under pressure-whether during the IT boom of the 1990s, the global financial crisis of 2008, or the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The imposition of tariffs by the US is yet another test, but also a reminder that adversity often breeds innovation and creativity.

Ultimately, tariffs may be short-term obstacles, but they can pave the way for long-term transformation. Indian companies that embrace innovation, focus on quality, and strategically diversify their markets will not only survive but thrive in a shifting global trade environment. The journey from being primarily cost-driven exporters to becoming global leaders in innovation, sustainability, and value-added products is well within India's reach.

In the words of one trade expert, "Tariffs can be barriers, but they can also be bridges-if India uses them wisely." By viewing tariffs not just as economic hurdles but as opportunities for reinvention, India can continue to strengthen its position as one of the most dynamic players in global trade.

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INDIA, EU MUST SEAL FTA TO BOOST TRADE AND INVESTMENT TIES AMID US TARIFF HIKE: EU ENVOY

NEW DELHI: European Union's Ambassador to India, Herve Delphin, said on Saturday that India and the EU should use the free trade agreement (FTA) to increase bilateral trade and investment at a time when "some countries" are raising tariffs or otherwise closing their markets, in an oblique reference to the US.

Addressing the second annual general meeting of the Federation of European Business in India (FEBI) here, the Ambassador said, "The FTA can open new opportunities for EU and Indian businesses and create conditions to significantly increase our bilateral trade and investment. While some countries are raising tariffs or otherwise closing their markets, we should use the FTA to diversify trade, hedge against uncertainties and strengthen our supply chains."

He highlighted that EU President Ursula von der Leyen and PM Modi set the objective to conclude the FTA by the end of this year. The negotiating teams are working hard to deliver it but it's fair to say the negotiations are challenging and important issues remain to be solved, he added.

"The EU was and is still ready to conclude on a meaningful package. We look forward to the next round and further negotiations towards a mutually beneficial deal," Delphin said.

He further stated that alongside the FTA, the EU and India are negotiating an Investment Protection Agreement. The agreement aims to create a predictable, secure and transparent environment for EU and Indian investors, thus helping to generate the higher levels of FDI needed for the Indian economy.

"The cases for the FTA and for an Investment Protection Agreement are stronger than ever. Our economies are complementary and offer each other scale," he observed.

The ambassador further stated that while the FTA and Investment Agreements can be the game changer, there is more in the EU-India economic relations. The Joint Communication released by the European Commission and the High Representative Kaja Kallas two weeks ago, is a policy document which sets out our vision for the EU-India relations and our policy offer for India, namely on a new EU-India Strategic Agenda.

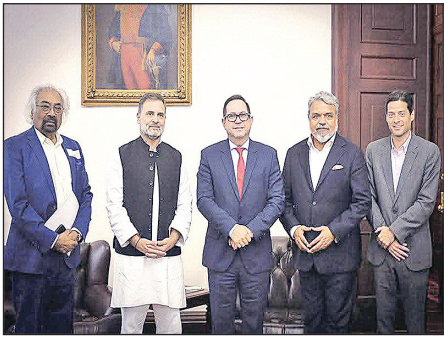
Rahul Gandhi meets Colombian Senate President Lidios Garcia

MI News Service, Bogota: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi met the Senate President of Colombia, Congress Overseas Chief Sam Pitroda shared on Saturday. In a post on X, he also mentioned the launch of a parliamentary friendship group with Peru for nurturing deeper political, diplomatic and commercial ties between the countries.

He wrote, "Accompanied Shri Rahul Gandhi and met Colombian Senate President Lidios Garcia. The launch of a Parliamentary Friendship Group with Peru will foster deeper political, diplomatic & commercial ties between our countries." After arrival in Peru with Rahul Gandhi, Pitroda shared a picture of receiving a traditional welcome in the country. "Arrived in Lima, Peru along with Shri Rahul Gandhi and received a heartfelt traditional welcome filled with music, dance & culture. Truly moving gesture of friendship", he said on X.

While he was in Colombia, Congress leader, Rahul Gandhi, hailed the performance of Indian automobile brands Bajaj, Hero and TVS, saying that through "innovation" rather than "cronyism," these companies are doing well in Colombia. In a post on X, Rahul Gandhi tweeted, "Proud to see Bajaj, Hero & TVS do so well in Colombia. Shows Indian companies can win with innovation, not cronyism. Great job."

Meanwhile, his remarks have drawn sharp criticism from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The Congress leader, speaking earlier at an

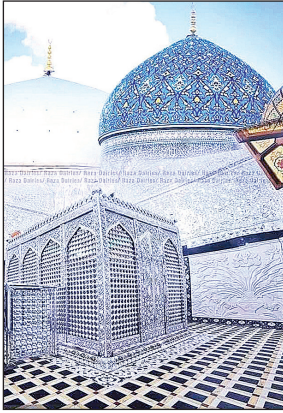


event at EIA University in Colombia, highlighted what he termed "structural flaws" in India's governance and argued that the country's diverse traditions must be allowed to thrive.

"India has strong capabilities in areas like engineering and healthcare, so I am very optimistic about the country. But at the same time, there are also flaws in the structure that India has to correct. The biggest challenge is the attack on democracy taking place in India," Gandhi said during his address. Following his statement, the BJP has jumped into the mounting controversy, raising strong objections against the remarks made by Rahul Gandhi, labelling them as "anti-India" and "insulting" to the nation. A BJP leader said that it was Gandhi's nature to tarnish India's image abroad.

Fateha-e-Yazdaham

Nurul Islam Khan : Saturday was Fateha-e-Yazdaham. The 11th date of the Arabic lunar month of Rabi'us Sani or it is called 11 Sharif. On this special day, the death anniversary of Syed Abu Mohammad Mohiuddin Abdul Qadir Jilani Hanbali Al Baghdadi (RA) is celebrated. In memory of the great scholar known as Hazrat Baro Pir Sahib, this day was celebrated with due dignity in various places of the state including Furfura Sharif of Hooghly and Ban Harishpur village of Howrah Panchla. He was the leader of Auliya and Pir. His holy shrine is in Baghdad Sharif, Iraq. The fourth Caliph of Islam, Hazrat Ali (RA), is buried there. The shrine of Hazrat Imam Hasan and Hussain (RA) is located in that historical place. Their descendant is Hazrat Baro Pir Rah, whose name is associated with Imam of Qaderia



Tariqa, Imamut Tariqat, Shahenshah of Baghdad, Mahbube Sobhani, Qutubbe Rabbani, Ghause Samdani Huzoor. He passed away in Baghdad Sharif on the 11th Rabi'us Sani of 561 AH during the Abbasid Caliphate. Many Pirzadas and religious people from Furfura Sharif are staying at his Mazar Sharif for the purpose of pilgrimage.

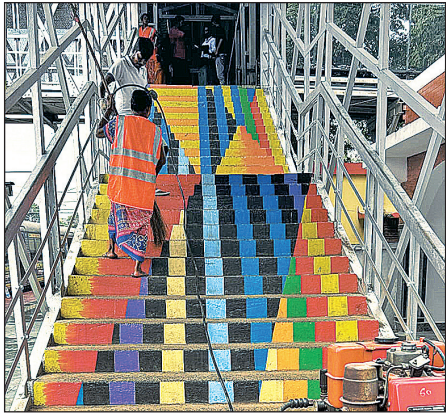
Howrah Division Conducts Swachh Stations Drive under Special Campaign 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of the ongoing Special Campaign 5.0 and Swachhata Pakhwada, the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway conducted a Swachh Stations drive on 4th October 2025, with the objective of ensuring intensive cleaning and maintaining the highest standards of hygiene across the Division.

During the campaign, special focus was laid on discouraging the use of plastic within station premises. Awareness drives were organized among passengers and railway staff to promote plastic-free major stations. Plans are also in progress to install plastic bottle crushers through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funding, aimed at preventing plastic waste from choking drains and water outlets.

In line with the vision of making important stations "Zero Waste – Litter-Free", intensive cleanliness activities were undertaken across platforms, waiting halls, circulating areas, drains, and toilets. To encourage waste segregation, separate dustbins were placed at key points and their proper use was actively monitored by railway staff.

The functionality of solar power equipment installed at stations was also checked to reaffirm Eastern Railway's commitment towards

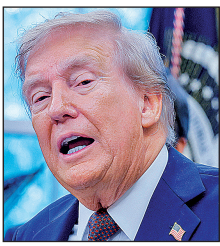


sustainable practices. Special emphasis was given to ensuring the cleanliness of drains and toilets, which form a crucial aspect of overall station hygiene.

The campaign highlights the continuous efforts of Howrah Division in creating a clean, green, and passenger-friendly environment, thereby strengthening the nationwide movement of Swachh Rail – Swachh Bharat under Special Campaign 5.0.

First lawsuit filed against Trump's "arbitrary" \$100,000 H-1B visa rule

MI News Service, Washington: Weeks after United States President Donald Trump signed a proclamation imposing a \$100,000 fee on each new H-1B visa for skilled foreign workers, a coalition of unions, educators, religious groups and other organisations has filed the first major lawsuit against the move, calling it "arbitrary and capricious." The New York Times reported.



The lawsuit, filed on Friday (local time) in the Northern District of California, is the first major lawsuit filed against the new visa fee rules, according to The New York Times. The plaintiffs argued that the administration's move was unlawful because the US president has no authority to impose taxes or revenue-generating measures without congressional approval. The groups said the Trump administration failed to follow the required regulatory process before announcing the fee. They described the decision as "arbitrary and capricious" and warned that the steep cost would hurt hospitals, churches, schools, nonprofits and small businesses that rely on skilled foreign workers.

"The federal government ignored the impact this would have on communities across the country," the statement said as per The New York Times. The dispute stems from a proclamation signed by President Donald Trump last month, which set the \$100,000 charge for every new H-1B visa. The announcement created immediate confusion, with companies rushing to advise workers abroad to return to the United States before the change took effect. The White House later clarified that the fee would apply only to new visas and not to existing holders.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt had stated that the USD 100,000 fee on the H-1B visa application is a one-time fee, clarifying the misconception that it is an annual fee. "To be clear: This is NOT an annual fee. It's a one-time fee that applies only to the petition. This applies only to new visas, not renewals, and not current visa holders," Karoline Leavitt said in a post on X. She also informed that the fee will not be charged on H-1B visa holders who are currently outside of the country.

"Those who already hold H-1B visas and are currently outside of the country right now will NOT be charged \$100,000 to re-enter. H-1B visa holders can leave and re-enter the country to the same extent as they normally would; whatever ability they have to do that is not impacted by yesterday's proclamation," she said.

Japan: Former internal affairs minister Sanae-Takaichi wins party elections, likely next PM

MI News Service, Tokyo: Former internal affairs minister Sanae Takaichi won the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's presidential election on Saturday, as reported by Kyodo News. According to Kyodo News, Takaichi defeated farm minister Shinjiro Koizumi in a runoff vote. Replacing Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba as party chief, Takaichi is expected to become the country's next prime minister. As the new LDP head, whose term lasts until 2027, Takaichi is likely to become Japan's next prime minister later this month, as the minority coalition with partner Komeito party, remains the largest force in parliament and the opposition parties are not unified, Kyodo News reported. It further reported that among the five candidates, Takaichi, Koizumi and Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi were widely seen as the leading contenders. As per Kyodo News, the other contenders were former economic security minister Takayuki Kobayashi and former Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi. Like Hayashi, they both graduated from the University of Tokyo and earned master's degrees from Harvard University.

Indian legal system is governed by rule of law not of bulldozer: CJI BR Gavai



MI News Service, Port Louis: The Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai said that the Supreme Court's ruling that held that demolition of homes of accused persons by the State authorities violates the rule of law and infringes upon the fundamental right to shelter under Article 21 sent a clear message that the Indian legal system is not governed by rule of the bulldozer.

CJI Gavai was speaking at the Inaugural Sir Maurice Rault Memorial Lecture 2025 in Mauritius on the topic "Rule of Law in the Largest Democracy".

Highlighting the constitutional role of the judiciary, CJI Gavai noted that the Supreme Court of India has consistently invoked the principle of the Rule of Law to both justify and elucidate its function within the constitutional framework.

He stated, "While adopting a broader understanding of the Rule of Law, we held that the various processes enshrined in constitutional law, criminal law and procedural law are themselves important facets of the Rule of Law. These processes serve as essential mechanisms to regulate the exercise of executive power, ensuring that authority is exercised fairly, justly, and within the bounds of law."

Furthermore, the CJI emphasised that

the ruling held that the executive cannot assume the roles of judge, jury, and executioner simultaneously. "Guidelines were thus laid down to ensure that no demolition may take place in the future without strictly following the established legal procedures", the CJI added.

The CJI also stated that the rule of law is an ever-evolving concept, which is not an uncontested, universal formula that varies from society to society. In India, the rule of law has meant as an insistence on non-arbitrariness and human dignity as central to constitutionalism, while in Mauritius, under the leadership of jurists like Sir Maurice Rault, it has meant affirming judicial independence, limiting discretion, and ensuring that law, not men, governs, the CJI added. The CJI explained that though these articulation over rule of law vary, they are united by a common conviction that law must be a check on power and a guarantor of fairness.

Justice Gavai also paid tribute to Maurice Rault, calling him a jurist who embodied justice and fairness, and congratulated Justice BR Munghy Gulgul, the first woman Chief Justice of Mauritius.

He thanked the country's Attorney General, the Bar Association, and the Institute for Judicial and Legal Studies for organising the lecture. He also linked India's and Mauritius' democratic traditions to the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi, whose 156th birth anniversary was observed on October 2. While asserting on the dynamic nature of the rule of law, the CJI stated that it is not a rigid doctrine but a conversation across generations, between judges and citizens, parliaments and peoples, nations and their histories.

"It is about how we govern ourselves in dignity, and how we resolve the inevitable conflicts of liberty and authority in a democratic society", the CJI added while concluding the lecture.

REGULATION OF TRAINS FOR NON-INTERLOCKING WORK OVER ASANSOL DIVISION

MI News Service, Kolkata : Due to Pre Non- Interlocking / Non- Interlocking work from 06.10.2025 to 23.11.2025 at Durgapur in Bardhaman – Asansol section over Asansol Division, following trains will be regulated as under:

Cancellation:

(1) 12175 Howrah - Gwalior Chambal Express (JCO: 23/11/2025); (2) 12176 Gwalior - Howrah Chambal Express (JCO: 22/11/2025); (3) 12177 Howrah - Mathura Chambal Express (JCO: 21/11/2025); (4) 20976 Agra Cantt. - Howrah Chambal Express (JCO: 20/11/2025); (5) 12325 Kolkata - Nangal Dam Gurumukhi SF Express (JCO: 20/11/2025); (6) 12326 Nangal Dam - Kolkata Gurumukhi SF Express (JCO: 22/11/2025); (7) 12329 Sealdah-Anand Vihar Sampark Kranti Express (JCO: 18/11/2025); (8) 12330 Anand Vihar - Sealdah Sampark Kranti Express (JCO: 19/11/2025); (9) 12333 Howrah - Prayagraj Rambag Vibhuti Express (JCO: 19, 20, 21 & 22/11/2025); (10) 12334 Prayagraj Rambag - Howrah Vibhuti Express (JCO: 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (11) 12339 Howrah - Dhanbad Coalfield Express (JCO: 23/11/2025); (12) 12340 Dhanbad - Howrah Coalfield Express (JCO: 24/11/2025); (13) 12357 Kolkata - Amritsar Durgiana Express (JCO: 18/11/2025); (14) 12358 Amritsar - Kolkata Durgiana Express (JCO: 20/11/2025); (15) 12359 Kolkata - Ara Express (JCO: 20/11/2025) and 13127 Kolkata - Ara Express (JCO: 22/11/2025); (16) 12360 Ara - Kolkata Express (JCO: 21/11/2025) and 13128 Ara - Kolkata Express (JCO: 23/11/2025); (17) 13025 Howrah - Bhopal Weekly Express (JCO: 17/11/2025); (18) 13026 Bhopal - Howrah Weekly Express (JCO: 19/11/2025); (19) 13043 Howrah - Raaxaul Express (JCO: 21/11/2025); (20) 13044 Raaxaul - Howrah Express (JCO: 22/11/2025); (21) 13167 Kolkata - Agra Cantt. Express (JCO: 20/11/2025); (22) 13168 Agra Cantt. - Kolkata Express (JCO: 22/11/2025); (23) 15233 Kolkata - Darbhanga Maithili Express (JCO: 20/11/2025); (24) 15234 Darbhanga - Kolkata Maithili Express (JCO: 19/11/2025); (25) 15235 Howrah - Darbhanga Weekly Express (JCO: 22/11/2025); (26) 15236 Darbhanga - Howrah Weekly Express (JCO: 21/11/2025); (27) 22387 Howrah - Dhanbad Black Diamond Express (JCO: 23 & 24/11/2025); (28) 22388 Dhanbad - Howrah Black Diamond Express (JCO: 22 & 23/11/2025); (29) 22912 Howrah - Indore Shipra Express (JCO: 20 & 22/11/2025); (30) 22911 Indore - Howrah Shipra Express (JCO: 18 & 20/11/2025); (31) 12383 Sealdah - Asansol SF Inter City Express (JCO: 20, 21 & 22/11/2025); (32) 12384 Asansol - Sealdah SF Inter City Express (JCO: 20, 21 & 22/11/2025); (33) 13179 Sealdah - Siuri MEMU Express (JCO:

20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (34) 13180 Siuri - Sealdah MEMU Express (JCO: 21, 22, 23 & 24/11/2025); (35) 22321 Howrah - Siuri Hool Express (JCO: 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025);

(36) 22322 Siuri - Howrah Hool Express (JCO: 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (37) 12353 Howrah - Lal Kuan Weekly SF Express (JCO: 31/10 & 14/11/2025); (38) 12354 Lal Kuan - Howrah Weekly SF Express (JCO: 01 & 15/11/2025); (39) 63505 Barddhaman - Asansol MEMU (JCO: 03, 04, 05, 14 & 15/11/2025); (40) 63507 Barddhaman - Asansol MEMU (JCO: 03, 04, 14, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (41) 63511 Barddhaman - Asansol MEMU (JCO: 03 & 14/11/2025); (42) 63513 Barddhaman - Asansol MEMU (JCO: 12, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (43) 63515 Barddhaman - Asansol MEMU (JCO: 12/10, 12, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (44) 63517 Barddhaman - Asansol MEMU (JCO: 12/10, 02 & 12/11/2025); (45) 63521 Barddhaman - Asansol MEMU (JCO: 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (46) 63523 Barddhaman - Asansol MEMU (JCO: 02, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (47) 63527 Durgapur - Asansol MEMU (JCO: 02, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (48) 63549 Barddhaman - Asansol MEMU (JCO: 12/10, 02, 12, 15, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (49) 63508 Asansol - Barddhaman MEMU (JCO: 03, 04, 14, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (50) 63512 Asansol - Barddhaman MEMU (JCO: 03, 04, 05, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (51) 63516 Asansol - Barddhaman MEMU (JCO: 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (52) 63518 Asansol - Barddhaman MEMU (JCO: 12/10, 12, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (53) 63522 Asansol - Barddhaman MEMU (JCO: 02, 12, 13 & 16/11/2025); (54) 63524 Asansol - Barddhaman MEMU (JCO: 02, 12, 13, 16, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (55) 63528 Asansol - Durgapur MEMU (JCO: 02, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (56) 63550 Andal - Barddhaman MEMU (JCO: 12/10, 02, 12, 16, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025); (57) 63552 Barddhaman - Andal MEMU (JCO: 12/10, 02, 12, 16, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025);

Diversion:

13029 Howrah - Mokama Express (JCO: 02, 03, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21 & 22/11/2025) will be diverted via Khana - Rampurhat - Dumka - Jasidih instead of Khana - Asansol - Jasidih; * 13030 Mokama - Howrah Express (JCO: 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025) will be diverted via Jasidih - Dumka - Rampurhat - Khana instead of Jasidih - Asansol - Khana; * 13045 Howrah - Deoghar Mayurakshi Express (JCO: 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025) will be diverted via Khana - Bolpur Shantiniketan - Sainthia instead of Khana - Andal - Sainthia; * 13046 Deoghar - Howrah Mayurakshi Express (JCO: 03, 21, 22, 23 & 24/11/2025) will be diverted via Khan - Ram-

purhat - Dumka - Jasidih instead of Khana - Asansol - Jasidih; * 22322 Siuri - Howrah Hool Express (JCO: 02, 12 & 16/11/2025) will be diverted via Siuri - Sainthia - Bolpur Shantiniketan - Khana instead of Siuri - Andal - Khana; * 22197 Kolkata - Virangana Lakshmi Bai Pratham Swatantrata Sangram Express (JCO: 23/11/2025) will be diverted via Khana - Rampurhat - Dumka - Jasidih instead of Khana - Asansol - Jasidih; * 22198 Virangana Lakshmi Bai - Kolkata Pratham Swatantrata Sangram Express (JCO: 21/11/2025) will be diverted via Jasidih - Dumka - Rampurhat - Khana instead of Jasidih - Asansol - Khana; * 12551 SMVT Bengaluru - Kamakhya AC SF Express (JCO: 01, 08, 15 & 22/11/2025), 13417 Digha - Malda Town Express (JCO: 06, 13 & 20/11/2025), 13426 Surat - Malda Town Express (JCO: 03, 10 & 17/11/2025), 15629 Tambaram - Silghat Town Nagaon Express (JCO: 03, 10 & 17/11/2025), 15639 Puri - Kamakhya Express (JCO: 04, 11 & 18/11/2025), 15661 Ranchi - Kamakhya Express (JCO: 05, 12 & 19/11/2025), 15929 Tambaram - New Tinsukia Express (JCO: 06, 13 & 20/11/2025) and 22611 Dr. MGR Chennai Central - New Jalpaiguri Weekly Superfast Express (JCO: 05, 12 & 19/11/2025) will be diverted via Asansol - Andal - Sainthia instead of Asansol - Andal - Durgapur - Andal - Sainthia; * 12552 Kamakhya - SMVT Bengaluru AC SF Express (JCO: 05, 12 & 19/11/2025), 13418 Malda Town - Digha Express (JCO: 06, 13 & 20/11/2025), 13425 Malda Town - Surat Express (JCO: 08, 15 & 22/11/2025), 15630 Silghat Town - Tambaram Nagaon Express (JCO: 07, 14 & 21/11/2025), 15640 Kamakhya - Puri Express (JCO: 02, 09 & 16/11/2025), 15662 Kamakhya - Ranchi Express (JCO: 04, 11 & 18/11/2025), 15930 New Tinsukia - Tambaram Express (JCO: 03, 10 & 17/11/2025) and 22612 New Jalpaiguri - Dr. MGR Chennai Central Weekly Superfast Express (JCO: 07, 14 & 21/11/2025) will be diverted via Sainthia - Andal - Asansol instead of Sainthia - Andal - Durgapur - Andal - Asansol

Short Termination/Short Origination:

* 13503 Barddhaman - Hatia MEMU Express (JCO: 03, 04, 14, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23 & 24/11/2025), 63509 Barddhaman - Jhajha MEMU (JCO: 03, 04, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025) and 63519 Barddhaman - Bokaro Steel City MEMU (JCO: 12, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025) will be short originated from Asansol and the service between Barddhaman & Asansol will remain cancelled; * 13504 Hatia - Barddhaman MEMU Express (JCO: 02, 03, 13, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025), 63510 Jhajha - Barddhaman MEMU (JCO: 02, 03, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025) and 63520 Bokaro

Steel City - Barddhaman MEMU (JCO: 12, 20, 21, 22 & 23/11/2025) will be short terminated at Asansol and the service between Asansol & Barddhaman will remain cancelled.

Rescheduling:

(1) 12023 Howrah - Patna Jan Shatabdi Express (JCO: 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 17 & 18/10/2025) will be rescheduled by 1 hour 10 minutes. (2) 13105 Sealdah - Ballia Express (JCO: 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 17 & 18/10/2025) will be rescheduled by 40 minutes. (3) 12019 Howrah - Ranchi Shatabdi Express (JCO: 03 & 04/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 2 hours and 12019 Howrah - Ranchi Shatabdi Express (JCO: 14/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 1 hour 30 minutes. (4) 12020 Ranchi - Howrah Shatabdi Express (JCO: 03 & 04/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 2 hours and 12020 Ranchi - Howrah Shatabdi Express (JCO: 13/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 2 hours 15 minutes. (5) 12304 New Delhi - Howrah Poorva Express (via Patna) (JCO: 11/10/2025) will be rescheduled by 30 minutes. (6) 11447 Jabalpur - Howrah Shaktipunj Express (JCO: 01/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 02 hours, 11447 Jabalpur-Howrah Shaktipunj Express (JCO: 12 & 15/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 1 hour 40 minutes and 11447 Jabalpur - Howrah Shaktipunj Express (JCO: 21/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 40 minutes. (7) 22303 Howrah - Gaya Vande Bharat Express (JCO: 03, 04 & 14/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 01 hour 20 minutes. (8) 22304 Gaya - Howrah Vande Bharat Express (JCO: 02/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 02 hours 30 minutes. 22304 Gaya - Howrah Vande Bharat Express (JCO: 03, 04, 14 & 23/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 01 hour 20 minutes and 22304 Gaya - Howrah Vande Bharat Express (JCO: 16/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 2 hour 15 minutes. (9) 22321 Howrah - Siuri Hool Express (JCO: 03, 04 & 14/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 01 hour. (10) 22387 Howrah - Dhanbad Black Diamond Express (JCO: 03, 04 & 14/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 01 hour 15 minutes and 22387 Howrah - Dhanbad Black Diamond Express (JCO: 14/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 45 minutes. (11) 22388 Dhanbad - Howrah Black Diamond Express (JCO: 02, 13 & 16/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 03 hours 30 minutes. (12) 12259 Sealdah - Bikaner AC Duronto Express (JCO: 23/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 01 hour 20 minutes. (13) 12313 Sealdah - New Delhi Rajdhani Express (JCO: 23/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 01 hour 20 minutes. (14) 63507 Barddhaman - Asansol MEMU (JCO: 18/11/2025) will be rescheduled by 01 hour. Inconvenience is regretted.

"Any plan for Gaza without a plan for the West Bank is a non-starter": KP Fabian

MI News Service, Delhi: Former Indian diplomat KP Fabian on Saturday shared his views on the recent statements made by Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Divedi, Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while also analysing United States President Donald Trump's ultimatum to Hamas and its wider implications.

Fabian strongly criticised the gaps in Trump's proposal. "Trump had nothing to say about it, and apparently, the eight countries, including Pakistan, had nothing to say about it, except that I had seen Pakistan's foreign minister saying that the matter was raised, but Trump sort of pushed it away, saying that he would look at it later. In other words, they did not have the guts to tell Trump that any plan for Gaza without a plan for the West Bank is a non-starter," Fabian told ANI.

Expanding on his assessment, the former diplomat added, "I like the phrase you used, Trump's ultimatum, and in fact, the whole Trump plan is an ultimatum. Now, Hamas finds itself in a very difficult situation because the Arab states which have been publicly, ostensibly--mark my words, ostensibly--supporting Hamas have endorsed the Trump proposal, which, incidentally is to be understood, its significance is to be understood as much for what it has said as for what it has not said. Let me explain what it has not said."

He underlined that Trump's proposal did not address Israel's actions in the West Bank. "There is no reference to the West Bank, where Israel is continuing with its plans for more settlements, in fact dividing the West Bank into two," he noted. Fabian, however, described Hamas' response as a positive sign.

"Now, having said that, I take it that this is a good beginning, that Hamas has responded the way it has, but it has also said that there are matters to be discussed, and it has not as yet said anything about decommissioning its weapons. So again, in the reply also, what is not said is as important as what is said." Turning to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks, Fabian welcomed India's stance. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also said that Israel and Gaza have made decisive progress. Indications of the release of hostages mark a significant step forward. India will continue to strongly support all efforts towards a durable and just peace. This is an excellent statement. At the same time, we should be relieved, not only because the hostages are released, we should be relieved that the genocide that Israel has been carrying on will be stopped at least temporarily."

Russia launches massive strikes on Ukraine's gas sites



MI News Service, Kyiv: The Russian forces on Friday (local time) carried out strikes on multiple Ukrainian military facilities and gas infrastructure, Russia Today reported, citing the country's Ministry of Defence. According to Russia Today, the Russian defence ministry said that missiles and long-range drones were launched from various platforms overnight which hit all the designated targets. Ukraine's state-owned energy company, Naftogaz, described the attack as the largest on gas extraction sites in the country to date. The company said that the damage due to Russian strikes was "critical", noting that sites in the Kharkiv and Poltava regions were hit by about 35 missiles, as per Russia Today.

On September 7, Russia launched its largest aerial assault of the Ukraine war overnight into Sunday, deploying more than 800 drones and striking a Kyiv government building for the first time, CNN reported. An infant was among at least two people killed during drone strikes on several residential buildings in the Ukraine capital, which was

under an air-raid siren for 11 hours. Russia launched a total of 810 drones, four ballistic missiles and nine cruise missiles, the Ukrainian Air Force said. While most were shot down by air defences, 54 drones and nine missiles hit targets across Ukraine, it said.

The latest assault surpasses the size of a July attack that was previously the largest of the war, which began with Russia's full-scale invasion of its neighbour in February 2022. It also comes after recent attempts by Kyiv's Western allies to broker a peace deal, as per CNN. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy described the attack as "vile," saying that "such killings now, when real diplomacy could have started a long time ago, are a deliberate crime and a prolongation of the war."

"The world can make the Kremlin's criminals stop killing, all we need is political will," Zelenskyy said. Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko called it a "massive attack," saying the cities of Kryvyi Rih, Dnipro, Kremenchuk, and Odesa all came under fire, as well as Kyiv.

