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PM Modi's 'unqualified praise' for Netanyahu 'shameful': Congress

MI News Service, New Delhi: The opposition Congress has termed as "shameful and morally atrocious" Prime minister Narendra Modi's "unqualified praise" for Israeli premier Benjamin Netanyahu despite the alleged genocide in Gaza.

Slamming the Prime minister's "silence" on the future of an independent and sovereign state of Palestine, Congress General Secretary in-charge Communications, Jairam Ramesh,said here on Thursday that PM Modi also said nothing on the continued expansion of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank.

"Instead the prime Minister has welcomed the new developments regarding Gaza and hailed President Trump, for the proposed agreement on the first phase of his peace plan for West Asia", Ramesh alleged and said that "the eagerness to do so is not surprising. But what is shocking, shameful, and morally atrocious is PM Modi's unqualified praise for the Israeli PM Netanyahu - who has unleashed a genocide in Gaza over the past twenty months," .

The opposition party's assertion came after Prime Minister Modi welcomed the agreement on the first phase of US President Donald Trump's peace plan for West Asia, under which Israel and Hamas have decided to pause fighting in Gaza.

Modi also said the agreement was a reflection of the strong leadership of Netanyahu.

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"Mr.Modi has also maintained a total silence on the future of an independent, sovereign state of Palestine that was recognised by India way back in November 1988, and that is now recognised by over 150 countries," he added.

In a post on X earlier, PM Modi also said, "We hope the release of hostages and enhanced humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza will bring respite to them and pave the way for lasting peace," Modi said.

Israel and Hamas have agreed to pause the fighting in Gaza and release all Israeli hostages and several hundred Palestine prisoners in an agreement put forward by the Trump administration.

The agreement marks the biggest breakthrough in months in the devastating two-year-old war.

Last week, the Congress alleged that Prime Minister Modi is maintaining a complete silence on the "horrific atrocities" in Gaza, calling it "moral cowardice" and "total betrayal" of all that India has stood for.

Last month, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) also expressed "profound

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Mamata Banerjee accuses BJP of “playing with fire” in the name of SIR

MI News Service, Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has accused the BJP of “playing with fire” in the name of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, warning that any attempt to tamper with the voters’ list would amount to “betrayal of democracy”.

She also charged the Election Commission with “threatening the state government officers. We will not tolerate this.”

Wondering how the EC officials visiting the state could summon government officers, as the assembly elections in Bengal are due only next year and the poll dates are yet to be announced, the Chief minister claimed that “This SIR is not what it appears. It is being used as a cover to carry out an National Register of Citizens (NRC) type process in West Bengal”.

She also accused the Narendra Modi government of allegedly saffronising the electoral rolls along with the institutions and the festivals of India.

“Complete saffronisation of electoral rolls is going on,” Mamata Banerjee told a news conference at the state secretariat on Thursday evening.

Earlier today at an internal meeting of the BJP, in presence of central minders Bhupendra Yadav, former Tripura Chief minister Biplab Deb and union minister Shantanu Thakur, had commented that one crore names would be deleted from the electoral rolls after the completion of the special intensive revision.

Mamata Banerjee also had complaints against the state chief electoral officer Manoj Agarwal.

Shunted for his insistence on filing an FIR over Public Distribution System (PDS) irregularities in 2018 as then Bengal food and supplies secretary, Agarwal was selected to



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at a press conference at Nabanna in Kolkata on Thursday

oversee the poll process bypassing other officers recommended by the state government.

Why are the officials being summoned for meetings?"

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“There are several complaints against the Chief Electoral Officer. Asha korbo uni bere khelben na... He will not over-react. He is threatening officials,” Mamata Banerjee alleged adding “Only during elections, the administration comes under the control of the EC. There is no election now.

directed officials in the state to expedite the voter list mapping process as part of preparations for the SIR, within seven days.

According to sources in the state administration nearly 40 per cent of the task is pending, as it involved comparing the present list with that from 2002 when the last such

exercise took place to prepare a fool-proof list.

In fact only yesterday Mamata Banerjee had warned Prime minister Modi against Union Home minister Amit Shah, whom she called Mir Jafar.Today also the Chief minister repeated the charge from the state secretariat.

“The Mir Jafars think they will be in power forever. There are many cases against them. One day the cat will come out of the bag. Don't play with fire. Control yourself. Drop the minister who says names will be deleted or admit a conspiracy is at work,” Mamata Banerjee said.

Reiterating NRC will not be allowed in Bengal, she also accused the Assam government of sending notices to state residents from the foreigners’ tribunal in the neighbouring state.

Meanwhile, Suwendu Adhikari, the leader of Opposition in the Bengal Assembly,claimed that the increase in the number of voters in over 100 constituencies was between 20-30 per cent, with mostly undocumented settlers coming from Bangladesh who had acquired documents later.

“The national average in new voters is around seven per cent. In Bengal, at least in 105 constituencies the average increase is between 20-30 per cent. The increase of voters in Rajarhat-New Town is 28 per cent, Domkal 30 per cent and Jalangi 27 per cent,” he said.

The leader of Opposition claimed 13 lakh Aadhaar cards had been cancelled in Bengal. “We had submitted 16 lakh names which were enrolled in multiple constituencies. Thus 29 lakh are automatically deleted. If the process is carried out rightfully over one crore names will be deleted,” he said.

India-UK trade pact to boost MSMEs : PM Modi

MI News Service, New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said the India-UK free trade pact will boost MSMEs and create jobs, and exuded confidence that the target of doubling bilateral trade will be achieved ahead of the target date of 2030.

Addressing a CEO forum along with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Modi said the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between India and the UK will provide stability at a time when the world is witnessing instability.

“Today, India-UK bilateral trade stands at USD 56 billion. I am confident that the target of doubling it would be achieved ahead of the scheduled deadline of 2030,” Modi said.

Modi also said that nine UK universities will open campuses in India.

In his address, Starmer asked industry leaders from India and UK to list out what the governments of both the

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India-UK are ‘natural partners’: PM Modi



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and United Kingdom Prime Minister Keir Starmer visit an exhibition at the Global Fintech Fest at Jio World Centre, in Mumbai on Thursday.

MI News Service, Mumbai: India and the United Kingdom are natural partners and the partnership between the two countries is becoming a crucial foundation for global stability and economic progress during the current volatile period, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said here on Thursday.

After wide-ranging talks with visiting British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, PM Modi said this afternoon that the foundation of India-UK relationship is a shared belief in values such as democracy, freedom, and rule of law.

In a joint briefing after the talks, Starmer said the India-UK relationship is special

"We are creating a new modern partnership focusing on future," he said, while hailing India's growth story as remarkable.

Prime Minister Modi also said that India and the UK have reached an agreement on cooperation in military training."We are fully committed to enhancing maritime security cooperation with the UK in Indo-Pacific region," PM Modi said.

On the Ukraine conflict and Gaza issue, he said In-

dia supports all efforts to restore peace through dialogue and diplomacy.

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di's visit to London in July.

"There is a "new energy" in India-UK relations," said British Prime Minister Keir Starmer.'Our talks in Mumbai focused on strengthening trade, technology cooperation, and strategic ties between the two nations", he said.

"Under the leadership of PM Starmer, India and the UK relations have seen significant progress. In July this year, during my visit to the UK, we signed the historic Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)," PM Modi said in a joint statement with Starmer.

They pushed for the swift implementation of the free trade agreement that the two nations signed earlier this year.

After the meeting, PM Modi took to X to describe his meeting with his British counterpart.

"It was a delight to welcome my friend, PM Keir Starmer, at the Raj Bhavan in Mumbai. Being his first visit to India, it is surely a special occasion. The presence of the largest business delegation to India makes it even more special and illustrates the strong po-

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The British leader, accompanied by a delegation of 125 of the UK's most prominent business leaders, entrepreneurs and educationists, landed in Mumbai on Wednesday morning on a two-day visit.

Starmer's visit to India came two-and-half months after the two countries inked a landmark free trade agreement that will increase market access, cut tariffs and is expected to result in doubling the bilateral trade by 2030.

The trade deal was

tential of India-UK ties," he wrote on X.

Calling the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) signed in July this year between the two countries "really important", Starmer earlier said, "It's the biggest deal we've struck since we left the European Union. I think it's also the biggest deal that India has ever struck, so it's hugely important."

The UK-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA), signed in July 2024,is a landmark deal that aims to boost bilateral trade between the two nations by 25.5 billion Pound annually.

Direct flights between India and China to resume after five years



INDIA, CHINA TO RESUME DIRECT FLIGHTS

MI News Service, New Delhi / Beijing: Acting "faithfully" on the improvement of relations between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping to strengthen bilateral ties, both India and China have decided to resume direct flight between the two countries after a gap of over five years. .

Speaking at a media briefing on Thursday, the first since the Chinese Foreign Ministry resumed its regular schedule following the eight-day national holidays, Chinese government spokesperson Guo Jiakun said the direct flights to and from several cities of both the countries would resume by the end of October and described the move as a "positive step".

Incidentally, India has announced on Thursday that direct flights to various Chinese cities would resume from October 26.

This is the latest move

that demonstrates how the two countries are faithfully acting on the important common understanding between President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Tianjin on Aug 31, Guo said in response to a question.

Modi and Xi had met on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Tianjin and welcomed the positive momentum and steady progress in bilateral relations since their last meeting at Kazan, Russia, in October 2024.

Guo said China stands ready to work with India to view and manage bilateral relations from a strategic and long-term perspective, to be friends, good neighbours and partners who support each other's success.

He used a metaphor of a cooperative pas de deux (dance) of the dragon and the elephant to emphasise

the shared responsibilities of China and India in promoting peace, prosperity and greater deliverables for the people of both countries and for Asia at large.

Chinese airlines such as Air China, which previously operated flights between the two countries, is however, yet to announce formal plans for resumption of air services.

Indian carrier IndiGo and China Eastern will be the first two airlines to resume direct flights between the two countries, people familiar with the development had said. IndiGo had said in a statement that it plans to operate daily flights from Kolkata to Guangzhou from October 26.

"Subject to regulatory approvals, IndiGo will also introduce direct flights between Delhi and Guangzhou shortly," it said.

The passenger air services between the two sides were suspended following the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. They were not restored in view of the over-four-year border face-off in eastern Ladakh, which ended in October last year.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation had said India and China would resume direct air services by the end of October.

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Para-teachers and contractual teaching and non-teaching staff from various schools, SSKs, and MSKs of West Bengal, under the banner of "Samagra Shiksha Banchao Manchha" (Pro-Left), organized a rally demanding salary hikes, EPF facilities, and the filling of all school-level vacancies, in Kolkata on Thursday.

Mahananda swallows entire colony, residents lose homes and life savings

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: In a devastating turn of events along the Mahananda River in Porajhar, Jalpaiguri, an entire riverside colony has been swallowed by floodwaters, leaving residents destitute and highlighting longstanding issues of illegal land sales and mismanagement. Locals allege that river char lands were sold at exorbitant prices, with ruling party leaders and panchayat officials reportedly facilitating settlements in exchange for money. Families who invested their life savings in the land have now lost both their homes and their money. Many residents purchased plots for lakhs of rupees, only to witness the rising river sweep away houses, livestock, and personal belongings, including schoolbooks soaked and ruined by silt.

Eyewitnesses described scenes of despair, with families forced to take shelter in relief camps and depend on aid from voluntary organizations, including the Ramakrishna Mission. "We invested 1.5 lakh rupees, and now that land, once priced at 4 lakh rupees, is gone along with our homes," a resident said, visibly distraught. Authorities confirmed that the dam in the area broke during the disaster, sparing some residents from being swept further downstream to-



ward Bangladesh. Nonetheless, the event has exposed the peril of unchecked settlement on riverbanks and the exploitation of vulnerable communities. The area affected falls under the Dabgram-Phulbari assembly constituency, where the state leadership has taken notice. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressed anger, and local party officials, including the block president, were arrested and expelled. However, residents allege that enforcement has been inconsistent, with some offenders quickly obtaining bail while the victims continue to suffer. This tragedy underscores the interconnection between environmental hazards, poor governance, and exploitation of marginalized communities, leaving a cautionary tale for policymakers, residents, and authorities across flood-prone regions.

Vigilance Awareness Campaign Organized by Bank of India, Barasat Zone

MI News Service, Barasat: Bank of India, Barasat Zone successfully organized the Vigilance Awareness Campaign aimed at promoting transparency, integrity, and awareness against corruption among customers and the general public.



The campaign is being conducted under the leadership of Zonal Manager Mr. Amalendu Amar and the guidance of Deputy Zonal Manager Mrs. Sushma Agarwal. The primary objective of the initiative is to educate people about secure banking practices, transparent transactions, and measures to prevent fraud and corruption. As part of this campaign, various branches of the zone — especially rural and semi-urban branches — have been organizing village-level meetings and financial literacy programs, where bank officials are spreading awareness on cyber security, grievance redressal, and safe digital banking.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Amalendu Amar said, "Vigilance is not just a week-long observance but a way of life. When every customer remains alert, the banking system becomes stronger and more transparent."

Mrs. Sushma Agarwal added, "Customer trust and security are our greatest assets. Through this campaign, we aim to spread the message of safe and honest banking to every section of society." With this initiative, Bank of India, Barasat Zone reaffirms its commitment to promoting integrity, transparency, and accountability in all its operations.

Bank of India, Howrah Zone Conducts Vigilance Awareness Gram Sabhas Across Branches



MI News Service, Kolkata: Under the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week, Bank of India, Howrah Zone organized a series of Vigilance Awareness Gram Sabhas across its branches located in Howrah, Hooghly, East Midnapore, West Midnapore, and Jhargram districts — including Nikashi Bazar, Beraberi, Gu-

madangi, Domjur, Jaipur, Basudevpur, Dhulashimla, and several others.

The main objective of these meetings was to promote awareness among rural citizens about anti-corruption measures, ethical banking practices, and transparency in financial dealings.

Branch Managers and other officials addressed the gatherings, emphasizing the importance of integrity, vigilance, and transparency in day-to-day banking operations. Participants were also educated about preventive measures against frauds, grievance redressal mechanisms, and cybersecurity in digital transactions.

The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from local villagers, reflecting strong community engagement with the bank's vigilance and awareness initiatives.

The campaign by Bank of India, Howrah Zone served as a significant step towards building an honest, transparent, and vigilant banking culture.

Early man electrocuted to death in illegal electric trap set to kill pigs

MI News Service, Howrah: A shocking incident of negligence and tragedy has rocked Howrah's Pantihati area, where an elderly man was electrocuted to death after coming in contact with an illegal electric trap laid to ward off wild pigs.

The deceased, identified as Nabakumar Das (60), a resident of Dhalipara in Pantihal, had gone missing on Wednesday evening after heading out to cut grass for his livestock. When he failed to return home, his family lodged a missing person's complaint at Jagatballabhpur Police Station that night. On Thursday morning, Nabakumar's charred body was found in a nearby paddy field — his entire body bearing signs of severe burns. Shock and grief swept through the locality as police arrived at the scene and sent the body for post-mortem examination. Preliminary investigations suggest that the farmland where Nabakumar's body was found had electric wires illegally connected to a

power source — a crude setup designed to electrocute wild pigs that had been ravaging crops in the area. Investigators believe Nabakumar may have accidentally touched the live wire while cutting grass. Local residents allege that such dangerous electric traps have become a common practice in rural stretches of Howrah, as farmers struggle to protect their standing crops from herds of pigs that regularly destroy farmlands. Police from Jagatballabhpur have launched a probe into the incident, examining who was responsible for setting up the fatal trap and whether electricity theft was involved. The body has been sent for forensic examination to confirm the cause of death. A pall of mourning hangs over Pantihal as the community reels from the horrific death. What began as a desperate attempt to save crops has ended in the gruesome electrocution of an innocent man — a grim reminder of how fatal desperation can become when law and safety are ignored.

South 24 prg heat up: Soakat Molla vs Naushad Siddiqui sparks controversy

MI News Service, Canning: Political temperatures flared in South 24 Parganas after a sharp war of words broke out between TMC MLA Soakat Molla and ISF leader Naushad Siddiqui, following a series of explosive remarks made at a party workers' meeting.

While addressing TMC worker at Bhangarh's Vijayganj area, Canning East MLA Soakat Molla launched a scathing attack on the ISF alleging that the party was politically aligned with the BJP. "The ISF cannot survive without BJP's support. Their leaders are frequently meeting BJA representatives," Soakat Molla said, also urging his supporters to remain vigilant in the face of communal politics. The remarks drew a sharp response from ISF MLA Naushad Siddiqui, who dismissed the allegations as "baseless and defamatory." "We have already filed a defamation case against Soakat Molla for such irresponsible statement," Naushad Siddiqui said. "He



claims we take money from the BJP — let him prove that in court. Everyone in Bengal knows the political history and real alignments of the state." Naushad Siddiqui further accused the ruling Trinamool Congress of attempting to divert attention from governance issues. "When Trinamool fails to counter us politically, it resorts to such rhetoric. People across Bengal are increasingly supporting ISF despite intimidation," he added. Responding to the controversy, BJP spokesperson Debjit Sarkar refrained from taking sides, saying, "This kind of po-

litical exchange is not new. The people of Bengal are focused on change through the ballot, not on these statements." The verbal duel between the two legislators has once again highlighted the fractured political equations in Bengal's minority-dominated regions, particularly ahead of the upcoming civic and local body elections. Even as investigations into the alleged defamatory remarks continue, political observers note that such charged exchanges reflect the intensifying contest for influence among emerging and established parties in South Bengal.

Monsoon strikes back with rain, gusty winds from Friday

MI News Service, Kolkata: After weeks of relentless downpours that battered North Bengal, the region is finally witnessing relief, with floodwaters gradually receding. However, South Bengal is not yet out of the storm's grip. According to the Alipore Meteorological Office, a fresh spell of rain is expected from Friday, as a new low-pressure system develops over the North Bay of Bengal.



The previously active cyclone near Bangladesh has weakened, providing brief sunny intervals across South Bengal. This respite will be short-lived, with cloudy skies returning from Friday and the likelihood of rainfall increasing across several districts, including Kolkata, North and South 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hooghly, East and West Midnapore, Jhargram, and Bankura. The forecast indicates scattered showers accompanied by thunder, with gusty winds reaching 30–40 kmph. Kolkata's current weather is partly sunny with intermittent clouds, a minimal chance of thunder showers, a minimum temperature of 24.6°C, and a maximum of 29.4°C. Relative humidity ranges from 86% to 98%, with a recent rainfall accumulation of 14 millimeters. North Bengal, having endured severe flooding, is expected to remain largely dry over the weekend, with partly cloudy skies and only localized, short-duration showers. Humidity levels are projected to drop gradually, signaling the monsoon's retreat from the region. Authorities have urged residents in South Bengal to stay alert, especially in low-lying and flood-prone areas, as the final phase of the monsoon is likely to test preparedness before the seasonal transition.

Lakshmi puja turns violent: Girls attacks, road blocked

MI News Service, Howrah: Tension and violence marred the Lakshmi Puja celebrations in Khalna, Jaipur, as a clash between local youth groups escalated into a serious public disturbance. On Wednesday evening, during the East and Khalna Sarvajanan Lakshmi Puja procession, members of the Kalimata Club from Majhpura, Dakshin Khalna, allegedly entered the procession, dancing among girls and reportedly making obscene gestures while intoxicated. Attempts to stop them allegedly led to physical assaults on women and members of the host club, with bricks reportedly thrown, leaving several injured, some with head injuries. The confrontation resulted in a two-hour blockade on Khalna Bagan Road, with vehicles obstructing traffic. Police arrived at the scene after being notified, but protesters initially refused to disperse, escalating the tension further. The following morning, the Kalimata Club reportedly retaliated, attacking with sticks and sticks and motorcycles, demanding the arrest of those responsible. Nab Sana, a member of the Kalimata Club, has denied all allegations. Authorities are investigating the incident, and local administration has urged calm while ensuring law and order. This incident underscores growing concerns over festival-related violence and the safety of women and children during public celebrations.

Women Assault Doctor over Rs 1.1 Crore Dispute

MI News Service, Murshidabad: A violent dispute erupted at the Sign Diagnostic Center in Raghunathganj when a woman, Julie Khatun, allegedly demanded repayment of 1.1 crore owed to her as a partner in the business. According to sources, the confrontation escalated when Dr. Habibur Rahman and his assistant staff reportedly attacked Julie, leaving her physically assaulted and verbally abused.

The incident drew immediate attention as local residents intervened, but the situation remained tense until the Raghunathganj police arrived at the scene. Two individuals have been arrested so far in connection with the assault, while the investigation is ongoing. Julie claimed that the money had been due for five years and that she possessed all records on her mobile, documenting the transaction. "I went to collect my own money. How can they lay a hand on me? They must be held accountable," she said, urging authorities to arrest all accused immediately. The police are currently examining the details of the financial dispute and questioning witnesses. The case has sparked outrage in the area, with a growing crowd demanding justice for the victim and strict action against the accused. This incident highlights alleged mismanagement and violence in private medical institutions, raising serious concerns over the safety and rights of business partners and patients alike.



Six Bangladeshi Infiltrators Arrested in Midnight Police Raids Near Border

MI News Service, Mursidabad: In a major breakthrough against cross-border infiltration, police in Murshidabad carried out surprise midnight raids in two border areas — Raninagar and Domkal — and arrested six Bangladeshi nationals who had allegedly entered India illegally. Acting on specific intelligence, Raninagar police launched a late-night operation on Wednesday in the Harudanga area, a sensitive stretch along the India-Bangladesh border. During the raid, four individuals were caught red-handed while attempting to cross the barbed wire fence to return to Bangladesh.

Upon interrogation, the suspects failed to produce any valid documents or provide satisfactory an-



swers regarding their stay in India. Preliminary investigation revealed that they had illegally crossed into Indian territory around six months ago, worked as construction laborers in Kerala, and were now attempting to sneak back into Bangladesh. Simultaneously, Domkal police conducted a parallel operation in the Bhatshala area, detaining two more

Bangladeshi nationals who had crossed the border three days earlier in search of work. Police sources confirmed that the arrested infiltrators hail from Rajshahi and Kishoreganj districts of Bangladesh — four from Godagari under Rajshahi police station, and two from Kishoreganj. The arrested individuals from Raninagar were produced

before the Lalbagh Subdivisional Court on Thursday, while those nabbed in Domkal were presented before the Baharampur District Court. Authorities have launched a comprehensive investigation to trace the exact routes and networks facilitating these illegal crossings. Officials suspect the involvement of local touts and cross-border syndicates operating along the porous stretches of the Indo-Bangladesh border. The arrests underscore the ongoing challenge of infiltration in Murshidabad, a district long considered one of the most vulnerable gateways for illegal cross-border movement — raising renewed concerns about border security and internal surveillance in the region.

Woman found dead, husband missing- police suspect murder

MI News Service, Falakata: A pall of shock and suspicion has gripped Falakata after the body of a young woman was discovered under mysterious circumstances inside government quarters on Wednesday evening. Authorities suspect foul play, while the woman's husband has been missing since the incident.

The deceased, identified as Babli Devi (27), was found lying lifeless on the floor of Quarter No. 10B, Type One, in a residential colony. According to sources, Babli's husband, Ranjan Kumar, a Class IV government employee, had recently moved into the quarters with her just a few days prior. Local residents reported that repeated calls to the couple went unanswered throughout the evening. Concerned by the unusual silence, neighbors eventually broke open the door — only to find Babli's lifeless body inside. Authorities were immediately alerted. Preliminary investigation suggests possible foul play, and Ranjan Kumar has been absconding since the discovery, prompting a full-scale search operation. "We are investigating all possible angles, including domestic dispute and premeditated murder," said an officer from Falakata Police Station. The quarter's assigned resident, Lakshmiwar Barman, also a government employee, stated, "The quarters were vacant, so I allowed Ranjan and his wife to stay temporarily as per official instructions. I had no personal connection with them." The body has been sent for post-mortem examination to determine the exact cause of death. Authorities have sealed off the premises and are examining the scene for evidence. What began as a routine evening in the otherwise quiet government colony has now turned into a chilling crime scene — with a missing husband, a dead wife, and a community haunted by unanswered questions.

Mayor Hakim urges organisers to remove banners, hoardings still covering Kolkata

MI News Service, Kolkata: Even after the Durga Puja festivities and Lakshmi Puja, large parts of Kolkata remain covered in banners, hoardings, and pandal structures. Expressing his displeasure, Mayor Firhad Hakim appealed to organisers to immediately remove all advertisement banners and temporary constructions to restore the city to normalcy.

According to Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) officials, Wednesday was the deadline for dismantling all Durga Puja pandals across the city. However, from north to south Kolkata, several pandals still remain partially dismantled, with bamboo scaffolding, platforms, and advertising structures cluttering the streets. In many areas, even though idols have been immersed, the remnants of pandals and sponsor hoardings are still blocking footpaths and roadside spaces.

Concerned over the situation, the Mayor said during a civic meeting, “Pedestrians and vehicles are facing difficulties because of the leftover banners, hoardings, and bamboo railings. I request all Puja organisers to clear them at the earliest and bring the city back to its original state.”

Hakim also warned that continued negligence could lead to health hazards. “It’s still raining in Kolkata. If water accumulates on the pandal platforms, it will become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Though dengue cases are under control now, we must remain cautious,” he said, urging organisers to carry out anti-mosquito spraying in their areas.

Sources in the KMC added that civic teams have been instructed to inspect major roads and Puja sites to ensure post-festival clean-up. Notices may be issued to organisers who fail to comply.

In response to another question, Hakim clarified that the Dhapa dumping ground will soon be transformed into a waste-processing unit. “There will be no landfill at Dhapa in the future. A modern waste processing plant will be built on KMC’s own land in compliance with the National Green Tribunal’s directives. The project will be completed within three years,” he said.

Civic officials added that plans are also being drawn up to install new solid waste management facilities across the city as part of a broader environmental improvement initiative following the festivals.

Police Nab Infamous Brother-in-Law Duo in Just a Day After Swift CCTV Identification

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a dramatic breakthrough, police arrested two notorious burglars — a brother-in-law and his brother-in-law’s son-in-law — within 24 hours of a major burglary in South 24 Parganas, following rapid identification from CCTV footage. The duo, identified as Mohammad Kashem and Mostafa Molla, were known for roaming around Kolkata and adjoining districts disguised as scrap buyers during the day, targeting locked houses and looting valuables worth lakhs.

The latest burglary took place on Monday at the residence of schoolteacher Biplob Das in Canning. Das was not at home at the time. CCTV footage revealed the two men breaking the lock and entering the house — Kashem leading the way with Mostafa close behind. Using a hammer and metal bar hidden inside their sacks, they broke open an almirah and escaped with gold ornaments worth over ₹2 lakh. Upon returning home, the family found the house ransacked and immediately lodged a complaint at Canning police station. Officers from the team led by Inspector Sayan Bhattacharya reviewed local CCTV footage and identified the culprits within just seven minutes.

A massive search operation was launched across Canning and Basanti. By late Tuesday night, the police tracked the duo to a hideout in Canning and arrested them as they attempted to flee. Both were produced before the Alipore court on Wednesday and remanded in six days of police custody.

According to investigators, Kashem, a seasoned criminal, became Mostafa’s mentor after marrying his sister. The pair, residents of the Akra-Santoshpur area in south Kolkata, would travel by train to different localities, posing as kabadiwalas (scrap dealers) to scout houses. Their focus was always on homes left unattended. They broke locks, looted cash and jewellery, and fled within minutes.

Police records show that the two had been arrested several times earlier by Lalbazar detectives for similar thefts. In January this year, they were nabbed by Sonarpur police in connection with a string of robberies in Garia and Sonarpur. After securing bail, they fled Santoshpur and set up base in Basanti, from where they continued their operations across Canning, Basanti, and Gosaba.

Police said efforts are underway to recover the stolen jewellery and identify other possible associates linked to the duo’s crime network.

PM Modi’s ‘unqualified praise’

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“distress” over the ongoing “genocide” of innocent civilians in Gaza, and said India has always been a beacon of moral conscience but “has now shamefully been reduced to a silent spectator.”
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Our foreign policy has now acquired a moral taint,” the CWC resolution said.

India-UK trade pact

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countries could do to remove barriers stopping them from capitalising on opportunities.
“We want to support you to maximize the potential in relation to this trade agreement,” Starmer said, adding that there has been a 6 billion pound boost in trade and investment in the three months since the CETA was signed in July.
Starmer’s visit to India came two-and-half months after the two countries inked a landmark free trade pact that will increase market access, cut tariffs and is expected to result in doubling the bilateral trade by 2030. The trade deal was firming up during PM Modi’s visit to London in July.

Flights between India and China

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“This follows continuous technical-level engagement between civil aviation authorities as part of broader efforts to normalise bilateral ties,” it said.
“The move will greatly enhance air connectivity, support people-to-people exchanges and contribute to the strengthening of economic collaboration between the two countries,” it added.
In his remarks during the Tianjin meeting with President Xi on August 31, Prime Minister Modi had stated that the resumption of direct flights was under consideration.
India-China relations plunged to their lowest point since the 1962 war following the Galwan Valley clashes in June 2020. After a series of diplomatic and military talks, the two sides withdrew their troops from several friction points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.
In October last year, the two sides firmed up a disengagement pact for Depsang and Demchok, the last two friction points.
Days after the agreement was finalised, Modi and Xi held talks in Kazan and took a number of decisions to improve the ties.
In the last few months, the two sides have taken a series of measures to repair the ties, including the resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.



Artists make an Idol of Goddess Kali at their workshop ahead of the Kali Puja festival in Kolkata on Thursday.

KMC Invites Tenders Worth Lakhs for Tube Well Repairs in Newly Merged Areas

MI News Service, Kolkata: Despite being integrated into the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) years ago, several newly added areas of the city still depend heavily on groundwater and tube wells for their daily water supply. While a portion of these localities receive filtered water from the Garden Reach Water Works, many others continue to rely on underground sources — highlighting the persistent inequality in access to potable water across the metropolis.

According to KMC officials, the civic body has recently invited tenders worth several lakhs for the purchase and repair of submersible pumps used to draw water from tube wells. This comes even

after Mayor Firhad Hakim had repeatedly announced projects aimed at expanding piped water supply in the merged areas.

Tender documents reveal that in several wards under the newly merged zones, the reliance on tube wells remains widespread. Funds amounting to around ₹1 lakh have been allocated for pump installation and repair in Wards 133 and 137, with similar allocations for Wards 138 and 140. Additionally, wards 139, 140, and 141 have been granted around ₹1 lakh each for pump-related work.

Records show that ₹96,000 has been earmarked for submersible pumps in Wards 133, 136, and 138, while ₹93,000 has



been allotted for a deep tube well pump in Ward 139. In Ward 138, another deep tube well pump has been sanctioned ₹65,000. For smaller tube wells, ₹50,000 has been allocated to repair 56 units in Wards 121 and 132, and the same amount for 55 units in Wards 130 and 131. Ward 143 has also received ₹1 lakh for pump

maintenance, while Ward 121 has been allocated an additional ₹86,000 for two small tube wells.

These allocations underscore the continued dependence on groundwater in several parts of the city. Civic engineers admit that while work to extend filtered water pipelines is underway, it will take time before these areas become fully self-sufficient.

A senior KMC official said, “Work is progressing in phases. The expansion of the Dhapa and Dhalaipara water production plants, along with the construction of new booster pumping stations, will eventually reduce dependence on tube wells. But such projects require time and careful execution.”

State Govt to Honour Frontline Workers for Disaster Response

MI News Service, Kolkata: The state government has decided to confer special awards on firefighters, SDRF personnel, police officers, engineers, and doctors who risked their lives during the recent natural disaster in North Bengal, a senior official said on Thursday.

The decision comes as recognition of the exemplary service of frontline workers during the crisis that claimed at least 32 lives. “We have decided to reward the firefighters, SDRF personnel, police officers, engineers, and doctors who risked their lives in rescue and relief operations. The Chief Minister has also given her consent to the decision,” the official added.

The state government sources said Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is likely to visit North Bengal again on Monday, with Darjeeling included in her itinerary. During the visit, she is expected to oversee ongoing reconstruction and repair work and hold a high-level administrative meeting.

Meanwhile, the state government is planning to protest against the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) for releasing water “without prior intimation,” which the CM recently said created a flood-like situation in South Bengal districts during the Durga Puja festivities. The central PSU, however, has rejected the allegation.

Drunken Wife’s Rampage: Husband Files Rare Domestic Violence Complaint

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a rare case that has stunned police officials, a man from Santoshpur under the Survey Park police station area has lodged a complaint against his wife, accusing her of severe physical and mental torture, domestic violence, and vandalism under the influence of alcohol.

According to police sources, the couple lived with the man’s mother and sister, along with their three-year-old child. The husband alleged that his wife’s excessive drinking had turned their married life into constant turmoil. Every time she consumed alcohol, arguments and verbal abuse followed, often escalating into violent outbursts.

The incident took place on Monday night, when the woman allegedly began drinking from the morning despite repeated requests from family members to stop. Late at night, around 11 p.m., she reportedly started hurling abuses and attacking her husband when he tried to intervene. Soon after, she began breaking household items in a fit of rage.

I remember you from the Standing Committee days — you had no answers then. How you became an IAS officer is difficult to understand. Now as Governor, you are misusing your power,” he said.

The TMC leader further accused Bose of indulging in “anarchism” and acting beyond constitutional limits. “Instead of visiting flood-affected areas and seeking ₹20,000 crore aid for Bengal, he is busy spreading lawlessness. He is only interested in promoting BJP’s rowdiness,” Banerjee alleged.

Kalyan Banerjee also took a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, describing him as a “vindictive PM” who uses Governors as political instruments to undermine opposition-ruled states.

Continuing his tirade, Banerjee alleged that the Governor was attempting to destabilize the state. “Never think, Mr. CV Ananda Bose, that the state government is subservient to the Centre. You are a petty IAS officer.

Kali Puja Security Tightened in Kolkata; Police Step Up Measures Against Illegal Firecrackers

MI News Service, Kolkata: Kolkata Police has intensified security arrangements across the city ahead of Kali Puja to ensure law and order and curb the use of banned firecrackers. According to police sources, nearly 1,500 personnel will be deployed across the city on the night of the festival, supported by around 12 IPS

additional OCs to remain present in their stations both before and during the festival night.

To maintain security, women police personnel, Radio Flying Squads, and the RAF will be deployed. The Traffic Department will conduct checks at key junctions and sensitive locations. Adequate stocks of helmets,

can enjoy the festival without any disturbance.”

Special monitoring will be conducted at major ghats, pandals, and crowded areas, including Park Street, Ballygunge, Shyambazar, Dakshineswar, Kalighat, and river ghats, with additional police deployment. CCTV cameras will be installed at large Puja pandals, with live feeds monitored by Lalbazar’s control room. Bomb squads and dog squads will also remain on alert, and the police will keep a close watch on unauthorized firecracker sales and usage.

The Traffic Department has announced special traffic management measures from Puja day until the day after Diwali. Certain roads may face temporary vehicle restrictions to reduce congestion. Drunk driving will be strictly dealt with through random checks. Citizens disturbed by noise pollution can file complaints directly via Dial 100, and legal action will be taken against violators.

Kolkata Police will maintain vigilance both in terms of security and noise control throughout the festival night, ensuring a safe and peaceful celebration for all residents.



officers on duty.

Lalbazar has already conducted raids in various parts of the city, seizing a significant quantity of prohibited firecrackers. Special instructions have been issued to prevent noise pollution and the sale or use of hazardous firecrackers. City Police Commissioner Manoj Kumar Verma has directed all police station officers-in-charge (OCs) and

batons, and barricades will be kept at all stations. The police have warned that legal action will be taken against any Puja committee found playing loud music or DJs without authorization. Surveillance will also extend to rooftops of multi-storey buildings to prevent accidents or disorder. A senior Lalbazar official stated, “All arrangements have been made so that city residents

Youth found murdered after attending friend’s birthday party

MI News Service, Kolkata: Mystery shrouds the death of a young man whose blood-soaked body was recovered from a dumping ground in Dum Dum’s Pramodnagar area on Thursday morning. The deceased has been identified as Ganesh Samaddar. Police suspect that he was brutally murdered and his body dumped among piles of garbage to conceal the crime.

According to police and local sources, Ganesh had gone out on Tuesday evening to attend a friend’s birthday party. Before leaving, he had informed his sister about his plans. The two spoke again on Wednesday, but since then, he neither returned home nor could his family contact him over the phone. Growing increasingly worried, his relatives began searching for him.

On Thursday morning, locals at Pramodnagar noticed a human hand protruding from a heap of garbage at a nearby dumping ground. Alarmed by the sight, they removed some of the trash and found the bloodstained body of a man. Police were immediately informed and soon arrived at the spot to recover the remains.

Officers later traced the

victim’s family, who confirmed the body was that of Ganesh Samaddar. Preliminary examination revealed multiple injuries on his face and head, suggesting he was struck with a heavy object. Police believe the killers may have dumped the body in the garbage pile to destroy evidence and delay identification.

The case has sparked tension in the area, as residents expressed shock over the gruesome discovery. The investigation is being jointly conducted by the Dum Dum and Baranagar police stations. The body has been sent to Sagar Dutta Medical College and Hospital for post-mortem examination to determine the exact cause and time of death.

Ganesh’s sister told reporters, “I received a call saying my brother had been murdered and his body was lying in a heap of garbage. He told me he was going out to celebrate a friend’s birthday. We don’t know if he had any dispute with anyone.”

A local eyewitness added, “When we saw the body, the skin on his jaw was torn, and hair had come off the back of his head. One side of his face looked red and burnt. It was clear someone had beaten him brutally.”

Centre releases first instalment of Fifteenth Finance Commission grant

MI News Service, Kolkata: The Union government has released ₹680.71 crore to West Bengal as the first instalment of untied (basic) grants under the Fifteenth Finance Commission for rural local bodies (RLBs) and Panchayati Raj institutions (PRIs) for the financial year 2025–26, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj announced on Thursday.

According to the ministry, the funds were released on October 6 for 3,224 gram panchayats, 335 block panchayats, and 21 zillapari-shads across the state.

Between the previous fiscal year 2024–25 and the current year 2025–26, a total of ₹4,181.23 crore has been recommended and released to West Bengal — comprising ₹2,082.13 crore in untied grants and ₹2,099.10 crore in tied grants, the ministry stated.

Untied grants, also known as basic grants, offer flexibility to local bodies to address area-specific needs, excluding salaries and administrative expenses. These funds can be utilised for projects such as road and footpath maintenance,

LED or solar street lighting, environmental protection, income generation, digital connectivity, and maintenance of village playfields and crematoriums, among others.

In contrast, tied grants are allocated for specific purposes such as sanitation, maintaining Open Defecation Free (ODF) status, ensuring clean drinking water supply, rainwater harvesting, and stormwater drainage.

In addition to these funds, the Centre released ₹151 crore under the Fifteenth Finance Commission’s health sector grant to West Bengal for the year 2024–25. The grant, titled Support for Diagnostic Infrastructure to the Primary Healthcare Facilities for the Sub-Centres (For Rural), aims to enhance diagnostic facilities in rural healthcare centres.

According to the ministry, the grant will help equip primary healthcare institutions to deliver diagnostic services at the grassroots level, thereby improving access to medical facilities for villagers under the Panchayati Raj system.

Bengal STF Seizes Rs 3 Cr Worth of Heroin in Twin Raids; Four Drug Peddlers Arrested

MI News Service, Kolkata: In a major post-festival breakthrough, the Bengal Special Task Force (STF) seized 2.8 kilograms of heroin worth nearly ₹3 crore in two separate operations across the state. Four suspected drug traffickers have been arrested in connection with the seizures. Police have lodged cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and are interrogating the accused to trace the supply network.

According to STF sources, the first operation was conducted on October 7 in the Palashi area under Kaliganj police station in Nadia district. Acting on a tip-off, STF officials intercepted two men and caught them red-handed while they were attempting to smuggle around one kilogram of heroin packed in small pouches. The arrested individuals were identified as Hafizul-Shikari (53) and JibraelMondal (63). Both were booked under the NDPS Act and are currently being interrogated to determine the source and intended destination of the consignment.

In a separate raid on Saturday, another STF team, in coordination with Belur Government Railway Police (GRP), conducted a joint operation at Dankuni railway station. Two more traffickers were ar-

rested from the spot — identified as Mahirul Biswas (64), a resident of Hariharpara in Murshidabad, and AbidParvez (66) from Singhbhum in Jharkhand. Officers recovered 1.8 kilograms of heroin from their possession.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the narcotics had been brought from Dimapur in Nagaland — a known trafficking hub in Northeast India — and were likely meant to be circulated in Kolkata and its adjoining districts during the festive season. However, police are yet to confirm the final destination or intended buyers of the seized consignment.

During questioning, the accused reportedly told investigators that they had come to Dankuni to deliver the drugs, though they claimed ignorance about the receiver’s identity. Investigators are probing whether a larger Inter-state syndicate is involved.

Police sources said that separate cases have been registered by Belur GRP and the Bengal STF, and parallel investigations are underway to identify the network’s king pins. Officers are also verifying whether the seized heroin was part of a larger consignment meant to flood the city’s drug market during the Durga Puja festivities.

Name Change
I, Susmita Banerjee D/o Late Ranjit Mahata Residing at Vill - Ikrakh Brahman Para, P.o - Ikrakh, P.s - Jamuria, District - Paschim Bardhaman, Pin- 713362, West Bengal India that my deceased father who previously known as Ranjit Kumar Mahata (Old Name) shall henceforth be known as Ranjit Mahata (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit dated 09/10/2025, I declare that my deceased father Ranjit Kumar Mahata (Old Name) and Ranjit Mahata (New Name) is same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shahjad Khan (Old Name) S/o Late Md Murtuza Khan Residing at Murtuza Nagar Line Par Kalajahria Road Bampur, P.s - Hirapur, District - Paschim Barddhaman, Pin - 713325, West Bengal, India have changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Md Shahzad Khan (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 09-10-2025, Shahjad Khan (Old Name) and Md Shahzad Khan (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Swapan Banerjee (Old Name) S/o Sasti Das Banerjee Residing at Vill - Ikrakh Brahman Para, P.o - Ikrakh, P.s - Jamuria, District - Paschim Barddhaman, Pin - 723362 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Swapan Kumar Banerjee (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 09-10-2025, Swapan Banerjee (Old Name) and Swapan Kumar Banerjee (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Manju Devi Singh (Old Name) W/o Satendra Singh Residing at South Samla Colliery Pandaveswar, P.s - Pandaveswar, District - Paschim Barddhaman, Pin - 723346 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Manju Kumari (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 09-10-2025, Manju Devi Singh (Old Name) and Manju Kumari (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mohammad Rahaman (Old Name) S/o Late Md Salam Residing at Vill - Raigachi Munshi Para, P.o - Rajarhat, P.s - Rajarhat, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700135 West Bengal India that my deceased father who previously known as Salam Mohammad (Old Name) shall henceforth be known as Md Salam (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit dated 09/10/2025, Mohammad Rahaman (Old Name) and Md Rahaman (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Rahaman S/o Late Md Salam Residing at Vill - Raigachi Munshi Para, P.o - Rajarhat, P.s - Rajarhat, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin- 700135, West Bengal India that my deceased father who previously known as Salam Mohammad (Old Name) shall henceforth be known as Md Salam (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit dated 09/10/2025, I declare that my deceased father Salam Mohammad (Old Name) and Md Salam (New Name) is same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Mijanur Rahman S/o Late Md Jaidul Haque Residing at Vill - Palatadanga, P.o - Sondalia, P.s - Shasan, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin- 743423, West Bengal India that my deceased father who previously known as Jahidul Haque (Old Name) shall henceforth be known as Md Jaidul Haque (New Name) as declared before the Notary public Kolkata vide affidavit dated 09/10/2025, I declare that my deceased father Jahidul Haque (Old Name) and Md Jaidul Haque (New Name) is same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Lablu Hazra (Old Name) S/o Late Abdul Jabbar Hazra Residing at 10, Nazrul Islam Avenue Kaikhali, P.o - Airport, P.s - Baguiati, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700052 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Zahir Hazra (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 09-10-2025, Lablu Hazra (Old Name) and Zahir Hazra (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Shayeed Khan (Old Name) S/o Abdul Rashid Khan Residing at 21H/5 Sham Sul Huda Road, P.o - Circus Avenue, P.s - Karaya Thana, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700017 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Mohammad Firdous Ahmed (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 09-10-2025, Shayeed Khan (Old Name) and Md Sayeed Khan (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Neha Shayeed (Old Name) W/o Md Rahaman Residing at Vill - Raigachi Munshi Para, P.o - Rajarhat, P.s - Rajarhat, District - North 24 Parganas, Pin - 700135 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Neha Sayeed (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 09-10-2025, Neha Shayeed (Old Name) and Neha Sayeed (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Radha Rani Swargiary by affidavit on 25.09.2025 sworn before court of SDJM(M) Bijni having my Aadhar Card No-448959414464 that my name wrongly recorded in the family details record of my husband Himmat Singh Goynary who is an Army personnel having No-JC676455F as Radha Rani instead of my actual name Radha Rani Swargiary and my date of birth is 30.04.1984. From now Radha Rani Swargiary and Radha Rani both are same woman. Name Change/PP0008199/1

Name Change
I, Aniket Asopa (old name) S/o Mukesh A Sharma, resident of Natural City, Block-I, Flat 9E, 43, Shyamnagar Road, P.O.- Bangur Avenue, P.S.- Nager Bazar, Barrackpore, North 24 Pgs, Pin-700053, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Aniket S Sharma (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/10/2025, Aniket S Sharma (new name) and Aniket Asopa (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Wahab Laskar (old name) S/o Abdul Rahaman Laskar, resident of Vill-South Homra, Nagartala, Jibantala, South 24 Pgs, Pin- 743376, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Abdul Ohab Laskar (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/10/2025, Abdul Ohab Laskar (new name) and Abd Wahab Laskar (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Chhaya Rani Bain Bagchi (Old Name), Wife Of Premendra Nath Bain, Residing At 132/12/208, Bizpur Work Shop Road, Halisahar, North 24 Parganas-743134, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Chhaya Rani Bain (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 09/10/2025, Chhaya Rani Bain Bagchi And Chhaya Rani Bain Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Abdul Rob Molla (Old Name), Son Of Aftab Uddin Molla, Residing At Vic:Jalipur, Po-Dosatina, South 24 Parganas-743503, West Bengal, Have Changed My Name And Shall Henceforth Be Known As Abdul Rab Molla (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 09/10/2025, Abdul Rob Molla And Abdul Rab Molla Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Sk Akash (Old Name) S/o Late Sekh Akbar & H/o Eiroza Begum residing at VILL-Mahishamuri, P/O-Nowpara, P.s-Amta Howrah-711401, WEST BENGAL, INDIA, WB have changed and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Akash Ali (New Name) as declare before the Notary Public, Kolkata vide affidavit dated 10/09/2025 and henceforth Sk Akash (Old Name) and Sekh Akash Ali (New Name) both are same and one identical person

Name Change
I, Sk Musiyar Rohoman (Old Name) S/o Late Sekh Jaynal & H/o Jabeda Begam residing at VILL-Sasati, P/O-Sasati, P.s-Shyampur Howrah-711326, WEST BENGAL, INDIA, WB have changed and shall henceforth be known as Sekh Musiyar Rahaman (New Name) as declare before the Notary Public, Kolkata vide affidavit dated 09/10/2025 and henceforth Sk Musiyar Rohoman (Old Name) and Sekh Musiyar Rahaman (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Akansha Bhowmick (old name) D/o Manash Bhowmick, resident of 473, Jititaranjan Colony Regent Estate, Kolkata - 700092, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Ashmita Bhowmick (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 08/10/2025, Ashmita Bhowmick (new name) and Akansha Bhowmick (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Chandrani Mandal (old name), D/o, Late Nakul Kumar Mondal, B/o, 23, N. B. Roy Street, Serampore, Hooghly, 712201, WB, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Chandrani Mandal to Chandrani Mondal and henceforth I shall be known as Chandrani Mondal in all purpose, vide an affidavit no. 26 sworn before Notary Public, Serampore, Hooghly Court on 09/10/2025, Chandrani Mandal & Chandrani Mondal D/o. Late Nakul Kumar Mondal both are the same & one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sefali Devi (Old Name) W/o Late Ram Kumar Lal Residing at 11, Lala Lajpat Sarani, Po - L.R Sarani, P.s- Bhawanipore, District - Kolkata, Pin - 700020 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Mumti Devi Lal (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 09-10-2025, Sefali Devi (Old Name) and Mumti Devi Lal (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Md Firdaus (Old Name) S/o Mohammad Asfaq Ahmed Residing at Khalsai Mohalla Madhupur, Po+ P.s - Madhupur, District - Deoghar Jharkhand, Pin- 815353, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Mohammad Firdous Ahmed (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 09-10-2025, Md Firdaus (Old Name) and Mohammad Firdous Ahmed (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Khalid Hasan (Old Name) S/o Md Mansoor Alam Residing at Saira Mansion Masjid Bari Lane Asansol, P.s - Asansol South, District - Paschim Bardhaman, Pin - 713301 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Md Khalid Hasan (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 09-10-2025, Khalid Hasan (Old Name) and Md Khalid Hasan (New Name) both are same and one identical person are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Nahid Hussain (Old Name) W/o Akhter Hussain Residing at Hussain Nagar, Dharampur, P.o - Bampur, P.s - Hirapur, District - Paschim Barddhaman, Pin - 713325 West Bengal, India have Changed my name and shall henceforth be Known as Nahid Yasmin (New Name) as declared before the Notary Public Kolkata vide affidavit Dated 09-10-2025, Nahid Hussain (Old Name) and Nahid Yasmin (New Name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) RAJEEB MANDAL S/o-BIDHAN MONDAL,Residing at, Vill-Vitarpara, Post- Taranpur, P.s -Tehatta, P.O.- Bangur Avenue, P.S.- 741103, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from RAJEEB MANDAL To RAJIB MONDAL. (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) RAJIB MONDAL, in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025, RAJIB MONDAL and RAJEEB MANDAL both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD NEJEMUDDIN S/o- SAMSERUDDIN Residing at, Vill-Ajimgarh, Post- Kumarganj, Ps -Pukuria, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732102, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD NEJEMUDDIN To NEJAMUDDIN (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) NEJAMUDDIN in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025, NEJAMUDDIN and MD NEJEMUDDIN both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MOHAMMAD RAFIQUE AHAMMED S/o- ABEDUR RAHAMAN Residing at, Vill- Akbar mandal Para, Post- Gayeshbari, Ps - Kaliachak, Dist- Malda, Pin- 732206, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MOHAMMAD RAFIQUE AHAMMED To MD RAFIQUE AHAMMED (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) MD RAFIQUE AHAMMED in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025, MD RAFIQUE AHAMMED and MOHAMMAD RAFIQUE AHAMMED both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) MD ABUL KALAM AZAD S/o- MD SIDDIQUE HOSSAIN Residing at, Vill- Kalikapur, Post- Lalgola, Ps - Lalgola, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742148, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from MD ABUL KALAM AZAD To MD ABUL KALAM AZAD (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) ABUL KALAM AZAD in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad On 16 Sept 2025, ABUL KALAM AZAD and MD ABUL KALAM AZAD both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, (Old Name) NASTER ALI S/o- SAKIR MONDAL, Residing at, Vill- Dhulauri, Post- Baganpara, Ps - Lalgola, Dist- Murshidabad, Pin- 742135, West Bengal. Do hereby declare that I have Changed my name from NASTER ALI To NASTAR ALI (New name) and hence forth I Shall be Known as (New name) NASTAR ALI in all purpose Vide an affidavit Sworn before the notary public at Berhampore Murshidabad on 16 Sept 2025, NASTAR ALI and NASTER ALI both are Same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Romita Sinha Dhalì, Wife Of Laltu Dhalì, Residing At Gd24 Salt Lake, Po:B Market, Bidhanagar-700106, West Bengal, Have Changed My Minor daughter Name Samaira Paul (Old Name) To Samaira Dhalì (New Name) And Henceforth She Shall Known As Samaira Dhalì (New Name) Vide An Affidavit Sworn Before The Notary Public At Kolkata On 08/10/2025, Samaira Paul And Samaira Dhalì Both Are The Same And One Identical Person.

Name Change
I, Rajiya Begum (old name) W/o Sk Majiuddin, resident of Fatepur, Udang, Howrah- 711401, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Rajiya Begum (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/10/2025, Sk Rajiuddin (new name) and Sheikh Majiuddin (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sheikh Majiuddin (old name) S/o Late Sk Akbar, resident of Fatepur, Udang, Howrah- 711401, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Majiuddin (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/10/2025, Sk Majiuddin (new name) and Sheikh Majiuddin (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Sheikh Mehehub (old name) S/o Sk Majiuddin, resident of Fatepur, Udang, Howrah- 711401, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sk Mehehub (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/10/2025, Sk Mehehub (new name) and Sheikh Mehehub (old name) both are same and one identical person.

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I, Sarita Asopa (old name) W/o Mukesh A Sharma, resident of Natural City, Block-I, Flat 9E, 43, Shyamnagar Road, P.O.- Bangur Avenue, P.S.- Nager Bazar, Barrackpore, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700055, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Sarita Sharma (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/10/2025, Sarita Sharma (new name) and Sarita Asopa (old name) both are same and one identical person.

Name Change
I, Mukesh Asopa (old name) S/o Ashok Kumar Sharma, resident of Natural City, Block-I, Flat 9E, 43, Shyamnagar Road, P.O.- Bangur Avenue, P.S.- Nager Bazar, Barrackpore, North 24 Pgs, Pin- 700055, West Bengal, India, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Mukesh A Sharma (new name), as declared Before The Notary Public at Kolkata, vide an affidavit dated 09/10/2025, Mukesh A Sharma (new name) and Mukesh Asopa (old name) both are same and one identical person.

'All solid waste to be used for road construction before 2027': Nitin Gadkari

MI News Service, Delhi: All the solid waste will be utilised for road construction by the end of 2027, Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said. Addressing the 120th Annual Session of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) on Thursday, the Union Minister stated that 80 lakh tons of waste have already been segregated for road construction. He said, "No material is Waste and no person is waste. Depending on the appropriate technology and leadership vision, you can convert waste into wealth. We have decided that before 2027 ends, whatever garbage is there, which is solid waste, we are going to use it in road construction."

"Delhi have four such mountains; it does not look good. We have segregated 80 lakh ton of waste and used it in road construction," Gadkari added. Hailing the bio-fuels and ethanol-based fuel initiatives, Gadkari said that the size of the Indian automobile industry will be the highest in the world in the next five years. Currently, the Indian industry stands third behind the US and China with a size of Rs 22 lakh crore (Rs 2.2 billion). He said, "The thinking is integrated, and it is important for all of us. In 2014, the automobile industry was the 7th largest in the world and had a total volume of Rs 14 lakh crore (Rs 1.4 billion). A few days ago, we bypassed Japan, and now we are third in the world, and our automobile industry is Rs 22 lakh crore (Rs 2.2 billion). Now, the way we are using technology and new research to replace alternative fuels, bio-fuels, electric vehicles, ethanol, methanol, biodiesel, LNG, electric, and hydrogen, our automobile hub India has almost all the brands of the world."

Echoing the Centre's call for an Atmanirbhar Bharat, Gadkari said, "I called the automobile industry people and said that if you want to build an Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-sufficient India), you have to be the first in the world. The USA is the first in the world, and its automobile industry is Rs 78 lakh crore (Rs 7.8 billion). China is the second-largest in the world, and its automobile industry is Rs 49 lakh crore (Rs 4.9 billion). The way we are bringing in new research and innovations, I am confident that our automobile industry will be the first in the world."

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CISF, police increase surveillance following bomb threat at Madurai airport

MI News Service, Madurai: The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and Tamil Nadu police on Thursday intensified surveillance following a bomb threat at the Madurai airport, officials said.

Sniffer dogs and bomb detection experts carried out thorough checks on vehicles entering the airport premises. An email received by the Madurai Airport Director claimed that a bomb had been placed inside the airport. Following this, Airport Director Muthukumar informed ANI on a phone call that the Madurai District Collector and the Commissioner of Police had been informed about the threat. Subsequently, CISF personnel and police jointly conducted intensive searches in and around the airport premises.

All vehicles entering the airport were subjected to strict checks by the bomb disposal squad before being allowed inside. Sniffer dogs were deployed, and bomb detection experts carried out detailed inspections at vehicle parking areas, passenger arrival zones, and other public gathering points within the airport.

Earlier on October 4, Madurai's Meenakshi Amman Temple received a bomb threat via e-mail, according to the police. The threat targeting the renowned temple triggered extensive security operations in the aftermath.

According to Madurai city police, an email threat was sent to the Director General of Police (DGP) office, claiming that a bomb had been planted inside the Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple.

The world-famous Madurai Meenakshi Amman Temple attracts thousands of devotees every day from various states. Following this, the Madurai City Bomb Disposal Unit police personnel, along with sniffer dogs, conducted intensive searches inside the temple, including the sanctums of Goddess Amman and Lord Swami, the Golden flag Mast area, the Annadhanam (free meal) hall, and the Teppakulam (temple tank) area.



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Howrah Division Observes “Swachh Aahar” Drive under Special Campaign 5.0

MI News Service, Kolkata: As part of Swachhta Pakhwada and Special Campaign 5.0, the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway undertook various initiatives on Swachh Aahar Diwas on 9th October 2025, focusing on promoting cleanliness, hygiene, and safe food practices at railway stations.

The drive emphasized thorough cleaning of canteens, food stalls, and catering units located in and around station premises. Activities included utensil cleaning, waste segregation, and proper garbage disposal, with close monitoring to ensure sustained improvement in hygiene and sanitation standards.

Food vendors, cooks, and bearers working in station catering units were sensitized on the importance of personal hygiene and cleanliness. They also participated in cleanliness awareness sessions and medical check-up programmes aimed at promoting health and hygiene among food handlers.

In addition, awareness sessions were conducted to promote waste segregation at the source, with separate dry and wet dustbins provided at canteens and food stalls to encourage responsible waste management and support a cleaner station environment.

Through this initiative, Howrah Division reiterated its commitment to maintaining clean, hygienic, and safe food facilities for passengers, contributing to a healthier and more sustainable railway ecosystem.



Even after Repeated Awareness Drives by Khurda Road Division, conducted by Safety Department and Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel and continuous counseling of Road Users at Level Crossings, such incidents are still continuing by the violators.

The Railway Administration once again urges the public to cooperate and remain alert while approaching level crossings. Public support is essential for ensuring safe and smooth movement of both trains and road vehicles.

A train running at high speed cannot stop immediately even after applying brakes, as it requires a certain distance to come to a halt depending on its speed and load. Therefore, any attempt to cross a closed LC Gate is an invitation to disaster.

Such reckless actions not only put the life of the violator and passengers at risk but also cause damage to railway property, delay train operations and affect punctuality of passenger and freight trains.

The Khurda Road Division is taking strict action against offenders under provisions of the Railways Act. Continuous awareness campaigns and counseling are being organised at sensitive LC Gates to educate the public on safety. Railway Protection Force (RPF) and local administration are working in coordination to prevent such violations and ensure smooth train operations.

East Coast Railway once again appeals to all citizens to obey Railway Safety Rules, act responsibly at Level Crossings, and help in maintaining Safe, Punctual, and Efficient Train Services.

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No: PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/50, Dated: 24/09/2025. PCMM/CLW/HWH on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective / likely suppliers are requested to look up the website www.ireps.gov.in for detailed instructions. These are E-Tenders only electronic offer bids shall be accepted.

Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Quantity; Due On; Tender Cost are as follows : [305]; **14252953B**; Scavenger Blower To MR Blower Including Motor (Wound With Corona Resistance Wire) To Drg./Spec. No. (1) CLW/ES/3/0022/H & (2) SPEC/E-10/3/09 (Motor) with Amendment Nos. 01 TO 06; **As per Tender/Documents**; 10/10/2025; **₹0.00, [306]; 14253000A**; Electrical Signal Exchange System For Three Phase Locomotive [Each System Consists of-(i) Two Sets of LED Lights, (ii) Operating Panel/Switches For Loco Pilot and Assistant Loco Pilot Separately and (iii) Harnessed Cable For Connection]. Spec: CLW/MS/03/0670 ALT-2 [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 % , Item Category : Normal , Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As per Tender/Documents**; 16/10/2025; **₹0.00, [307]; 14252984F**; 1) Pantograph Mounting Insulator To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/AC/I-1/K, CLW/ES/SK-4 /AC/I-1/K, 2) Roof Line Insulator To Drg./Spec. No. CLW/ES/AC/I-1/K, CLW/ES/SK-2/AC/I-1/K; **As per Tender/Documents**; 23/10/2025; **₹0.00, PRI/217 PCMM/CLW/Howrah**

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EASTERN RAILWAY

e-Tender Notice No. : ELD-300-WC-18-2025-26, dated 24.09.2025. e-Tender is invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Sealdah, Eastern Railway, Control Building, 1st Floor, DRM office, Kaiser Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following work : **Tender No. : ELD-300-WC-18-2025-26. Name of Work : 25KV OHE and allied electrical works in connection with "Removal of in between Track OHE Masts over Sealdah Division".** **Tender value : ₹ 8,29,16,368/-, Earnest Money : ₹ 5,64,600/-, Cost of Tender Document : Nil, Completion Period : 12 (Twelve) months from the date of issue of Letter of Acceptance. Date of closing : 28.10.2025 at 15.00 hrs. Details of tender notice and corrigendum issued from time to time are available at website www.ireps.gov.in (SDAH-221/2025-26)**

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

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EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. : SG-Tender/DSTE/SDAH/575, dated 06.10.2025. e-tender is invited by Sr. DSTE, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Control Building, DRM Building, Kaiser Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following work : **e-Tender No. SDSTE/TELE/T/1425-26/CAP, RRSK, Name of work with its location :** Provision of 48F OFC in Sonarpur-Canning, Sonarpur-Baruipur-Diamond Harbour, Baruipur-Lakshminikantapur, Ranaghat-Shantipur section in Sealdah Division and Provision of media redundancy, SMS Alert through datalogger, failed media Indications for Dual BPAC and UFSBI along with associated equipments in Sealdah Division. **Tender Value : ₹ 9,79,53,386.45, Earnest Money/Bid Security to be deposited : ₹ 6,39,800/-, Cost of tender document : Nil, Completion period of the work : 12 Months, Tender Submission start date : 20.10.2025, Tender Submission end date : 03.11.2025 upto 14.00 hrs, Tender bid opening date : 03.11.2025 at 14.30 hrs. Details may be available : www.ireps.gov.in**

Financial Eligibility Criteria : The tenderer must have successfully completed or substantially completed any one of the following categories of work(s) during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited: (i) Three similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of the tender, or (ii) Two similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or (iii) One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of advertised value of the tender.

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North Bengal Battling Severe Floods as Relief Operations Intensify

MI News Service, Jalpaiguri: North Bengal districts were hit by unprecedented heavy rainfall on 4th and 5th October 2025, triggering massive floods, landslides, and breaches of embankments. The extreme weather caused extensive damage to infrastructure, disrupted the lives of thousands of families, and led to the tragic loss of lives.

In immediate response, the district administration launched rescue, relief, and rehabilitation operations. Chief Minister personally supervised the efforts, visited affect-



ed areas, and interacted with families impacted by the disaster. Under her guidance, coordinated measures are being implemented to restore normalcy, ensure public safety, and safeguard livelihoods. Substantial relief measures have been rolled out across the affected districts. Over Rs. 3 crore has been distributed as contingency relief, and Rs. 1.60 crore sanctioned as ex-gratia to the next of kin of the deceased. In addition, 3 lakh tarpaulins,

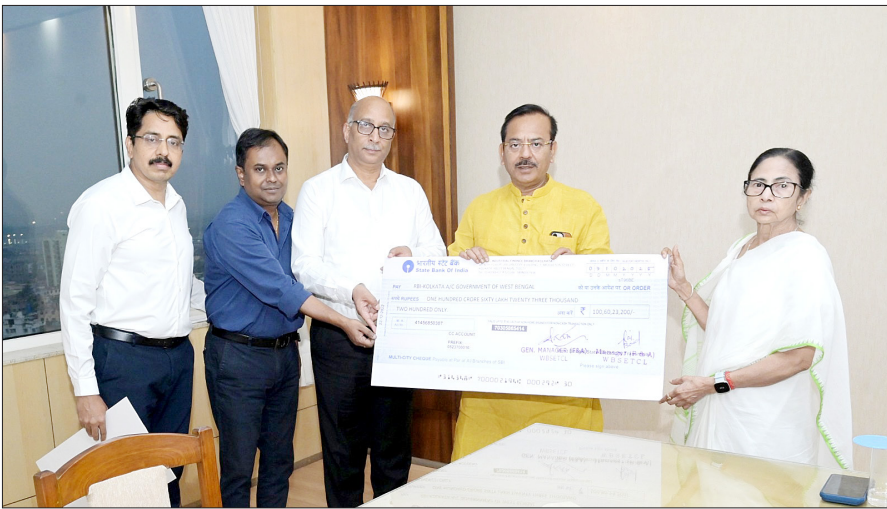
4.5 lakh garment sets, and more than 15,000 Disaster Management kits containing essential items have been provided. Forty-five gruel kitchens are serving cooked food, and over 10,000 people are sheltered in 35 relief camps.

Round-the-clock control rooms at State, District, Sub-Division, and Block levels continue to monitor the situation. Crop damage assessments are ongoing, and farmers can apply for compensation under the Bangla Shasya Bima Yoj-

na through special camps. Twenty-nine additional Sufal Bangla outlets have been set up alongside 100 existing outlets to provide vegetables, grains, and other essentials at reasonable rates.

Senior officials, including Dr. Pradip Mazumdar, MIC of the P & RD Department, visited Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar to distribute agricultural inputs such as high-yield seeds, lentils, pesticides, fungicides, and micronutrients to affected farmers. Special camps are organized to reissue lost certificates and documents, and school students have received books and study materials.

Restoration of damaged bridges and roads is progressing. A temporary bamboo bridge at Kulapara, Dhupguri has been constructed, and work on the Dudhita bridge is underway. Officials from multiple departments continue assessing damages and providing immediate assistance to affected communities.



Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee received a donation of 106 crore 40 lakh 76 thousand 715 rupees from the State Power Development Corporation (WBPDCL) and from the State Power Transmission Corporation (WBSETCL) in Mahanna on Thursday. Power Minister Arup Biswas handed over a cheque of Rs 100 crore 60 lakh 23 thousand 200 on behalf of the State Electricity Transmission Corporation (WBSETCL) and a total of Rs 207 crore 99 thousand 915 as Vivident on behalf of two companies. Chief Secretary Manoj Pant, Principal Secretary of the Power Department Shantanu Basu and Chairman of the State Power Development Corporation PB Salim were present.

International delegation comprising around 30 members meet Delhi Mayor

MI News Service, New Delhi: A delegation comprising approximately 30 representatives from various countries, including the Maldives and Nepal, visited the headquarters of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, specifically the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Civic Centre.

According to the release, this visit was part of a study tour organised in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA).

The delegation met with the Mayor of Delhi, Sardar Raja Iqbal Singh, to gain insights into Municipal governance and solid waste management practices implemented by the MCD.

During the interaction, Deputy Mayor Jai Bhagwan Yadav, Standing Committee Chairperson Satya Sharma, Leader of the House Praveesh Wahi, Deputy Chairman of the Standing Committee

Sunder Singh, MCD Commissioner Ashwini Kumar, and other senior officials were also present, as stated in the release.

Welcoming the delegation, Mayor Sardar Raja Iqbal Singh expressed his pleasure at hosting the international representatives.

"It is a matter of great pride for us to welcome such a distinguished group of delegates from across the globe," he said.

Highlighting the role of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, the Mayor stated, "MCD is one of the largest urban local bodies in Asia, serving a population of nearly 20 million. We are committed to making municipal governance more transparent and effective through sustainable development, public participation, and innovation. Solid waste management remains a key challenge, and we have implemented several

initiatives, including source segregation of waste, scientific landfill management, waste-to-energy conversion, and active community engagement."

He added, "We hope that this visit will provide you with valuable insights into our systems and initiatives. At the same time, we look forward to learning from the best practices of your respective countries."

Senior MCD officials briefed the delegation on town planning, the Master Plan of Delhi, and the online process for building plan sanctions. Furthermore, officials provided a detailed overview of solid waste management, including waste generation, primary and secondary segregation, transportation, and final disposal mechanisms, as well as the unique challenges faced by Delhi, a landlocked megacity, in managing urban waste.

"Tickets given to those who worked hardest over past nearly two years... ": Prashant Kishore releases first list for Bihar polls

MI News Service, Patna : Jan Suraj Party has released its first list of 51 candidates for the upcoming Bihar Assembly Election on Thursday.

Jan Suraj founder Prashant Kishore, while speaking to the media, said that the movement his party initiated has now reached its

decisive phase.

"For change in Bihar, to create a better system, the effort that Jan Suraj has started is now in its final and decisive phase. We had promised the people of Bihar that those who work to improve Bihar will be given the opportunity to contest elections... Tickets have been given to those who have worked the hardest over the past nearly 2 years to advance Jan Suraj..."

With the release of the candidate list, several party workers noted their disappointment, including Jan Suraj leader Pushpa Singh.

On this, Kishore addressed this anger and disappointment, stating, "It's natural for those who didn't get tickets today to feel a little angry or disappointed, but they know that in Jan Suraj, money or muscle power has no influence. We have fulfilled the promises we made to society, and not just 243 people, but thousands of them have contributed to establishing Jan Suraj in Bihar, 243 of whom are contesting the elections..."

Highlighting the diverse background of candidates, he added, "We have given

tickets to people from every section of society based on their population and their contribution. Be it Backwards classes, Dalit, or Muslim, the tickets are given to them."

He further added, "There are a few names in the list that we do not see contesting elections generally. IPS officer R K Mishra Ji is contesting from Darbhanga, Varun is contesting from Parbatta seat, where major deals are being made, from Matihani, we have Arun Kumar who is known for his honesty is contesting."

The Election Commission has announced the schedule for the Bihar Assembly elections. The 243 Assembly seats will go to the polls in two phases on November 6 and November 11, with counting of votes to be held on November 14.

The total number of electors in the final list stands at 7.42 crore, while there were 7.89 crore electors as of June 24 this year. An Election Commission press release stated that 65 lakh voters were removed from the draft list, and the number of electors in the draft list as of August 1, 2025, stood at 7.24 crore.

Intensive 'Swachh Ahar' activities conducted under Swachhata Pakhwara 2025 and Special Campaign 5.0 across Asansol div



MI News Service, Asansol: As part of Swachhata Pakhwara 2025 and Special Campaign 5.0, Asansol Division of Eastern Railway organized extensive activities under the theme 'Swachh Ahar' to promote hygienic food, clean surroundings and safe practices at food stalls, refreshment rooms, running rooms and other catering units across the Division.

At Barakar railway station, intensive cleaning of tea stalls was undertaken along with medical check-ups of vendors and inspection of food items. Similar drives were carried out at Raniganj, Madhupur, Jasidih, Panagarh and Basukinath stations where food stalls were cleaned and vendors' medical certificates verified to ensure compliance with health and hygiene standards.

At Asansol station, ENHM department officials inspected food stalls, refreshment rooms and the food plaza with special focus on utensils, medical certificates of food handlers and overall cleanliness of stall premises. The Chief Medical

Superintendent, Asansol also inspected the kitchen of the Divisional Railway Hospital on 09 October 2025 and reviewed hygiene and food safety practices. At Sitarampur railway station a Swachh Ahar awareness program was organized to encourage clean and safe food handling among vendors.

Running rooms across the Division were inspected by ENHM department officials along with the running room in-charge where intensive cleaning

activities were conducted with active staff participation. Special emphasis was given on maintaining running room premises for sustainable improvements and providing a safe, hygienic environment for running staff.

These Swachh Ahar initiatives under Swachhata Pakhwara 2025 and Special Campaign 5.0 reaffirm Asansol Division's focus on passenger health, staff welfare and sustainable cleanliness standards.

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e-Quotation is invited from experienced and resourceful bidders vide **NIQ No.-WB/MAD/ULB/SRMP/NIQ-09/2025-26 (2nd Call)**, **Date: 09/10/2025**. Name of work- Supply of HONDA Brush Cutter Machine 10 nos. Bid Submission Start Date (online) : **09/10/2025 at 02.00 P.M.** Bid Submission Closing Date (online) : **21/10/2025 at 02.55 P.M.** Bid Opening Date for Technical Proposals (online): **23/10/2025 at 02.00 P.M.** For details of the project go through <http://wbttenders.gov.in> and www.seramporemunicipality.net/tenders

Sd/-
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Ref E-NIT NO.- 2025_ZPHD_918784_1.

An e-Tender (Notice-Memo no- 2821, Date: 09.10.2025) containing one number schemes for construction work under Kalna-II Development Block, Purba Bardhaman has been floated amounting to **Rs. 13.10448 lakhs, fund- RIDF XXXI.**

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It is inform the Public at large that a Registered Deed of Conveyance in the name of Aroop Ghosh and Subhoroop Ghosh being No. 1338/2006, B-I, Vol- 108, Pages 24 to 62 recorded at DSR-I, South 24 Parganas was not found from the Office of the HLC Kolkata at AVANI HEIGHTS, 59A, Chowringhee Road, P.S Bhowmipore, Kolkata 700 020 subsequently it was thoroughly searched in the Office and the Customers -Aroop Ghosh and Subhoroop Ghosh also searched their custody but till date the said Deed is not traceable. In this connection a General Diary was lodged in the Bhowanipore Police Station and it was registered as GDE No. 662 dated 08.10.2025.

Any person, agent, representative of any institution, if found the said Deed then immediately deposit the said Deed in the SBI HLC Kolkata (Previously RACPC Kolkata). **AGM**

Date: 10.10.2025, Place: Kolkata Home Loan Centre, Kolkata, SBI

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Axis Bank's branch in Maniktala will move to a new location from the 10th of December 2025.

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NOBEL PRIZE

Morning India



The 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, and Omar M. Yaghi for developing metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) — porous materials that can trap gases, purify water, and store energy. Their innovation has revolutionized reticular chemistry, offering sustainable solutions for climate change, water scarcity, and clean energy.

Robson pioneered network design, Kitagawa created “breathing” frameworks, and Yaghi expanded them into practical, scalable systems. MOFs can capture carbon dioxide, harvest water from air, and store hydrogen fuel. This Nobel highlights how molecular science can shape a greener, smarter, and more sustainable future for humanity.

MOLECULES WITH A MISSION

HOW THREE CHEMISTS BOTTLED AIR, WATER, AND HOPE

It began, as great revolutions often do, with a puzzle no one quite knew how to solve. For decades, chemists dreamed of a material so porous it could hold immense amounts of gas - a solid that could trap carbon from the air, store hydrogen fuel safely, or even pull water out of desert air. But every attempt failed. The materials collapsed under pressure, dissolved in humidity, or simply couldn't hold their shape.

Then, quietly and methodically, three scientists - Susumu Kitagawa of Japan, Richard Robson of Australia, and Omar M. Yaghi, a Jordan-born chemist now based in the United States - began building frameworks from the ground up. They used metal ions and organic linkers like LEGO bricks, creating crystalline scaffolds that seemed to defy logic. Their creations, known as metal-organic frameworks, or MOFs, turned out to be molecular “sponges” that could soak up gases, store energy, and purify water.

In October 2025, their persistence was recognized with the world's highest scientific honour - the Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

A Dream Built Atom by Atom

When the announcement came from Stockholm, 82-year-old Richard Robson was, quite literally, frying fish in his Melbourne kitchen. “I

cooked the fish,” he told reporters later, laughing, “and then all this commotion started!”

It was the kind of moment Nobel committees love - when quiet, unassuming work done in laboratories decades ago suddenly changes the world.

Robson's early experiments in the 1980s had been largely academic. He wasn't trying to save the planet; he was fascinated by the idea of connecting metal ions into infinite networks. But his crystalline “lattices” - stable, geometric and full of empty space - became the blueprints for a revolution.

Thousands of kilometres away, at Kyoto University, Susumu Kitagawa was asking a similar question: what if those frameworks could actually breathe? What if gases could move in and out of those tiny pores, like air through a sponge? In the 1990s, he proved it was possible. His lab demonstrated that some materials could absorb and release gas molecules without breaking apart. For the first time, “porous coordination polymers” - the ancestors of MOFs - were real.

Meanwhile, a young scholar named Omar Yaghi, born in Amman to Palestinian parents, was dreaming bigger still. After struggling through war-torn childhood years and eventually earning a PhD in the U.S., Yaghi turned his sights on designing materials with precision - frameworks

whose pore size, shape, and chemistry could be tuned molecule by molecule. He coined the term “reticular chemistry”, from the Latin reticulum, meaning “net.”

Together, the trio transformed chemistry itself.

The Magic of the Bottomless Bag

To understand their discovery, imagine Hermione Granger's enchanted handbag from Harry Potter - small on the outside, infinite on the inside. MOFs are like that, but real.

Each framework is a repeating network of metal nodes connected by organic molecules. The spaces between them - the pores - can be unimaginably large on a molecular scale. A single gram of MOF material can have the surface area of a football field.

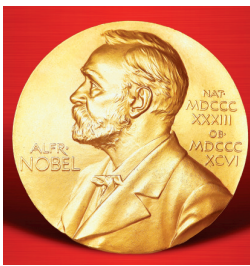
That space can be used to store, trap, or separate almost anything: carbon dioxide, hydrogen, methane, even water vapour.

It's chemistry that looks like magic - except it's meticulously engineered.

And this “molecular magic,” as the Nobel Committee called it, is precisely why the three chemists were chosen. Their work not only opened a new scientific field but also gave humanity powerful tools to fight two existential crises: climate change and water scarcity.

The Promise in Every Pore

In Yaghi's California lab, a small glass box hums quietly.



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Inside sits a metallic powder - a MOF that can literally pull water from the air. Even in the parched heat of the Mojave Desert, it condenses droplets each night, enough for a family to drink.

“Water is in the air around us,” Yaghi explains in interviews, his tone equal parts scientific and poetic. “You just need the right net to catch it.”

Elsewhere, researchers are using MOFs to capture carbon dioxide directly from industrial chimneys or even the open atmosphere. The same principles that allow a MOF to absorb water also let it “soak up” greenhouse gases with astounding efficiency.

In another branch of research, MOFs are being developed to store hydrogen for clean fuel cells, filter toxins from water, and trap harmful chemicals before they reach the air we breathe.

The global MOF market is

now booming - from clean energy startups to environmental engineering companies, all racing to turn these crystalline sponges into everyday technology.

A Triumph of Collaboration

What makes the 2025 Nobel Prize special is not just the discovery itself but the way it happened.

Kitagawa, Robson, and Yaghi worked independently, often on different continents, never as formal collaborators. Yet their research formed a perfect triangle: Robson built the structural foundations, Kitagawa brought functionality and flexibility, and Yaghi scaled the concept to global relevance.

In the Nobel Committee's words, “Their collective work transformed coordination chemistry into a field that now stretches from laboratory benches to industrial plants.”

It's a rare reminder that science is often a relay race, not a solo sprint.

The Human Element

Beyond the laboratory glassware and formulas, this year's Nobel also tells a deeply human story - one of perseverance, identity, and imagination.

For Yaghi, who spent part of his childhood as a refugee, the recognition carries emotional weight. “This prize isn't just for me,” he said in a press conference. “It's for every young scientist who believes that ideas - not ori-

gins - define success.”

In Kyoto, Kitagawa expressed quiet satisfaction that “chemistry, often seen as abstract, has become a tool for humanity.”

And in Melbourne, Robson simply smiled. “I was just curious,” he said. “Curiosity, it turns out, can be quite useful.”

Science for a Changing World

The implications of their work extend far beyond chemistry.

In climate change mitigation, MOFs could capture billions of tons of CO₂ every year - possibly enabling carbon-negative industries.

In clean energy, they could store and release hydrogen or methane efficiently, making fuel cells safer and cheaper. In water technology, they might help turn desert air into drinkable water, offering hope to millions facing drought.

In environmental cleanup, MOFs could remove microplastics, pesticides, or heavy metals from air and water streams.

Each of these possibilities is being tested somewhere right now - in university labs, start-up accelerators, and pilot projects worldwide.

It's a glimpse of a future where chemistry isn't just a subject in textbooks, but a living force shaping our planet's fate.

Challenges Remain

Yet even magic materials have limits. MOFs can be

fragile, and producing them at industrial scales remains expensive. Some degrade in humid or acidic environments. Others require energy-intensive regeneration cycles.

But scientists are optimistic. The field is evolving rapidly, with newer frameworks - stronger, cheaper, and more stable - being discovered almost monthly.

In a sense, the Nobel Prize is both a reward and a challenge: recognition for what's been achieved, and a reminder of what still lies ahead.

The Legacy of 2025

This year's Nobel in Chemistry is not just a celebration of molecular architecture; it's a statement about what science can be.

At a time when the world wrestles with political division and environmental despair, three chemists quietly built bridges - between elements, between disciplines, and between nations.

Their “bottomless” materials may one day help humanity breathe cleaner air and drink water pulled from the sky. But their greater gift is the reminder that curiosity and cooperation remain our most powerful resources.

In the end, the story of the 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry is not about molecules at all.

It's about imagination - and the boundless spaces we can create when we dare to think small.

Krasznahorkai Wins Prize For Bridging East and West Through Prose

In line with the objective of bringing seminal authors to greater global renown, the 2025 Nobel Prize for Literature was conferred on Hungarian litterateur Laszlo Krasznahorkai, whose demanding, yet pensive, post-modern, near-surrealist works draw on the traditions of Nikolai Gogol, Frank Kafka, and Samuel Beckett, but go ahead to span both his Central European milieu and that of the mystic East.

Announcing the award, the Swedish Academy said Krasznahorkai was chosen “for his compelling and visionary oeuvre that, in the midst of apocalyptic terror, reaffirms the power of art”.

The second Hungarian to

win the top global literary award after Imre Kertesz in 2002, Krasznahorkai, 71, is also the first from his country to win the Man Booker International Prize in 2015.

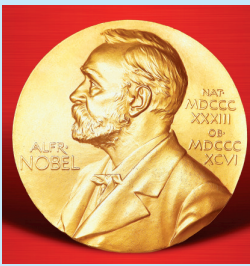
Let's take a brief look at some of his work, particularly his novels.

The author, whose oeuvre straddles novels, novellas, short stories, other writings, and screenplays, is not an easy read, describing his own work as “reality examined to the point of madness”.

And then stylistically, his work is marked by a distinctively dense style, where sentences go on for pages and pages, paragraphs are clunky and unbroken, the

narrative voice and focus suddenly change from character to character, sometimes in the same sentence, time is fluid, and the story's pace, according to one critic, moves at the same speed as social change.

Krasznahorkai debuted with “Satanstango” (Hungarian, 1985 English translation “Satan's Tango”, 2012), which is postmodernist and multi-perspective in nature, and structured like the tango, with half a dozen steps forward alternating with the same number backwards, and has chapter titles like “We Are Resurrected”, “The Distance, As Seen”, and “The Distance, as Approached from the



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Other Side”.

Resembling Gogol's “The Government Inspector”, it is set in an unnamed decrepit and isolated Hungarian village, though being near a town (also unnamed), where a con man comes and poses as a saviour. He acquires full influence over the inhabitants, takes away all their hard-earned savings, persuades them to move to another village, but brings them to the town and disperses them around the country.

Brought to the screen by acclaimed Hungarian filmmaker Bela Tarr in 1994, the film was seven hours long!

Krasznahorkai's second work, “Az ellenallas

melankoliaja” (1989, English translation “The Melancholy of Resistance”, 2000) was a political allegory with apocalyptic atmosphere, mirroring the political and social upheaval sweeping through then Communist-ruled Central and East Europe. Set in yet another unnamed, but restless town, it has a mysterious circus, whose sole exhibit is a dead whale, contributing to the disquiet, further fuelled by the arrival of a trainload of rabble rousers, and a housewife taking control to fight them off.

How can this all be interpreted, particularly in the light of contemporary events, the author leaves to the readers to think.

The author moved out of Central Europe with “Haboru es haboru (1999, English translation “War and War”, 2006) about a Hungarian man, obsessed with a mysterious manuscript, and deciding to go to New York City to write it down and post on the Internet, and then further with “Romholas es banat az Eg alatt” (2004).

Coming out in English as “Destruction and Sorrow Beneath the Heavens” (2016), it tells of a Hungarian man travelling to China to find out about traditional Chinese culture and its understanding and reception by the present-day society there.

Two New Afc-Pc Gates Installed At Howrah Maidan Metro Station



MI News Service, Kolkata :Good news for Metro commuters! Two new AFC-PC gates have been installed at Howrah Maidan Metro station adjacent to booking counter for the benefit of the Metro users today i.e. on 09.10.2025. These new gates will enable the commuters of Green Line to exit directly from paid area to the unpaid area and will also ensure free flow of commuters.

With the addition of these two new AFC-PC Gates, at present there are 10 such Smart Gates at Howrah Maidan Metro station to effectively manage the rush. Out of these 10 gates, 2 gates are only for Entry, 3 gates are only for Exit and 5 gates are bi-directional gates dedicated for the entry and exit of passengers travelling with tokens, Smart Cards and QR Code Based Tickets.

Out of these 5 bi-directional gates, three is earmarked for wheelchair-bound passengers.

These modern gates can handle 45 passengers per minute. Passengers will be able to punch their Metro Tokens or Smart Cards at these gates. These gates also have QR code scanners embedded so that passengers having QR code-based tokens will be able to enter/exit this station through this gate easily.

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

Confident that relationship will continue to grow deeper, stronger: Rajnath Singh

MI News Service, Canberra: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Thursday during his visit to the country and hailed the filip towards the bilateral relationship. In a post on X he said, "Excellent meeting with the Prime Minister of Australia Hon Anthony Albanese in Canberra. He fondly recalled his deep association with India. I am confident that India-Australia bilateral relationship will continue to grow deeper and stronger."

Upon meeting Rajnath Singh, the Australian PM underscored how India and Australia's defence partnership is built on trust, shared interests and a commitment to a peaceful, secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific. He expressed delight on meeting Singh, and said on X, "Australia and India's defence partnership keeps getting stronger - built on trust, shared interests and a commitment to a peaceful, secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific. Great to meet with the Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on his first trip t" Australia for the Inaugural Australia-India Defence Ministers' Dialogue."

Earlier, Rajnath Singh held a productive meeting with Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles. The leaders reviewed the full spectrum of India-Australia defence cooperation, including defence industry, cyber defence, maritime security and regional challenges. Noting the rapid growth of India's defence industry and India's grow-



ing stature as a credible source of high-quality defence tech globally, Singh said that they discussed the potential for deeper defence industry partnerships between India and Australia.

India and Australia inked key defence agreements during the visit of the Defence Minister. Australia's Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles has described the newly signed defence agreement with India as a "hugely significant step" in strengthening the operational partnership between the two nations' armed forces. Speaking exclusively to ANI, Marles said, "I think the significance of today is that what we are seeing in terms of deep trust and strategic alignment is now being expressed in a much deeper operational level of engagement between our two defence forces. The Agreement that we have signed in terms of staff talks between our operational commands is hugely significant... We are very excited about that."

Global Leaders Welcome Gaza Ceasefire and Hostage-Release Agreement, Urge Full Compliance and Two-State Solution



MI News Service, Paris: French President Emmanuel Macron and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen on Thursday welcomed the overnight agreement securing a ceasefire in Gaza and the release of hostages, praising the diplomatic efforts that enabled the breakthrough. The deal, mediated by the United States, Qatar, Egypt, and Turkey, marks a significant step toward de-escalating the ongoing conflict.

In a statement on X, Macron expressed hope for hostages and their families, as well as for Palestinians in Gaza and the wider region. "I welcome the agreement reached overnight for the release of the hostages and the ceasefire in Gaza, and I commend the efforts of President @realDonaldTrump, as well as the Qatari, Egyptian, and Turkish mediators who helped make it happen," he said. Macron called on all parties to fully uphold the agreement, emphasizing that it should herald the end of the war and the beginning of a political process grounded in the two-state solution. He also reaffirmed France's commitment to supporting peace and reconstruction efforts in the region.

Von der Leyen echoed similar sentiments, highlighting the collaborative effort to secure a ceasefire and ensure the safe release of hostages. "Am also encouraged by the support of the Government

of Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Now, all parties must fully uphold the terms of the agreement. All hostages must be released safely. A permanent ceasefire must be established. The suffering must end," she said. The European Union pledged continued support for the delivery of humanitarian aid and for post-conflict recovery.

In India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed the first phase of President Donald Trump's peace plan, commending the leadership of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He expressed hope that the agreement would bring respite to the people of Gaza and pave the way for lasting peace.

Israeli Ambassador to India Reuven Azar thanked all parties involved, particularly the US, for their role in facilitating the deal. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres also lauded the agreement and urged full compliance.

Qatar confirmed that all provisions and mechanisms of the first phase of the ceasefire, including the release of hostages and prisoners and entry of humanitarian aid, had been finalized. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu called it "a great day for Israel" and Hamas issued a statement affirming its commitment to the ceasefire and the agreed prisoner exchange, while stressing it would uphold the Palestinian people's national rights.

Malda Division's RPF Arrests Two Mobile Theft Offenders at Dharhara Railway Station

MI News Service, Kolkata :In a prompt and effective operation, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) Post Jamalpur under Malda Division, arrested two offenders involved in the theft of a mobile phone from a passenger at Dharhara Railway Station. The stolen mobile, valued at approximately ₹10,000, was recovered during the operation.

On 07.10.2025, information was received regarding a mobile phone snatching incident at Dharhara Station. Based on CCTV verification and local enquiries, a dedicated RPF team conducted a raid near LC Gate No-19 on 08.10.2025. During the raid, one of the offenders was identified and apprehended.



hended. He later disclosed the identity of his accomplice, who was also subsequently arrested.

The arrested persons admitted their involvement in the crime, stating that the act was committed under intoxication. Both offenders and the recovered mobile were handed

over to GRPS Jamalpur for further legal action.

This successful operation highlights the vigilance and swift response of RPF personnel of Malda Division in preventing theft, safeguarding passengers, and maintaining law and order at railway stations.

India, UK discuss situation in West Asia, PM Starmer welcomes Gaza peace plan

MI News Service, Mumbai: United Kingdom's Prime Minister Keir Starmer shared that he discussed the situation in West Asia with PM Modi and welcomed the first steps towards the peace plan in Gaza. He also shared that the two leaders discussed the need for a just and lasting peace in Ukraine, and the need for stability and security in the Indo-Pacific. Starmer made the remarks on Thursday during his joint remarks to the media along with PM Modi. He shared that India and the United Kingdom discussed issues of "vital importance" to global stability and security, including the situation in West Asia. "I strongly welcome the news that a deal has been reached on the first stage of the peace plan in Gaza. This is a moment of profound relief felt around the world, particularly for the hostages and the families and for the civilian population of Gaza who have all ensured unimaginable suffering over the last two years. I am grateful for the tireless diplomatic efforts Egypt, Qatar, Turkey, United States and many others in securing this crucial first step.

Howrah Division Strengthens Cleanliness Drive with Civic Partnership and Responsible Behaviour

MI News Service, Kolkata: Howrah Division of Eastern Railway has reiterated its strong commitment to maintaining a clean, hygienic, and dignified environment across stations, trains, and railway premises. Intensive cleaning drives, upgraded waste collection systems, and continuous supervision are being undertaken to ensure that the Division remains a model of cleanliness and passenger comfort. Recognising that last-giving cleanliness can only be achieved through shared responsibility, the Division appeals to all passengers and visitors to join hands in this collective effort. Every small action—using dustbins, keeping toilets clean, and avoiding littering—contributes to making railway spaces more pleasant and welcoming for all. To safeguard this shared environment, the Division has prohibited certain unhygienic

and unacceptable activities such as spitting, urinating in open spaces, or throwing waste and garbage on platforms, tracks, and circulating areas. In line with these norms, fines will be levied for such actions—₹200 for littering; spitting; and urinating in non-designated areas. These measures are designed not as punishment, but as gentle deterrence—to remind everyone that public spaces require mutual care, respect, and civic discipline. Encouragingly, visible improvements have already been seen across stations in the Division, thanks to the dedication of cleaning staff and the cooperation of passengers. Howrah Division remains steadfast in its pursuit of the ideals of 'Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat', and seeks the continued support of the public in sustaining a railway environment that reflects our collective pride and responsibility.

"India's growth story is remarkable," UK PM Starmer says 'Viksit Bharat' on track

MI News Service, Mumbai: United Kingdom's Prime Minister Keir Starmer noted that India's "growth story is remarkable" and said that he is convinced to see that India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a "track" to achieve the vision of a Visit Bharat by 2047. "It is significant that we are meeting in Mumbai as India's economic and financial capital, because India's growth story is remarkable. I want to congratulate the PM on his leadership, aiming to be the world's 3rd largest economy by 2028. Your vision of Viksit Bharat is to make it a completely developed country by 2047. Everything I have seen since I have been here is absolute proof to me that you are on track to succeed in that. We want to be partners on that journey," said Starmer, who is on his first visit to India as UK Prime Minister. Both leaders also held a bilateral meeting in Mumbai and issued a joint statement.

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Notice

Shri Soumadeep Das, SR No. 36854, Emp ID 780047, Probationary Officer of Zonal Office, Kolkata North, was called upon to show cause as to why his services should not be terminated by way "discharge simpliciter" for his unauthorized absence, improper service and unsuitability to the job. The show cause notice sent by registered post on 09.09.2025 to his last known address has been returned undelivered with the reason Left. He may obtain the notice in person from Zonal Office, Kolkata North.

Since the show cause notice could not be delivered in the last known address, notice is hereby given by way of substituted service offering one more opportunity to reply to show cause notice as to why his services should not be terminated by way of "discharge simpliciter" for the said reasons within seven days from the date of this notice, i.e. on or before 16.10.2025, failing which the matter shall be proceeded forthwith without giving further notice.

Place: Kolkata
Date: 10.10.2025

Zonal Manager

Zonal Office, Kolkata North

Howrah Division Marks Its Centenary Year with "Amrit Samvad" – A Dialogue with Stakeholders for a Smarter, Cleaner, and More Passenger-Centric Railway

MI News Service, Kolkata : As part of its Centenary Year celebrations, the Howrah Division of Eastern Railway organised an "Amrit Samvad"—a structured dialogue with passenger associations, civic representatives, railway staff, and key stakeholders — at Howrah Station on 8 October, 2025.

The discussion focused on enhancing passenger experience, improving punctuality, strengthening cleanliness and hygiene, and deepening participative governance in alignment with the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Vishal Kapoor, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Howrah, described Amrit Samvad as "a continuing conversation between people and systems — where those who travel and those who serve work together to build a better railway."

A Century of Heritage and Service
Established in 1925, Howrah Division stands among the oldest and busiest divisions of Indian Railways.

Recalling its historic roots, the DRM noted that the first section of the East Indian Railway — from Howrah to Hooghly — opened in 1854, making Howrah the birthplace of railway history in Eastern India.

"Howrah is not just a terminus; it is an institution that has carried India's progress and its people for a hundred years," he remarked.

Strong Operational Performance

Between April and September 2025, Howrah Division achieved remarkable operational results:

- 204.99 million passengers carried (+7.46%)
- ₹809.69 crore earned from passenger revenue (+5.42%)
- ₹205.50 crore generated through ticket-checking (+49.5%)
- Total revenue: ₹2,325 crore, supported by freight, leasing, and new commercial initiatives

Freight loading through Gati Shakti Terminals at Bamangachi (BMGK) and Pakur GCT exceeded 5.3 million tonnes, earning over ₹900 crore.

Innovative passenger-centric measures—including mobile food vans, cab kiosks, digital lockers, vertical gardens, and station advertisements—have simultaneously enhanced convenience and revenue generation.

Amrit Bharat Stations – Redevelopment of 14 Stations

The DRM announced that 14 stations of Howrah Division are being redeveloped under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme:

Bally, Sheoraphuli, Chandannagar, Tarakeswar, Dankuni, Bardhaman, Bolpur, Sainthia, Rampurhat, Azimganj, Katwa, Nabadwip Dham, Ambika Kalna, and Khagrahat Road.

Each of these stations will feature modern lounges, lifts, escalators, barrier-free access, green building structures, unified signage, improved lighting, CCTV coverage, One Station One Product kiosks, and redesigned public plazas connecting both sides of the station.

Plans have been developed in consultation with passenger bodies, local representatives, and civic stakeholders — blending heritage with modernity.

"Our vision is to make every station a civic landmark," said the DRM.

Stakeholder Dialogue and Passenger Feedback

Emphasising that Amrit Samvad is an ongoing process, the DRM noted that Passenger Associations are being regularly consulted on issues such as punctuality, amenities, and operational planning.

The Division is addressing even minor operational challenges such as short-origin delays, crowd-flow management, and coordination between freight and passenger services.

"Our aim is not just punctuality on paper, but reliability that passengers actually experience," he stated.

He further invited feedback from passengers and stakeholders, observing that "crowd-sourced information is a new initiative through which the Division can continuously refine its efforts toward passenger convenience and system efficiency."

Swachhata – From Campaign to Culture

As part of the Centenary Year initiatives, Howrah Division has launched a Special Cleanliness Campaign under the Swachhata Hi Seva programme.

The campaign encompasses all stations, colonies, and circulating areas, with focus on deep cleaning, waste segregation, beautification, and awareness drives in collaboration with staff, schools, NGOs, and passengers.

The DRM appealed to all stakeholders — passengers, vendors, contractors, and civic partners — to join hands in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene.

"The Railways will ensure sustained cleanliness drives, infrastructure, and monitoring; public participation and ownership will make every station truly clean and welcoming," he said.

He further highlighted that accountability mechanisms have been es-

tablished to address repeated or deliberate disregard for cleanliness norms.

"Such measures are not punitive in spirit but preventive in purpose — meant to safeguard the collective effort of thousands who work every day to keep the system clean," he explained.

"Cleanliness is not about enforcement; it is about shared values. Discipline and participation must go hand in hand," he emphasised.

Howrah Station's IGBC Platinum Certification, he added, stands as a testament to the Division's leadership in sustainable and responsible practices.

Infrastructure Modernisation and Safety

Major ongoing works include:

- Yard remodelling and Centralised Traffic Control (CTC) for enhanced operational efficiency
- Modern coaching depot at Bandel
- Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Freight Terminal at Bansberia
- Landmark bridges, including the Chandmari cable-stayed bridge and Banaras bridge, strengthening regional connectivity

Digital monitoring, predictive maintenance, and behavioural safety programmes are being implemented to make operations safer and more reliable.

People First – The Human Spirit of Howrah

Paying tribute to railway personnel, Shri Kapoor said:

"The real strength of Howrah Division lies not in its machinery but in its people — the gangman walking in the rain, the technician restoring signals at midnight, the driver steering through fog, and the staff who serve quietly with precision and pride."

He reiterated the Division's commitment to staff motivation, welfare, and leadership by presence, adding that "leadership means being where the work happens."

Centenary Vision – Looking Ahead

Concluding the session, the DRM said: "The next century of Howrah Division must rest on three pillars — Operational Excellence, Human Excellence, and Civic Excellence. Every train that departs from Howrah should carry not only passengers but also the message of reliability, dignity, and national pride."

He added: "The measure of a century is not in the years we count, but in the lives we touch. Let the next hundred years of Howrah Division be defined by innovation with integrity, performance with compassion, and progress with participation."

Trump reiterates false assertions of ending India-Pakistan conflict

MI News Service, Washington: US President Donald Trump yet again reiterated his false claims of brokering peace between India and Pakistan during the conflict in May. He made the remarks in an interview to Fox News. While responding to the question by Fox News on how he brought the countries to the talking table when it came to Gaza peace deal, Trump said, "Having the ability to use tariffs have brought peace to the world... You know I made seven peace deals." He said countries had been fighting for several years, with millions being killed. "Not in all cases but probably at least five of the seven (peace deals) we've done so far were by trade, that we are not going to deal with people who fight and we're going to put tariffs on you..." "You look at India and Pakistan, I said well we are not going to do business with either of you if you don't put it together. These are two nuclear nations. Seven planes were shot down as you know and they were really at it... I said we are not going to do any business with you, we are not going to have anything to do with you, we are going to out massive tariffs on you and in both cases they said, well we're going to start talking about it. There is tremendous amounts of money and power that we are dealing with and within 24 hours I had a peace deal that they stopped the fighting ..."

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ANNEXURE-A

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ; "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 9 (1)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor's and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s / Mortgagor / Guarantor/s / Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:--

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Women's World Cup: Richa Ghosh's brilliant 94 lifts India to 251 against South Africa

VISAKHAPATNAM : Richa Ghosh produced a masterclass in how to build an ODI innings, scoring a 76-ball 94, and with Sneh Rana coming up with a blazing cameo as India posted a challenging 251 all out against South Africa in Match 10 of the ICC Women's ODI World Cup here on Thursday.

Coming in to bat with India reeling at 102/6, Richa blasted 11 fours and four sixes and raised 88 runs for the eighth wicket with Sneh to help India recover and post a fighting total. Richa scored the highest score by a batter coming at No.8 and gave the bowlers a total they could defend.

With brilliant hitting, wicketkeeper batter Richa and Sneh turned the tide in India's favour as South Africa made hara-kiri of their bowling and fielding, putting down a few catches as Richa and Sneha fought back brilliantly. Richa virtually lifted India on her shoulders, absorbing the early pressure and then blasting some brilliant shots as India raised 98 runs in the last 10 overs.

Asked to bat first, Smriti Mandhana and Pratika Rawal gave India a good start, posting the best power-play score for the hosts in the World Cup, scoring 55 for no loss in the first 10 overs.

While Smriti was a bit circumspect following her twin failures so far, she managed to hit one four and India's first six of the match, jumping down the pitch to hoist Ayabonga Khaka over her head. But got out attempting another big one just after the mandatory Power-play.

Her partner Pratika Rawal (37 off 56) added 28 runs with Harleen Deol before she



too departed, picked by Tazmin Brits off Tumi Sekhukhune for another soft dismissal. Harleen (13 off 23), skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (9), Jemimah Rodrigues (0) and Deepti Sharma all departed in quick procession to the dressing room as India slumped from 55 for no loss at the end of the 10th over to 102/6 at the halfway stage of the innings, all failing to apply themselves and adapt as the South Africans cut down on the pace.

The South African medium pacers,

Ayabonga Khaka and Nadine de Klerk, along with left-arm spinners Nonkululeko Mlaba and Chloe Tryon, bowled superb line and length to tie down the Indian batters as the hosts went 86 balls without scoring a boundary as India's scoring rate went down from five an over to three at one stage.

Richa Ghosh broke the shackles in the 29th over off Tryon and repeated the act on a couple of more occasions to give the innings a bit of momentum. She and Amanjot Kaur, who came into the playing XI

after missing the last match due to a fever, added 37 runs for the seventh wicket, taking the score past 150, before she was out for 13 off 44 balls, studded with one four. She tried to break the shackles and ended up offering an easy catch to Sune Luus off Tryon, failing to reach the pitch, attempting to go big.

Richa soldiered on, slog-sweeping a slower one from de Klerk over the deep midwicket for her second six of the evening, adding to the four boundaries scored earlier. Sneh Rana struck Mlaba for back-to-back boundaries in the 43rd over and sent one past fine leg off de Klerk in the next over.

A boundary off a wide and another four by Richa of de Klerk helps her reach her first fifty of the ODI World Cup off 53 balls. That was India's best over with Sneh and Richa hammering 16 runs as India inched towards the 200-run mark. Sneh and Richa raised the half-century of their eighth-wicket partnership off 36 balls to give the score some respectability.

Richa blasted two fours and a six off successive balls off Khaka for 19 runs in the 47th over, giving a blazing finish to the innings.

The match had started an hour late because of a brief spell of rain and a wet outfield. No overs were lost, though.

Brief scores: India 251/10 in 49.5 overs (Richa Ghosh 94, Pratika Rawal 37, Sneh Rana 33; Chloe Tryon 3-32, Marizanne Kapp 2-45, Nadine de Klerk 2-52) against South Africa.



Jharkhand registers 7-wicket emphatic victory against Goa

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RANCHI : Jharkhand Women team registered 7 wickets emphatic victory against Goa in the BCCI Women T20 Cricket tournament at Raipur on Thursday. In the second match of the BCCI Senior Women's T20 Trophy held at Raipur, Chhattisgarh, organised by the Chhattisgarh State Cricket Sangh (CSCS), Jharkhand faced Goa. Jharkhand won the match by 7 wickets. Goa were bowled out for 79 runs, and Jharkhand successfully chased the target, scoring 82 runs for the loss of 3 wickets in 13 overs. Aarti was declared the Player of the Match for her impressive bowling performance, taking 3 wickets for 15 runs in 4 overs.

Shanghai Masters: Djokovic battles past Bergs to record 80th Masters 1000 semis

SHANGHAI : Novak Djokovic's resilience and experience once again came to the fore as he battled past Belgium's Zizou Bergs 6-3, 6-4 on Thursday to secure a semi-final berth at the 2025 Shanghai Masters.

Despite not being at his physical best, the 38-year-old Serbian extended his dominance on the ATP Masters 1000 stage, becoming the oldest semi-finalist in Masters 1000 history.

Djokovic, who endured a leg issue and heat-related exhaustion in his fourth-round victory over Jaume Munar, was again made to work hard under testing conditions.

The World No. 5 appeared to be struggling with discomfort in his left foot during the opening set but dug deep to clinch his 80th Masters 1000 semi-final appearance - another record in his illustrious career.

The Serbian looked poised to seal victory when he broke Bergs to lead 5-4 in the second set, but the 26-year-old Belgian, playing his first ATP Head2Head match against Djokovic, showed impressive resolve to immediately break back.

What followed was one of the most thrilling exchanges of the tournament - Djokovic surviving four smashes and a daring volley from Bergs before reclaiming the break in a pulsating rally. This time, he made no mistake serving out the match to claim his milestone win.

"I was just trying to stay alive to be honest on the court," Djokovic admitted afterward. "My first encounter with Bergs. He's a great guy. Obviously, a lot of firepower in his game. At times, I just tried to play an extra ball in the court and make him miss the ball, and that's what happened. I should have closed out the match at 5-4. He played a good game, again I was a little bit too passive."

Having battled through another gruelling encounter, Djokovic acknowledged the challenge of adapting to the conditions in Shanghai. "Very challenging conditions these days for all the players, and I was just trying to stay alive on the court. I'm glad to overcome this hurdle," he said.

The 24-time Grand Slam champion is now just two wins away from a record-extending 41st Masters 1000 title, and his first since the 2023 Paris Masters.

Standing between Djokovic and another Shanghai final will be Valentin Vacherot, the Monegasque qualifier who stunned 10th seed Holger Rune 2-6, 7-6(4), 6-4 earlier in the day.



NATIONAL TENNIS C'SHIP: SNIGDHA, MANNAN REGISTER WINS TO MOVE INTO SEMIS

NEW DELHI : Fourth seed Snigdha Kanta and seventh seed Mannan Agarwal delivered standout performances on Thursday to reach the semifinals of the Fenesta Open National Tennis Championship in their respective categories at the DLTA Complex in New Delhi.

In the girls U-16 singles quarterfinal, Snigdha held her nerve in crucial moments and defeated Diya Chaudhary in straight sets 6-4, 6-4 to move to the next round of the tournament. Snigdha was behind by 2-4 at the halfway stage after Diya broke her serve with a sublime forehand.

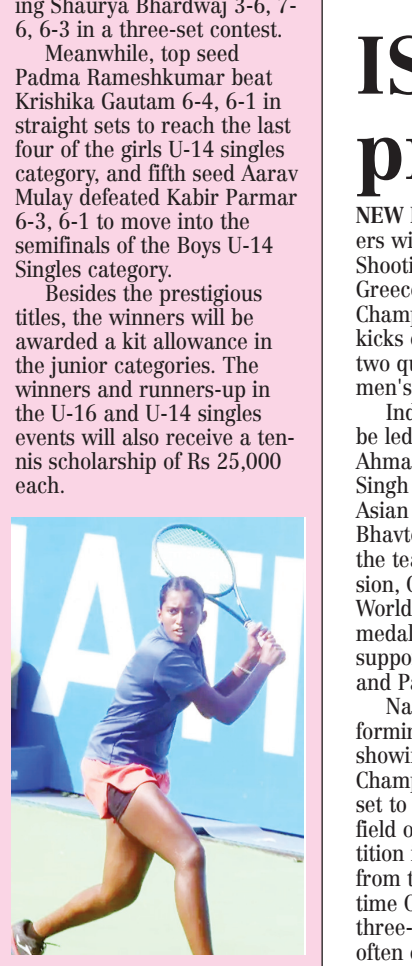
The Karnataka player came roaring back, winning four consecutive games to secure the first set. The second set was tightly contested, with both players trading break points twice to reach 4-4. However, Snigdha's speed and aggression ultimately proved decisive as she claimed the next two games and sealed the match.

Mannan Agarwal had a smooth sailing in the boys U-16 quarters as he beat Yashwin Dahiya in straight sets 6-1, 6-3 to reach the next round. Yashwin won the first game in the opening set, but the seventh seed soon came into his groove and broke his opponent's serve thrice to win the first set. Mannan broke Yashwin's serve thrice in the second set as well to clinch the match.

Eighth seed Tavish Pahwa continued his winning run to reach the semis of the boys U-16 singles category after beating Shaurya Bhardwaj 3-6, 7-6, 6-3 in a three-set contest.

Meanwhile, top seed Padma Rameshkumar beat Krishika Gautam 6-4, 6-1 in straight sets to reach the last four of the girls U-14 singles category, and fifth seed Aarav Mulay defeated Kabir Parmar 6-3, 6-1 to move into the semifinals of the Boys U-14 Singles category.

Besides the prestigious titles, the winners will be awarded a kit allowance in the junior categories. The winners and runners-up in the U-16 and U-14 singles events will also receive a tennis scholarship of Rs 25,000 each.



Asian Aquatics C'ships: India fall to China 6-34 in the women's water polo quarterfinal

AHMEDABAD : On the sixth day of the water polo event, the Indian women's team was defeated 6-34 by China in the quarterfinal match of the 11th Asian Aquatics Championships, held at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex on Thursday.

China began the game on the front foot, racing to a formidable lead within the first quarter and went on to secure a convincing 34-6 win over India in the Women's Quarterfinals. Li Peiyang, Li Linyun, and Li Jianyu each scored seven goals, showing consistent finishing throughout the match.

Han Wen followed with six goals, while Wang Xin added three. Shi Jingjiarong contributed two goals, and both Wang Xuan and Liu Yan scored 1 goal each. For India, Dhruithi Karthikeya led the scoring with three goals. Captain Varsha Suresh, Safva Sakeer, and Krisha Purokayasta added one goal each for the team.

In another women's quarterfinal clash, Japan defeated Hong Kong 20-16 in a high-scoring match. Shibata Kanade led Japan with five goals, while Captain Fukuda Shoka and Eguchi Seira added four goals each.

Sanda Yumeka scored three, Kobayashi Maho contributed two, and both Yamada Karin and Shieonoshita Kaho each scored 1 goal. For Hong Kong, Ho Cheuk Kiu matched the top score with five goals, Captain Lau Tsz Ching scored three, Ng Hau Laam Fran, Lau Kwan Ling, and Lam Yin Nga scored two goals each, while Bau Hiu Lam and Chank Pak Yin added one goal.

Kazakhstan overcame Singapore 10-7. Kazakhstan's Vorontsova Olga and Rudneva Yelizaveta scored three goals each, while Pochinok Darya, Novikova Anna, Captain Mirshina Anastasiya, and Tsoy Anastasiya



added one goal each. For Singapore, Tio Ji Suan was the top scorer with three goals, followed by Yap Jingxuan with two, and Lim Wan Jun and Lee Xuan Hui with one each. Thailand edged past Uzbekistan 8-6 in a closely contested match. Captain Thinwilai Janista, Puangtong Kritsana, and Rueangsappaisan Raksina scored two goals each for Thailand, while Kongchouy Thanita and Kwantongtanaree Pittayaporn added one goal each. Uzbekistan's Gavashelashvili Elena stood out with four goals, and Andriyakhina Sofiya and Murtazaeva Komila scored one goal each.

In the men's water polo quarterfinals, Iran had a strong win over Thailand with a score of 21-6. Iran's Shams Arman and Captain Yazdankhah Mehdi each scored 4 goals, Aghaei Karim Omid scored 3 goals, Mehrikohneshahri Alireza, Behzadsabouri Farbood, and Ghavidelhajigha Amin each scored 2 goals. Iranpourtari

Ashkan, Adham Mersad, Barzegrisharifabad Mahdi and Sadria Seyederfan each scored 1 goal. For Thailand, Chaniyom Phongsathon scored 2 goals, while Pongprayoon Sutthiyarn, Paedpeenong Jiramate, Maneejohn Ohatsakorn and Captain Chompoosang Pattanit each scored 1 goal.

China cruised past Singapore 18-12 in the Men's Quarterfinals. Shen Dingsong led with five goals, Captain Chen Yimin scored four, and Lu Yi added three. Chu Chenghao and Zhang Beiying struck twice each, while Wang Beiying and Cai Yuhao scored once.

For Singapore, Goh Wen Zhe netted five, with Ong Ee Kin, Captain Rajendra Sanjiv, and See Tien Ee Jayden scoring two each, and Chan Dominic Bo and Saik Justin Kin adding one apiece.

Japan beat Hong Kong 29-12, powered by Lowrey Jun's eight goals and Captain Ura Enishi's five. Maeda Atsuya and

Matsuno Ryosuke added three each, while Takahashi Hikaru and Sakamaki Naru scored two. Six other Japanese players chipped in with a goal each. For Hong Kong, Chan Lut Yin scored three, Yuen Shing Yau and Zhang Tsz Hin added two, and five players netted one goal each. Later in the day, Uzbekistan will take on Kazakhstan in the last men's quarterfinal of the day.

CHINA BEGAN THE GAME ON THE FRONT FOOT, RACING TO A FORMIDABLE LEAD WITHIN THE FIRST QUARTER AND WENT ON TO SECURE A CONVINCING 34-6 WIN OVER INDIA IN THE WOMEN'S QUARTERFINALS.

ISSF World C'ship Shotgun: India's skeet shooters primed for challenge as action set to begin in Athens

NEW DELHI : India's skeet shooters will compete at the Malakasa Shooting Range in Athens, Greece, as the ISSF World Championship Shotgun 2025 kicks off on Friday with the first two qualifying rounds for the men's and women's skeet events.

India's men's skeet team will be led by Olympians Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Anantjeet Singh Naruka, recently crowned Asian Champion, along with Bhavtej Singh Gill, to complete the team. In the women's division, Olympian and former Junior World Championship silver medalist Raiza Dhillon will lead, supported by Ganemat Sekhon and Parinaaz Dhaliwal.

Naruka, who has been performing well after his recent showing at the Asian Championships in Shymkent, is set to compete among a strong field of 121 shooters. The competition is led by Vincent Hancock from the United States, a four-time Olympic gold medalist and three-time World Champion, often considered one of the finest

skeet shooters ever. Mairaj, India's most accomplished international skeet shooter, aims to leverage his experience in hopes of securing his third individual ISSF medal. Paris 2024 gold medalist Hancock, who previously secured gold in Lonato this year, will be joined by Paris Olympic silver medalist Conner Prince, along with 2023 World Championship medalists Eetu Kallioinen of Finland (silver) and Azmy Mehelba of Egypt (bronze).

The men's competition is further intensified by several world-ranked shooters, such as World No.1 Christian Elliott (USA), who secured gold in Buenos Aires and silver in Lima; World No.3 Hector Andres Flores Barahona (Chile); World No.4 Jakub Tomecek (Czechia); and World No.6 Daniel Korcak (Czechia), the bronze medalist from Lonato.

The line-up features World No.8 Henrik Jansson of Sweden, the silver medalist at Lonato, along with Denmark's Jesper Hansen, ranked No.10 globally, and the Nicosia silver medalist,



making for a very competitive field.

The women's skeet event will have 63 competitors competing for the top honours. Raiza Dhillon is participating after winning consecutive silver medals at the Junior World Cup in Suhl and New Delhi, and she also secured a solid fifth place at the senior Lima World Cup earlier this year.

Ganemat Sekhon, who previously won a silver medal at the Junior World Championship, brings valuable experience and depth to the Indian team as she competes for her third individual ISSF medal.

Leading the global scene is World No.1 Samantha Simonton from the USA, who took gold in Lonato and earned silver in both the Lima and Nicosia World Cup stages. She will be accompanied by her fellow American Dania Jo Vizzi, ranked World No.3 and the Baku World Championship silver medalist. Vizzi has had an impressive season, winning gold in Buenos Aires, silver in Lonato, and bronze in Lima.

Also competing are World No.2 Arina Kuznetsova (AIN), the gold medalist from Nicosia and bronze medalist from Buenos Aires, and Greece's Emmanouela Katzouraki (World No.6), the bronze medalist from the Baku World Championship.

Veteran American sports legend Kimberly Rhode (World No.11), a six-time Olympian and three-time Olympic gold medalist, joins China's Jiang Yiting (World No.7), junior world record holder and Paris 2024 mixed team bronze medalist, to form a highly competitive women's field.

The skeet qualification rounds will begin at 11:30 am IST on October 10, with athletes shooting 50 targets each on Day 1 and Day 2, and then 25 targets on October 12. After completing a total of 125 targets, the six top shooters in both men's and women's categories will advance to the finals, scheduled for 5:30 pm IST (women's) and 7:00 pm IST (men's) on Sunday. There, the new World Champions will be crowned.